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FROM THE OCT. 16, 1985 EDITION OF THE PRESS AND JOURNAL, MARKING A NEW DESIGN OF THE NEWSPAPER AND ITS MOVE INTO OFFICES AT 20 S. UNION ST.



“We will maintain, that if all the newspapers in our county should suddenly cease publication, and could not be replaced, that the public interests, public good, public and private morals, public and private prosperity, and public health would suffer, our march in the path of progress be retarded, and our motion soon become retrograde, instead of forward.”

FROM THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE MIDDLETOWN JOURNAL, PUBLISHED IN 1939



“It feels like we’re losing a chunk of our history, a very special chunk of history that has been a well loved touchstone of this community for generations. To say you will be missed is an understatement. But thank you nonetheless for being a local treasure for so many people for so many years.”

COMMENT ON THE PRESS & JOURNAL FACEBOOK PAGE ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER’S CLOSURE.

This is goodbye

To our readers, advertisers, staff, friends and family —

Today, you hold in your hands the final edition of the Press & Journal. In last week’s paper we shared all the reasons we’re closing down our newspaper business. Factors include advertising losses to the internet and the coronavirus pandemic’s devastating impact on local businesses. But this week, we’re taking space and time to express our sincere gratitude.

To our community: When we asked for help during the first months of the COVID-19 crisis, you came through with donations and subscriptions. We surely wouldn’t have been able to hold on for as long as we did without that help. 166 years is a long time to be intimately connected to one place, and we’re honored to have served you.

To our advertisers: As some advertisers began to drift to the internet giants, many local businesses, organizations and municipal governments steadfastly stayed with us. You believed in the value of local journalism and were willing to support us with advertising dollars. Your success was our success.

To our staff: You may never know how much we respect what you’ve accomplished — especially during this difficult time. Some of you have been with us for more than 30 years, and we treasure such loyalty. Our readers saw our final product every week, but what they didn’t see was the hard work and dedication it took by a lot of good people to bring it to the public.

To our family: This newspaper at its core is a family business. Five generations of grandfathers, grandmothers, uncles, moms, dads, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters of the Fox, Graybill and Sukle families have worked here. We laughed together, argued together, celebrated together and cried together. Through good times and bad, we preserved our paper’s long tradition of providing independent journalism to this community. We leave behind a reputation for fearlessly speaking truth to power and a proud legacy of watchdog reporting that served all its citizens. We had high hopes our daughter, Julianna, would usher the family business into the future. That can no longer be. It will be our deepest regret.

This newspaper has been our life, our whole adult lives. There will be no knight on a white horse to rush in and save the day, and we worry about the effect our closing will have on the communities we cover. But, because of all of you, we were able to publish a damn good local newspaper for a very, very long time.

As heartbroken as we are, we refuse to be bitter. We’re not going to go out throwing stones. We gave it our best shot, and it’s been a great run. And that’s how we’ll end this story.

Thank you to one and all.

Joe and Louise Sukle own Press & Journal Publications.



A special 4-page look at our company’s history is wrapped around this edition, the final publication of the Press & Journal.



EDITORIALVIEWS

A final editorial: Who will record our history?

Our history ends today. And while we celebrate all we have done, we greatly lament the history we will not be able to write — your history. It's what we've done since before the Civil War.

Today's edition is the end for the Press & Journal. With all modesty, our community will be diminished because of it.

We have been a watchdog, a cheerleader and a critic, not always perfect but a consistent and trusted source of news for decades.

Many of you forget that news gathering is a business. It costs money to pay for skilled journalists to write stories, for advertising representatives to do their jobs, and for newspapers to be printed. Newspapers and their websites need businesses and organizations to advertise with them to make money. The coronavirus threw a wrench into what was already a difficult financial picture for us, because many businesses weren't open and many events were canceled.

We are not the first newspaper to go out of business, and we certainly will not be the last. Every community that loses its local voice is lessened.

One irony is that more people are reading our content now than ever before, thanks to www.pressand-

journal.com. Our work has been honored more than ever before. We are the best weekly newspaper in the state, according to the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation awards from September 2019.

But it was not enough to survive. Our successful endeavor that dates back to the 1850s is now relegated to what newspapers refer to as “the morgue” — the place where bound editions of the copies of the newspapers sit as historical documents. Soon our website will go dark, and the Press & Journal will exist only in the memories of you, our dear readers, and in scrapbooks, attics, shoeboxes and millions of other places where residents of southern Dauphin County wanted to preserve the highlights of their life.

Because while we documented events over the last 165-plus years, what we really documented was you, the people.

Standing in the morgue in the basement of the Press & Journal, looking at all the bound copies, opening one and looking at the photos and names in each of them ... it boggles the mind how many people have been mentioned by us in some fashion since 1854. Tens of thousands of names. Maybe yours.

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If your family has been in this area for decades, maybe yours and your parents and your parents' parents. Maybe even more generations of your family back than that.

We have no idea what the future holds. We just know that there are plenty of stories that won't be told to their full measure.

What will happen in the boroughs of Middletown, Royaltown and Highspire and Lower Swatara and Londonderry townships as we continue to recover from the coronavirus? We are one of the few businesses that have not survived. There will be others. Who will tell their stories?

What will happen to Middletown's police force? Who will be the new public safety director, and will the Middletown Borough Council continue to skirt the state's Sunshine Law through the hiring process?

How will Londonderry Township be changed by the pending explosion of warehouses and the poten-

tial for a housing development just east of the Swatara Creek, on the southern part of the Lytle Farms property? The very nature of the township is forever being changed. Who will explain what it all means? What will be the final chapter at Three Mile Island?

What about Blue Raider sports? School honor rolls? Obituaries that honor our friends and neighbors who have passed away? Birthdays and anniversaries? Dean's list recognitions and high school honors?

No one else is reporting on these issues, consistently and in-depth, in the way we do.

Or, more accurately, the way we did.

We respect our colleagues at PennLive, the Harrisburg-area television stations and other media outlets that occasionally visit our area to do stories.

But they only are here for a little while. They don't have the depth of knowledge of this area and the connection to the importance of what those stories mean. In journalism, we call it “parachuting in.” An outside news outlet covers some part of a bigger story for a short time. Meanwhile, we were here the entire time and will see the issue through until it's resolved.

Those other media outlets won't

be at every Middletown Borough Council meeting, every Middletown Area School District board meeting, or every Londonderry or Lower Swatara township meeting.

When the Press & Journal was selected as the best weekly newspaper in the state, regardless of size, last fall, Joseph G. Sukle Jr., publisher of the Press & Journal, offered his thoughts:

“We take enormous pride in what we do — whether it's answering phones, covering local events, helping small and large businesses meet their bottom lines — we're all in this together,” Sukle said. “We're husbands, wives, daughters, journalists, veterans, designers, skilled tradesmen and active members of this community. Our paper has been published and printed here since 1854 and goes five generations deep. So, whether you're reading us or ripping us apart, we remain a part of what this community deserves. And without this community, we wouldn't exist either.”

Now we will no longer exist. This community deserves better. This community will survive. We hope it excels as we move into the post-coronavirus world.

But we won't be a part of it, and for that, we are all diminished. Onward.

Priceless: Friendships made covering area sports date to 1970s



LARRY ETTER

Friendships with students, athletes, coaches and families: I cannot begin to place a value on them. “Priceless” comes to mind. And it's those friendships that have developed and grown over the past 41 years that I will truly miss the most.

With the announcement of the closing of operations of the Press & Journal, it appears that my era of journalism has come to an end. What started out as a part-time venture turned into a lifelong second career, and I need to thank some important people who made that happen.

The first is my wife, Maxine. She started working for the Press & Journal in 1976 in the composition room and, through her, I got to know the Graybills, who owned the paper at that time. Maxine also gave me the freedom to cover as many games as I could while we were raising our family.

A few years later, when the newspaper's feature writer retired, I was asked to help cover sports with Joe Sukle, who had come on board out of college. He married Louise Graybill and the two of them eventually took over the publication. During those early years I became Joe's stat man. He and I traveled to football and basketball games covering Middletown sports. Eventually Joe got wrapped up in other aspects of the business and I took over as the writer. I had had no prior experience as a journalist but just kind of eased into the position. Never in my wildest imagination could I have anticipated the long tenure that I have enjoyed since 1979!

I can still remember the first time Joe and I entered the press box at fabled War Memorial Field to cover a game. I felt that I had been granted access to hallowed ground. Since then I have been in press areas all around central Pennsylvania including the floor of both Hersheypark Arena and the Giant Center for basketball playoff games.

Seeing my byline in the weekly Press & Journals took some getting used to, and I was thankful for the opportunities that came my way. I was also thankful that I had paid attention to English classes during my 12 years of

education, because that knowledge proved to be invaluable as I progressed as a writer. A retired, well-known English teacher and college professor once asked me what my background was in writing. Needless to say he was surprised when I told him I had none. Fortunately, everything worked out all right.

I also want to thank the editors who I have worked for over the years. Thanks to them I was able to develop my own style of writing with little or no conflict from them as they accepted what I put down for print. I especially thank my current editor, Jason Maddux. Because of Jason, who entered some of my articles into the Pennsylvania Newsmedia Association annual press awards program, I was fortunate enough to win several awards for sports event coverage. I will cherish those awards forever.

I also want to thank the Middletown Area High School coaches whom I have met over the years. They have always welcomed me on campus as I poked around at practices and off-season workouts and into locker rooms after games. They have been great!

I have lived through and reported on championship seasons as the tradition of Blue Raider sports has thrived. I have also struggled with seasons that were not so good, but did my best to support the efforts of the young athletes involved. When seasons were not going well, criticism was the last thing those athletes needed to hear, and I based my writings with those thoughts in mind. I have always said that anyone who watches sports at any level will see players making mistakes, and I did not think it was fair to find fault with teenagers who were playing for the love of the game.

And, so, I place great value on the friends I have made and really appreciate the fact that young people who have been out of school for a few or for many years remember me and greet me when we meet. Again, priceless, comes to mind. And I thank them all for the memories that are imbedded in my aging mind. They have all contributed to a lifetime of writing that I have enjoyed tremendously.

Larry Etter has covered area sports for the Press & Journal for parts of six decades — the 1970s through 2020.

VINTAGE ADVERTISING from our archives



Subscriber sends a letter to The Journal (front page, July 5, 1930)

The following letter was sent to the Journal office by one who has been a subscriber since 1864:

Editor Journal, Middletown, Pa.
Dear Sir: I see in my paper this morning that it is due some time in July, so renew it. You will find one dollar in this letter. I wish to say to some of my friends that when they go away, just take the paper along; for they won't be in a hurry to get back for news. I left in 1864 and get all the news on a Monday morning.

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Halloween parade in jeopardy as Kiwanis no longer will run it

By Dan Miller
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If there is to be a Halloween parade in Middletown this year — and from then on — someone other than the Kiwanis Club of Middletown will have to do it.

