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WELCOME HOME



Middletown Area School District celebrated Homecoming with many events last week, including a parade; open houses and a dedication at the new high school; a pancake breakfast/sports memorabilia silent auction; and, of course, a football game. In the top picture, by Jodi Ocker, Braedon Thomas and Sierra Smith celebrate Smith's selection as Homecoming queen. The queen is selected by random draw. There were five boxes of flowers set on a table. One box holds yellow roses. The court nominees picked an envelope from last year's queen which contains a number. The nominees followed the order of their numbers and came forward to pick a box. After they've all chose a box, they opened them at the same time. The one who opened the yellow roses is crowned the queen. Above left, in another picture by Jodi Ocker, Morgan Noon leads the football team onto the field vs. Boiling Springs at War Memorial Field on Saturday. Above right, in a picture provided by Jody Zorbaugh of the Middletown Area School District, a future Blue Raider crawls onto the court at the new Middletown Area High School.

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Suski gets 5-year extension to lead Middletown schools

Lori Suski will lead Middletown Area School District for another five years, as the school board voted Monday, Oct. 24, to extend her contract through June 2022.

Suski, who was appointed assistant superintendent in 2007, has served as superintendent since July 2012, when she replaced Richard Weinstein upon his retirement. She was the principal at Kunkel Elementary School for seven years.

Suski's new contract allows for salary increases of 1.5 to 3.5 percent annually, in addition to a bonus at the discretion of the board. 20 vacation days, 12 sick days and

three personal days a year.

Suski is paid a salary of \$144,831, and the board approved a \$3,000 bonus for her in November 2015.

Newton Davis, president of the school board, congratulated Suski for the extension, and the board gave her a round of applause and had Suski shake their hands, an honor often reserved for students of the month or otherwise being honored by the board.

— Eric Wise



Suski

Streetscape includes work at Klahr site



Press and Journal Photo by Dan Miller

Workers prepare ground at the former Klahr Building site on South Union Street to install pavers to serve as a pedestrian walkway to parking behind the Municipal Building as part of the downtown streetscape project.

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Workers under contract to the borough of Middletown are installing pavers wall to wall at the site of the former Klahr Building in the first block of South Union Street as part of the downtown streetscape project.

At present, the streetscape only calls for installing pavers 60 feet back from the sidewalk west toward the borough parking lot behind the Municipal Building, Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach told the Press And Journal.

Wilsbach said there are plans to extend the pavers as a walkway the entire way to the borough parking, but this will require additional funding that would have to be authorized in the 2017 budget.

The borough is also looking to eventually restrict vehicular traffic on the alley between the Municipal Building and the



Wilsbach

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Borough budget process should be more open; here are key funding questions to answer

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Should the borough add more police officers and if so, how many?

Does Middletown need more public works employees? If so how many?

What about code enforcement staffing, and filling the full-time codes and zoning position that has been vacant for nearly a year now?

Middletown Borough Council soon will start deliberating the 2017 budget, and there are plenty of unanswered questions and issues to be resolved. However, one thing that residents — and council — should expect is a budget process much more open and informative than that of the past few years.

The council will hold two public meetings devoted to discussing the 2017 budget, on Thursday, Nov. 3, and Monday, Nov. 7. Both will start at 6:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

Another question is whether taxes will increase. Council raised the electric rate for residents and businesses by one cent to help budget the 2016 budget.

Council President Ben Kapenstein — one of four councilors who voted against that hike — told the Press And Journal that the borough shouldn't need an increase in the property tax or electric rate to get through 2017.

"I won't be for it," he said.

The borough hopes that council can adopt

a tentative budget for public advertisement by Nov. 15, with final adoption by Dec. 6.

That's an "aggressive" timetable, but an early target builds in more time at the end of the year if necessary, said Bruce Hamer, a former Middletown borough manager who in September was hired as the new finance director.

Information for council, public

Besides more information for council, Hamer and Kapenstein both want the public to have more information during this year's budget process.

Kapenstein envisions using pie charts and graphs to better illustrate the numbers and put them in context.

Hamer wants to develop brief "narratives" to define and explain in plain language all the different funds that go into the borough budget.

He said hopes to be able to put these narratives online on the borough website, to go along with the budget when it is given tentative adoption by council.

"The goal is to be transparent," Kapenstein said. "I want to make sure people understand where their money is being spent."

Budget being done in house

In 2012 under the previous council led by then-President Chris McNamara, the borough was accepted into the state Early Intervention Program to fix chronic budget issues that had saddled Middletown with a

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Kapenstein



Hamer

Don't believe everything you read: Borough security cameras aren't operational

Effort underway to get funding and replace them

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Go all over Middletown and you can see video surveillance cameras mounted on poles at places like Hoffer and Oak Hill parks.

You can also see big signs mounted on the park pavilions that say "Visual Monitoring in Progress."

There's just one problem. None of the cameras work, and they haven't for almost three years.

The non-functioning cameras — 10 in all — are still attached to poles at Hoffer Park, Oak Hill Park, the Spruce Street electric substation, the Mill Street electric substation, and at the Municipal Building on West Emaus Street. Some of the locations have more than one camera.

According to borough Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach, the cameras were shut down in 2014 by borough staff acting under then-Council President Chris McNamara.

Wilsbach said the cameras were "powered down" about six months before July 2014, when Wilsbach resigned from his position



Press and Journal Photo by Dan Miller

There is a camera on pole to the right of the shelter house in Oak Hill Park, but it isn't operational.

as supervisor of the borough's electric department.

Wilsbach subsequently ran for borough council in 2015 — defeating McNamara in the primary — but resigned his seat early in 2016 to assume his current job as borough public works director.

In minutes from an April 21, 2014, council meeting, borough resident Dawn Knull asked that the cameras in Hoffer Park be turned back on, referring to a rash of burglaries and theft that had occurred in the park. McNamara and Mayor James H.

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Special Meeting

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Students visit Dauphin County Sheriff 's Office



Submitted Photos

Sheriff Nick Chimienti Jr. spoke Oct. 6 to Middletown Area Middle School eighth-graders in the classes of Ken Britcher, Jr. and Kevin Little about cellphone social media etiquette and other do's and don'ts in today society. Instructional aide Regina Magwood also attended. The visit was part of the Career Connections program, in which eighth-graders visit five different worksites to learn firsthand about what it is like to work in different settings and careers available. Students also received a tour of the Dauphin County Sheriff's Office. Jim Zugay, Dauphin County recorder of deeds, pointed out other careers at the courthouse along with the history and architecture of the building.

Substation plan might lead to lawsuit vs. Middletown by Maryland company

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal

A Maryland-based company that was to build an electric substation for Middletown in the Woodland Hills development under an agreement with the former borough council has fired the first shot in a lawsuit against the borough.

The borough on Sept. 30 received a writ of summons filed in Dauphin County Court by URI. A complaint had not been filed in the case as of press time.

Borough Solicitor Adam Santucci in a response to the Press And Journal said that the borough does not comment on pending litigation. Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter did not respond to a



Stubbs

request for comment. David L. Stubbs, managing director of URI Group LLC in Silver Spring, Maryland, did not respond to a request for comment.

In September 2015, the former council under then-President Chris McNamara voted to approve an agreement whereby URI would build the substation in Woodland Hills and then lease it back to the borough.

The substation was part of a broader plan for Woodland Hills — the large-

est undeveloped tract of land left in Middletown — which was to include building up to 511 homes, apartments and townhouses throughout the 170-acre parcel.

The Woodland Hills substation was to consolidate and replace the borough's two existing substations — the one on Spruce Street and the one on Mill Street that was rebuilt after being damaged by flooding from Tropical Storm Lee in 2011.

The agreement from September 2015 was approved pending review by Santucci. Publicly, nothing more about the deal was ever heard and in January, McNamara was out of office and council was under the new leadership of its current president, Ben Kapenstein.

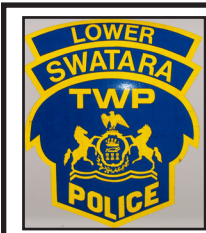
The substation plan had also envisioned Dauphin County getting a grant that the borough could use to cover lease payments to URI for the substation.

But the county was never awarded any funding for the grant.

The substation is the second development project proposed by Stubbs and URI in Middletown that has fallen through in recent years.

In April 2014 Stubbs proposed to borough council plans to build a 100-room hotel on the southwest corner of West Emaus and Catherine streets.

But no development plans were filed and Stubbs in an October 2015 email to the Press And Journal acknowledged that URI was no longer "involved" in the proposed hotel.



