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CORONAVIRUS 2020

Nursing homes in area await guidance on testing

Every resident and employee will have it done weekly, Wolf says

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Pennsylvania will test every resident and employee of nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities for COVID-19 on a weekly basis, Gov. Tom Wolf announced last week.

During a telephone press conference May 12, Wolf said: "What we are going to do, which I think is fairly radical, is make sure that we are doing surveillance testing."

What that means is still being vetted out, according to officials at Middletown Home and Frey Village.

The Home is awaiting clarification from the state as to what the ramped-up testing requirements will mean, CEO Louis Vogel III told the Press & Journal on Friday.

"I don't have the exact details yet. We just know there will be periodic testing required of staff and residents. The collective goal of everyone is to keep people safe and healthy."

The Home still did not have any positive cases of the coronavirus among residents and staff as of late Friday afternoon, according to Vogel.

The state's management of the coronavirus in nursing homes and long-term-care facilities has come under fire.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced last week that over the past several weeks his office has opened criminal investigations

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A great day for a parade



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES

Cars line up on Powderhorn Road on Saturday before a parade through Lower Swatara Township. The parade was the idea of resident Bruce Harter, to help people take their minds off the coronavirus pandemic. It featured 72 classic and antique cars and hot rods. See more on page 2 and at www.pressandjournal.com. Below left, Marilyn McLenegan and Joanne Harter pose next to Harter's car, which was part of the parade.



Trisha, Zachary and Gabriel Louer watch the car parade.

800 and counting ... Middletown students making masks with mom



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Shawn Muller works on making a mask.

By Laura Hayes
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It started with a Facebook post.

When the recommendation came from Gov. Tom Wolf's office that everyone needed to wear a mask to help fight the spread of the coronavirus, Karen Muller made a Facebook post to let people know that she was making masks and for anyone to let her know if they wanted one.

"Suddenly, it blew up," said Kar-

en, who lives in Upper Royalton. People began placing orders left and right. One restaurant asked for 150 masks.

Her son, Shawn, is in seventh grade at Middletown Area Middle School. When the orders started coming in, Shawn stepped up and asked his mom to show him how to use the sewing machine.

"From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., he would just sit there and be, 'What

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Struggle is ongoing for businesses

Confusion and frustration keep owners wondering about future

By Dan Miller
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Last Thursday afternoon, Debbie Sharp made a trip to the cemetery at Fort Indiantown Gap, to say goodbye to a woman for whom Sharp had been cutting hair for the past 45 years.

Sharp, who owns Sharp Cuts at 124 W. Main St. in Middletown, has a lot of senior citizens in her clientele.

One of the things that has become special to her over the years is that when one of her longtime customers passes away, Sharp does their hair one last time to make sure they look good for their journey to the hereafter.

But the coronavirus pandemic has changed that, as it has changed so much else for Sharp, whose business was ordered closed near the end of March because it is deemed non-essential by Gov. Tom Wolf.

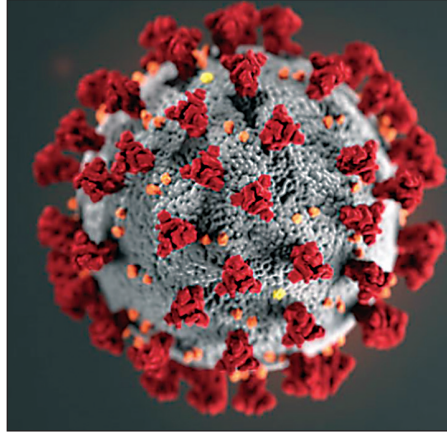
Sharp hasn't been able to cut their hair since then and even

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Debbie Sharp spends time baby sitting her granddaughter Stella Rae Butler, who is 2 1/2 years old, in the 100 block of West Emaus Street on Monday.



More on coronavirus

See more coverage on page 7, including a look at a revised Mr. Middletown. What is published in today's edition is only a fraction of our coronavirus coverage. Go to www.pressandjournal.com for multiple daily updates.

Bye to Hometown Heroes, hello to patriotic banners

By Dan Miller
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Middletown Borough Council has approved buying 80 red, white and blue patriotic banners that will be placed on the town's green historic street light poles this spring and summer.

Council on May 5 voted 7-0 to purchase the banners for \$78 each from Carrot-Top Industries Inc. of Hillsborough, North Carolina, for

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Volunteers mark hundreds of vets' graves with flags

Father, son fill Middletown Cemetery with red, white and blue for Memorial Day

By Dan Miller
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Middletown might not have much of a Memorial Day tribute this year — if any at all — because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the graves of hundreds of veterans buried in the Middletown Cemetery between North Spring and North Union streets will be decorated with fresh U.S. flags, thanks to Tom Nezovich and son Robert.

Robert is an assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 594, based at the Middletown American Legion 594 Post. Tom is also affiliated with Boy Scout Troop 594. He is committee chairman for the troop.

Each year, a few weeks before Memorial Day, the Boy Scouts come out to the cemetery to place the flags that the Legion provides at the graves of the veterans.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Robert Nezovich places a flag Thursday at the grave of a veteran buried in Middletown Cemetery.

A woman who works at the cemetery couldn't provide an exact number for how many veterans are buried there. However, about 800 to 1,000 flags are brought out

each year and "they pretty much use all of them," she said.

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Classic cars parade through Lower Swatara



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES

Dennis Schmidt and Charlie Roberts look at a car before the parade through Lower Swatara Township on Saturday.



Event held to help people take minds off coronavirus pandemic

By Laura Hayes
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It was an unlikely sight to see during the middle of a pandemic. Seventy-two classic and antique cars and hot rods lined up along

Powderhorn Road, waiting for a parade Saturday through Lower Swatara Township to begin.

The parade was the idea of resident Bruce Harter, to help people take their minds off the coronavirus pandemic.

It was more than double the participants than what the organizers expected.

"We were hoping for maybe 20 people, and we ended up with 72," said one of the organizers, Bill Leonard.

Leonard said there's a group of people who regularly attend car shows in the area who used to meet every day for coffee. With shows

being canceled due to the pandemic, Harter came up with an idea — to break out their cars and drive through the township

The parade started in the Old Reliance Farms development and wove its way through the township before ending at the Lower Swatara Fire Department Hall.

Some people drove to the route and popped open their trunks to watch the cars drive by.

People stood on their porches, waving, or gathered at the intersections or places such as Kunkel Elementary School to watch the procession.

"It went well for the people driving. It went well for the community. I think we'll try to do it again next year, but I don't know how big or small it will be," Leonard said.



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Two men arrested for robbery at gunpoint in Giant parking lot

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Two Lancaster County men were arrested after they allegedly robbed a man of pot at gunpoint in the Giant store parking lot at 450 E. Main St. in Middletown on Saturday.

The incident occurred in the parking lot between 12:59 p.m. and 1:08 p.m., according to arrest records Middletown police filed with District Judge David Judy. Andrew Anthony Morgan, 18, of the 800 block of Houston Street in Columbia; and Tommy Reyes-Luperon, 24, of East Earl; are being held in Dauphin County Prison on \$250,000 cash bail each, according to online court records and Crimewatch.

Police say the victim was robbed of nearly a half-pound of marijuana in what police on Crimewatch referred to as a “proposed drug deal.” The stolen pot had a street value of \$1,000 to \$1,200, according to police.

Morgan and Reyes-Luperon came to Middletown to meet with the dealer, who lived in the 400 block of Penn Street in Middletown, according to arrest records. Charges are pending against the dealer, according to the Crimewatch post.

Morgan and Reyes-Luperon told police they intended to “rip”

the victim of his marijuana during the proposed deal.

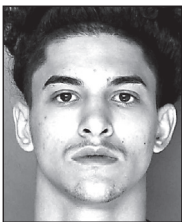
Police say Morgan admitted to pointing the handgun, which belonged to Reyes-Luperon, at the victim. The victim then gave the pot to the two men.

Morgan drove away in a black 2005 Honda Civic with Reyes-Luperon as his passenger. Video surveillance shows the victim leaving the parking lot in a red Jeep in pursuit of the Honda Civic driven by Morgan.