Kiwanis has put on the parade for the last 66 years. Increasing responsibilities and costs associated with the parade, coupled with the declining and aging membership of Kiwanis in Middletown, mean that the club is no longer able to put on the event, Melody Wilson of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown told the Press & Journal on Friday.



Wilson

Word of Kiwanis no longer holding the parade was put out to borough council by Manager Ken Klinepeter during the May 19 meeting, after Klinepeter spoke with Wilson.

The main factor in the decision is increasing requirements for liability insurance that Kiwanis International has begun imposing on its member clubs for the events they put on, Wilson said.

For example, Kiwanis for the 2019 parade had to begin obtaining copies of liability insurance policies for every vehicle that was going to be in the parade, including all the fire trucks from all the participating fire departments.

These requirements have created “an expensive workload” that Kiwanis in Middletown can no longer bear, given its own membership challenges, according to Wilson.

Another factor is the need for more police presence during the parade, something also being driven by the increased liability requirements coming out of Ki-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Original Individual honor went to Jasmine Baker in the 66th Kiwanis Halloween Parade in Middletown last October.

wanis International.

“They were mandating police at every intersection point” throughout the parade. “We understand that’s not an expense the borough can have,” Wilson said, while adding she appreciated efforts Middletown police undertook last year to try and get assistance from other police departments in the area to help staff the parade.

Half of the current membership of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown is older than age 69, Wilson said. The entire club had just seven members as of February 2019, including Melody and her husband Marlin, Wilson told the Press & Journal at the time.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DAN MILLER

At the request of a Press & Journal photographer, Lewis Whittle of Middletown gestures to the grave of his uncle, William Howard Hunter, in the East Middletown Cemetery.

Whittle trying to get proper headstone for World War II vet uncle

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Dozens of African-American veterans from the Middletown area are buried in the East Middletown Cemetery along Iron Mine Road in Londonderry Township.

Some fought in the Civil War. Others fought in the nation’s other major conflicts since then, such as World Wars I and II, and the Vietnam War.

It’s easy to find the graves of most of these veterans. They are marked by a small U.S. flag, and

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William Howard Hunter’s grave is marked only by a small U.S. flag and a generic medallion noting he served in World War II.

Police policy: They investigate complaints against themselves

Interim chief says they are rare in writing, none have involved racism

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Citizen complaints against the Middletown Police Department are investigated by the department and not an outside agency such as Dauphin County or the state.

That’s a problem, says a borough resident who contends the department’s harassment is driving her to move out of Middletown.

What Quortnee Noon describes as a pattern of harassment against her by Middletown police led her to organize a protest march against racism that was held in the bor-

ough Saturday, June 13.

The march was also sparked by the May 25 death of George Floyd, whose death at the hands of Minneapolis police has led to a worldwide movement regarding police activity.

Following a request for comment from the Press & Journal regarding the Middletown Police Department’s process for receiving and handling citizen complaints, interim Chief Sgt. Dennis Mor-



Morris



Noon

ris provided the Press & Journal with a copy of a department internal affairs policy that spells out the process.

Complaints are to be handled and investigated internally, with action to be taken by the chief of police depending on the outcome of the probe. Internal investigations are to be completed within 30 days, although that can be extended by the chief in cases of “extenuating circumstances.”

Just one paragraph in the policy directly addresses the handling of complaints by an outside agency:

“Nothing in this general order shall restrict the chief of police from turning over any criminal investigation to an outside independent law enforcement agency and maintaining the administrative investigation within the department.”

The policy contains no language as to under what circumstances an outside agency must be brought in to investigate.

Morris in the email elaborated

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CORONAVIRUS 2020



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Gov. Tom Wolf bumps elbows with nursing staff at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center on June 24. Wolf and Department of Health Secretary Rachel Levine visited the center to thank staff for its fight against COVID-19. See story, page 10. See more photos at www.pressandjournal.com.

CASES EASE AT AREA NURSING HOMES

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Frey Village is also reporting no additional cases in the last week as of Monday evening, although staff are reporting one death over the weekend for a total of 10.

The Home had gone from mid-March until just after the Memorial Day weekend without any resident or Home staff member testing positive for the virus.

The first two positive cases of residents became known right after Memorial Day weekend. By early June the number of positive cases among all Home residents and staff had shot up to 35, and

five residents had died where COVID-19 had been identified as a “contributing factor” in their deaths, according to Vogel.

The sharp increase coincided with the Home beginning to follow guidelines for across the board “universal” testing that had been put out by the Department of Health.

Gov. Tom Wolf had announced May 12 that every resident and employee of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities would be tested each week. On June 8, Wolf issued a universal

testing order requiring all nursing homes complete initial baseline testing no later than July 24.

Before starting to follow the universal testing guidelines, Middletown Home had only been testing residents who showed symptoms of the virus, and then only on the advice of the resident’s physician.

Vogel had characterized the spike in positive test results starting around the Memorial Day weekend as “an outbreak” of the coronavirus at the Home.

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MASD nearing ‘re-entry plan’; iPads to play big role

By Dan Miller
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A “re-entry plan” for how students in Middletown Area School District are to be educated this fall with continuing concerns over the coronavirus is due to the school board for review and approval before the end of July, district Superintendent Lori Suski tells the Press & Journal.

Suski expects the plan to be before the board for consider-

ation during a special board meeting to be held during the week of July 20, Suski said in an email.

She said the district finished surveying parents for input into the plan June 22, and a survey to district staff went out last week.

Suski said she has also been



Suski

meeting with a parent advisory group, a teacher/staff advisory group, and her team of administrators “to seek their input on the many decisions that need to be made.”

“We are also consulting with our district physician” from the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and with the district solicitor, “to ensure that we are taking all reasonable precautions to keep students and staff safe” when classes resume

for the 2020-21 school year, Suski said. “We are also in the midst of writing the grant applications for the (federal) CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) and other funding that is being provided to school districts to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other necessary equipment to assist with COVID-19.”

Those grant applications were

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Nan & Pop's

Remember Wally and Pat Hulstine's locally famous nut rolls? Well the same family recipe from your favorite Christmas time tradition is coming back and will be here year round! Sign up at www.nanandpopsnutrolls.com to be alerted of the launch date!

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We'd like to thank each and every one of you for supporting The Middletown Home's Pumpkin Fests. Through previous event sponsorships and proceeds, we were able to further our mission of providing care and services for our dear residents who have exhausted their financial resources.

Although this year we won't be gathering in person, our residents continue to need your ongoing financial support. Together, we can sustain our charitable mission to the community—today and for many years to come. As a nonprofit, The Middletown Home offers a number ways you can support our mission by visiting www.middletownhome.org/give

This has been a challenging time for our residents, their families, our staff, and the community and we remain incredibly grateful for your kindness and spirit of generosity.

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Final Press & Journal column is surreal

Hello, folks! I have to say, I'm having a difficult time putting together this column. The last column, the last Press & Journal paper. What a shame, and a crime. This should not have happened.

I know many people are saying the same thing about their various situations, but this is so unfortunate and sad. But life continues.

Yet, still, I can't start this last column. I'm aware of the deadline. However, it seems so surreal. I'm so sorry ... for Joe and Louise, for Jason, and the many others who have made this paper possible. I can imagine everyone at the paper is experiencing disbelief and disappointment. My 20-year, every-week writing of a column has ended.

The Press & Journal is the little piece of Pennsylvania that followed us all the way to Florida. It will be very much missed. An era has ended.

As I turn the pages of my 20-year-old notebook, with my dates scribbled in it, I smile. There is so much recorded, so many memories. I am glad to have experienced it. I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my heart with so many of you throughout the years. I'm thankful for the people who worked so diligently at the P&J. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job! God bless and take care.

Birthdays

Katelyn Carnes of Lower Swatara Township observes her 24th cake day on Wednesday, July 1. Have a wonderful holiday week celebrating!

McKayla Tucker of Lower Swatara marks her sweet surprise 20th birthday on July 1. I hope your Wednesday is wonderful!

Happy birthday to **Samuel**

Turns Jr. of Middletown. His confetti-popping day is Wednesday, July 1. Enjoy!

Sarah Carson of Lower Swatara celebrates her special 22nd cake-and-ice cream day on July 1. Have a happy Wednesday.

Happy Friday birthday to **Dee Esterline** of Lower Swatara on July 3. Make your birthday sparkle and shine all weekend!

Dane Fahnestock of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Saturday, July 4! I hope it is loud and clear!

Happy brand new teener cupcake day to **Aaliyah Garfield** of Middletown on red, white and blue day ... Saturday, July 4.

Nathan Reese observes his patriotic 24th firecracker birthday on July 4. I hope it is sensational!

Best wishes and loud pops of joy to **Brad Strite** of Lower Swatara on his July Fourth happy birthday!

Wishing **Tim Carpenter** a big deal parade birthday on Saturday, July 4. May our celebration be everything wonderful!

Carl Stevenson of Middletown marks his final teener birthday Sunday, July 5. Happy 19th!

Hey, **Hannah Wilsbach** of Middletown! Have a marvelous 19th birthday on Monday, July 6.

Many blessings to sweet **Amelia Bishop** of Middletown as she turns a decade old on Monday, July 6! Enjoy being 10, Amelia!

Happy landmark 21st legal-eagle birthday to **Cole Golden** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, July 7. Congrats!

David Hurlock of Lower Swatara celebrates his terrific, big-deal 60th balloon-flying day Tuesday, July 7. Yay for Dave!

Happy double-nickel birthday to **Gary Klock** of Lower Swatara who observes his 55th cake day on Tuesday, July 7. God bless you, Gary Lee!

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to **Joe and Norma Mateer** of Lower Swatara Township on Saturday, July 4. Hoping your day is full of joy as you celebrate your 40th! Gift ideas: rubies, gladiolus and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate!

Best wishes to **Scott and Suzanne Hile** as they celebrate their day on July 9.

Rick and Michelle Berrones observe 22 years together on July 11. Enjoy!

Happy 39th anniversary to **Bob and Becky Wierman** on July 25. I miss seeing you two!

Dale and Julie Reigle celebrate 39 years of wedded bliss on July 25. Congrats!

Happy big-deal 50th anniversary to **Ed and Mary Hawk** on July 25. Wow!

Honors at Iowa State

Garrett Dexter Little, a junior agricultural engineering major who graduated from Lower Dauphin High School, recently was named to the Iowa State University spring dean's list.

Hood College dean's list

The following students were named to the dean's list at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland,

for the spring semester.

Congratulations to **Derek Wyld**, a Lower Dauphin High School graduate, and **Matthew Schopf** and **Hannah Wilsbach**, Middletown Area High School graduates.

Saint Francis honors LD grads

Two Lower Dauphin High School graduates earned places on spring honors lists at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

- **Meghan Lathrop**, health science major, was named to the president's list.
- **Taylin Lehman**, biology major, was named to the dean's list.

Susquehanna dean's list

Recent Middletown Area High School graduates named to the dean's list at Susquehanna University include **Abby Yohn**, **Donovan Brady**, **Sarah Fluke** and **Alexandra Hernandez**.