Lower Swatara Twp. Police News

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

DUI charges waived

Michael S. Patterson, 32, of the 100 block of Brick Church Road, Newville, waived into Dauphin County Court charges of DUI-highest level of intoxicants, DUI, driving without a license and disregard a lane of traffic, court records noted.

The charges were filed following Patterson's arrest at 1:53 a.m. Aug. 20 after he was stopped while driving a 2009 Subaru Legacy on state Route 283 West at the Airport Connector. The initial police report alleged the accused's car was straddling the road's fog line. The traffic stopped turned into a DUI investigation after which Patterson was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where blood was drawn and tested for the possible presence of intoxicants. Results of the tests were not reported.

Patterson is scheduled for formal arraignment on the charges in Dauphin County Court on Nov. 18.

DUI charge

Michael Schmitt, 29, of the 1000 block of Buehler Road, Olney, Maryland, has been charged with DUI and violating an open container law, police report.

The charges stem from Schmitt's arrest at 4:44 a.m. Oct. 13 following an investigation of a disorderly conduct complaint in the 100 block of C Lane. The complainant in the case said an individual was banging on the door to their home and left the scene driving a 2005 Hyundai Accent.

Police stopped a vehicle matching that vehicle in the 100 block of Willo Farm Lane and questioned Schmitt. An interview with Schmitt turned into a DUI investigation and he was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center.

Schmitt refused to provide a blood sample to test for the possible presence

of intoxicants, police said.

Schmitt was arraigned for District Judge Michael Smith on Oct. 13 and placed in Dauphin County Prison after being unable to post \$10,000 cash bail, records noted.

Schmitt is scheduled to appear before Smith for a preliminary hearing on the charges on Nov. 8.

Car and wall damaged

An area resident escaped injury after her vehicle struck a brick and wood decorative wall at the entrance to the Middletown Home, police report.

Investigators reported Heidi Gudoski of Middletown, was turning off West Harrisburg Pike into the facility at 2:56 p.m. Oct. 12 when her 2010 Nissan Cube struck the wall. Police said no citations have been filed.

Gudoski's vehicle had to be towed from the scene. Estimates to repair the wall were not reported.

Burglary investigated

Police are investigating a burglary reported to have taken place at a home in the 300 block of Gina Lane.

Police were by one of the residents of the home who said numerous cabinets and drawers were rifled through some time between 6 and 10 p.m. Oct. 14.

Investigators noted it is unknown whether anything was missing from the home. They also reported there was no sign of forced entry.

Drug charges held for court

Charges of possession of a small amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia were held for arraignment in Dauphin County Court against Shawn P. Glennon, 27, of the 100 block of A Lane, Harrisburg, records note.

Glennon was charged following an incident at 4:21 p.m. Aug. 30 at his

residence. Township police assisted service of a warrant against Glennon and smelled an odor of marijuana in his home. He subsequently admitted to having smoked marijuana and police found a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the home.

Glennon is scheduled for formal arraignment on the charges in Dauphin County Court on Nov. 18.

Fight on school bus

Lower Swatara Police report five middle school students may face charges following their involvement in a fight on a school bus.

An investigation is underway following the incident involving five Middletown Area Middle School students on Oct. 7. Reportedly some of those involved in the fight suffered injuries.

An initial report noted charges may be filed against the students. Additional details were not available.

License plate stolen

Lower Swatara Township residents have been asked to be on the lookout for Pennsylvania license plate XDY0316 that was stolen some time in October.

Police report the victim said the plate was on a small trailer and he noticed that the plate was missing Oct. 7. Police said the trailer was housed in a garage at a residence in the 900 block of Ebenezer Road. Area residents are asked to contact police at 717-939-0463 if they see the plate or have any information about the incident.

Thefts from vehicles continue

Lower Swatara Police report vehicles remain targets of thieves in the township.

Residents of homes in the 100 block

of Manny Drive told investigators that items were stolen from their cars. Both thefts took place some time during the early morning hours of Oct. 10. Also, both vehicles, a 1999 Chevrolet Traverse and a 2000 Saturn, were not locked at the time. The owner of the Traverse told police the locks on her vehicle are broken.

Police said CDs and other items were taken from the vehicles. An estimate of loss was not reported.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incidents to contact them at 717-939-0463.

Smart vehicle thwarts theft

A Lower Swatara resident told police her vehicle's anti-theft feature enabled her to discover that an attempt was made to break into it.

Township police said the resident's 2015 Chevrolet Cruze wouldn't start after an attempt was made to open the vehicle without its key fob. The "no-start feature" is part of the vehicle's anti-theft measures that engage after entry is attempted without the car's specific fob. Police said the vehicle was not damaged during the incident, which took place during the early morning hours of Oct. 7 in the 100 block of Eby Lane.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them at 717-939-0463.

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Obituaries

Anne Camp



Anne K. "Precious" Camp, 61, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Monday, October 24, 2016, at the Middletown Home.

She was born on December 19, 1954 in Middletown and was the loving daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Bowman) Camp.

Anne was a member of First Church of God, Middletown, Encouragers Sunday School Class, and Sun Shiner's Choral Group. She also attended Camp Sertoma and Camp Hope.

She received the "Goodwill Achiever of the Year Award" in October of 1994 from Goodwill Industries where she was a sorter.

She is survived by several cousins, her former caregiver and dear friend Betty Berger, and her extended family at the Middletown Home.

Attribute to Anne's life will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Middletown Home's Chapel, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057, with the Rev. Kimberley Shifler officiating. There will be a visitation at the chapel from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service on Thursday.

Interment will be at Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East

Main St., Middletown, to handle the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in Anne's name to the Middletown Home.



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Bridgework complete in Londonderry Township

The replacement of three bridges in Londonderry Township was finished this month, and all roads have been reopened, said Andy Brandt, public works director for the township.

Beagle Road was closed from Deodate Road to Braeburn Road for about six weeks starting the first week of September. The new culvert for Beagle Road was the third culvert to be re-

placed, following the replacement of the Braeburn Road culvert off Deodate Road and the Highland Street culvert by the entrance to Royalton Recycling.

— Eric Wise

Repairs will disrupt traffic on Route 283, Newberry Road

PennDOT closed down the Newberry Road bridge over Route 283 on Monday, Oct. 24 for repairs.

One lane of Route 283 will shut down for a week starting Oct. 31.

The highway will be closed to allow for a crane and other equipment to be used for the repairs, said Greg Penny, PennDOT spokesman. Newberry Road will reopen by early December. Also, the North Union Street bridge over Route 283 has been closed since Sept. 26 for repairs. It is slated to reopen the week of Nov. 7.

The improperly secured boom of an excavator hauled by a truck on Route 283 struck and damaged both bridges May 1. The repairs to the bridges will cost about \$407,000, Penny said.

— Eric Wise

Yard, bake sale raises \$3,000 for medical expenses

Swatara Hill Church of the Brethren Youth Group's yard and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 22, raised about \$3,000 for Jeremiah Adams.

Adams needs life-saving surgery. The 31-year-old has a wife and three young daughters. He has a rare medical condition known as chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, which can lead to heart failure.

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Kirman Eye welcomes Bahajak to Hummelstown practice

Kirman Eye in Hummelstown recently hired Dr. Drue Bahajak, a Middletown native.

Bahajak specializes in primary/comprehensive eye care, experience with contact lenses and ocular disease. She graduated from Bishop McDevitt High School in 2008, and from Lebanon Valley College in Annville in 2012, earning her bachelor of science degree in biology, graduating summa cum laude. She continued her education at Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine at Salus University, earning her doctor



Bahajak

of optometry degree in May 2016, graduating with honors.

She is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Society, Central Pennsylvania Optometric Society, Pennsylvania Optometric Association, and Harrisburg Young Professionals. She lives in Harrisburg.

Started in 1958, Kirman Eye optometrists and opticians serve central Pennsylvania including Hummelstown, Hershey, Harrisburg, Middletown, Palmyra, Elizabethtown and the surrounding area.

Annual craft fair to benefit Lower Dauphin baseball team

The 33rd annual Lower Dauphin Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown.

The event benefits the Lower Dauphin High School baseball team.

Once again, this year, more than 150 vendors will be in the main gym, cafeteria, and auditorium areas.

Crafts will range from ceramics,

folk art, paintings, dried flowers, basketry, stenciling, wood items, seasonal crafts, and much more.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to buy a chance to try to win a door prize from more than 100 beautiful items donated by the crafters.

Admission is free, and a concession stand will also be available.