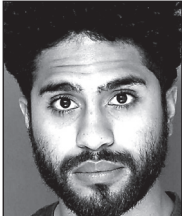
The victim called 911 as he was following Morgan and Reyes-Luperon on Route 283 to report that they had “flashed a gun” at him, according to arrest papers.

The car was located by Northwest Regional Police in Lancaster County, although arrest papers did not say where.

Reyes-Luperon and Morgan were taken into custody with close to three-quarters of a pound of marijuana in their vehicle, a digital scale, and the handgun



Morgan



Reyes-Luperon

police say was used in the robbery—a Smith and Wesson 9mm. Morgan and Reyes-Luperon were both arraigned before District Judge Gregory D. Johnson Sunday.

Morgan is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery leading to the threat of immediate serious injury; possession of a firearm without a license; manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; two counts of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking; possession of an instrument of crime with intent; two counts of conspiracy to commit simple assault; recklessly endangering another person, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reyes-Luperon is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery leading to the threat of immediate serious injury; manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; two counts of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking; two counts of conspiracy to commit simple assault; and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Morgan and Reyes-Luperon are both scheduled for a preliminary hearing before District Judge David Judy on May 27.

FLAGS: Volunteers are both veterans themselves

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The fresh flags make the cemetery look especially patriotic for each year’s Memorial Day observance, from the red, white and blue adorning the Civil War graves on the North Union Street side, clear west to the newer part of the cemetery down by North Spring.

Robert was actually surprised at the number of veterans buried in the newer part of the cemetery. It was the last part he had done.

“I’m getting blisters from doing this all day, I put so many flags out,” he said.

The Boy Scouts were supposed to put the flags out early Saturday morning. But a few days ago, Robert said he had heard that the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs had “decided that the Boy Scouts are not allowed to put flags out on the graves of our country’s veterans” because of the pandemic.

“I just thought that was ridiculous, so I decided I would spend my day out here doing it myself, then he (Tom) said he would come out and help me,” Robert said. A few other people assisted as well, including a young girl who “helped us out quite a bit.”

Joan Nissley, a spokeswoman with the Pennsylvania DMVA, told the Press & Journal that it had never issued such a prohibition.

“We have never said that and have not been asked that,” she said.

“We have no position on it. We don’t oversee cemeteries or putting up flags” and DMVA has no jurisdiction over private cemeteries like the Middletown Cemetery, Nissley said.

Tony DiFrancesco, director and service officer for Dauphin County Veterans Affairs, also



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Tom Nezovich places a flag Thursday afternoon at the grave of a veteran buried in Middletown Cemetery.

“It’s just something nice to do for all the veterans that gave their lives for our country selflessly sacrificing for our freedom. Hopefully we can continue that in the future.”

Robert Nezovich

said he knows of no restriction in place regarding placing the U.S. flags on the graves of veterans at cemeteries in the county.

The federal Veterans Administration announced last week that groups such as the Boy Scouts will not be permitted to place flags at the graves of veterans at national cemeteries such as the one at Fort Indiantown Gap in

Lebanon County, because of the pandemic.

But that has nothing to do with the placing of flags at other cemeteries throughout the county, DiFrancesco said.

“The towns and boroughs of the state are free to do as they feel is right and safe for all local veterans’ graves,” he told the Press & Journal in an email.

Tom and Robert are both veterans. Tom served in the Air Force from 1979 to 1986.

Robert is an aviation mechanic in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. An American flag is tattooed on his right arm.

“It’s just something nice to do for all the veterans that gave their lives for our country selflessly sacrificing for our freedom,” Robert said of the tradition of placing the flags at the veterans’ graves. “Hopefully we can continue that in the future.”

BANNERS: Patriotic signs will be on light poles

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a total of \$6,240 plus shipping.

Funds to cover the purchase are included in the 2020 budget, Council President Angela Lloyd said.

The light poles are mostly in the downtown square of Union and Emaus streets and the surrounding area.

The banners will be put up as soon as they are received by borough public work employees, borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told the Press & Journal.

The patriotic banners will stay up until sometime in September, when it will be time for the borough to put its fall banners up. The borough will keep the patriotic banners in storage until it is time to put them up again.

The recommendation to buy the patriotic banners came out of council’s community development committee, Klinepeter said. As Klinepeter noted during the

meeting, for the past several years the Hometown Heroes banners have been placed on the poles.

Initially, the Hometown Heroes banners were purchased through the borough by Middletown and Middletown area residents and businesses, to honor the service of military veterans from here.

The borough and council decided to discontinue the program unless it could find an outside agency, such as a nonprofit group, to take over running the program since it involved selling the banners to residents. To date no agency has stepped forward to take over the program on a permanent basis.

Klinepeter said all but one or two of the Hometown Heroes banners have been claimed by their owners.

He also pointed out that these most recent Hometown Heroes banners were not purchased through the borough but through a local detachment of the Marine

Corps League. The borough placed the banners and stored them over the winter before returning them to their owners.

Council member Ellen Willenbecher said the Hometown Heroes program had demonstrated support of “a real spirit of patriotism and the spirit of summer” in the town.

“At this time, a spirit of patriotism and summer is needed, if not more than ever because of all we are going through” related to the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

The banners will be a sign to people new to the town that “we are taking care of our town, which is also a sign of how we care for each other,” Willenbecher added.

Council member Jenny Miller said having the banners up gives people “a more welcoming feeling when they come into town if they don’t live here. And I think people here like having” the banners around.

OBITUARIES

Douglas P. Carlin
HARRISBURG

Douglas P. Carlin, 62, of Harrisburg, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at home. Born Friday, January 10, 1958 in Harrisburg, he was the son of Donald R. and Lois (Haubert) Carlin of Middletown.

A US Air Force Master Sergeant, Douglas was retired from the National Security Agency where he worked as a computer programmer. He also spoke Chinese and was a computer expert.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother David Carlin of Middletown. He was predeceased by a sister Donnal Carlin.

Service and interment will be private. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.FinkenbinderFamily.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Middletown. 717-944-7413.



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Administrator: STEPHEN DRAYTON 100 Oaklea Road Harrisburg, PA 17110 Or to: Attorney: ELIZABETH B. PLACE, ESQ. SkarlatosZonarich, LLC 320 Market Street, Suite 600 West Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Statement of Registration - Foreign Business Corporation

Notice is hereby given that a Foreign Registration Statement to transact business was filed on February 11, 2020, with the Department of State in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the provisions of Title 15, Chapter 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. The name of the corporation is HL GLOBAL, INC., incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. The address of its principal office under the laws of said jurisdiction is 850 New Burton Road, Suite 201, Dover, Delaware 19904, the address of its registered office in Pennsylvania is 125 Locust Street, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 17101 and the name of its Pennsylvania commercial registered office provider is AA Agent Services, LLC. The purpose of the corporation is networking for the automotive market in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and elsewhere corporations may be incorporated.

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LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT 2020-PW1 MICROSURFACING

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for Project 2020-PW1 Microsurfacing will be received by Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, online until 02:00 P.M. local time on Thursday June 4, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project consists of the placement of approximately 44,000 SY of SAMI type B bituminous fiber reinforced seal coat, approximately 50 tons of Microsurfacing rut fill and approximately 845 tons of Microsurfacing, Type A, double application on various streets within Lower Swatara Township.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. 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.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

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).

Bidders must comply with all State antibid-rigging regulations pertaining to Work associated with this Project, and will be required to submit an executed non-collusion affidavit with the bid.

The estimated cost for the Contract is greater than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act shall apply.

Bidders should refer to provisions of federal and state statutes, rules and regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and preservation of public natural resources that affect the Project, said provisions being pursuant to Act No. 247 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved October 26, 1972.

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.

The Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners 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 the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, and to reject any or all proposals.