LVC graduates and dean's list

Three Lower Dauphin High School graduates received their diplomas from Lebanon Valley College during its 151st commencement on May 9:

- **Kasey Dobson** received a bachelor of arts in music and graduated cum laude.
- **Reed Morris** received a bachelor of science in actuarial science and graduate cum laude.
- **Raeann Walquist** received a bachelor of arts in English and graduated magna cum laude.

Area students named to the LVC dean's list for the spring include Middletown Area High School graduates **Morgen Miller**, **Bryan Gower** and **Mason Garza** and Lower Dauphin graduates **Chiara Meyers**, **Nicole Ordille**, **Corey Knoll**, **Sierra Fields**, **Caitlyn Albert** and **Kasey Dobson**.

Middletown HACC graduates

Recent HACC graduates from Middletown include **Dylan Andrew**, police science; **Alexis Cleland**, social science; **Kelly Hall**, nursing; **Haden Landis**, police science; **Veronica Lefever**, electrical technology; **Keshia Punugula**, health care management; **Elisabeth Snody**, general studies; **Ashley Royer**, business; and **Katelin Wright**, nursing.

Acri earns master of fine arts

Lisa Acri of Middletown earned a master's degree of fine arts in creative writing from Arcadia University on May 15 in an online commencement.

Arcadia is located in Glenside.

Susquehanna choir on tour

Middletown Area High School graduate **Sarah Fluke** went on tour with the Susquehanna University Choir from March 6-12.

Fluke is a music major.

The choir is the flagship choral ensemble in the music department.

Congrats, Delsin

The Muhlenberg College Tri-Alpha Honor Society honors outstanding students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Members include **Delsin**

Mayne, a Lower Dauphin High School graduate.

Summer Chicken Salad

2 c. chicken (cooked, cubed)
20 oz. can of pineapple chunks
1 1/2 c. strawberries (halved)
1 c. green grapes
1 c. celery, chopped
Dressing:
Mayonnaise
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
Fresh ground pepper
Mix lightly chicken, pineapple, strawberries, grapes, celery. Mix mayonnaise, ginger and pepper. Mix dressing with chicken mixture and serve on lettuce topped with almonds (pecans or walnuts may be substituted).

Quote of the Week

"God is faithful, and he will not give up on us. Take your requests to Jesus. Ask him to teach you. He is always able and ready as long as we are willing. The teacher is always there, speaking deeply into our hearts, giving us the guidance we need."
— Jennifer Uecker, author.

Question of the Week

What are your thoughts about saying goodbye to the Press & Journal?

"It's so sad to hear that such a major part of Middletown is closing down. I always enjoyed looking at the pictures from local events." — **Janelle Dukes**, Lower Swatara Township.

"My initial thought is that I've been getting asked these random questions by you for probably close to 15 years now (it's been 20, Dave), and I am very upset that this won't be happening for much longer. Pretty shocking." — **David Rothrock**, Rutherford.

"It's crazy. I feel bad for them, after so many years." — **Denise Giulivo**, Harrisburg.

"Sorry to see a historic local newspaper end, that gave valuable information and enjoyable past times for many." — **Sue Lawruk**, Lower Swatara.

"I will definitely miss it. Bill Darrah's amazing photographs and Larry Etter's articles gave many kids permanent memories of their high school glory days. I have many scrapbooks with all the articles of Mike and Aaron's high school activities and achievements. Also, journalists are defenders of democracy. Who is going to be looking over the shoulders of borough, township and school board elected officials and holding them accountable to the voters? This is something everyone should be concerned about." — **Terry Lupia**, Lower Swatara.

"Very sad. You guys did a great job keeping up with the local information. You will be missed." — **Megan Danilowicz**, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring (27:1).

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

LDHS seniors receive monthly honors

Two Lower Dauphin High School seniors recently received monthly honors.

Madison Miduri is the Hummelstown Rotary Club's Student of the Month for May.

The daughter of Michelle Miduri, she is a four-year member of the choir, fall play and spring musical, where she was Paulette in this spring's production of "Legally Blonde."

She participates in her church's praise band and dances at McCann's School of Dance. She also sings the National Anthem at various school and community events.

She will attend Arcadia University with the goal of working in

trauma/emergency medicine.

Olivia Meyers is the Hummelstown Women's Club's Young Woman of the Month for May.

The daughter of Diana Meyers, she is a four-year member of the choir, orchestra, fall play and spring musical, where she was Brooke in this spring's production of "Legally Blonde" and also served as dance captain. She is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, National English

Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Math Honor Society.

She has danced at Susquehanna Dance Academy for 11 years and has been a competitive gymnast for Artistic Sports Academy Plus (ASAP) for 10 years.

She will attend Penn State University at University Park and major in wildlife science. She hopes to participate in club gymnastics, choir, orchestra and dance.



Miduri



Meyers

MASD shutting down alternative education program for 2020-21

By Laura Hayes
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Middletown Area School District is closing its alternative education program, the Middletown Academy, next school year.

The academy opened in the 2017-2018 school year for students in grades 6 through 12. Most of the students had behavioral issues, which MASD Superintendent Lori Suski said resulted in them being excluded from school to some degree. Disciplinary measures such as in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension weren't successful, she said.

The closure stems from a settlement agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Department of Justice, according to Suski. Districts such as MASD are not allowed to house their own alternative education program not approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

"To have a PDE-approved program, there are several hoops that we would have to jump through that are not the same as the program that we currently have in place for the last three years," Suski said during a May 5 school board meeting.

The academy is in a classroom in the rear of MAHS, and there can be up to 14 kids in the program, Suski said in an email.

The district started the Middletown Academy to try to decrease the number of students who were being placed in out-of-district alternative education programs. Suski said placing students in those settings can be expensive.

Some are in the academy because classrooms with 20 to 25 students overwhelmed them or caused anxiety and stress for mental health, learning or behavioral reasons, Suski said.

Suski said students in the program who had been expelled weren't expelled for being considered a risk to the safety of students, such as possessing a weapon or making threats.

MASD was successful in reducing the number of students going into out-of-district programs, although some students were still being placed elsewhere depending on their violation.

In its first year, there were 11 to 14 kids in the program for most of the year, but Suski said that number has decreased.

"Those students who have been in the program have benefitted from the strong relationships built with the staff who run the program," Suski said.

Many of the students did better in a smaller setting, Suski said.

She credited the work of Principal Earl Bright IV, the school psychologist and social worker, and paraprofessionals.

"Sometimes one caring adult is all it takes to make a significant change in a kid's attitude about school and self-efficacy. For that reason alone, I am sad to see the program dissolve. Watching some of those kids walk across the stage and graduate last year was edifying for Mr. Bright and me. Without the program, some of them would have struggled to finish high school."

The smaller setting with more support is often what these students needed in order to be more successful, Suski said.

"Parents welcomed this approach in lieu of their child being placed in programs outside the district as most of those involved a bus ride to and from Shiremanstown or as far as Carlisle daily," she said.

Bright, previously the principal of Reid Elementary School, will take on other administrative duties for the district, she said.

"Mr. Bright has always been willing to take on any new challenge presented to him, which is why he was tapped to start our alternative program a few years ago," Suski said. "He did a great job with it, and many kids flourished in the program due to his belief in them."

How does it work?

Students arrived at the Middletown Academy using separate transportation and through a separate entrance.

According to Suski, the students' instruction is delivered online through the cyber platform Edison Learning that

MASD purchases through the Capital Area Online Learning Association.

In addition to an online teacher, core subject teachers rotate to help the students for one period a day in person. Lunch is eaten in classrooms. Students are supervised when they use the restrooms.

Court case

According to the settlement agreement, the Department of Justice was investigating complaints into the state Department of Education's policies and practices related to oversight and approval of Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Programs.

The agreement said there were allegations that students were referred to these programs "on the basis of disability and denying equal opportunities to access and participate in equal educational experiences," and local educational agencies were also failing to give language services to English learners in the programs.

Suski said the district learned about the decision in a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Education in December that stated that all programs that weren't approved by the department had to conclude at the end of the year as part of the agreement.

Krystal Palmer, the MASD director of special education, and Bright told parents about the decision during IEP (short for individualized education program) meetings or in other programming talks starting in January, Suski said.

"With the pandemic, some of that notification had not even occurred yet as most of those meetings were scheduled to be held in the late spring," Suski said.

According to Suski, to be a PDE-approved program, a number of regulations have to be followed, such as providing two hours a week of counseling to each student by a school counselor or other mental health professional. PDE also requires that a student couldn't spend more than 45 days in an alternative setting, and if they met their goal when they were placed, they were expected to return to general education.

Also, the district wouldn't be allowed to use online courses.

"With the sheer number of certifications required at the secondary level for science alone (i.e. biology, chemistry, physics, general, etc.), we could not afford to program for direct instruction of such a small number of students using existing staff other than in a supportive capacity," Suski said.

A non-PDE program gives the district more flexibility on how it is operated, although the district still had to report how the program was structured, how students were educated, and enrollment, Suski said.

What happens next?

Some, but not all, of the Middletown Academy students will return to MAMS or MAHS, depending on the length of expulsion or circumstances that got them into the program, Suski said.

Some might go to River Rock Academy, which offers alternative education services, or Yellow Breeches Educational Center, a private academic school. Both have several locations.

The students also could opt for the Raider Academy Cyber Program, Middletown's full-time online program. However, Suski said many parents don't prefer to go that route unless they can supervise the student at home.

Suski said about 90 students take courses online through the Raider Academy.

The school board and administrators have been talking about bringing a program to the district through Effective Schools Solutions, which would work with the type of students who attend the Middletown Academy, Suski said during the May 5 board meeting.

The school board approved June 1 an agreement with Effective School Solutions to provide its services at MAMS for a cohort of up to 10 students. The \$170,000 agreement will cover the cost of a full-time mental health clinician, administrative support, a professional development day and eight days of coaching.

OBITUARIES



Nancy Ruth Frey Longenecker

LANCASTER

Nancy Ruth Frey Longenecker, long-time resident of Mennonite Home Communities, Lancaster, Pa., went to her home in Heaven where she met her Lord and Savior on June 27, 2020. Nancy was the daughter of Fannie Shank Daveler Frey and Elias Trout Frey, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on October 25, 1930. She was the wife of Henry Z. Longenecker, married for 38 years.

Nancy's family lived on a large farm near Elizabethtown, Pa., where everyone worked hard. Nancy is predeceased by her parents and siblings: Dorothy, Paul, Harold, Mary, Martin, Ralph, Elias Jr., Claude, and Earl. She is survived by siblings: Erma Metzler Betz Schnabel, Wilbur Frey, and Lois Frey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Elizabethtown High School, Nancy worked at Aunt Sally's Kitchen. She managed the dining service for Philhaven Hospital for a number of years, meeting the dietary needs of the patients. She also taught Bible School in Alabama, and Steelton Mission, Steelton, Pa. Her love of Jesus Christ took her into many places of service. She treasured God's word and shared it with everyone she met.