For more information, contact Ken Kulina at 566-5342.



Time to say goodbye to October already? What a crazy month of high temperatures and a great cherry tomato harvest! We did seem to have our fill of rain and a few dreary days. One such rainy day: Saturday, Oct. 8, a friend invited me to travel to Liverpool with her to check out their annual Apple Butter Boil at the St. John Barner's Lutheran Church.

Donna peaked my interest when she said her ancestors founded a church there. She told me her maiden name was Barner. Although it was a chilly, rainy, dreary day, what beauty we saw in the rustic countryside! What history we found as we searched amongst the grave stones for her relatives. What a delight we had as we ate a delicious homemade meal of chicken pot pie, beef pot pie, corn, peas, beets, fresh bread with apple butter and fresh homemade bread. A variety of pies galore were available with homemade ice cream.

I forgot to mention I have never tried apple butter before. I had plenty of chances once I left New Jersey for college in Pennsylvania, but I never tried it. This stuff did not disappoint! Donna purchased a quart for me. Let me know if you want to try some, stop by and I will serve it to you a variety of ways. It is really very versatile!

It's a big deal to do the boil. Evidently the folks running it spend months planning and prepping for it. There is a lot of work involved and many hands needed. The proceeds from the event help support family and community needs, world benevolence, aid to disaster victims, local fire companies and many other worthy causes.

The church was built on land donated by Adam Barner. The building was erected in 1786, although the congregation was organized before that time. They call themselves "the little church with a big heart." As we sat in the church community center and were served family style, I realized how close knit this community is. I met several relatives of Donna, some old friends and neighbors and people who moved a distance away, but return each year for fresh apple butter and home-cooked food.

If you want to experience this be sure to mark your October 2017 calendar, the second Saturday annual Apple Butter Boil Event!

Let me know your news to share and have a fantastic week.

Trick or treat

Middletown borough and Lower Swatara Township Halloween trick-or-treating will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. Have fun and be safe!

Leaf Collection

All Lower Swatara residents have curbside leaf collection. This week, Oct. 24, is the beginning of the service, which should run to Dec. 2 week. Please have your leaves out prior to the scheduled day. Once the trucks have

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Apple butter is put into jars at the annual Apple Butter Boil in Liverpool.

moved through the area they may not return until the next scheduled pickup. If time and weather permit they may return to areas with heavy leaves, as necessary.

Mondays: Shope Gardens Area, Greenwood Hills, Woodridge

Wednesdays: Bryn Gweld, Green Plains, Jednota Flats, Rosedale Areas, Twelve Oaks

Thursdays: Longview Acres and Old Reliance Farms

Leaves should be curbside. If you have a storm drain adjacent to your property, please try to keep it cleared.

Not allowed: limbs, branches, sticks, grass clippings, flowers or mulched leaves.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Darlene Nickel** of Lower Swatara. You have 46 reasons to jump for joy on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Have a hopping good time!

Best wishes to **Alexa Fulmer** of Lower Swatara as she observes her last teener cake day on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Happy 19th to you!

Justin Shaver of Lower Swatara marks his 19th birthday on Thursday, Oct. 27. God bless you, Justin, and many good wishes to you!

Happy smiles and surprises day to **Michelle Carnes** of Lower Swatara as she blows out the candles atop her cake on Thursday, Oct. 27. May the skies be sunshiny for you all week long!

Jayne Stubbs of Middletown celebrates cake day No. 16 birthday is **RJ Sherrick** of Royalton. He marks his beep beep day on Friday, Oct. 28. I hope it is frightfully fantastic, RJ!

Samantha Landis of Lower Swatara observers her quarter-of-a-century birthday on Saturday, Oct. 29. Congrats and best wishes on this big-deal cake day!

Here is a shout-out to **Jennifer Friedrichs** of Elizabethtown. She will celebrate her just-spiffy holiday on Saturday, Oct. 29. I hope it is truly boo-tiful, Mrs. Friedrichs!

Beep honk beep to **Anna Buffington** of Middletown as she turns Sweet 16 on Saturday. If you see her on Oct. 29, be sure to wish her a safe and happy birthday!

Happy 24th cake and ice cream day to **Matt Brinser**. I hope all your dreams are coming true for you, Matt. Enjoy your special day on Sunday, Oct. 30.

If you see **Kimber Latsha** out and about Lower Swatara on Sunday, Oct. 30, be sure to give a happy birthday shout to him. Enjoy this holiday weekend, Kimber!

Melanie Wagner of Lower Swatara turns 14 on Sunday, Oct. 30. Many wishes of love and joy to you as you celebrate your happy birthday, Melanie!

Happy super Sunday birthday to **Samuel Turns Sr.** of Lower Swatara as you eat cake on Oct. 30. Enjoy!

Alexis Martinez of Lower Swatara celebrates her last teener birthday on Sunday, Oct. 30. Keep it light and happy with lots of balloons. Have a blast!

Happy landmark 18th confetti-popping day to **Destinee Gonzales** of Middletown. She celebrates on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Jay Smith of Lower Swatara turns into a brand-new teener on Sunday, Oct. 30. Enjoy being 13, Jay, and all the best to you!

Leila Fleisher is 24 on Monday, Oct. 31. Enjoy the festivities, Leila. Happy birthday!

Happy sweet honk beep birthday to **Ryan Montgomery** of Highspire on Monday, Oct. 31. Let your 16th birthday be your best Halloween celebration day yet!

Happy sweet-princess birthday to 2 year old **Amber Cline** of Lower

Swatara on Halloween, Oct. 31. I hope your day is full of sweetness and joy, Amber!

Here is a happy birthday over-the-top frosty-filled greeting to **Kenny Martinez** of Lower Swatara. He marks his big 25th cake day on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Congrats, Kenny!

Kenny Britcher of Middletown reaches his beep honk honk day on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Happy Sweet 16 to you! Be safe and enjoy.

Anniversary

Best wishes to **Craig and Donna Etter** of Lower Swatara, who were wed on Oct. 28, 1978. I hope your Friday is fantastic as you say cheers to 38 years together!

Trunk or Treat

Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Middletown First Church of God for a fun-filled night for the whole family! Children are invited to come in costume and go from trunk to trunk in the church parking lot to gather treats. We'll also have games, snacks and other activities. Please invite your friends and neighbors, too! The church is located at 245 W. High St. In the event of rain, Trunk or Treat will be held in fellowship hall.

Yard sale

Middletown Presbyterian Church on Union and Water streets invite you to its annual autumn indoor yard sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. A quilt made by Kate Humphrey will be chanced off at 1 p.m. Come out for delicious subs, soup and baked goods.

Random Anonymous Thought

You're never too old to beg for free candy!

Quote of the Week

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light and do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." — Martin Luther King Jr., minister, activist.

Question of the Week

What do you like to watch on TV? "I like 'Scorpion' on CBS on Monday night. It's a team of geniuses solving problems. I also like 'Blue Bloods.'" — **Matt Perkins**, 16, Lower Paxton. "Miraculus," 'Alvin and Chipmunks,' 'Spongebob' and 'Thundermans.'" — **Victoria Kelly**, 9, Swatara. "Loud House." — **Carter Defelice**, 9, Swatara. "Sports Center." — **Matt Wagner**, 13, Lower Swatara. "Too Cute' on Animal Planet." — **Katelyn Wagner**, 8, Lower Swatara. "House Hunters International' on HGTV." — **Susan Wagner**, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

A wise king winnows out the wicked; he drives the threshing wheel over them (20:26).

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MAHS Class of 1976 celebrate reunion



Submitted Photo

The Middletown Area High School Class of 1976 held its 40th reunion held Oct. 1 at Sunset Bar and Grill. First row, left to right: Susan Biros Moore, Karen Pilsitz DeCamp, Julie Laverty Kupp, Vicki Wise Kuba, Cynthia Ferry Guenther, Cindy Fornwalt Golden, Kim Heicher Askews, Jeanne Ginder and Ed Arndt. Second row, left to right: Barb Leonhard, Diane Gersic Mraz, Connie Zimmerman, Deborah Penyak Frazier, Robbi-Ann McGarvey Cook, Renee Germeyer, Gale Jamison Weldon, Deb Gomboc Morning, Debbie Lindsey Yohn, MariAnne Judy Kapenstein and Diane Christopher Schindler. Third row, left to right: Ann Brooker Miller, Patti Schwartz Bonetti, Elvera Sundry Joesten, Diane Peiffer Zimmerman, Regina DeGroat Leonard, Lynn Specht Campbell, Tammy Witman Frank, Otto Wilken, Cynthia Carlton Etter, Richard Etter, Dan Fuoti, Marie Bilger Fuoti and John Bennett. Back row: Richard Swartz, Robert Gummo, Harrison Rodkey, Cindy Boyer, Randy Crawford and Ken Klinepeter.