Owner: Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners

By: M. Elizabeth McBride, Township Manager

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Executor: DONALD W. JORICH 6409 Brittan Road Harrisburg, PA 17111 Or to: Attorney: ROBERT FREEDENBERG, ESQ. SkarlatosZonarich, LLC 320 Market Street, Suite 600 West Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Executor: JOHN R. ZONARICH SkarlatosZonarich, LLC 320 Market Street, Suite 600 West Harrisburg, PA 17101 Or to: Attorney: JENNIFER M. MERX, ESQ. SkarlatosZonarich, LLC 320 Market Street, Suite 600 West Harrisburg, PA 17101

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ESTATE OF: Ellen B. Mussaf LATE OF: Susquehanna Township DIED: December 27, 2019 EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR: Joshua Mussaf Representative's Address: c/o Hynum Law, P.O. Box 5620, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTORNEY: Brian K. Zellner, Esquire Attorney's Address: Hynum Law, P.O. Box 5620, Harrisburg, PA 17110 (717) 774-1357

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ESTATE OF: William F. Lyons III LATE OF: Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA DIED: March 22, 2020 EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR: Catharine E. Lyons REPRESENTATIVE'S ADDRESS: 400 Davis Road, Harrisburg, PA ATTORNEY: Arthur F. McNulty, Esq. Arthur F. McNulty, Attorney at Law 602 Park Avenue New Cumberland, PA 17070

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MEETING CHANGE HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the regular meeting of Highspire Borough Authority which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Highspire Borough Hall, 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034 will be conducted by telephone conference on the scheduled date and time. The public may participate by telephone or by submitting written comments. Please call the borough office at 717-939-3303 (between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) for instructions to participate by telephone. Written comments may be submitted by mail addressed to Highspire Borough Authority at the above street address, by email at dpdoctor@highspire.org, or by facsimile at 717-939-3371.

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\$24,709.00 U.S. CURRENCY (COM. V. AARON D. WILLIAMS)

On April 16, 2019, members of the Pennsylvania State Police seized \$24,709.00 U.S. Currency from Aaron D. Williams, pursuant to a lawful arrest.

The District Attorney of Dauphin County has filed an Action in Forfeiture against the \$24,709.00 U.S. Currency.

Any claimant to this property must file a claim on or before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice by filing an Answer to the Commonwealth's Petition in Forfeiture with the Prothonotary's Office, Dauphin County Courthouse, 101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17101.

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TEST: Guidance sought

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into several nursing homes. He did not provide details.

State Sen. Doug Mastriano, a Republican from Franklin County, last week called for the resignation of Secretary of Health Rachel Levine, saying her actions were a major factor in the large number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in nursing homes.

The state Department of Health has required all nursing homes to provide case, death and testing data starting Sunday.

As of Tuesday, in nursing and personal care homes, there are 13,813 resident cases of COVID-19, and 2,191 cases among employees, for a total of 16,003 at 557 facilities in 44 Pennsylvania counties. Out of the total deaths, 3,145 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities — about 68 percent.

As of Monday in Dauphin County, four nursing homes have reported cases, affecting 258 residents and 51 employees.

The Home has been having testing done by a lab upon the order of a physician. The Home has placed an order of testing supplies and kits “so we will be able to mobilize that when directed by the Department of Health,” Vogel said.

The Home has been testing any residents and staff who show symptoms of the virus.

In addition, Vogel said before any new residents are admitted they are tested to confirm they are negative for COVID-19. Then when they are admitted they are placed in a respiratory care area for at least three days to make sure they do not have any symptoms of the virus.

All staff are screened each time they come to work, to include having their temperature taken and vital signs checked to see if they are showing any symptoms, Vogel said.

All common-use areas throughout the Home are being wiped down three times a day. The Home also has a COVID-19 plan that staff are being drilled on on a regular basis to prepare in case someone does test positive for the virus. If that happens, the plan will become operational within 15 minutes.

Bill Swanger is senior vice president for corporate communications and public relations for Diakon Senior Living Services, which owns Frey Village on North Union Street.

“We are evaluating new Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance, as well as availability of testing and forming an implementation strategy to assist with strengthening our infection-control plans, which will continue to expand testing of residents and staff,” he told the Press & Journal.

As of Tuesday morning, Swanger said there were no cases among staff or residents at Frey Village.

“As before, we test residents and staff who are symptomatic or whom we believe may have had an exposure,” he said.

Swanger said Diakon is continuing to review state publications and work with LeadingAge PA, an association for nonprofit aging services.

“There are numerous reporting requirements, and we continue to comply with all of those,” Swanger said.

Frey has been restricting access since mid-March, along with all of Diakon's facilities.

MASKS: A family effort

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do we need to do?” Karen said.

Then her daughter, Bridget, who is a freshman at Middletown Area High School, offered to help, too. “They’ve really stepped up, and I’m really proud of them,” Karen said.

As of last week, the Mullers have made 800 masks, including masks for the McDonalds on Vine Street, Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works, and Keystone Human Services. The Mullers have also made ear savers for Hops and Barleys, which pull the elastic away from the ears and hook behind the head.

Karen, who works as a medical assistant at a local doctor's office and has been working from home, knows the importance of what her kids are doing.

“You know they’re thinking about everybody else, which is so hard at this age because teenagers are so self-centered. Their concern is everyone else,” she said.

While a neighbor and Karen's husband will step in and help, she says that the kids are the driving force.

Bridget had taken family and consumer sciences when she was at MAMS, which Karen said taught her sewing. Shawn was about to start the class when schools in Pennsylvania were closed for the rest of the school year.

The kids have taken over sewing, cutting the fabric, attaching the strings, and helping fill the orders.

“I enjoyed threading the masks because I knew they would be ready to go to their new homes,” Bridget said.

When the Mullers go out to deliver the masks, Bridget and Shawn come along and do no-contact deliveries.

“I’ve done so little since they stepped in. It’s become their project,” Karen said.

When there’s a lull after completing an order, Karen said the kids will cheer, but soon after Shawn will ask for them to keep going.

“I originally wanted to help for something to do, but then I realized I was helping the community, which made me feel proud,” Shawn said.

Karen said her youngest son, who is 8, will help out by reminding people, such as the woman who delivers the mail, to wear a mask.

Shawn said he’s enjoyed making the masks because he’s been able to spend time with his family. Plus, it’s a good break from online learning that the Middletown Area School District is providing.

Karen said she and the kids have been spending more time together, working toward their common goal.

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s nice. The kids come down, and they hang out in the living room and we all hang out,” Karen said.

The Mullers are selling their masks for \$2 to cover supplies, and anyone who wants a mask should email Karen at karenanmm79@gmail.com.

OURCOMMUNITY

Troop 97's Spangenberg becomes Life Scout

LD student held key position of troop guide, has 29 merit badges

Boy Scout Troop 97 has announced that Luke Spangenberg has taken another step in his Scouting experience and has earned the rank of Life Scout.

Within the Boy Scouts of America program, this is the sixth rank awarded. To earn the Life Scout rank, the Scout must "be active in your troop for at least six months as a Star Scout."



Spangenberg

Luke is committed to attending weekly troop meetings and camp outings, which have included the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center near Carlisle and a week at Trexler Scout Reservation near Kunkletown.

His favorite trip to date was a weekend at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The troop enjoyed overnight camping, presentation of the cadets, and a football game.

"I think the best part of this trip was the tour we were given. It gave great insight on this history of how the Naval Academy came to be, and the photos were fantastic," Luke said.

Another requirement is to have earned a total of 11 merit badges. Luke has completed 29, including 11 of the designated 13 Eagle Scout merit badges.

"My favorite merit badge was Rifle Shooting. It is something I probably never would have tried outside of Scouting. It was a lot of fun, plus I got to do it with my friends."

Service to others is an integral part of a Scout's life. The Scout Law states: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

A Scout is able to give these words action through participation in community service. Luke is a familiar face at Geyers United Methodist Church during Easter egg making and the Easter egg hunt. At the annual Londonderry Fire Company Fish Fry and the 193rd Airwing Ceremony, Luke has served meals, bussed tables, refilled drinks, and washed dishes. He "cheerfully" exceeded the required six hours of community service for the rank of Life Scout.

A prerequisite for the Life rank is to hold a position of responsibility within the troop. Luke was elected troop guide, a key leadership role because this is an experienced Scout who leads the newest scouts of the troop through their first year. He guided the younger Scouts in troop operations and followed the EDGE (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable) method.