On April 8, 1967, Nancy married Henry Z. Longenecker. Together they attended Steelton Mennonite Church, teaching Sunday school, relating to many in the community, and joyously serving the Lord together. Leading a Bible study at the Dauphin Manor Home every Tuesday afternoon was a particular ministry of blessing to the residents. She accompanied Henry on the piano while he led songs.

During these years, Nancy also worked at the Spring Glen stand in the Kline Village Farmer's Market. Nancy's sewing expertise brought many persons to her for alterations of clothing and new creations. She made her own wedding dress and Gloria's wedding dress in the same year. Later, she also made the wedding dresses of two granddaughters, Elaine and Tina.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband, Henry Longenecker, in January 2005, and stepdaughter, Elaine M. Clymer in April 2015. She is survived by stepdaughters: Marian (James, deceased) Burkholder, Carolyn (Lowell) Horst, Gloria (Galen) Lehman, and Nancy Pellegrini. Eleven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren also survive.

Having lived formerly in Middletown, Nancy moved to Woodcrest Villas, Lancaster, in 2002, and enjoyed living in this community where she volunteered in many ways.

In accordance with Nancy's request, her body is donated for scientific research. A memorial service of thanksgiving for Nancy's life will be held as soon as circumstances allow.

Arrangements are being handled by DeBord Snyder Funeral Home.

See the full obituary at www.DeBordSnyder.com.



Edward J. Drayer

MIDDLETOWN

Edward J. Drayer, 91, of Middletown PA died on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

He was born in Middletown on July 7, 1928 to late John and Dorothy (Snively) Drayer.

Patricia (Goslin) Drayer, his wife of 65 years and his sister Louise and brothers Donald and Dean preceded him in death. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ed was a Korean War veteran, and served in the Army as an Aircraft Mechanic. He continued his career as an Aircraft Mechanic at the Olmsted Air Force Base, and later at New Cumberland Army Depot. He was a member of the American Legion.

Ed spent much of his life on the river, both as a child and as an adult. He liked gardening and working projects at his home and his river cabin.

Services will be private.



Marion Irene Gelata

MIDDLETOWN

Marion Irene Gelata, 81, of Middletown entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 22, 2020 at Spring Creek Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

To read the full obituary and to leave online condolences please visit www.matinchekfuneralhome.com



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CASES: Guidelines set for visits to nursing homes

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As of Monday, Vogel said the Home has two nursing home residents still positive for COVID-19. The rest have all been “cleared” of the virus, he said. Otherwise, the Home has one resident in its personal care wing and one resident in independent living who have tested positive, and are sheltering in-place in their apartments.

All Home residents who have tested negative for the virus continue to be re-tested every week.

To date, 11 Home residents have died in cases in which COVID-19 has been identified as a contributing factor, according to Vogel.

Among staff who work at the Home, seven are currently positive for the coronavirus. All staff who previously tested positive have been cleared and have returned to work following guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

All staff who have tested negative for the virus are also being retested weekly, Vogel said.

At Frey Village, which is run by Diakon Senior Services, there are 33 active cases of COVID-19 among residents, according to Bill Swanger, senior vice president for corporate communications and public relations.

“However many of those residents are asymptomatic and two are now considered recovered, based on CDC guidelines. We

should have many more residents shortly who will be considered recovered based on the same guidelines,” Swanger said.

According to Diakon’s website, cases are in Frey’s skilled nursing facility and memory care center.

One week ago, Diakon reported 35 active COVID-19 cases in residents. The week prior, the total was 26, and the week before it was 2.

A total of 19 staff members have tested positive for the virus, and 10 staff members are self-quarantining and not at Frey.

Swanger said all but one of the recovered staff members have returned back to work.

A week ago, Frey reported 16 active cases in staff members.

Reopening plans

On Saturday, the state Department of Health and the state Department of Human Services released prerequisites for long-term care facilities to meet before starting to reopen for visitors.

The facilities, which have to be in either the green or yellow phase, must develop and post a plan specifying how reopening requirements will be met; administer and complete baseline COVID-19 testing; develop visitation plans; develop plans to isolate or cohort residents who test positive; create screening protocols for staff, residents and anyone entering; and have adequate staffing and PPE.

Once these are met, the care

facility can enter a three-step reopening process: step one, no new resident or staff cases or spread within the facility for 14 days; step two, maintain no new cases or spread for another 14 days; and step three, operate as outlined for the rest of Gov. Tom Wolf’s disaster declaration as long as there are no new cases.

In a press release, Diakon said it is working to ensure that its plans for a phased reopening meet state guidelines and their commitment to everyone’s wellbeing.

“While we understand family members are looking forward to seeing loved ones in our nursing care and personal care centers, our ultimate responsibility is to the health of those residents and our staff members,” Diakon said.

As part of its plans to begin reopening, the Home has scheduled appointments with all of its families to begin visiting this week.

Family members will have to practice social distancing and wear face masks during these visits, which are to be held in one of the Home’s outside pavilions.

The Home has also invited family members to come at 6 p.m. July 2 for a meeting in the outside pavilion “to share questions and concerns” and to discuss “safely” reconnecting with the Home and its residents, Vogel said.

Social distancing will be practiced, and those attending will be required to wear face masks.

Coronavirus cases in 17057 ZIP code level off; 6,649 have died statewide

The Pennsylvania Department of Health confirmed 618 additional positive cases of COVID-19 Tuesday, bringing the statewide total to 86,606 in all 67 counties.

The state reported 35 new deaths Tuesday, for 6,649 total. Statewide, there have been 677,581 negative tests.

The number of coronavirus cases in the 17057 ZIP code has leveled significantly after several weeks of steady increases. The Department of Health reported 163 confirmed cases and 6 probable on Tuesday, an increase from 158 confirmed and 5 probable the previous Tuesday, June 23.

Dauphin County has 2,045 total cases (1,987 confirmed and 58 probable) and 133 deaths total. Of Dauphin County’s deaths, 120 have been in long-term-care facilities. It has 9 facilities reporting cases, with 570 resident cases and 140 employee cases.

Lancaster County reported 357 deaths Tuesday. It has 4,442 cases (4,349 confirmed and 93 probable).

Cumberland County reported 64 deaths total. The county has 852 cases (815 confirmed and 37 probable).

York County reported 48 deaths. It has 1,515 cases (1,461 confirmed and 54 probable).

Lebanon County’s death total is 43. It has 1,342 cases (1,284 confirmed and 58 probable).

The Department of Health reports 78 percent of those who tested positive have recovered.

Statewide, in nursing and personal care homes, there are 17,735 resident cases of COVID-19, and 3,261 cases among employees, for a total of 20,996 cases at 692 facilities in 52 counties. Out of the total deaths, 4,539 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities—68.3 percent.

CHURCHNEWS

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If you would like to provide a monetary donation for the Middletown Food Pantry, the Care-a-Van or the Middletown Interfaith Human Needs fund, that would be greatly appreciated. You can send a check, specifying which program, to Middletown Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 207, Middletown, PA 17057

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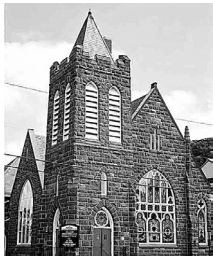
of God’s healing power, to share compassion with all people, to be care giving shepherds, to show mercy and Christ’s forgiveness, to lift the fallen and to catch the falling, to work for and maintain right relationships with all and to invite, welcome, and affirm all people to join in the life giving dance of Holy Trinity. To join because there is, in God’s love, an honored place for each and every person.

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.

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Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown is located at 290 N. Union St. in downtown Middletown.

So What Do We Do? This virus is forcing us to think outside the box regarding the Church. I mean literally outside the “box” of the sanctuary. Fortunately, there are plenty of options that technology provides for us to still worship in Spirit even if we’re not together bodily.

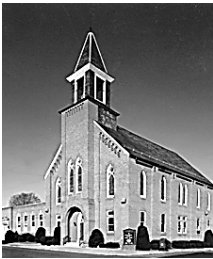
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God Bless you with grace and peace.

VETERAN: Small stone only marker for African-American WWII vet

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by a headstone that the Veterans Administration provides for free to the next of kin of veterans who are honorably discharged.

But look for the grave of William Howard Hunter, a Middletown native who served in World War II in North Africa, and you can’t find it without the help of Hunter’s nephew, Lewis Whittle, who is caretaker of the cemetery, and among a small group of volunteers who keep the cemetery going.

Whittle knows where Hunter is buried, because he buried him there when Hunter died in April 1991 at age 75.

But all Whittle has to mark the spot is a small American flag placed in a flag holder, next to a marker in the ground about the size of a compact disc.

The marker is a generic small stone that simply indicates that the person buried there served in World War II. There’s no name or dates of service for the person. The stone is too small for that.

You can’t see what’s on the stone from a distance. You have to be standing on top of it to even see that the person served in the war.

Whittle has been trying to change that for the last five years. He wants the VA to provide Hunter with the standard military headstone to which Whittle believes his uncle is entitled.

It seems like a simple thing, cut and dry, but in this case, it’s anything but.

Whittle has been unable to track down a copy of the official record that would document Hunter’s military service and that he was honorably discharged, referred to as a DD 214. That record would have been kept at the U.S. military’s National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

According to an undated letter Whittle received from the center, the center has no records of William Howard Hunter’s military service, most likely due to a fire that took place at the center July 12, 1973.

The fire destroyed 80 percent of the records for soldiers discharged from the U.S. Army between Nov. 1, 1912, and Jan. 1, 1960, according to information about the fire posted on the center’s website.

Hunter was discharged on Oct. 26, 1945, according to Whittle.

The center website describes a process by which the center can reconstruct the records for a soldier whose original records were destroyed in the fire.

But here’s the rub, perhaps even a bigger challenge to Whittle than not having a copy of Hunter’s DD 214 — only a soldier’s next of kin can request those records, according to an email Whittle received from a center customer service representative in November 2019.

Next of kin means spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter, according to the email.

Whittle isn’t any of those. All the people Whittle knows who would qualify as Hunter’s next of kin are dead — with the possible exception of a woman who lives in Slidell, Louisiana.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Left to right are William Howard Hunter; Edith Hunter (Hunter’s wife), Leon Hunter; and Amanda Hunter.

William and Edith Hunter had no children of their own, but raised Sarah Price as their own daughter, Whittle said.

However, Whittle doesn’t know for certain that the Hunters ever formally adopted her, and he is unaware of any documentation attesting to that.

But when Hunter died in 1991, Whittle said he was able to track down Sarah — with the help of a Louisiana State Police officer.

She came up and was able to receive proceeds from Hunter’s estate and from his insurance policy, suggesting she may indeed qualify as Hunter’s next of kin.

But Whittle said he hasn’t been able to obtain any of Hunter’s military records from the woman, such as the copy of his honorable discharge that would satisfy the VA’s requirements for providing the free headstone.

Whittle acknowledges the woman could be the key to getting the VA to provide the headstone, if she qualifies as Hunter’s next of kin. But Whittle at this point said he doesn’t even know where she is, and his efforts so far to track her down again have come to nothing.