23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday,
October 27, 1993 Edition
Of The Press And Journal

Proposed Budget Shows No Hikes In Taxes, Utility Rates: For Now
It's in. And as it stands now, Middle-town Borough's proposed '94' budget, presented to Council at its October 19 committee meeting, shows no increases in property taxes or utilities.

But, the \$7.6 million financial charter for next year does contain this cautionary note: "When the union contracts are settled and the legal issues surrounding the electric utility are resolved, changes may be necessary in the rate/tax structure," wrote Borough Manager Jack Hedge in his budget transmittal letter.

What kind of changes? Increases perhaps? Council President Barbara Layne hopes not.

Right now, the budget holds taxes at the 1993 level, Layne said, and that is how the Borough would like to keep it. However, Layne conceded that increases could occur and quickly pointed out why.

"If taxes do go up it will be because of union negotiations," she said, in a tell-tale tone of irritation. She maintained that the Borough has repeatedly explained to bargaining unit employees that the Borough is not in a position to meet ever-increasing demands.

"We can't always give, give, give," Layne said.

Teamster, non-uniform and police (uniform) contracts are currently in negotiations. The Teamster contract expired Oct. 31, but has been extended. The police contract expires December 31.

Commenting on the proposed budget, Hadge stressed that it is very conservative. "The Borough of Middletown is not spending a great deal of money," Hadge said. He noted that at the start of the budget process, all department supervisors were advised to hold requests at or less than '93 levels.

The supervisors complied, Hadge said, with this budget coming in almost \$200,000 less than the '93 budget. No single department bit the bullet: rather it was spread throughout all departments, Hadge said. However one budgetary item was eliminated altogether – the general government "contingency fund," sort of a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses such as snow removal due to blizzards like last winter's.

Prices From 23 Years Ago
Seltzer's Sweet Bologna ... \$2.99/lb.
Halloween Cupcakes 6 pak.\$2.19
Fox's Own Vegetable Soup \$1.39/lb.
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18 oz. box\$1.19
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Giant, PennDOT, Middletown
Reach Accord On Store Traffic

They came, they contended, they compromised. And although the contention was lengthy, at times even nearing an impasse, the Oct. 19 special meeting, held in Middletown Borough Council Chambers, did accomplish its mission.

"I was pleased. This is going to be a real boon to our area," said Council President Barbara Layne. The boon Layne was referring to is the construction of a new \$1.6 million Giant store to be located on the southeast corner of the site housing Midtown Plaza of Middletown.

But, prior to Oct. 19, that project appeared to be teetering on the brink of abandonment due to a disagreement between Giant and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on how to handle traffic flow into and out of the plaza.

After going back and forth with the traffic issue a compromise finally came.

Giant officials proposed moving the main entrance further east, but allowing full movement, meaning left and right entering and exiting turns.

On behalf of Giant, Welsh then extended to Council an offer to make a fair and equitable contribution to the cost of PennDOT specified improvements. Council graciously accepted.

Getting up to leave, Senator John Shumaker, who had earlier reminded attendees that everyone would like to

see this project move, remarked, "We got it off dead center."

The following day, Welsh said, as he had noted at the meeting, that lease negotiations with Levin Management Corporation, owners of the Midtown Plaza, should be finalized "in a few days."

Moreover, all joking aside, Welsh confirmed that groundbreaking could be soon. If PennDOT now grants Giant the required highway occupancy permit, and if the weather cooperates, groundbreaking could be as soon as mid or late November.

Transaction Set For Thursday
W. Donegal Twp. Authority To
Take Over Rheems Water Co.

The water probably won't taste any different, but as of this week, Rheems Water Company customers are likely to feel a lot better about their water service.

That's because the company's operations will officially be transferred to the control of the West Donegal Township Authority (WDTA), its new owner, on Thursday of this week.

On that day, Authority officials and representatives of National Utilities of Scranton, former owner of the water company, are scheduled to sign the legal and financial documents that will officially transfer ownership of the utility to the Township Authority.

"We're not certain about how this will actually go down," Charles Cobaugh, WDTA chairman, said early this week.



23 YEARS AGO - Lower Dauphin Queen – The 1993 Lower Dauphin High School Homecoming Queen is Jen Jones. Miss Jones (pictured at center) was crowned Friday, October 22 at Hershey Stadium, where the L.D. Falcons defeated the Middletown Blue Raiders.

"We'll be meeting with Joseph Bon-trager, National Utilities' president, in Harrisburg on Thursday, with our attorney, Jan Paden, and their attorneys to complete the paper work. That's when we'll probably sign the actual agreement that will officially transfer ownership of the water company to us."

The WDTA disclosed earlier that it had approved a bond issue in the amount of \$1,450,000 to finance the purchase of the water company. Some of the proceeds from that bond sale will also be used to pay off the utility's old loans and to begin work on some major improvements to the Rheems water system.

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TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT (P.L. 98-435)

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MIDDLETOWN BOROUGH					
5TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	HERSHEY LIBRARY 701 COCOA AVE. HERSHEY PA 17033	1ST WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	RESCUE FIREMAN'S HOME ASSOC. 600 S. UNION ST. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
6TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM) 450 (REAR) HOMESTEAD RD HERSHEY PA 17033	1ST WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	COMMUNITY BUILDING AUDITORIUM EMAUS & CATHERINE STS. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
7TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF HERSHEY 330 HILLTOP RD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036	2ND WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	MIDDLETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WATER & UNION STS. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
8TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	BROWNSTONE MASONIC TEMPLE 215 W. GOVERNOR RD. HERSHEY PA 17033	2ND WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LYALL J. FINK SCHOOL 150 RACE ST. (REAR LOBBY) MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
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13TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF HERSHEY 330 HILLTOP RD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036	STEELTON BOROUGH		
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HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH					
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2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH BUILDING 640 ESHELMAN ST. HIGHSPIRE PA 17034	3RD WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 2ND & PINE STS. STEELTON PA 17113
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Veteran of Patton’s Third Army to speak

The only thing that stopped 19-year-old Herb Ridyard from fighting Germans was the cold.



Ridyard

during campaigns in Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Cen-

tral Germany. The winter of 1944-45 was one of the coldest in decades, and Ridyard became one of its casualties. He was hospitalized for several weeks with frozen toes. After convalescing in France, he rejoined his unit in time to participate in the advance into Germany’s Ruhr region. Ridyard will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Central PA WWII Roundtable, Thursday, Nov. 3. He’ll describe what it was like for a 19-year-old GI to engage in six weeks of combat on the Siegfried Line, surviving mortar fire, snipers, mines, and the deadly cold. “I was one of the shyest guys around,”

he said. “My personality changed in the army. Combat helped build my confidence. I had done something most people never do and survived.” In addition to his four campaign battle stars, Ridyard earned the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star for Valor. After the war, Herb received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and worked as an aeronautical research scientist for several organizations, including the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of NASA, where he helped in the design of the X-15 Rocket Research Airplane. The Central Pennsylvania WWII

Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that provides a forum for WWII veterans, authors, historians, and citizens to share their knowledge and experiences related to the war. Meetings, held the first Thursday of every month, begin at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 433 E. Main St., Hummelstown. Anyone with an interest in World War II is invited to attend the meetings. There are no membership or admission fees. For more information about the speaker, contact Terry L. Hartzell, tlee.hartzell@gmail.com or 717-939-3629. For information about the Central PA WWII Roundtable, contact Charlie Lloyd at charlie.centralpaw-

GasBuddy survey reveals higher prices at pumps

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg have risen 0.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.35 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last

week to \$2.21 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Harrisburg during the past week, prices Sunday were 11 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 5.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has

increased 1.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.1 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago. According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on Oct. 24 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.24 a gallon in

2015, \$3.13 a gallon in 2014, \$3.32 a gallon in 2013, \$3.72 a gallon in 2012 and \$3.49 a gallon in 2011. Areas nearby Harrisburg and their current gas price climate include: • Lancaster: \$2.37 a gallon, up 0.9 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.36 a gallon.