Luke said his training within Troop 97 gave him "the confidence to teach these young Scouts the basic skills they will need to succeed."

Luke attends Lower Dauphin High School and participates in the marching band and concert band. He is involved in two youth programs at Geyers United Methodist Church: GUMY (Geyers United Methodist Youth), which is an outreach program promoting service to others; and IBLAST, which teaches the word of God through puppetry and creative movement.

He is the son of Laura Spangenberg of Hummelstown. His older brother, Ben, is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scout Master with Troop 97.

Boy Scout Troop 97 is sponsored by the Londonderry Fire Company. For information about the troop, contact Ted Pauley at tszm@hotmail.com.



NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

You never know what May will bring – from sun to snow

Hey, people! I hope you're enjoying May and all she has to offer you! Snow, rain, sunshine ... flowers! I have been enjoying the Florida sunshine and flowers. I think my favorite is hibiscus!

I know you all had some snow this month. One never knows what May will bring. It might be cold and windy, or maybe it will be hot and muggy. Every day offers the possibility of both.

I wish you all a marvelous Memorial Day weekend. Let's be thankful for what we have, and who we have.

Feel free to share your news, and have a great week.

Birthdays

Happy special 22nd birthday to **Mark Wagner** of Lower Swatara Township on Wednesday, May 20. Have a wonderful cake day!

Happy landmark 18th big-deal birthday to **Chloe Erb** of Middletown. I hope your Wednesday, May 20 day is just super!

Todd Houser Jr. marks his 24th confetti-popping birthday on Thursday, May 21. I hope 24 really good things happen to you on your day!

Jasmine Myers of Middletown marks her last teener birthday on May 21. Happy 19th to you Thursday!

Here is a shout-out to **Scott Thompson** of Lower Swatara on May 22. I hope your Friday and weekend are fantastic! Happy birthday.

Best wishes to **Muhammad House** of Lower Swatara as he celebrates his 21st real adult cake-and-ice cream day on Friday, May 22. I hope your day is full of blessings and wisdom.

Happy honk-honk-beep day to **Stacey Hinojosa** of Lower Swatara on May 23. She is Sweet 16 on Saturday. Hope it is sensational and safe!

Best wishes to **Brian Kennedy** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, May 23. Enjoy your holiday weekend and frosty filled birthday, to the max!

Neal Herneisey, World War II veteran, celebrates his super-duper dazzling 94th birthday on Sunday, May 24. He was on the aircraft carrier USS Jacinto, where he was a tail gunner in a torpedo plane. Enjoy your day over there in the West Terrace Apartments at the Middletown Home. Thank you for your service to our country!

Alexus Reynolds of Middletown observes her 23rd balloon-flying day on Sunday, May 24. I hope your day is spectacular in every way!

Happy 19th razzle-dazzle final teener birthday to **Alex Kennedy** of Lower Swatara on May 24. I hope your Sunday is super!

Hey, **Don Hartman** of Middletown! Happy birthday to you on Sunday. May the 24th be your best cake day, yet!

Sending wishes for a marvelous birthday to **Deb Carson** of Lower Swatara on Monday, May 25. I hope your birthday-holiday is fun filled and extra special!

Amazing **McKenzie Habecker** of Middletown celebrates her 13th bling-and-sparkles brand-new teener birthday on Memorial Day Monday, May 25. God bless you and your future!

Blessings and hugs are sent out to **Makayla Long** of Middletown on Monday, May 25. I hope this lovely young lady has a wonderful 12th birthday.

Joshua Alcock turns 23 on Tuesday, May 26. Happy birthday to you, and don't forget to enjoy it all week long!

Wishing **John Rhodes** of Hummelstown a super duper birthday on Tuesday, May 26. I hope your cupcake-and-streamer day is your best so far!

Happy 19th birthday to **Lynnsey Woodley** of Middletown. She will hear the birthday song on May 26. I hope your Tuesday is just terrific!

Happy sparkles and glitter day to the very special **Reagan Headley** of Middletown as she hits one decade old on May 26. Many blessings to you as you turn 10 on Tuesday. Keep looking up!

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to **Charlie and Judy Stare!** Wishing you a romantic and restful day together Thursday, May 21.

Happy 57th wedding anniversary to **Chris and Dot Reiner** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, May 26. I hope your day is full of smiles and flowers!

Coloring book giveaway expands

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown is expanding its giveaway of free coloring books to children in the Highspire ZIP code of 17034 as part of its May Service Project for young children.

During this time of "shelter in place," the club originally was sending coloring books its members hand-made to children ages 2 to 7 who live in the 17057 ZIP code. Now, it will supply them to children in both ZIP codes.

If you have a child and would like Kiwanis to mail them a coloring book, email KiwanisMTN-PA@gmail.com with your child's name and mailing address.

Coloring books will be mailed for as long as the supply lasts.

College News

Lebanon Valley College inducted students into its Phi Alpha Theta honor society this spring. Phi Alpha Theta is the history national honor society.

Chiara Meyers of Hummelstown, a graduate of Lower Dauphin High School, is pursuing a bachelor of arts in creative writing and English.

Lebanon Valley College inducted students into its chapter of Delta Mu Delta as part of its 2020 virtual celebration.

Corey Knoll of Hummelstown,

a graduate of Lower Dauphin High School is pursuing a bachelor of science in actuarial science and economics.

Spring Spinach Lasagna

1 jar spaghetti sauce (32 oz.)
1/2 c. sliced almonds, toasted
8 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained
4 c. fresh spinach, washed, dried and torn into pieces
1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 c cheddar cheese

Use a 9-by-13-inch pan. Layer sauce, noodles, spinach, cheddar, Parmesan, almonds and mozzarella. Repeat layers. Reserve a little sauce and a few almonds for the top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Set for 10 minutes. Serve with a French baguette.

Quote of the Week

"April showers bring May flowers!" — Anonymous

Question of the Week

What is your favorite flower?
"Petunia. My wife and I used to plant them around our house." — **Neal Herneisey**, Middletown.

"A white rose. To me, it symbolizes peace!" — **AJ Cosgrove**, Miami.

"Daffodils and carnations (yellow)." — **Janeen Wadzita**, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"Snapdragon, because it is

interactive. You can make it's 'mouth' snap at you!" — **Christine Ballot**, Alliance, Ohio.
"Anemone." — **Michelle Kruse**, Cleveland, Ohio.
"Sunflower." — **Olivia Osborne**, 10, Cleveland.
"Any blossom that adorns an even brighter bouquet upon my beloved's face." — **Dutchie**

Graves, Virginia Beach.

Proverb for the Week

Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness (20:20).

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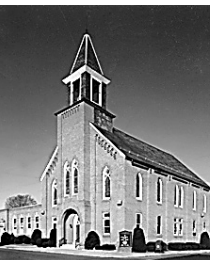
CHURCHNEWS

New Beginnings Church



We, at New Beginnings Church of Middletown, are following the CDC guidelines and have canceled all services and activities until all restrictions are lifted and we can meet safely. We pray all our members and friends are safe and come out of this pandemic on the healthiest side possible. We place our trust in God for the healing of our nation, safety in our midst and guiding everyone through these trying times we've never experienced before. When it is safe we will continue our usual ministries. Prayers for our members, friends, community, country and world.

Evangelical United Methodist Church



Evangelical United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Spruce and Water Streets at 157 East Water Street, south of Main Street behind the Turkey Hill convenience store. The COVID-19 pandemic will affect everyone for some time to come. It has forced the decision to cancel our church activities for the foreseeable future and to place as many functions as possible online. We invite you to join us for Sunday school at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Check our Facebook page for the link. You can hear Pastor Lee's weekly sermon on Facebook as well or at our website www.eumch.org.

Church Office hours remain the same: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 noon. But, for the well being of everyone, there will be no in-person meetings during office hours. Staff will be working in the office and/or remotely. They will do their best to reply to emails (eumch@comcast.net) and phone calls 717-944-6181 as soon as possible.