That leaves Whittle back to square one — not being Hunter’s next of kin, but being the only family member left who cares enough to get a headstone for his uncle.

Whittle doesn’t know much about his uncle’s time in the military. From records Whittle has obtained through state archives, Hunter enlisted in the Army in April 1941.

His time in North Africa during the war dates from May 1943. The records Whittle has been able to obtain don’t say how long Hunter was overseas before he was discharged in October 1945.

Whittle doesn’t know exactly where in North Africa that Hunter served or even what his job was. The family photo that Whittle has of Hunter shows him in uniform and holding the rank of E-7 sergeant first class — just two rungs below E-9, which is the highest enlisted rank a U.S. Army soldier can attain.

“He moved up in rank pretty quickly,” said Whittle, himself a veteran from 1966 to 1970 who served in Vietnam. “So whatever he did, he must have known his job.”

Hunter had five other brothers and sisters, among them George Hunter, who also served dur-

ing World War II. A sergeant in an engineer battalion who was discharged in December 1944, George Hunter is also buried in East Middletown Cemetery.

After leaving the military, William Howard Hunter worked as a mail clerk at Olmsted Air Force Base. After Olmsted closed in the late 1960s, Hunter transferred to New Cumberland Army Depot, from where he retired.

Hunter and Edith lived on North 13th Street in Harrisburg.

“He was a pretty nice guy,” Whittle recalls of his uncle. “He frequented the VFW or the Legion when he came to (Middletown).”

Whittle said that the staff of state Rep. Tom Mehafee, R-Lower Swatara Township, helped him obtain what records of Hunter’s service Whittle has been able to get through the state archives.

He’s also worked with Dauphin County Veterans Affairs Director Tony DiFrancesco.

DiFrancesco in an email said his office tried to help Whittle by sending his information to the VA’s National Cemetery division, and by setting Whittle up with a representative of the VA.

“I believe that he had the appropriate documents to apply and receive a headstone, although the request is past the two year date of death deadline. As of this time, I have not heard any more about the claim,” DiFrancesco said.

Whittle said he has not reached out to federal elected officials such as U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, or U.S. Sens. Robert Casey and Pat Toomey.

Whittle sees his obligation to getting a headstone for his uncle as part of a broader obligation he owes to all veterans buried in the East Middletown Cemetery.

“I do this because I’m a veteran. I’m taking care of everybody out here but I do it because I feel obligated. I was obligated to this country, to serve my country as best I knew how in 1966 when I left high school and got out in 1970, and this is what I do.”

The cemetery dates to 1927, when a group of residents purchased the land in Londonderry Township because black people could not be buried in Middletown Cemetery on North Union Street.

The cemetery has two tracts, one known as “A” being the smaller graveyard along Route 230 next to Star-Lite Motel, and “B,” the larger tract along Iron Mine Road where

Hunter is buried, along with many other members of Lew Whittle’s family.

The graveyard along 230 was condemned because it is in a flood plain and no one has been buried there since 1950, Whittle said.

A little more than 10 years ago, a few women who were in charge of both tracts approached Whittle to ask if he would help maintain the cemetery. Whittle has been at it ever since, along with a group of fellow volunteers, all men who grew up with Whittle in the same Middletown neighborhood.

Whittle rattled off their names — Vance Reeves, Lew’s brother Barry Whittle, Franklin Gantz, Darnell Nolen and Ronald Anderson. Lew is the youngest of the group. He’ll be 72 in August.

“I call them a few good guys,” he said. “Some of them served in the military. Others have not, but they sacrifice their time to come out and do whatever needs to be done,” like mowing the grass once a week from April through early November.

They also assist with the burials. There have been three so far this year after two in 2019. The Iron Mine graveyard has plenty of room for more plots to sell.

The cemetery relies on donations from relatives. Middletown VFW Post 1620 has been very gracious in its donations over the past several years, Whittle said.

His biggest fear is that the time is coming soon when he and the others will no longer be able to take care of the cemetery. It isn’t just about finding someone to cut the grass.

“Right now I’m the only individual who knows this cemetery, who owns what, the plots where people are to be placed at burial. Unless somebody steps up and decides to come in and get inside my head and understand what I understand, to be able to come out and do what I do — if that doesn’t happen, like so many other cemeteries, they go by the wayside,” Whittle said.

Along with that, a great deal of history and heritage will be lost.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES

NOTE: THIS IS THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

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10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835
www.calvaryopc.com

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
“Love God, Love People, Make Disciples”
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown
(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)
Phone 717-939-0766
BRAD GILBERT, Pastor
www.ebenezerumc.net

Evangelical United Methodist Church
Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown
717-944-6181
Church office open Mon-Fri 9 to noon

Geyers United Methodist Church
1605 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown
717-944-6426
PASTOR STEVAN ATANASSOFF

New Beginnings Church

at the Riverside Chapel
630 S. Union St., Middletown, 717-388-1641
PASTOR BRITT STROHECKER

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown

Union & Water Sts., Middletown, 717-944-4322
Audio Worship Service: pcmdt.org/worship.mp3

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

121 N. Spring Street, Middletown
Church Office 717-944-4651
REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor
Live broadcast on WMSS Sunday 11 am

Seven Sorrows BVM Parish

280 North Race St., Middletown
Parish Office 717-944-3133
REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor

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64 Ann Street, Middletown
PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS
Phone 717-944-6242

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SHERIFF SALE!

By virtue of certain writ of Execution issued out of the Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court of Dauphin County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at Public Sale or Outcry, at the Dauphin County Administration Building in the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa., on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., the following real estate, to wit:

SALE NO. 1 PETER WAPNER Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$123,234.34

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete monument located on the northern legal right-of-way line of East Second Street, said point being 902.01 feet east of the northeast corner of East Second Street and North Water Street; said point also being located at the Southeast corner of lands now or formerly of Alec E. Matinchek; thence along lands now or formerly of Alec E. Matinchek, North 02 degrees 15 minutes East, 156.46 feet to a concrete monument located at lands now or formerly of the Reading Railroad; thence along lands now or formerly of the Reading Railroad, North 84 degrees 20 minutes East, 47.45 feet to a point on the dividing line between Lots 12-A and 13-A as set forth on the hereinafter mentioned Plan of Lots; thence along said dividing line, South 02 degrees 15 minutes West, 163 feet to a point on the northern legal right-of-way line of East Second Street, thence along the northern legal right-of-way line of East Second Street, North 37 degrees 45 minutes West, 47 feet to a point, being the place of BEGINNING.

HAVING THEREON ERECTED a single family ranch dwelling house being known and numbered as 246 East Second Street, Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. BEING LOT 12-A as set forth on the Final Subdivision Plan for Frank J. Antonicelli, prepared by William B. Whitlock, Registered Professional Engineer, dated July 21, 1975 and recorded in Dauphin County Plan Book "W", Volume 2, Page 22. BEING designated as Tax Parcel No. 31-021-004.

Property Derivation: TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN Jacob B. Monn, a single man, by Deed from Jacob B. Monn and Brooke A. Pennington, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, Dated 08/18/2009, Recorded 11/03/2009, Instrument No. 200900306569.

Tax Parcel: 31-021-004-000-0000.

Premises Being: 246 EAST 2ND STREET, HUMMELSTOWN, PA 17036-1701.

Seized and sold as the property of Jacob B. Monn under judgment # 2019-CV-08895.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 2
DANIEL R. JAMESON
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$101,532.15

ALL THAT certain lot or piece of land situate in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on the east side of Prince Street at the northern line of Lot No. 187 on the Plan of Lots known as Family Garden Plots, as laid out by the Family Company and recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds in and for Dauphin County, thence in an easterly direction along said lot line 120 feet to the west side of a 20 foot wide alley; thence northwardly along the west side of said alley 50 feet to the center line of Lot No. 184; thence in a westerly direction along the center line of Lot No. 184 a distance of 120 feet to the eastern line of Prince Street, thence along the eastern line of Prince Street in a southerly direction a distance of 50 feet to the northern line of Lot No. 187 or place of BEGINNING. BEING all of Lots Nos. 186 (erroneously identified as Lot 187 in the prior deed), 185 and the southern one-half of Lot No. 184 on Plan of Lots known as Family Garden Plots, as laid out by the Family Company, said plan being recorded in the Recorder's Office in and for Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book "G", page 31. BEING known as 121 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA. BEING the same premises that Thelma Ramper Fox, individually, and Thelma Ramper Foax and Joseph Fox, husband and wife, by Deed dated June 13, 2018 and recorded on June 14, 2018 in the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds Office at Instrument No. 20180014528, granted and conveyed unto James Shipley and Jennifer Shipley, husband and wife.

Seized and sold as the property of James Shipley

and Jennifer Shipley under judgment # 2019-CV-5248. Tax Parcel No.: 35-052-230. Property Address: 121 Prince Street, HBG., PA 17109.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 3 JUSTIN F. KOBESKI Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$351,568.72

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Lower Paxton, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

ALL that certain lot or piece of land situate in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, known as Lot No. 1 of a Final Subdivision Plan, Phase I, of The Estates of Forest Hills, as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book "Z", Volume "6", Page "28", more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the western right-of-way line of Forest Lane, said point also being the southeast corner of Lot 2; Then along the western right-of-way line of Forest Lane a curve to the right having a radius of 250.00 feet with an arc length of 6.25 feet to a point; Then continuing along the western right-of-way line of Forest Lane, South 05 degrees 40 minutes 55 seconds West 92.77 feet to a point; Then along the dividing line between Lot 157 and Lot 1, North 84 degrees 19 minutes 05 seconds West 210.00 feet to a point, then continuing along the dividing line between Lot 157 and Lot 1, North 05 degrees 40 minutes 55 seconds East 99.02 feet to a point; Then along the dividing line between Lot 2 and Lot 1, South 84 degrees 19 minutes 05 seconds East 209.92 feet to a point, the place of beginning.

Containing approximately 20,793 square feet, more or less. BEING known and numbered as 2292 Forest Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17112. WITH all improvements erected thereon. Parcel No.: 35-127-001-000-0000.

Being the same property conveyed to Dwayne A. Hunt and Raselette A. Hunt, husband and wife, who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Duane R. Lentz and Luanne A. Lentz, husband and wife, dated January 17, 2013, recorded January 24, 2013, at Instrument Number 20130002633, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

UNDER AND SUBJECT to and together with easements, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, right of way, covenants and conditions as contained in prior instruments of record. SEIZED AND TAKEN in execution as the property of Dwayne A. Hunt and Raselette A. Hunt, husband and wife, Mortgageors herein, under Judgment No. 2019CV7964MF.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 5
PETER WAPNER
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$82,679.38

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground, with the improvements thereon erected, situate in the Tenth Ward of the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Jefferson and Emerald Streets; thence Southwardly by the Eastern line of Jefferson Street, 16 feet 6 inches to the center of a stone and brick dividing wall; thence Eastwardly by the center line of said wall and beyond, 100 feet to a 10 feet wide alley; thence Northwardly by the Western line of said alley 16 feet and 6 inches to Emerald Street; and thence Westwardly by the Southern line of Emerald Street, 100 feet to the place of BEGINNING.