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2016 NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 1s -American Diabetes Month -Aviation History Month -COPD Awareness Month -Long-Term Care awareness Month -Lung Cancer Awareness Month -National Adoption Month -Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month		1 -M-town Library Board - 6 pm -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Highspire Planning Commission - 7 pm -Royalton Boro Council - 7 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 yrs.) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm	2 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -M-town Youth Club Board Mtg. - 7 pm; General Mtg. - 8 pm -M-town Am. Legion Aux. - 7 pm -Dauphin County Board of Commissioners - 10 am -Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioners - 6 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Case Management Unit, Harrisburg Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	3 -Londonderry Fire Co. - 8 pm -Londonderry Senior Citizens - 1 pm -M-town Boro Authority - 7:30 pm -Dauphin County Conservation District - 7 pm -M-town Library: Family Yoga - Noon Book Club - 6 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Northern Dauphin Human Services, Elizabethville Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	4	5 -Holiday Bazaar - 8:30 am-1:30 pm @ Frey Village, Middletown For more info call 1-888-995-8261
6 -Sons of Am. Legion - 5 pm DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 	7 -Lower Swatara Fire Co. - 7:30 pm -Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - 1 pm -Londonderry Twp. Supervisors - 7 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm Friends Only Preview Book Sale - 4-7 pm	8 GENERAL ELECTION DAY -M-town Alumni Assoc. - 8 pm -ABWA, Olmsted Chapter - 6 pm -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -M-town Area School District: Academic Affairs Committee - 6:30 pm Personnel Committee - 7:30 pm Finance Committee - 8 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 yrs.) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm Book Sale - 10 am-7:30 pm -Spaghetti Dinner, <i>benefits M-town Library</i> @ Prince Edwin-Spring Creek Masonic Temple - 11 am-8 pm	9 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Wesley Gold - 11 am-1 pm -M-town Elks Lodge <i>at Am. Legion</i> - 7 pm -M-town Boro Industrial/Commercial Development Authority - 6 pm -Highspire Boro Council - 7 pm -Dauphin County Board of Commissioners - 10 am -M-town Library Book Sale - 10 am-4 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ REACCH Clinic, Harrisburg Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	10 -Lower Swatara Lions - 6:30 pm -Walk-In Immunization Clinic at Woodlawn Court, 149 Wilson St., M-town - 9:30-11:30 am -M-town Women's Club - 6:30 pm -M-town Area School District: Athletics/Activities Committee - 6:30 pm Operations Committee - 7 pm -Londonderry Twp. Parks/Rec Board - 7 pm -M-town Library: Family Yoga - Noon Book Sale - 10 am-7:30 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Rutherford House Senior Center Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	11 VETERANS DAY 	12 -M-town Library Book Sale - 9 am-4 pm \$4 per bag sale
13 -BINGO, Londonderry Fire Co. Doors Open - Noon; First Game - 2 pm 	14 -M-town Kiwanis - 6 pm -M-town Am. Legion Board - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Fire Co. Aux. - 7:30 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm	15 -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -MASD Finance Committee - 6 pm -Highspire Boro Council - 7 pm -Royalton Boro Authority - 5 pm -Royalton Boro Planning Commission - 7 pm -Londonderry Twp. Supervisors - 7 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 yrs.) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Rattling Creek Apartments, Lykens Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	16 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioners - 7 pm -Dauphin County: Prison Board - 1:30 pm Board of Commissioners - 10 am	17 -Londonderry Senior Citizens - 1 pm -Highspire Boro Authority - 7 pm -Steelton-Highspire School Board - 6:30 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Planning Commission - 7 pm -M-town Library: Family Yoga - Noon -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Mohler Senior Center, Hershey Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	18 -Dauphin County Ag Land Preservation Board - 9 am -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Millersburg Senior Center Call 717-780-6130 for appointment	19
20 -Dinner, Londonderry Fire Co. - 11 am-2pm -Holiday Bazaar - 11 am-4 pm @ Mohler Center, Hershey	21 -MASD Board - 7 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm Murder Mystery Book Club - 6 pm -Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - 1 pm -Alzheimer's Support, Frey Village - 6:30 pm -Londonderry Twp. Planning Commission - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Authority - 7 pm -Dauphin County District Ag Committee - 2 pm	22 -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Londonderry Lionettes - 7 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 yrs.) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm	23 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Dauphin County Board of Commissioners - 10 am -Mtown Boro Planning Commission - 7 pm	24 THANKSGIVING DAY -Closed for the Holiday Press and Journal Offices 	25	26 -BINGO BLAST, Hummelstown Chemical Fire Co. Doors Open - 5 pm; Games - 7 pm 
27 FIRST DAY OF ADVENT	28 -M-town Kiwanis - 6 pm -M-town Am. Legion - 7 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm	29 -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 yrs.) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm Knit/Crochet/Craft Club - 6 pm	30 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling @ Mohler Senior Center, Hershey Call 717-780-6130 for appointment -Dauphin County Board of Commissioners - 10 am		First Quarter November 7  Full Moon November 14 	Last Quarter November 21  New Moon November 29 




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Longtime school board member steps down

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal

Michael S. Richards, a member of the school board for Middletown Area School District since 1995, resigned effect Monday, Oct. 24.

“His depth of knowledge will be difficult to replace,” Newton Davis, board president, said Monday after the resignation was accepted at the board meeting.

Davis credited Richards, chairman of the operations committee, for his leadership on the high school building project and several other projects.

Richards, a mechanical maintenance manager at Three Mile Island, also was instrumental in the district’s previous building project, the Middletown Area Middle School.

Richards did not attend Monday’s meeting. Richards did not provide a reason for his resignation, Davis said.

David John, board vice president, said that during his years on the board, he often contacted Richards to get a better understanding of operations matters that were brought before the board for a vote.

The board has 30 days to fill the vacancy. If it does not, the matter will go to court, John said.

The district will advertise for interested candidates to submit resumes by Nov. 4.

Interviews are tentatively planned for Nov. 9 or 10, the nights scheduled for school board committee meetings.

They will then deliberate about the candidates and vote to select a candidate during the board meeting Nov. 21. Davis said the process is dependent on having interested candidates step forward, which has not always happened with past board vacancies.

The board will appoint a new member to serve through November 2017.

The remainder of Richards’ term, which will expire in 2019, will be decided in the 2017 election.

Middletown decides to keep Penn Waste as trash hauler; rates might go up slightly

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal

If you live in Middletown and you like your trash collection service, don’t worry about it changing.

Borough council during its Oct. 18 meeting approved a new three-year contract with the town’s existing hauler, Penn Waste.

Penn Waste is increasing the price it charges to the borough by about \$5,000 a year. However, that doesn’t mean the price that residents pay will have to go up, said Borough Manager

Ken Klinepeter. The borough may be able to absorb the increase without passing it on to residents, although that won’t be known for certain until all the numbers are crunched for the 2017 budget.

If the rate does have to go up, Klinepeter said the worst-case scenario would be a monthly increase

of from \$1.70 to \$2.

If there is an increase, chances are the price won’t go up again throughout the three-year deal with Penn Waste. The company will be charging the borough \$693,180 a year for trash collection starting Jan. 1, but that annual rate remains constant throughout 2018 and 2019, Klinepeter said.

Residents pay \$25.65 for trash collection, a rate that hasn’t changed since 2011. There is also no change in the trash collection service that residents receive from Penn Waste.

Residents can continue to put out up

to four bags of trash each week, plus one bulk item. In addition, residents can put out more than four bags a week by purchasing tags from the borough for \$4 per additional bag.

Penn Waste has been the borough’s trash hauler since 2008. This year, council decided to put the trash contract out for bid. Three other companies bid for the borough’s trash collection contract — Waste Management, Republic Services, and Lebanon Farms — but all came in higher than the bid that was received from Penn Waste, Klinepeter said.

Borough gets ‘favorable’ electricity rate for five years

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal

Middletown Borough Council approved a new five-year contract that is “favorable” to residents for the wholesale purchase of electricity Oct. 18.

The new contract going into effect Jan. 1 with PSEG — Public Service Enterprise Group — a diversified energy company based in Newark, New Jersey, locks in what the borough will be paying over the next five years for electricity generation, said Borough

Manager Ken Klinepeter. The rate is \$35.65 per megawatt hour from Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2022. According to energysare.com, a typical family home uses 3 to 4 MWh of electricity a year.

At 75 percent, generation is the biggest chunk of what the borough has to pay for electricity. Middletown is one of 35 boroughs in Pennsylvania that are in the public power business. The boroughs buy electricity from wholesalers and control the sale of electricity to businesses and residents.

The remaining 25 percent of the cost is for capacity and transmission, the prices for which are “fluid and variable” because these components are to be purchased by the borough on the open market, Klinepeter said.