Join us in praying for each other in these challenging times: for healthcare workers and public servants; for schoolteachers and families; for those whose paychecks fall short of expenses; and for so many, many others who are struggling with changes to their daily routines. God Bless you with grace and peace.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Hearts burning within us means a sense of joy, enthusiasm, understanding, welcome and recognition that God is with us. God is with all people. Recognizing our need (cut to the heart) leads to our hearts burn-

ing within us because we savor and breathe in that God is here. This recognition leads to loving one another and all others deeply from the heart, as we are all loved by God deeply from God's heart.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES

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MAHS valedictorian, salutatorian announced: Torres and Habbershon

The Middletown Area School District recently announced the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2020.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, commencement for Middletown Area High School will not be held at The Forum in Harrisburg, There will be other activities held, however. The valedictorian, salutatorian, class president and other commencement speakers will pre-record remarks for a graduation video to be released in June.

Also, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 (the date and time graduation was scheduled), each senior and their immediate families are invited to come to MAHS in cap and gown for a drive-up graduation in which the diplomas will be handed to each graduate without anyone leaving their cars. Each senior is encourage to decorate their cars. A parade through town will follow. Valedictorian Angelina Rose Torres is the daughter of Robert and Michele Torres.

She participated in a variety of activities: MAHS Pride Club (grade 9); Blue Wave Marching Band and Jazz Band (grade 10); Inspire U.S. Middletown Student Committee (grades 10-11); choir (grades 10-11); MAHS Concert Band (grades 10-11); tennis (grades 10-12); Link Crew (grades 11-12); National Honor Society (grades

11-12); Youth & Government (grades 9-12); and all four fall plays and four spring musicals with the Performing Arts Department.

She was on the Distinguished Honor Roll for every marking period and received an AP Scholar With Honor Award from the College Board.

Torres was the October 2019 Student of the Month and was one of two students selected to represent MAHS and the Hershey Rotary Club as a conferee at the 58th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in 2019. In December 2016, Torres served as a page during the proceedings of the 58th Pennsylvania Electoral College for the presidential election.

Torres developed a passion for public policy through her involvement in Youth & Government club, which was instrumental in finalizing her plans to attend Georgetown University to major in government. As a member of the MAHS Youth & Government club, Torres was selected to be one of 24 Pennsylvania delegates for the YMCA's Conference On National Affairs for three consecutive years



Torres



Habbershon

(grades 9-11) and received the Acknowledgement of Outstanding Student Leadership Award, presented by state Rep. Tom Mehauffie, for being selected to represent Pennsylvania at the 2018 conference.

She was voted by hundreds of her peers to receive the 2019 Outstanding Blue Senate Committee Chair Award and was one of two students selected to act as emcees for an afterschool and STEM Advocacy Day rally held in the state Capitol. After her undergraduate career, Torres plans to continue her education to earn a law degree and pursue a career in politics.

Salutatorian Alexis J. Habbershon is the daughter of Scott and Tracy Habbershon. She participated in the Science Olympiad (grades 9-11) and was a member of the MAHS Brain Busters Quiz Team (grades 10-12). In her junior year, Habbershon received a National Merit Scholar Letter of Commendation for her PSAT score. Habbershon earned Third Place in the Safe2Say statewide Public Service Announcement competition with her video submission.

Habbershon plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to major in illustration. "Making art is my passion. Telling stories is my passion," she said. "I love art of all kinds, but I find illustration to be my particular focus."

Habbershon credits Mr. Sean Burke being influential in her pursuit of a career. "In his classes I learned a lot about creative forms of expression not inherently illustrative in nature such as video editing, animating, etc.," she said. "I still want to make illustration my career, but the things I learned in his classes are going to drive my art for the rest of my life. He also supported me through my anxious moments in his classes in ways that have helped me immensely in my efforts to build confidence."

Habbershon shared some words of advice for underclassmen: "High school is both more and less important than you think. Don't try to be like me (in the sense that I'm salutatorian) or like the captain of the football team. Be like yourself, and be aware that that person will change more than once over the course of your high school career. Always give your best, but that won't always be 100 percent. Sometimes you have a lot of things on your plate, and your best for a given task might not look like it to others."

Fink, Reid, Kunkel, MAMS Students of Year named

At the end of each school year, the principals and teachers from the Middletown Area School District's three elementary schools and from Middletown Area Middle School select one female and one male student from their highest grade level who have exhibited excellence as Outstanding Students of the Year.

Students are selected for this honor based on their academic achievements and exemplary character. The Middletown Area School Board will recognize the students at a board meeting.

Lyall J. Fink Elementary School

Domowah Kullie is the daughter of Massayan Kullie and Patricia Lawrence.

"I entered Middletown Area School District when I was in fifth grade. October 2nd was my first day of school in America. I grew up in Liberia, Africa where I attended St. Teresa Convent Catholic School. At Fink Elementary School, my two favorite subjects are math and reading because they have some challenges. I love challenges because they make me a better student. The three things I do well in school are chorus, science and math. I love to be with my friends and teachers because they help me and care about me. Education is important to my family because my mom helps pay for other children in Africa to attend good schools. I don't participate in any activities outside of school besides church because I make sure to do my homework every day. It feels awesome to be selected for this honor because my hard work paid off! I am looking forward to going to middle school to make new friends, meet new teachers, and



Kullie

learn new things."

Carter DeJesus is the son of Doug and Leah Goff and Aaron DeJesus.

"I've been attending Fink Elementary since fourth grade. I am originally from York. I have an older sister, older stepbrother, and older step-sister. I am the youngest in my family. My two favorite subjects are math and gym. I like math because I am good at multiplication and division. I really like gym because we get to learn about different sports. Three things I do well are playing basketball for MARA, football for MYC Raiders, and being helpful in my community. The best thing I like about school is how my teachers take time to help me grow inside and outside the classroom! I was in chorus in fourth grade but decided singing wasn't for me. Outside of school, besides playing basketball and football, I attend church at LCBC with my family. I also love to play my PS4 with my friends, ride my bike, play with my dogs, and help my mom in her vegetable garden. When I heard I was selected for this honor, I immediately had a big smile on my face. I feel great receiving this honor because I worked hard this year! Thank you, fifth-grade teachers!"



DeJesus

John C. Kunkel Elementary School

Jillian Hess is the daughter of Rodney and Laura Hess.

"I've been going to Kunkel for six years, starting in kindergarten. My two favorite subjects are math and art. I really like numbers and solving word problems. I like art because I like being creative and getting to express myself. Some of my favorite things are drawing, painting, and I've started doing origami. I also really like reading. I have too many favorite books to name! I like Percy Jackson and Keeper of the Lost Cities. To be honest, I really like school! I like seeing my friends and my teachers, and I like specials, especially music and art. Over the last couple of years I've done chorus, drumming, and band. I did Girls on the Run for two years. I'm also in the gifted program and I do Word Masters and Continental Math League. Outside of school, I dance for Richie School of Dance doing hip-hop, tap, lyrical, ballet and competition jazz. I was surprised and excited to be chosen for this award! It's weird this year because we're not actually at school, but it's still fun. Thank you to all the teachers at Kunkel!"



Hess

Robert G. Reid Elementary School

Jocelyn Jules is the daughter of Rebecca Jules.

"I am so honored to be receiving the Outstanding Student of the Year award from Robert G. Reid Elementary School. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have been in the Middletown Area School District since the first day of school in 2014, which was my first day of kindergarten, and the school district is great. One of my favorite subjects in school is music because I love making music and I'm good at it. My other favorite subject is math because it can come in so many different forms like addition, subtraction, multiplication, etc. Three things I do really well in at school are music, math and writing. My favorite thing about school is music class. I love all things that are music related. If there were any afterschool activities related to music or art, I would definitely participate in one or both of them. I take ukulele lessons every Wednesday after school and help my little cousin with her crafts. I am very proud and honored to be winning this award from my school, and so is my whole family."

Robbie Campbell is the son of Robert and Michelle Campbell.

"I began in Middletown Area School District in third grade at Reid. My favorite subjects are math and reading. I like to read. I



Jules

am really good at reading, writing, and doing math. The best thing about school is my teachers because they are nice. I have participated in Continental Math Leagues and Word Masters. I am also part of Sunrays of Love. Outside of school, I am a member of the Arrow of Light Cub Scout pack. I am proud for being selected as Reid's Outstanding Student of the Year."