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN ANNETTE JONES-WILLIAMS, by Deed from GERALD C. PARR and DONNA T. PARR, h/w, Dated 08/11/1997, Recorded 08/14/1997, in Book 2911, Page 277. Tax Parcel: 10-011-020-000-0000.

Premises Being: 2263 JEFFERSON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17110-2441. Seized and sold as the property of Annette Jones-Williams under judgment # 2019-CV-06798.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 6
JUSTIN F. KOBESKI
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$87,139.33

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Upper Paxton, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Township of Upper Paxton, County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot and Lot No. 14;

Thence South along the line of Lot No. 14, one hundred sixty-five (165') feet to a twenty (20') foot alley; Thence West along the north side of said alley forty (40') feet to Lot No. 12; Thence North along the line of Lot No. 12, one hundred sixty-five (165') feet to the State Highway;

Thence East along the south side of said State Highway forty (40') feet to Lot No. 14 or the place of Beginning. The aforesaid lot being numbered as Lot No. 13 in a Plan of Lots as laid out by S.W. Cooper, Surveyor, on September 25, 1928, for John B. Seiler. Said Plan being recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, in Plan Book J, Page 40.

Subject to the restriction that no building or dwelling shall be erected within twenty (20') feet of the front or northern boundary line, and no single dwelling shall be erected thereon costing less than two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars and no double dwelling costing less than three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) dollars.

SALE NO. 6 JUSTIN F. KOBESKI Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$87,139.33

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Upper Paxton, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in the Township of Upper Paxton, County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot and Lot No. 14;

Thence South along the line of Lot No. 14, one hundred sixty-five (165') feet to a twenty (20') foot alley; Thence West along the north side of said alley forty (40') feet to Lot No. 12; Thence North along the line of Lot No. 12, one hundred sixty-five (165') feet to the State Highway;

Thence East along the south side of said State Highway forty (40') feet to Lot No. 14 or the place of Beginning.

The aforesaid lot being numbered as Lot No. 13 in a Plan of Lots as laid out by S.W. Cooper, Surveyor, on September 25, 1928, for John B. Seiler. Said Plan being recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, in Plan Book J, Page 40.

Subject to the restriction that no building or dwelling shall be erected within twenty (20') feet of the front or northern boundary line, and no single dwelling shall be erected thereon costing less than two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars and no double dwelling costing less than three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) dollars.

BEING known and numbered as 984 State Route 209, Millersburg, PA 17061.

WITH all improvements erected thereon.

Parcel No.: 65-033-180-000-0000. Being the same property conveyed to Mark E. Lenker and Heather M. Lenker, husband and wife who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Ernest K. Wertz and Shirley M. Gale, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Kay H. Wertz, deceased, dated October 25, 2010, recorded November 2, 2010, at Instrument Number 20100032345, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

UNDER AND SUBJECT to and together with easements, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, right of way, covenants and conditions as contained in prior instruments of record.

SEIZED AND TAKEN in execution as the property of Mark E. Lenker and Heather M. Lenker, husband and wife, Mortgageors herein, under Judgment No. 2019-CV-09396-MF.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 7
JAMES BUCK
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$71,779.23

The land referred to in this Commitment is described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece or parcel of land, situate in Swatara Township, County of Dauphin, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southern side of Rutherford Street, 283.11 feet West of the monument erected at the intersection of the lot line along Lenker Street (projected) and the lot line along Rutherford Street (projected) at the division line between Lots 122 and 121; thence southwardly at right angles to Rutherford Street and passing through the partition wall between the house erected on the premises herein described and the premises adjoining on the West, and beyond 127 feet to a point; thence eastwardly at an angle of 81 degrees 36 minutes to the last described line 35.32 feet to the division line between Lots 121 and 120; thence northwardly along said division line at right angles to Rutherford Street, 121.80 feet to Rutherford Street; thence westwardly along the southern line of Rutherford Street, 34.94 feet to a point, the place of BEGINNING.

BEING Lot No. 121 on revised Plan of Harrisburg Estates, Inc., which plan is presently recorded.

HAVING thereon erected a two-story dwelling known as 3747 Rutherford Street, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 3747 Rutherford Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

PARCEL ID: 63-006-047-000-0000.

BEING the same premises which Amy K. Payne, a single individual by Deed dated February 28, 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Dauphin County on March 12, 2007 at Book/Page or Instrument # 20070009615 granted and conveyed unto Wayne Woodward, a single individual.

Seized and sold as the property of Wayne Woodward a/k/a W. Woodward under judgment # 2019-CV-10106.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and

claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 8 EDWARD J. MCKEE Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$190,138.21

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Lower Paxton, County of Dauphin and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bordered on the North by Laurel Lane, said Lane being shown on Plan of Penn-Wood, Addition #5, as recorded by the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds in Plan Book Q, at Page 48, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Southern side of Laurel Lane and the Eastern line of land now or late of David Stouffer; thence with said Stouffer land in a Southerly direction line, at right angles to Laurel Lane, eighty-three and seventeen hundredths (83.17) feet to a point and land now or late of Paul Wright; thence in an Easterly direction a line, an interior angle of 92 degrees 34 minutes two hundred (200) feet to a point and land now or late of Russell; thence with said Russell line in a Northerly direction twenty and sixty-two hundredths (20.62) feet to a point; thence continuing with said Russell property in an Easterly direction eighty-seven and twenty-five hundredths (87.25) feet to a point on the Southern side of Laurel Lane (50 feet wide); thence in a Northwest-erly direction, a curve to the right with a radius of one hundred seventy-five (175) feet one hundred sixty-one and twenty-one hundredths (161.21) feet to a point; thence continuing along Laurel Lane in a Westerly direction one hundred fifty and ninety-three hundredths (150.93) feet to the place of beginning and land now or late of David Stouffer.

HAVING ERECTED THEREON a Residential Dwelling. BEING THE SAME PREMISES AS Jennifer L. Gaylor and George S. Kirk, III, by Deed dated September 29, 2006, and recorded on October 2, 2006, by the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds as Instrument No. 20060040574, granted and conveyed unto Wilmer Letellier and Janet Buchanan, as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.

BEING KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS S199 Laurel Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 35-064-001-000-0000.

Seized and sold as the property of Wilmer Letellier and Janet Buchanan under judgment # 2019-CV-10165.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 9
JUSTIN F. KOBESKI
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$222,127.91

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Swatara, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, known as Lot No. 35 of a Final Subdivision Plan, Phase II, of Lawnford Acres, as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book V, Volume 4, Page 44, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Western right-of-way line of Eddington Avenue; thence extending along the dividing line between Lot 34 and Lot 35, North 85 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 120.00 feet to a point; thence along lands now or formerly of Rutherford Estate (Rolling Ridge West), North 04 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 80.00 feet to a point; thence along the dividing line between Lot 36 and Lot 35, South 85 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 120.00 feet to a point; thence along the Western right-of-way line of Eddington Avenue, South 04 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 80.00 feet to a point, the place of beginning.

Containing 9,600.00 square feet.

Under and subject, nevertheless, to all reservations, restrictions, covenants, conditions, easements, leases and rights of way appearing of record.

BEING known and numbered as 344 Eddington Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111. WITH all improvements erected thereon.

Parcel No.: 63-073-145-000-0000.

Being the same property conveyed to Dale C. Dennis who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Derrick Talbert and Eugenia Romero Talbert, husband and wife, dated November 28, 2005, recorded November 30, 2005, at Document ID 49783, and recorded in Book 6302, Page 339, Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dauphin County,

Pennsylvania. UNDER AND SUBJECT to and together with easements, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, right of way, covenants and conditions as contained in prior instruments of record: SEIZED AND TAKEN in execution as the property of Dale C. Dennis, Mortgageors herein, under Judgment No. 2019-CV-02007-MF.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 11 PETER WAPNER Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$155,244.52

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Cardinal Drive (60 feet wide), being measured the two following courses and distances from the southerly side of Robin Road (60 feet wide), viz: (1) on the arc of a circle curving to the left, having a radius of 15 feet, the arc distance of 21.55 feet to a point of tangent, and (2) South ten (10) degrees fifty-three (53) minutes zero (00) seconds East, a distance of 241.18 feet to the place of beginning; thence extending from said beginning point along Lot No. 41, North seventy nine (79) degrees seven (07) minutes zero (00) seconds East, a distance of 200 feet to a point on a line of Lot No. 33; thence extending along the same, South ten (10) degrees fifty-three (53) minutes zero (00) seconds East, a distance of 30.04 feet to a point, a corner of Lot No. 32; thence extending along the same, South twenty-two (22) degrees fifty-five (55) minutes thirty-six (36) seconds East, a distance of 51.08 feet to a point, a corner of Lot No. 43; thence extending along the same, South seventy-nine (79) degrees seven (07) minutes zero (00) seconds West, a distance of 210.66 feet to a point on the easterly side of Cardinal Drive; thence extending along the same, North ten (10) degrees fifty-three (53) minutes zero (00) seconds West, a distance of 80 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 16,266.26 square feet.

BEING known as Lot No. 42, as shown on said plan.

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN RYAN BANNISTER, AS SOLE OWNER, by Deed from RYAN BANNISTER AND ALLISON M. BANNISTER, h/w, Dated 09/24/2015, Recorded 09/25/2015, Instrument No. 20150024619.

Tax Parcel: 63-076-042-000-0000.

Premises Being: 570 CARDINAL DRIVE, HARRISBURG, PA 17111-5009.

Seized and sold as the property of Ryan Bannister under judgment # 2020-CV-263.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 12
PETER WAPNER
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$106,278.84

ALL THAT CERTAIN pieces or parcels of land, situate in Enhaut, Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a corner at said Market Street; thence by land formerly of William D. Steely, now Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laudenslager, North two hundred eight (N. 208) feet to North Alley; thence along North Alley, East fifty (E. 50) feet to land late of Elias Zerfing, now Darvin Daniels; thence along land of Darvin Daniels, South two hundred nine (S. 209) feet to said Market Street; thence along Market Street West fifty (W. 50) Feet to lot formerly of William D. Steely, now Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laudenslager and place of BEGINNING, upon which is erected a frame dwelling house and outbuildings.

TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings and improvements, ways, waters, watercourses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law, equity or otherwise, howsoever, in and to the same and every part thereof.

BEING KNOWN AS: 337 EAST MARKET STREET, GRATZ, PA 17030.

PROPERTY ID: 27-005-010-000-0000.

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN MICHAEL F. YOUNG, JR. BY DEED FROM AMANDA N. HILEMAN NOW KNOWN AS AMANDA N. STERANKO AND THOMAS C. STERANKO, WIFE AND HUSBAND DATED 05/02/2017 RECORDED 05/16/2017 INSTRUMENT NUMBER 20170012149.