In March 2015 council approved a one-year extension of an existing contract with Exelon to purchase electricity at a discounted rate. That extension remains in effect until Jan. 1 when the new deal with PSEG kicks in.

The PSEG contract is “favorable” in terms of what residents and busi-

nesses will have to pay the borough for electricity over the next five years, Klinepeter said.

“There’s a good chance we can hold the line” on electric rates although it is too soon to know for certain, he said.

The electric rate in the borough last went up in early 2016, when council approved a 1-cent across the board increase to help balance the budget.

PSEG was one of six electric wholesalers that submitted a bid proposal to the borough for a new contract, Klinepeter said.

Landscaping fund set up to help beautify Middletown

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal

Several businesses have lent their support to make the square at Union and Main streets look better.

Four businesses have sponsored landscaping improvements in one of each of the four pods that are on the four corners of the square.

The businesses were identified by Middletown Councilor Anne Einhorn as the Press And Journal, McNees Wallace & Nurick, Pennsylvania Properties, and IEC, an electrical contracting company in Middletown owned by Ian Reddinger, a borough councilor.

The business sponsors enabled the borough to buy mulch, plants and other materials instead of having to use tax dollars, said Einhorn, who said she had approached each of the businesses.

The labor involved in the improvements was donated by Thompson’s Lawn Care, a landscaping business in Londonderry Township, Einhorn said.

In return, signs will be put up at the square acknowledging the role of the businesses in making the improvements happen, Einhorn said.

“It looks good when people drive through, and that’s a start,” Einhorn told the Press And Journal

on Oct. 21.

In hopes of attracting more sponsorship activities like these — from businesses as well as individuals — borough council at Einhorn’s urging on Oct. 18 created a new “square landscaping fund.”

Borough resident Robert Hauser suggested the fund be not just for the square, but expanded to attract sponsors to help spruce up and decorate other public areas of the town.

Einhorn said she is open to that idea.

Down the road, she’d like to see community gardens and landscaping in some areas of Middletown that aren’t as visible as the square, but where the improvements “would make a difference to the people that live there.” This could be part of the borough’s overall anti-blight effort, she said.

If you are a business or individual interested



Press and Journal Photo by Eric Wise

A fund to account for donations and sponsorship support from businesses and individuals toward landscaping improvements at the square in Middletown has been created by borough council.

in sponsoring improvements at the square and elsewhere, contact Einhorn at annemarinol63@comcast.net, or call her at 717-512-6468.

BUDGET

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deficit of \$2 million to \$3 million.

The borough received state grants to hire consultants, including Susquehanna Group Advisors, a firm that took over running the borough’s financial affairs and its budgeting.

Each year the borough budget was put together by Mark Morgan, a consultant with Susquehanna Group. Kapenstein, elected in 2014, chaired council’s finance committee but said he never knew what went into the budget numbers handed down by Morgan, or how they were developed.

“I always had trouble getting information,” Kapenstein said.

In 2015, McNamara and councilors aligned with him were voted out of office. The management staff put in place under McNamara left in late December, as new council leadership was about to take over.

The new council under Kapenstein has spent much of 2016 assembling a new management team, including Hamer.

Hiring Hamer was part of bringing borough financial affairs back in-house from the outside consultants, Kapenstein said.

Susquehanna Group Advisors still works for the borough, but Morgan has played no direct role in this year’s budget process, Hamer said.

Instead, the budget is “staff-driven” and developed based on input from Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter and the major department heads, Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach and Police Chief John Bey.

The borough also met with or solicited input from commissions and outside organizations

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Ben Kapenstein, council president

that depend in part or wholly on money they get each year from the borough budget; like the Middletown Fire Department, and the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board.

“We reached out to all the agencies. I don’t think we did that before,” Kapenstein said. “To me this is the normal way a government runs a budget process.”

Big ticket items, challenges

Hamer said the borough is working toward having a draft budget ready for the first meeting on Nov. 3.

The spending plan is to be a “zero-based budget,” Kapenstein said. That means starting from scratch, instead of accepting everything in the 2016 budget as gospel and just adding money on top to cover inflation.

Every budget line item must be justified in writing by the department heads, Hamer said.

Hamer hopes the Nov. 3 and Nov. 7 meetings aren’t just number-crunching sessions but an opportunity for open discussion with council on “big ticket” issues like staffing, and any major projects councilors want to see go forward in 2017.

As of Thursday, Oct. 20, Hamer said he had not seen the budget requests from Wilsbach and Bey, so he didn’t know whether either or both are requesting more positions in the 2017 budget.

Fund balance, insurance

One item to be discussed will be deciding how much of a fund balance the borough should have. A fund balance is like a household savings account — a pot of money to fall back on in case of unexpected emergencies — as in the borough’s case the 2011 flood.

The fund balance can be a fixed flat amount or, more typically Kapenstein said, a percentage of general fund revenue.

Middletown’s current fund balance is larger than recommended, Kapenstein said. That’s a good problem, as excess money from the fund balance could go toward a one-time project like repaving Ann Street, he said.

On the negative side, the borough’s health insurance premium is going up by 51 percent in 2017 — an increase roughly equal to \$300,000.

Think of what could be done with \$300,000, but “that is money that is just gone” and it’s too late to do anything about it for 2017, Kapenstein said.

Otherwise, while council will continue exploring the idea of Middletown becoming part of a regional police force, the 2017 budget does not anticipate any savings from this in the year to come.

It’s “not realistic,” Kapenstein said. “Any merger that happens is going to take longer than a year. We are being conservative with this so we’re not estimating any savings from police regionalization.”

CAMERAS

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Curry III both said they were unaware of the cameras ever being turned off, according to the minutes.

The Press And Journal reached out to McNamara for further comment, but he declined.

Now, Knull is on council — having been elected in 2015. She is leading an effort to get the cameras working again.

“I have brought this up on several occasions and no one moved on it, so I took it upon myself to move on it,” Knull said in an emailed comment to the Press And Journal on Oct. 20.

Knull arranged for 2K Networking, the company that handles the borough’s information technology needs, to give a presentation to council on Oct. 18 on how the borough can get the video surveillance cameras operational again.

There’s a relatively easy fix, Josh Hinkle of 2K Networking told council. The borough will have to buy new

cameras, but the system to run them is already in place at the Middletown Police Department station on East Emaus Street.

The MPD has its own system and software to run video surveillance cameras that are in use in and around the police station, Hinkle said.

The cameras that the borough had been using throughout town until 2014 will all need to be replaced, Hinkle told council. There is no longer software and hardware available on the market to support the cameras, he said.

Ten new cameras — to replace each of the ones that the borough now has, not counting those at the police station — and the associated cost to tie the new cameras into the MPD system would total about \$11,750, Hinkle said.

However, this estimate appeared to depend upon much of the work to extend fiber optic cabling being done in-house by Wilsbach’s public works crew. But Wilsbach indicated that due to cuts that occurred under McNamara, the department no longer has the assets

and manpower to do extensive fiber optic cabling work.

The replacement cameras suggested by Hinkle would have night-vision capability and be motion-activated, he said.

The borough isn’t restricted to just replacing the cameras at the current locations, Hinkle said.

The borough needs more than 10 video surveillance cameras and at more locations, Curry said.

“I think there are other areas of town that could use some attention,” he said.

Council needs to hear from Police Chief John Bey regarding how many cameras there should be in the borough, and where, said Councilor Ian Reddinger.

The time to get that input is now, so that all the cameras can be put in place at one time, instead of doing it piecemeal, which adds to the cost, Reddinger added.

“I would like to see the borough spend the money once, have one system and then be done with it,” he said.

Town Topics



News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Fall Book Sale slated at Middletown library

The Fall Book Sale is coming to the Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St. It starts from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, with a preview night. It costs \$10 at the door to join Friends of Library. It continues from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 (half price); and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$4 bag sale, specials half off).

The Craft Group will sponsor a bake sale on Nov. 12.

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Halloween Bingo to be held at fire company

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, is sponsoring Halloween Bingo on Friday, Oct. 28. Doors open 5 p.m. Bingo is at 7 p.m. The cost includes a buffet dinner.

For tickets, contact Mike O’Donnell at 717-576-8649 or the firehouse at 717-944-2175.