Middletown Area Middle School

Ava Miller is the daughter of Andrew and Jessica Miller.

"I have been in the Middletown Area School District since kindergarten. Middletown has really pushed me to my full potential as a student. In school, I like to participate in choir, field hockey, musicals, and Student Council. My favorite classes in school are science and English. I like science because I think it is very interesting to learn about the world around us and beyond. I also like English because I love to read and write. Outside of school I take art lessons. My favorite type of art projects we do are sculptures. I am so overjoyed to receive this honor!"

Micah Krajsa is the son of Matthew and Staci Krajsa.

"I've been a student at Middletown since entering kindergarten at Kunkel Elementary. Now, finishing eighth grade, I'm honored to be selected for the MAMS Student of the Year Award. Attending middle school here has been special. We have a great class that has come together the last three years. We've all learned a lot and had fun. I'd like to thank all of the teachers for challenging us and always helping us along the way. My favorite subjects are math and science, but lunch is usually my favorite part of the day. Also, I've played basketball, soccer, and ran cross country for the middle school the last two years. Thank you to all my coaches and teammates for these great experiences. Outside of school, I play travel soccer for Hershey and was selected to play for the Eastern Pennsylvania Olympic Development Program. I spend the rest of my time hanging out with friends. It's been strange ending the year this way, but I'm looking forward to the summer and getting started at the high school next year. I'm very happy to receive this honor and thanks again to all my teachers and coaches at Middletown."



Campbell



Miller



Krajsa

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when customers die, she can't do their hair because everyone is getting cremated because of the COVID-19 restrictions, she said.

So she went to the cemetery at Fort Indiantown Gap, where she could say goodbye by driving past where her friend's urn is. Right now it's all she can do, she says.

She has good days and bad days. Sometimes she cries. She gets upset talking about having to cancel the ad she has placed in the Press & Journal for the last 38 years.

"It's an extra expense, it's money I don't have. I just feel awful, but I can't afford [it]."

In the beginning of April, she applied for the new unemployment that the state said it was providing to employers. They told her the system was backlogged and she would have to try later. She was finally able to apply later but says she still has not received "a cent."

She hasn't received a stimulus check. Sharp said she has applied for seven types of loans but was denied. Even if she gets a loan, she worries that at 63 she is too old to pay it back.

Her husband works at a beer distributor so that income is still coming in. Sharp owns her salon and also collects rent from two apartments in the building. They both get a pension, so Sharp figures their income is secure.

Still, when a daughter of one of the tenants moved back in and the water bill went up by \$20 a month, Sharp said she had to go to the tenant to collect it, because "\$20 is like a thousand dollars to me." Before, she would have let it slide.

"I feel bad because I can't give them a break," Sharp said of her tenants, but she feels she has no choice. She needs the rental income to cover her own electric, water, phone and insurance bills which haven't stopped coming. "It's thousands of dollars a month to pay. My account is drained. It scares me to death, it just scares me to death."

While some other small business owners in Middletown whose business has been shut down believe they could safely reopen now if allowed to, Sharp doesn't feel that way.

Most of her clients are 60 and older, and therefore among those most vulnerable to getting the virus. Sharp said her own immune system is compromised, and she watches her grandchildren three days a week for her daughter, who is a corrections officer at Dauphin County Prison. She can't take the chance of catching the coronavirus and then possibly passing it on to her grandchildren.

Sharp said she hopes she can make it until the county makes it to the green phase. She says she will have all she needs when that time comes. She bought a thermometer, hand sanitizer, throw-away capes, face shields and masks for people who don't have one of their own. It all cost her over \$500 of money she doesn't have.

She won't be able to take walk-ins, like Penn State Harrisburg students who like to just show up. It will all be by appointment only, and only one customer will be able to be in the shop at one time. The rest will wait outside. Sharp doesn't see these rules changing anytime soon.

Sharp typically would handle two perm customers in her shop at one time. Now with the new rules, she may only have six customers in a 10-hour day, or eight.

"Is that going to pay the bills? God only knows."

Forty years ago when she first started out working for someone else, Sharp was getting \$65 for a perm. Today, she still gets \$65.

"Will people be able to handle it if I have to raise them \$5? I don't know."

'We are the ones that are suffering'

Jeff "Shake" Cleckner was all ready to reopen his Faded Edge barbershop at 115 E. Main St. on May 8, when it had appeared earlier that the shut down that has had him closed since late March

would end.

Then Wolf came out with his announcement that the shutdown for counties still in the red phase like Dauphin would last until June 4.

Cleckner says he has no doubt he could safely reopen today, if only they would allow him to do so.

He will keep all his customers 6 feet apart for social distancing, which may mean just one in the shop at a time. Both he and his customer will wear masks. He'll probably have to wear rubber gloves and will spray-sanitize everything after every cut.

"It's stuff that you should be doing everyday—cleaning, washing your hands, sanitizing. Who wants to go into a dirty barber shop?"

He doesn't understand why businesses like his can't reopen.

"It seems like it is a Democrat-Republican thing. They can't get along they are just p***ing each other off and nobody wants to listen to either party. We are the ones that are suffering."

He knows Brad Shepler, the barber in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, who chose to reopen his shop in defiance of the governor. He also knows that officials have threatened to pull his license and fine him \$10,000 a day.

Cleckner could reopen too and probably make a lot of money over two or three days until he figures he too would get slammed.

"They are not playing around with this stuff," he said. "Is it worth losing your license and the license for your shop? That's 18 years down the drain."

Cleckner filed for unemployment the first day he was shut down. He is expecting to get money this week. He said his neighbor is a bartender who is owed \$4,000 in back unemployment.

Cleckner isn't the sole breadwinner in his household, but his income from the shop accounts for most of it. They have a 10-year-old child to look after.

Cleckner said the landlords from whom he rents his shop have been working with him.

He gets almost 20 calls a day from regular and new customers. Many of them seem to think he is closed because he wants to be.

"I am closed because the government shut me down. I want to be there. I'm ready to rock and roll. As soon as the governor says we are in the green, I will" be open.

'It was a dream I had, to do this'

On the wall of the living room in Kerri Meyer's home is a framed photo with the inscription "Believe in your Dreams."

It's a picture of Let's Pretend, the business Meyer and her husband Rick Bryan co-own, taken when the business first opened on Brown Street in Middletown in 2012. It's a reminder of her dream, even as Meyer says she's not sure what is going to become of that dream.

In May 2019, Kerri and Rick moved Let's Pretend to a much larger and much more visible location in the Westporte Centre on West Main Street, close to where the new Amtrak train station is to be built.

As Meyer wrote in an article posted in the Press & Journal on March 25, "We were finally getting the exposure we have hoped for" when Let's Pretend was shut down as a non-essential business to prevent spread of the coronavirus.

Meyer's business is unique. It thrives on the very things that are not to be allowed because of the coronavirus. Children are encouraged to play together, to pretend together, to act out what their imaginations create.

"How do you come in and play if you are supposed to be socially distant?" she asks.

Otherwise, Let's Pretend doesn't have a product to sell, nothing you can pick up at curbside to show your support for a local business.

Even if Wolf allowed Let's Pretend to open tomorrow, Meyer

said she doesn't think she could.

"I don't think I would do any business. They aren't going to come to play" because of concern over the virus, she said.

"I am not against the governor" keeping businesses like hers shut down. "I don't think he is an awful person. I don't dislike (Secretary of Health Rachel) Levine. My aunt is a nurse at the medical center. I don't think it is a made-up thing or a conspiracy."

Meyer said she has been able to work with the people she rents the space from. However, she worries that if the shutdown is lifted too soon, the landlords will want her to reopen. If no one comes, as she fears, she'll have no money coming in but her utility bills will increase because of the doors being open.

She has not applied for unemployment. She has not applied for any loans or grants or payroll protection money. She doesn't have any employees and figures she would not be eligible for any of the programs.

"I might apply for something, but it has to be right. I don't want to get myself in a worse financial situation."