Seized and sold as the property of Michael F. Young, Jr. under judgment # 2019-CV-08042.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 13
KENYA BATES
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$134,099.22

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece or parcel of land, situate in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described in accordance with a survey and plan thereof made by D.P. Raffensperger, registered surveyor, dated January 10, 1961, as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southern side of Ann Street, which point is 314 feet east of the southeast corner of 63rd and APN situate,

THENCE easterly along Ann Street, south eighty seven degrees thirty-six minutes west, east fifty feet to a corner of land of John W. Ball;

THENCE along said land south four degrees forty minutes west one hundred forty-five feet to an iron pin at a corner of land of Kinber A. Dair;

THENCE along said land north eighty degrees fifty-six minutes west sixty one feet to a corner of land at James D. along said land north degrees seventy-eight minutes east one hundred thirty-eight and seventy-eight one-hundredths feet to the point and place of beginning.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: The APN is shown by the county assessor as 630160900000000; source of title is book 46, page 66 (recorded 02/17/61).

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN Edward A. Osman and Patricia Osman, his wife, by Deed from Louis Schaffhauser and Shirley A. Schaffhauser, his wife, Dated 02/07/1961, Recorded 02/17/1961, in Book 46, Page 66.

By virtue of EDWARD A. OSMAN's death on or about 01/17/2006, his ownership interest was automatically vested in the surviving tenant by the entirety. PATRICIA A. OSMAN A/K/A PATRICIA ANN OSMAN died on 10/16/2018, leaving a Last Will and Testament dated 02/22/2018. Letters Testamentary were granted to MEGHAN A. CARPENTER on 11/20/2018 in DAUPHIN COUNTY, No. 2218-1022. The Decedent's surviving devisee is MEGHAN A. CARPENTER.

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NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants. Schedule of proposed distributions will be filed by the Sheriff of Dauphin County, on Monday, August 10, 2020, and distributions will be made in accordance with the said schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter.

SALE NO. 14
ROBERT FLACCO
Esquire
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$126,675.23

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situate on the north side of Market Street in the block east of High Street, in the Borough of Gratz, County of Dauphin and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follow, to wit:

BEGINNING at a corner at said Market Street; thence by land formerly of William D. Steely, now Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laudenslager, North two hundred eight (N. 208) feet to North Alley; thence along North Alley, East fifty (E. 50) feet to land late of Elias Zerfing, now Darvin Daniels; thence along land of Darvin Daniels, South two hundred nine (S. 209) feet to said Market Street; thence along Market Street West fifty (W. 50) Feet to lot formerly of William D. Steely, now Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laudenslager and place of BEGINNING, upon which is erected a frame dwelling house and outbuildings.

TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings and improvements, ways, waters, watercourses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law, equity or otherwise, howsoever, in and to the same and every part thereof.

SALE NO. 13 KENYA BATES Esquire JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$134,099.22

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece or parcel of land, situate in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described in accordance with a survey and plan thereof made by D.P. Raffensperger, registered surveyor, dated January 10, 1961, as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southern side of Ann Street, which point is 314 feet east of the southeast corner of 63rd and APN situate,

THENCE easterly along Ann Street, south eighty seven degrees thirty-six minutes west, east fifty feet to a corner of land of John W. Ball;

THENCE along said land south four degrees forty minutes west one hundred forty-five feet to an iron pin at a corner of land of Kinber A. Dair;

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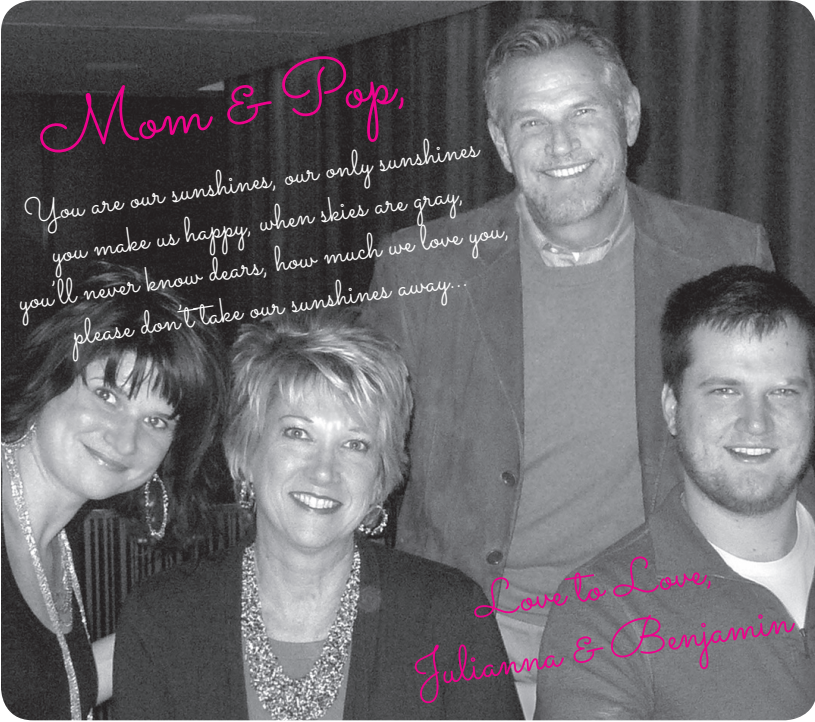
We sincerely appreciate our associations and deeply regret the events that have made the decision to close the business necessary.

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*Farewell, and may success follow you everywhere.
With gratitude,
Joe and Louise*



Gov. Wolf visits Hershey Medical Center, thanks staff for efforts fighting COVID-19

By Laura Hayes
laurahayes@pressandjournal.com

Alison Enimpah remembers recently discharging a patient who had a stroke.

As members of the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center staff put her in a wheelchair, the woman hugged Enimpah.

“Even though it’s not something that’s recommended, it just felt right. We knew it’s a reminder of such meaningful work of everyone involved,” she said.

Enimpah is a nursing member of the center’s special pathogens team. She works in the COVID-19 unit and shared her experiences during a press conference June 24 with Gov. Tom Wolf at the center.

The special pathogens team started five years ago in response to Ebola. The team continued to meet every three months, making sure they knew how to properly don personal protective equipment and examining the center’s policies and procedures.

“Our task was, truly, we were going to have to make it happen,



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Alison Enimpah, who is on the special pathogens team at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, discusses the fight against the coronavirus during a press conference with Gov. Tom Wolf on June 24 at the center. See more photos at www.pressandjournal.com.

and I’m very proud to say that I think we did in a very fluid and dynamic way,” she said.

As of Tuesday, Hershey Medical Center had discharged 188 COVID-19 patients. It has completed 13,258 tests, with 95 percent negative results. It has had 16 patients

die from the coronavirus. It was treating 11 coronavirus patients Tuesday, with 2 in the intensive care unit and 1 on a ventilator.

Wolf said he came to the center to showcase the work of people on the front lines of the pandemic. Wolf recalled being at the medi-

cal center a year ago to thank nursing staff.

“None of us knew at that point what you were going to be facing, what we were all going to be facing just a few months later. Now you have come through a real onerous, tough period of time,” Wolf said.

He said they were asked to continue providing a high standard of care while trying to keep themselves and their colleagues safe.

“You were on the front lines of this real struggle. I said ‘thank you’ then, and the thank you I’m saying today is even more heartfelt,” Wolf said. “All of us really appreciate the work you did to keep us safe through this pandemic.”

He recognized numerous departments, ranging from the members of the special pathogens team to the cleaning crews who kept the facilities clean and sterile.

Secretary of Health Rachel Levine said the efforts of staff, nurses, doctors, EMTs, and first-responders helped save lives “under the most difficult, extraordinary circumstances.”

Deborah Berini, president of the center, said the special pathogens team had worked on mitigating risks from the virus since as early as January, including adapting policies and operations.

She called it a “Herculean collective and collaborative effort.” She credited staff, some of whom were present, with Penn State Health’s ability to adapt.

“Today, our work continues not only to ensure that we can treat our current COVID-19 positive patients and that we’re ready for any further surge, but also to make sure that every patient who receives care can safely and confidently receive that care with us,” Berini said.

Routine clinic appointments, health care screenings, surgeries and other clinical activities have resumed after four months.

The pandemic highlighted the importance of collaborations, and Berini said the medical center and Penn State College of Medicine partnered with the state Department of Health, working with and supporting regional nursing homes and long-term-care facilities in their COVID-19 response.

Levine announced a new partnership with CVS Health to assist with universal testing. Starting this week, up to 50,000 tests for nursing homes staff and residents will be administered.

Wolf said Pennsylvania has seen a downward trend of cases, thanks to leadership at the state level and efforts from medical personnel such as the Penn State staff who are on the front lines.

“Whatever it is in the fall, I think we can face with a lot more confidence and do things a lot differently than we did in the March, April, May and parts of June period,” Wolf said.

The state can take advantage of resources it didn’t have then, including testing and contact tracing, Wolf said.

Pennsylvanians must keep wearing masks, practice social distancing, and stay home when they don’t feel well, he said. Get tested, Levine said. All of that will help the state face the virus if it spikes in the fall.

Wolf and Levine emphasized the importance of wearing a mask.

“By wearing a mask, we are not just protecting ourselves and others from exposure to COVID-19, but we’re actually really saying thank you to you — to the brave health care professionals who are working every night and day to literally save our lives,” Levine said.

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Here are mastheads of some of Middletown's newspapers through the years.

A brief history of Middletown papers, going back to 1834

The Middletown Argus was the first paper in Middletown, published in 1834.

It was printed by a Mr. Wilson who did the editorial work and had as his helper, his wife who set the type. A year later it was discontinued possibly for lack of patronage.

The Middletown Emporium, established in 1850 by William Hemlock was published for a year and a half, then it also suspended publication.

The Central Engine was published here in 1851 and 1852 by H.S. Fisher, but the material was purchased and the paper merged into the Swatara Gem in July 1853 by J. W. Stofer. This was a sheet of four pages and five columns to a page. In August, Mr. Stofer enlarged it to six columns and printed it on a sheet 22 by 33 inches.

In August 1856, he sold the paper to Benjamin Whitman, who, while retaining its size, changed the name to The Dauphin Journal. In September of the same year, a relationship was formed between Mr. Whitman and Mr. Stofer and they continued to publish the paper jointly.

In January 1857, Mr. Whitman retired, and J. W. Stofer became again the sole proprietor. In November 1870, the paper was enlarged to seven columns and printed on a sheet 24 by 38 inches, the title being changed to the

Middletown Journal. In 1885, it was purchased by A.L. Etter and a few weeks later was enlarged to a 30-by-44-inch sheet, being changed to an eight-column newspaper.

Harry B. Fox, great-grandfather of present co-owner Louise Graybill Sukle, bought the Journal establishment in 1924 after A.L. Etter's death. M. Louise Graybill and J. Henry Fox, Harry Fox's children, became the Journal's new owners upon their father's death in 1935.

In 1881, a newspaper destined to become part of the Journal family had also been established. The Middletown Press was founded by J.R. Hoffer and, like the Journal, it was a four-page independent weekly. In 1944, the Middletown Press was purchased by the Graybill and Fox families, along with its machinery and facilities. The result of the purchase was the creation of the Press And Journal, which in 1962, became the business's sole publication.