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Live music at Sunset Grill by Cruise Control

Cruise Control will perform on the deck at Sunset Bar and Grill, 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

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Bingo Blast is Oct. 29 in Hummelstown

Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249 E. Main St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring a Bingo Blast at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

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Show and buffet at Sunset Bar and Grill

Earl David Reed will perform at Sunset Bar and Grill, 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown, on Saturday, October 29 at 8 p.m. Price includes show and buffet. Buffet: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets on sale at www.sunsetbandg.org.

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Nursing Career Open House coming Oct. 27

Bayada Pediatrics is sponsoring a Nursing Career Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at Forklore Coffee and Company, 1 N. Market St., Elizabethtown.

Lunch is free. To learn more, call 717-291-9000.

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Holiday Bazaar slated at Frey Village on Nov. 5

A Holiday Bazaar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Frey Village Chapel and Main Hallway, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown.

There will be lots of activities and food.

For more information, call 888-995-8261.

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K of C Craft Show will be held on Sunday

The second annual Knights of Columbus Craft Show will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Parish Center at St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg.

Tables and spaces are available. For more information, contact Chris at 717-919-3910.

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Low-cost vaccine clinic for cats/dogs is Nov. 5

Steelton Community Cats is sponsoring a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Swatara Township Public Safety Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg.

Registration is at 10:30 a.m. Clinic hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 717-877-4146.



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Cameras at Oak Hill Park are not operational.

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Above, Aiden Sessa and Hayli Akakpo-Martin, student representatives of the newly founded Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation, oversee the silent auction for the Foundation. Right, Larry Etter of the Press And Journal keeps an eye on the coin toss before Saturday's football game vs. Boiling Springs.



Members of the Homecoming court are seen above and below.



Senior Drum Major Nate Gingrich takes part in the Homecoming parade.



Peggy Hunter, retired MAHS teacher, looks over alumni memorabilia along with other alumni on Friday.



Student Council President Jimmy Fitzpatrick and student council members at Friday's bonfire.



Marlin Espenshade, Class of 1970, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Earl W. Bright III, Class of 1965, Alumni Association treasurer



Homecoming 2016

Middletown Area School District



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Above, the 2016 Homecoming court. Left, the coin flip before the football game.



The marching band takes part in the Homecoming parade.



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Earl Bright Sr. and Earl Bright Jr. of the alumni association, the Blue Raider and Joe Sukle of the Press And Journal at Saturday's football game.



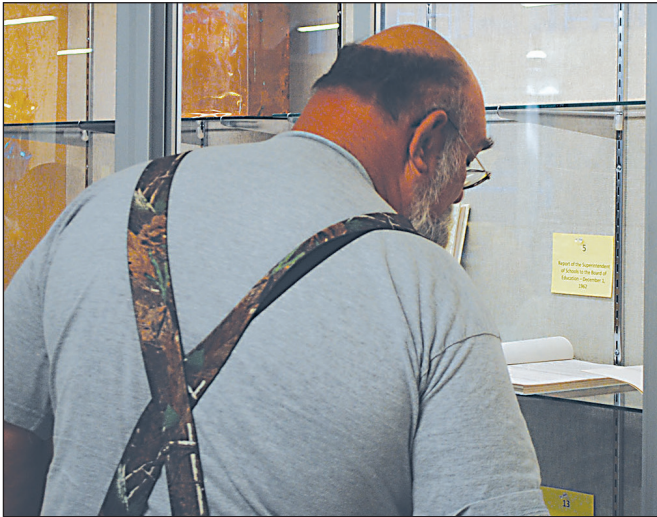
MAHS cheerleaders show their school spirit during the football game.



The freshmen won first place in the float contest.



Above, Cathy and Casper Voithofer, a former high school principal. Below, people who attended the open house checked out the items on display.





Photos by John Diffenderfer

The Cumberland Valley defense likely got tired of seeing Lower Dauphin running back Brendan Shaffer carry the ball Friday night. Here, he takes off on his 80-yard touchdown run.

Falcons upend CV, keep hopes for playoffs alive

Press And Journal Staff

It hasn't been the most memorable of seasons for the Lower Dauphin football team, where trips to the playoffs have been the norm in recent years.

That all changed Friday night, thanks in large part to 263 rushing yards and two touchdowns from Falcons junior running back Brendan Shaffer, as Lower Dauphin defeated visiting Cumberland Valley.

The Falcons were only 3-4 entering Friday night's game hosting Cumberland Valley. CV was 6-1 overall playing in the Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division.

But now, standing at 4-4 on the season and 2-2 in the Mid-Penn Keystone Division, they have a new outlook.

The playoffs suddenly aren't out of the question.

Lower Dauphin head coach Greg Kratzer said Monday that "there's a shot, but we have to handle our business," adding that several teams ahead of them in the playoff race lost over the weekend, and some teams still have tough games ahead.

The Falcons have their own challenge this weekend, going up against Bishop McDevitt, which is 4-1 in the Mid-Penn Keystone and 5-3 overall. They finish the season with Hershey, which is 1-3 in the Keystone and 1-7 overall.

But all the playoff talk wouldn't be possible without the big win Friday.

The Falcons got on the board first



Cole Etchberger upends a Cumberland Valley runner.

in the second quarter, with a 33-yard field goal by Clyde Tamburro.

They took a 9-0 lead in the third quarter when Shaffer ran 21 yards for a touchdown.

Cumberland Valley cut that lead to 9-3 when Ridge Bachman kicked a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

The play of the game happened right after that 17-play drive that led to the Bachman field goal.

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HOME SWEET HOME



Photos by Bill Darrah

Tyreer Mills runs past the Bubblers defense for a touchdown.

Boiling Springs puts up little resistance as Blue Raiders

By Larry Etter

Press And Journal Staff

With a huge game looming this week against Milton Hershey, the Middletown football team got little resistance from visiting Boiling Springs in Saturday's Homecoming contest at windy, chilly War Memorial Field.

The 42-6 victory, the Blue Raiders' eighth straight and second Homecoming victory in a row, set the stage for what could turn out to be the Mid-Penn Capital Division's game of the year.

The Raiders will face the Spartans at Henry Hershey Field on Friday night in a battle of division unbeaten teams. Milton Hershey, with just one loss on its record, is coming off a big win over Trinity heading into this weekend's showdown.

For the Blue Raiders, the romp over the winless Bubblers was so complete that none of the offensive or defensive starters played a down in the second half. Not one to look ahead, coach Brett Myers still agreed that a tougher game would have been more beneficial for his players as they prepped for the upcoming clash at Milton Hershey.



Blake Jacoby and Kyle Truesdale shut down the Bubblers' run game.

"But," he said, "It was good to get our JV players on the field for the second half."

"They made a nice, goal line stand, too," he added, referring to a third-quarter stop at the 1 yard line.

The Bubblers finally scored against the reserves with just 27 seconds left

in the game. Up until that point the visitors had victimized themselves with numerous mistakes, but were also victimized by the superior play of the Middletown squad.

It did not take long for the home team to establish its dominance. Four plays into the game quarterback Chase Sna-

vely hooked up with junior receiver Tyreer Mills on a 42-yard touchdown pass that got the Raiders rolling. Mills got open near the 20, where he pulled in Snavely's spot-on throw. From there, it was no contest as Mills raced to the end zone. Donovan Brady's kick made it a 7-0 lead with 10:02 on the clock.

On Boiling Springs' ensuing possession Jonah McCoy broke up a third down pass to force a Bubbler punt.

Mills caused more excitement when he returned the kick for an apparent touchdown. But a penalty erased the scoring run. It did not matter, however, as the Blue Raiders scored on the very next play when freshman running back Jose Lopez ran around the left side, picked up blocks down field and turned the sweep into a dazzling 63-yard touchdown sprint. With 8:04 still left in the first quarter, the Raiders led 14-0. Things simply got worse for the visitors after that.

On second and 9, Bubbler quarterback Evan Mancuso fumbled and Middletown's Laron Woody recovered for the Raiders at the Boiling Springs'.

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Blue Raiders boys soccer wins twice, makes playoffs

By Mitch Spear

For the Press And Journal

The Blue Raiders boys soccer team won two games last week to enter the District 3 playoffs seeded No. 8.

The Raiders (12-6) started their playoff push against divisional foe Trinity, seeded No. 9, on Tuesday night at home at 6:30 p.m. Trinity and Middletown split their regular season games this year, setting up a rubber match. The winner gets rewarded by playing top ranked and undefeated Tulpehocken (18-0) on Saturday, Oct. 29 for the District III quarterfinals.