They still have Rick's income, as he is a supervisor at a convenience store and considered an essential worker.

It's hard for Meyer to see light at the end of the tunnel. She doesn't see people wanting to come to Let's Pretend until the county is in the green, at the earliest.

Part of Meyer wants to quit now and cut her losses with the landlord now, before she gets into more debt from not being able to pay the rent and other bills for the space.

But she worries that if she does that, things will eventually get back to normal and people will again want what she has to offer, but it will be somebody else somewhere else providing the service.

"I know it won't be like this forever," she said. "I don't want to give up. It's mine. Let's Pretend had been in my brain for years and years and years even before I actually opened it. It was a dream I had, to do this."

'I am about to lose everything I worked for'

Bridget Grant owns three tattoo parlors, including the Inkcredible Tattoo Factory 2 on South Union Street in Middletown. The other two are in Elizabethtown and in Lancaster.

All three have been shut down since March 17.

The busiest time of the year for tattoo parlors is March through June, when people have money to spend because of income tax refunds, and the warming weather encourages less clothes and "showing off ink."

Typically, the money she makes during this season gets her through the slow period that starts in the fall and runs through winter.

But this year, that's all been lost. Grant fears that by the time she can reopen, she'll have no money to get through the lean time.

She applied for grants but nothing has come through. She said she doesn't qualify for payroll protection money, because the 14 people who work for her at the three shops—including four at the shop in Middletown—are all subcontractors and not employees.

She applied for unemployment for self-employed people. Three days ago she finally got \$254. She hopes to receive the special \$600 payment and her lump sum of back pay.

Otherwise, Grant figures by next month all her savings will be gone to cover the \$11,000 to \$12,000 she owes each month for rent, utilities and expenses at her three locations.

She has no other source of income and "I am about to lose everything I worked for."

The people who work for her are worse off. She has bought groceries for some of her artists, because they did not have enough

money for food.

What bothers Grant the most is that tattoo parlors like hers can't open until counties are in the green phase. Yet Grant says her business is more sterile and clean than her doctor's office.

Her artists have worn face masks for years, they wear gloves and use sanitizer, and pass every inspection from the health department. They only handle one customer at a time and everything is by appointment. She is "100 percent" certain she could open and safely operate all three locations.

She doesn't understand how Walmart can be open with hundreds of people walking through the store each day, and she cannot.

Grant said she is trying to talk to officials in Lancaster County to see if they would be willing to allow her to reopen, regardless of whether Wolf permits it. She's willing to risk it. She hasn't talked to anyone about reopening the location in Middletown.

"I don't think I'm going to make it if it lasts too much longer," Grant said of the shutdown.

'I want to be open but I want everybody to be safe'

With Kidz In Mind has been a staple of the Middletown retail community for 14 years. Amy Ebersole started the business at her first location near Karns, before moving to her present site at the corner of North Union and West Water streets.

For the first month and a half after Wolf ordered her closed as a non-essential business, "I did nothing," Ebersole said.

"Then I said, I have to have money coming in" to cover her equipment, pay the rent at the

store and help feed her family.

Her husband has continued working through the pandemic. She has no employees, but is getting unemployment for herself. She took some of her equipment home and started advertising on Facebook. She also relies on word of mouth.

She began making T-shirts at her house and selling them by mail. T-shirts are a big part of her business. She makes T-shirts and other clothing items for sports teams and other small businesses in the area.

Right now, she estimates she's making maybe 20 percent of the



Grant

business she had been getting, before she had to close her store.

Ebersole thinks she could safely open if permitted to by the governor. She doesn't rely on walk-in traffic.

"I understand we are looking out for the safety of everybody. I'm not sure where I stand" regarding when the county should reopen. "I want to be open but I want everybody to be safe."

Ebersole said a big worry is the impact this will have on the sports teams and other clients that she depends upon for her business.

She does work for four swim teams, none of whom will have a team this summer.

"If they don't last, if the sports teams don't come back, I will have to look at new markets and I hope I can make it," Ebersole said.



Memorial Day Holiday Collection Schedule Monday 05/25/20

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, all regular Penn Waste trash and recycling collections will be delayed one (1) day. Monday customers will be collected on Tuesday. Tuesday customers will be collected on Wednesday and so on for the remainder of the week through Saturday.

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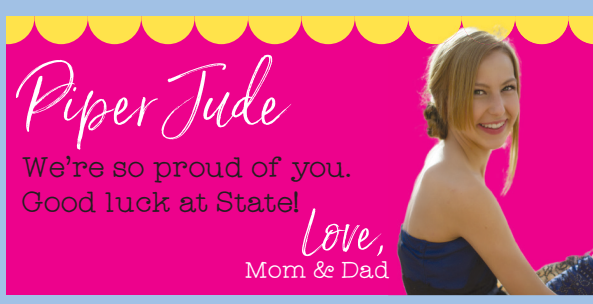
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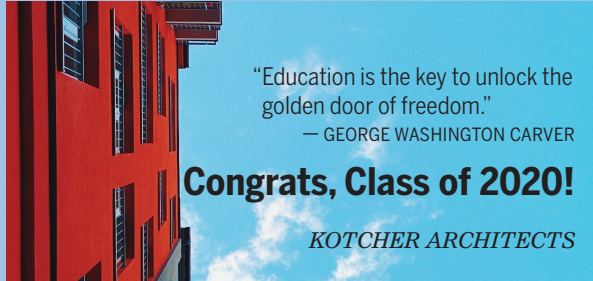
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Mr. Middletown is back on. Middletown Area High School’s annual male beauty pageant, which was supposed to be held in March, was one of the casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic. But this group isn’t letting a pandemic stop them. The high school’s Mini-THON committee plans to hold the pageant virtually over four days beginning May 25. “I think we were all really disappointed to not be able to do it. We had a great group of guys. I’m excited that we can still do something, that Mr. Middletown is still happening in some virtual sense,” said Cheryl Friedman, who is a counselor for sophomores and seniors. Originally, 19 boys threw their hats in to be crowned Mr. Middletown. Friedman said the committee reached out to the boys to see who would still be interested in participating. Now, there will be 10 vying for the title: Arthur Dash, Dane Ebersole, Jonathan Jumper, Brady Keyser, Zach Malay, Garrett Miller, Jaden Miller, Jon Moyer, Joey Spear and Justin Yohn. Of course, this year’s Mr. Middletown will look different.

Typically, the event is held over a couple hours in one evening. This year, it was supposed to be March 27. It’s usually divided into three categories: an interview; swimsuit and talent competition; and a group dance. A Four Diamonds family shares its story before crowning the winner. Four Diamonds is an organization that battles childhood cancer. Last year, the students raised \$13,168.80. Winner Ethan Miller alone raised \$1,776.08. All of the boys are shooting videos of themselves, which will be edited together. The videos will be posted on the district website raiderweb.org over four days. There won’t be a swimsuit competition this year. On May 25, the contestants will be introduced and asked questions. The next day will be the talent competition. On May 27, the boys will perform the group dance, and there will be a Four Diamonds tribute. Mr. Middletown will be crowned on May 29. “We will be back on stage, but this year, we’ve got to do what times call for,” Friedman said. The event will be produced by student Paige Burger and teacher Brian Keyser, who will also be the host of the event with student Caroline Gill. Each video will be 15 to 20 minutes. The boy who raises the most money is crowned Mr. Middletown. Usually, there are donation buckets at the pageant for people to donate their money to their contestant. Friedman said there will be QR codes next to each contestant’s name for people to donate to the boys. “We wanted to be able to present a decent check to Four Diamonds. All of us who do Mini-THON really believe in the cause,” Friedman said.