Benjamin F. Graybill owned the paper from 1978 through 1994 when the business was sold to his daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Joe Sukle. The Sukles added several periodicals to the Press And Journal family, including Woman (a female-centered bi-monthly news magazine), The Central Voice (an LGBTQ+ newspaper), the annual Penn State Harrisburg Guide, as well as other yearly guide books.

Why was there an NRA eagle on Page 1? It had nothing to do with guns

This logo appeared on both sides of the masthead on the front page of the Middletown Journal on Saturday, Aug. 11, 1934.

When you see the initials NRA today, you probably think "National Rifle Association." But in 1934, the country was still coming out of The Great Depression, and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal policies were still in place.

The NRA stands for National Recovery Administration. The act that established it "sanctioned, supported, and in some cases, enforced an alliance of industries. Antitrust laws were suspended," according to our documents.gov.

It was ruled unconstitutional in May 1935. However, while it was in effect starting in 1933, companies that complied with the act displayed this symbol. It would appear as a blue eagle with red type around it in color publications,



but of course the Journal didn't have the capability of printing in color in 1933.

One other note of interest: This eagle logo is what prompted the Philadelphia Eagles football team to take its name. The team was founded in 1933, and the name was used to honor the symbol by owners Bert Bell and Lud Wray.

'There are but few people who do not love to read old newspapers'

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following is taken from the 85th anniversary edition of the Middletown Journal, published in 1939.*

There are but few people who do not love to read old newspapers. There is something peculiarly interesting in the perusal of them; they bring the times of our fathers really before us, explaining how our ancestors lived and conducted business; what they did and talked about.

It is not probable that for any price a perfect set of either The Middletown Argus, The Middletown Emporium, The Central Engine, The Swatara Gem or other newspapers which flourished in Middletown could be procured today.

Let us turn to the Dauphin Journal, published in 1856, and see what we can gather from its pages.

One of the first issues tells on about the first locomotive seen by a preacher in 1784 in Redroth, England. He describes it as a "strange nondescript, as large as a black ram, with eyes flashing fire, and breathing very hard, running furiously toward his shins." A special note to sportsmen also appeared, in which it said that wild pigeons

are making their appearance in this section. The Wide-Awake Club had been formed and scheduled its first meeting in Union Hall. Another item of interest which received much publicity was a Grand Exhibition of a Magic Lantern. In the Wit and Humor column is found the following item: "Woman — to her virtues we give love, to her beauty, our admiration, to her hoops the whole sidewalk."

Many advertisements are found in these early copies. The Susquehanna Iron and Brass Foundry advertised fine stoves and brass railing. Shott and Ulrich offered building materials at reasonable prices. Jacob Landis' "Old Stand" on the southeast corner of Center Square offered ladies' dress goods and trimmings.

Other advertisers were the Middletown Saw Mills, J.K. Oren, the cabinet baker; M.B. Rambler's "Excelsior Store," Charles Steiner advertised the Mansion House with good, stable accommodations; W.M. Leva had Turkish Hair Tonic for sale; Walter S. Fortney had coal for sale; J.S. McCord advertised distilled rye whiskey; new stamped envelopes were advertised for the first time and

new designs of envelopes carrying 40, 24, 20 and 12 cents worth of mail matter were on sale by the postmaster.

A.S. Black, the artist, established himself at the Outlet Lock and was prepared to take ambrotype and melanotype pictures. There are columns of patent medicines advertised, the agent for their sale being J. Schaeffer. David Peters offered dry goods at Panic prices. Jacob Bener, the druggist, published the following item: "Caution — There are numerous imitations sprung up on the reputation my article has acquired. The public must beware. They are worthless."

"What She Had Rather Do" is the caption that appears over the following item: "A maiden lady in Boston, on reading the account of the marriage of Miss Georgianna Ives at Chicago to Young Bentley, who saved her from drowning at the sinking of the steamer, Lady Elgin, said: "It's a very romantic affair no doubt, but I would rather be drowned any time than to sit half the night with a young man on a piece of wreck in my nightgown."

The mentions taken from these old newspapers merely

skim the surface of the many interesting items to be found. The publication business has since improved. Where one or two newspapers then found a precarious existence, many newspapers all over the county now send their daily and weekly editions to practically every home, filling a larger space in the public welfare than they are generally credited with. Some writer has said, that

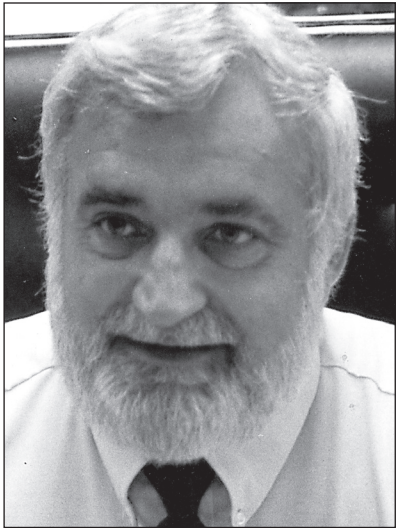
*"If sonic brilliant star
Was stricken from the dome of night,
A printer's press, if planted there,
Would fill the vacuum to a hair.
And give, perhaps, a better light."*

We cannot say that the press could replace the dimmed luster of any of the mighty suns that shine in our firmament, but we will maintain, that if all the newspapers in our county should suddenly cease publication, and could not be replaced, the public interests, public good, public and private morals, public and private prosperity, public health, would suffer, our march in the path of progress be retarded, and our motion soon become retrograde, instead of forward.

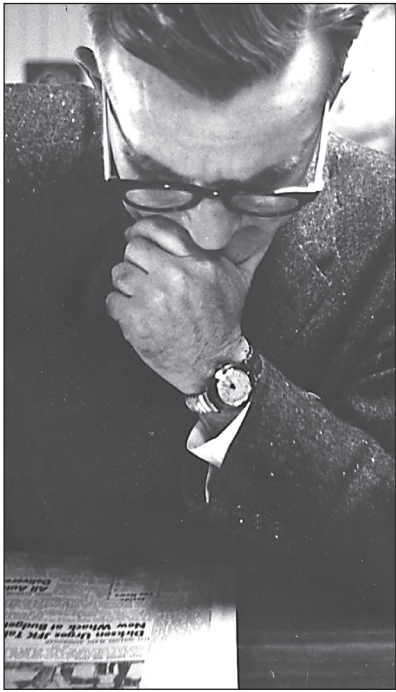
OUR STAFF, THROUGH THE YEARS



The staff at an unknown location in the 1920s or 1930s.



Benjamin F. Graybill, owner of the Press & Journal from 1978 through 1994.



J.W. Stofer, founder of the Journal.

Owner J. Henry Fox edits a page of the Press & Journal in the 1960s.



The Press & Journal staff, Christmas 1992.



Joe Sukle, associate editor at the time, meets with President Jimmy Carter in September 1979, in the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident.

Two more join Press And Journal 60-year club (front page, April 15, 1954)

Since the recent publication that a Halifax man has been a reader of this newspaper for 60 years, several other fine letters have been received.

Dr. Harrison S. Brinser, Elizabethtown, has joined in the friendly competition with a whopling 63 years.

"We can top that by 3 years," said Dr. Brinser, who is still reading the Press And Journal in his 86th year.

He points with pride to his connection with this newspaper under three editors during which time he had been a weekly columnist and feature writer for 61

years. He also recalled 21 years of service as solicitor and collector in Dauphin, Lancaster and York counties where he distributed to the subscribers hundreds of books, framed masterpieces, stereoviews, etc., used as premiums.

Another old-timer in renewing her subscription said, "I almost

forgot that I am getting old." She is Mrs. Vearie M. Staudt, 3951 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg. "The Press And Journal is my big letter every week," said Mrs. Staudt. "I will soon be 86 years of age, have been getting the paper for some 60 years and can't do without it."

From our archives: Middletown's past



Left, in this undated photo, a streetcar moves along Emaus Street near Union Street. Above, a fire in 1910 destroyed several blocks of downtown Middletown.



This photo predates the 1910 fire in downtown Middletown that destroyed several blocks. While the building that is now the Brownstone is familiar, look closely and you can see that the building on the left, where Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works is now located, is the “old” old Elks building, not the one standing today that has been renovated. It is not clear what event is captured in the picture, but note the streetcars on both Union and Emaus streets. The carriage being pulled by the horses says “Atlantic Refining Co.” The shed on the far left is selling “ice cream bricks.”



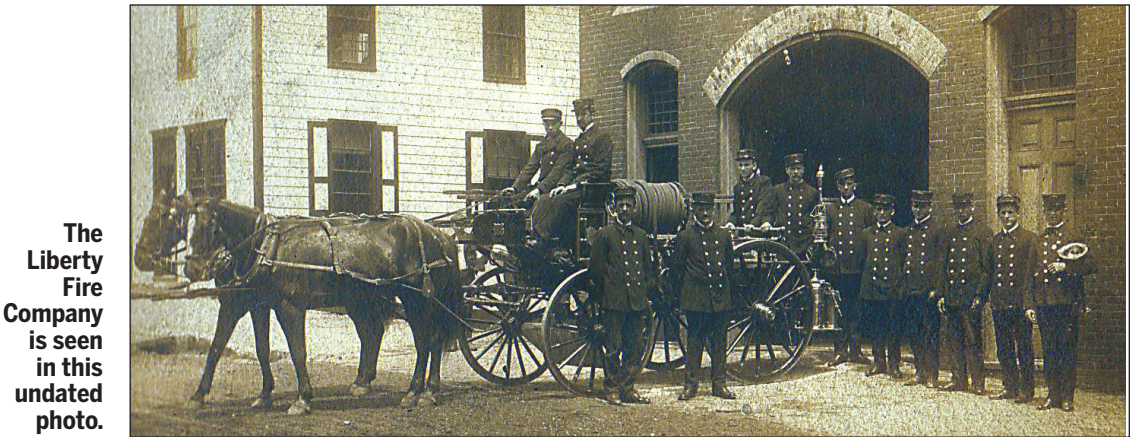
The Rough Wear Clothing Co. is seen in its heyday. During World War II, the factory manufactured more than a half-million leather jackets and flying suits for the Air Force and the Quartermaster Corps. It is now the Woodlayne Court apartments on Wilson Street.



These two photos show the same location in Middletown decades apart, in the first block of South Union Street. The top picture is from the early 20th century. In the foreground is The Majestic theater. Beside it is “H.S. Roth, furniture & carpets, undertaking.” The bottom picture is from the 1970s. The Klahr building, which has been torn down, is the third on the left. Naples Pizza is located on the site of what is now Roberto’s. Roth’s Furniture is in the same location it was decades before.



This image shows the familiar sight of the subway along South Union Street in Middletown. Based on the way the people in the photo are dressed, it’s likely from the turn of the century. Note the woman in the white dress on the left. Because she was moving when the photo was taken, she has a ghostly look about her. The business she is walking in front of is I.H. Doutrich Clothier.



The Liberty Fire Company is seen in this undated photo.