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Mr. Middletown hopefuls work on their dance routines in March, prior to schools being closed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Church will give away food again Saturday

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Living Hope Church at 3030 Schoolhouse Road in Londonderry Township is again giving away free food to those in need, this time during a distribution to be held at the church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 23. The church will have up to 400 boxes of food to give away, each filled with 35 to 40 pounds of perishable and nonperishable food items. Up to two boxes will be given out per family. The church asks that people who need a box reserve theirs ahead of time by going to LHCFoodBlessing.eventbrite.com. The site can also be accessed through the Living Hope Church Facebook page. Registering ahead of time helps the church in planning for the event. It also means you don’t have to show up before 9:30 a.m., because your box of food is reserved for you. The distribution is done on a drive-through basis to avoid any spread of the coronavirus. Church volunteers will bring the food to your vehicle. This will be the third free food distribution that Living Hope Church has done, in response to the growing need brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, following giveaways on April 17 and May 1.



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The Middletown Area Historical Society museum has a display to commemorate the Middletown Area High School Class of 2020.

Museum display honors Class of 2020 at MAHS

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An outside exhibit commemorating the Middletown Area High School Class of 2020 has been set up at the Middletown Area Historical Society museum at 29 E. Main St. The exhibit features historical information about previous Middletown high school graduating classes going back to photos and information about the first class in 1876. Much of the exhibit is dedicated to information about the classes from each year of the 1920s. You can find commencement pro-

grams from those years, class rolls, and more. The exhibit will stay up for about a month, said Jenny Miller, a member of the society board of trustees. “In the meantime we will come up with another idea to do something else” in the outdoor exhibit space. The society has been looking for ways to better connect with the public since the museum has been closed since March due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The society also plans to soon begin posting videos showcasing Middletown history dating back to 1755, through the society’s Facebook page.

Middletown-area coronavirus cases at 35

The Pennsylvania Department of Health on Tuesday confirmed 610 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 63,666 in all 67 counties. That’s less than a 1 percent increase from the previous day, the lowest day-over-day increase since the pandemic began. The state also reported 119 new deaths, for 4,624 total. The number of coronavirus cases in the Middletown area stayed the same Tuesday — 35 confirmed cases in the 17057 ZIP code with 309 negative tests. The highest one-day increase in total cases statewide remains 1,989 on April 9. Of Dauphin County’s 50 total deaths reported Monday, 27 have been in nursing homes or personal care homes. It has 989 cases Tuesday, up from 978 on Monday. As of Monday, four nursing homes or personal care facilities in Dauphin County have reported cases, affecting 258 residents (up from 252 the previous day) and 51

employees (no increase). Neither The Middletown Home nor Frey Village have cases. Of Lancaster County’s 252 deaths Monday, 169 have been in nursing homes or personal care homes, an increase of 5 from Sunday. That county has 2,593 cases Tuesday, up from 2,552 on Monday. Of those total cases, 658 are in nursing home or personal care home residents, up from 640, and 178 are in employees of those facilities, no increase. It has 33 facilities reporting cases. Of Cumberland County’s deaths reported Monday, 41 have been in nursing homes or personal care homes, which means all have been in such facilities. The county reported 540 cases Tuesday, up from 525 on Monday. Of those total cases, 256 are in nursing home or personal care home residents, an increase of 1, and 57 are employees of those facilities, the same as Sunday. It has 9 facilities reporting cases.

York County deaths increased by 2 to 18 on Monday. Of those, 4 are in a nursing home or personal care facility, no increase; it has 866 cases Tuesday, up from 857 on Monday. Of the 857 cases, only 15 are in nursing home or personal care home residents, up 3, and 4 are employees of those facilities, no change. It has 7 facilities reporting cases. Lebanon County’s death total increased by 2 to 21 on Monday. Of those, 13 are in nursing homes or personal care homes, the same as the previous day. It has 880 cases Tuesday, up from 877 Monday. Of those, 88 are in nursing home or personal care home residents, no increase, and 14 are employees of those facilities, also no change. It has 4 facilities reporting cases. Statewide, most of the patients hospitalized are aged 65 or older, and most of the deaths have occurred in patients 65 or older. Statewide, there have been 286,034 negative tests.

Some borough residents will vote in different locations for primary

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Some Middletown voters will vote in a different location during the June 2 primary, because of changes intended to minimize exposure to the COVID-19 virus. In Middletown, voters in the 2nd Ward, 1st Precinct who normally vote at the Presbyterian Church, 290 N. Union St., will instead vote in the cafeteria of Fink Elementary School at 150 N. Race St. In the 3rd Ward, 1st Precinct, instead of casting ballots at the Frey Village retirement community and nursing home, voters will do so at Middletown Area High School, 1155 N. Union St. Voting will take place in the cafeteria immediately inside the high school main entrance. The polling place changes were announced on the Middletown borough website and Facebook page. The changes are consistent with the list of polling place locations posted on the Dauphin County Elections & Voter Registration website.

The changes were approved by the county Board of Elections, county Director of Elections and Voter Registration Jerry Feaser told the Press & Journal. In Royalton, there is a temporary polling place change for the June 2 primary. All of Royalton borough will vote at the District Court located at 50 Canal St. The changes are temporary and only in effect for the June 2 primary, in accordance with provisions of Act 12 of 2020, Feaser said. Act 12 was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf on March 27. The county approved the changes after officials with the permanent locations told the county they did not want to serve as a polling place during the primary, because of concerns related to the coronavirus, Feaser noted. The other polling place locations for Middletown voters remain the same, according to the county list. Voters in the 1st Ward, 1st Precinct will vote at the Rescue

Fireman’s Home Association, 620 S. Union St. First Ward, 2nd Precinct voters will vote at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St. Voters in the 2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct will continue to vote at Fink. Voters in the 3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct will vote at Liberty Fire Company No. 1 at Adelia and Emaus streets. Residents whose voting locations are changed will be notified by postcard. Additionally, signs will be posted at the former polling places and at the new, temporary locations on Election Day. Poll worker vacancies are also a challenge, according to Dauphin County officials. Nearly 300, or 30 percent of the county’s poll workers who volunteered in prior elections, have declined to serve this election, citing COVID-19 as the reason. Many of the county’s poll workers are older than age of 60 or care for older relatives who have health conditions.

Unemployment compensation benefits run out? New program will extend them

Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary Jerry Oleksiak on Sunday announced the launch of Pennsylvania’s Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program to provide an additional 13 weeks of benefits to people who exhaust their regular unemployment compensation. PEUC is included in the new federal unemployment compensation benefits provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Pennsylvania has implemented all programs under the new CARES Act and paid out nearly \$7.4 billion in total unemployment benefits since mid-March. Important information about the extended benefits program follows and has also been emailed or mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to all individuals who potentially qualify for PEUC. Go to www.uc.pa.gov/COVID-19/CARES-Act/Pages/default.aspx and click on the PEUC page. You are eligible for PEUC if you: • Are unemployed between March 29 through Dec. 26, 2020. • Have exhausted your regular

state or federal benefits with week ending July 6, 2019 or later. • Are not eligible for state or federal unemployment benefits. • Are able and available to work and actively seeking work, except for COVID-19-related reasons including illness, quarantine, or “stay at home” orders. **How to receive PEUC** • If you have an open UC claim but exhausted all of your benefits, the 13 additional weeks will automatically be added to your existing claim. Log in this week to file biweekly claims for prior weeks, back through the week ending April 4 (if applicable). • If your benefit year has expired then you must submit an application online. • If you don’t have access to computers or the internet, you can have a loved one or friend print the paper application for you to complete and submit via mail. The department is also in the process of mailing paper copies of the application to individuals who might need it. • Biweekly claims and payments work the same way as for regular UC benefits.

PEUC weekly benefit amount • Your PEUC weekly benefit amount is the same as your regular UC weekly benefit rate. • Your weekly benefit rate is based on your reported earnings during the base year (the first four of the last five completed quarters). You must also have over 18 credit weeks (weeks during which you earned \$116 or more) in your base year to be eligible for UC. **Extra \$600 on PEUC** • You will receive an additional \$600 per week from the federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program. Anyone collecting any type of UC, including PEUC, will receive the extra \$600 per week in addition to your weekly benefits as calculated. • FPUC payments began the week ending April 4 and will end July 25. These payments will be backdated for eligible individuals and paid in one lump sum. • You will receive the extra \$600 FPUC payments the week after your PEUC payments. Since March 15, the department has made 15.7 million payments to claimants totaling nearly \$7.9 billion in benefits.



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