Middletown 7, James Buchanan 3

Middletown got off to a fast start Monday, Oct. 17, with two chances within the first three minutes of the game. However, it was not until a nice sequence of passes that started from the midfield that the Blue Raiders scored. Jacob Spear found Connor Golden making the run up the right flank that was neatly crossed back to David Alcock, standing square of goal frame. Alcock finished well to get the Raiders on the board to lead 1-0.

The Rockets tied it up, but minutes later, the Raiders pulled ahead once again with a ball placed near post from Griffin Meyer after working through the rocket defense. It didn't take long for the Rockets to pull even once again, however, when Isaac Schenton found some room to look up and strike from about 35 yards out, placing the ball in the bottom right corner to tie it at 2.

The 3-2 advantage came from the work of Tyler Clingan, who was fouled in the box. The pursuing penalty kick was taken by Connor Gambini who waited patiently until Sean Martin dove to his left, while Gambini shot the ball in the newly vacated area in center of the goal.

The next score came from Thomas Einolf shooting far post after receiving a nice service ball from Donovan Brady. Middletown extended their lead to a 5-2 count when Ian Guckavan found a seam in the Rockets defense and made a nicely timed run to get beyond their trap. Beating the trap, Guckavan neatly finished the one on one versus the goalie coming off his line.

Guchavan scored his second in as many attempts, on a nearly identical goal, this time from the service of Einolf, to end the first half with the 6-2 advantage.

The second half resulted in two more goals, one from each team. The Rockets' pulled back within



Photo by Debbie Spear

The Middletown boys soccer team celebrates its big win vs. Bishop McDevitt, clinching their playoff birth.

three, compliments of Schenton's hat trick, who played a terrific contest. The game ended 7-3 when Spear received the ball at the corner of the 18 as a result of Connor Golden's high press. Spear after receiving the ball dribbled directly to the near post and shot the ball far post.

Middletown keeper Thomas Lee had 6 saves.

Middletown 3, Bishop McDevitt 2

The Raiders finished the regular season at home against the Crusaders of Bishop McDevitt on Wednesday night. A win would likely mean hosting a first round playoff game. With a loss, they would either start the playoffs on the road or potentially run the dangers of missing district playoffs.

Fortunately for the Raiders, they started strong and were able to tally first. The goal was the result of a service ball from Spear to Blake Gill who found a little room between two Crusader defenders. Gill struck the ball well far post giving Middletown the early one goal advantage.

The advantage held throughout the first half, despite several good chances from both teams. The Crusaders pulled even, but minutes later, the Crusaders took the lead when Nick Minnich buried the attempt, giving the Crusaders the goal advantage.

The deficit just seemed to make the Raiders work harder and press higher. The efforts paid off quickly with the Raiders drawing even when Connor Golden whipped in a pretty ball to the head of Nate Nelson timing his run far post. Nelson's header evened the score and energized the crowd and the Blue Raiders.

The Raiders got the game-winner when Connor Golden pressured the left defensive back and Gabe Keller in goal came off his line to challenge for the ball. Golden was able to side step the defender and get a slight touch of the ball off the outside of his foot that redirected the ball's trajectory around the charging Keller. The spinning ball was slowed, but had enough pace to beat the Crusader defense running back to attempt a clear on the ball heading towards the empty net to make it 3-2, Raiders.

Junior varsity

The junior varsity ended the season with a record of 12-2-2.

In their last game, vs. Bishop McDevitt, the Raiders scored first when an elevated cross from Billy Cleland glanced off the head of a Crusader defender and to the head of Clayton Wagner who guided the ball far post for the Raider 1-0 lead.

In the second half, with less than 14 minutes remaining Dane Ebersole stood tall and made a terrific save by pushing what seemed to be for certain a Crusaders goal just over the net.

Minutes later, the Raiders doubled their lead when Ben Knisely made a nice pass to Griffin Meyer, who volleyed the bouncing ball from about 20 yards out over the keeper's head to his right and just under the crossbar. The Crusaders eventually broke onto the scoreboard, when a nice cross from Nick Minnich found the head of Mitchell Ward and was sent back across the goal mouth for the 2-1 final.

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Photos by Bill Darrah

Freshman Jose Lopez beats the defense for a first-quarter touchdown.

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15 yard line. After Jaelen Thompson ran for 6 yards on first down, Brady Fox followed the lead block of Justin Mayersky into the end zone for Middletown's third touchdown. There was still 6:22 left in the first period and the Raiders had expanded their lead to 21-0.

Trying to get back into the game, the Bubblers' offense picked up 8 yards on a pair of runs, but lost a yard on third down and again were forced to punt.

Picking up the ball off a bounce at the 26 on the left side, Mills crossed to the right, picked up the necessary blocks from his teammates and blazed his way to the south end zone for a 74-yard touchdown return that padded the lead to 28-0.

The visitors did manage to pick up a pair of first downs on their ensuing possession before the Middletown defense shut off the drive. After losing 7 yards on two plays and facing a third and 17, the drive was stopped when linebacker Blake Jacoby dropped Josh Otto well short of the marker.

The Middletown offense lost a fumble on the first drive of the second quarter but the visitors could not cash in on the turnover. Instead a botched punt attempt gave the ball back to the Raiders at the Boiling Springs 34. Runs by Fox and Thompson moved the ball to the Bubblers' 1 yard line before a high snap from center cost the Raiders 34 yards all the way back out to the 37.

Undaunted, the Raiders went 21 yards on a Snavely-to-Tre Leach pass connection that set up another

touchdown by Mills. This one came on a 15-yard pass with 2:48 left in the first half. Brady's PAT upped the Middletown advantage to 35-0 and pretty much iced the win for the Blue Raiders.

On Boiling Springs' following possession, Kyle Truesdale, Haden Landis, Hunter Landis and Bob Graham led the defense that forced another punting situation for the Bubblers.

And the Bubblers hurt themselves once more when an errant snap was chased down by kicker Otto at the 2 yard line.

Snavely went into the end zone on a keeper at 1:37 that gave the Raiders a 42-0 halftime cushion. And that pretty much ended the day for the Middletown starters.

In the second half, with the mercy clock running, the Raider reserves took over and the defense preserved the shutout until the waning seconds of the game.

The Raiders nearly gave up a score late in the third after the Bubblers had taken possession of the ball at the Middletown 24. The opportunity came for the visitors when a punt attempt by Tristan Maxwell went wrong.

But the Raiders held when Kaiden Karper was stopped at the one by several Middletown defenders.

Early in the fourth quarter, Antonio Gamble, Lopez and Edwin Figueroa moved the ball before a big run by Lamar Ventura was wiped out by a holding penalty. Later, with 2:29 left in the game, the Bubblers, lifted by a 40-yard pass play, broke into the scoring column with a 15-yard touchdown down pass that broke up the shutout.



A Middletown offensive line surge helps quarterback Chase Snavely into the end zone in the second quarter.


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Halloween parade winners announced; don't forget trick-or-treat is Thursday

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown released the Halloween Parade prize winners for the 63rd edition held Monday, Oct. 17. Don't forget: Trick-or-treating in Middletown and Lower Swatara Township is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

Cutest

First place: "Alice in Wonderland," River Martin, Cassidy Martin, Melissa Martin, Mary Hummel, and Brian Mishek (bottom right picture)

Second place: "Pirates," Laura and Kalina Hoffman

Third place: "Tigger," Louise Schaeffer

Original individual

First place: "Halo — The Dutch Angel Dragon," Emma Smith

Second place: none

Third place: none

Original group

First place: "A Night at the Museum," Middletown Area Middle School sixth-grade students (middle right picture)

Second place: "Cubs of Pack 113,"

Cub Pack 113

Third place: "We Are Middletown," Penn State Harrisburg varsity athletes and club sports members

Performing group/marching unit

First place: Middletown Area High School cheerleaders (top right picture)

Second place (tie): CAX-Capital Area Extreme Cheerleaders

Second place (tie): Middletown Area High School "Blue Wave" Band

Fourth place: Swatara Tigers Cheer-leading Peewee Squad

Large float

First place: "Frankenstein's Laboratory," Londonderry Cub Pack 97 (below)

Second place: Girl Scouts Class of 2016, Monica Reinnagel, Heather Burrows, Evelyn Gaumer, Eileen Reinnagel, Brindi Gaumer, Gwen Baumbach, Kelsey Dvorchak, Mckayla Tucker, Kali Finnegan, Gabrielle Smith, and Lita Moose

Third place: "2016 Zombie Run for Your Life 5K," Middletown Area High School football team



Halloween parade in Lower Swatara



Lower Swatara Lions held their annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 20, starting at the Lions building in Shoppes Gardens.

PHOTOS BY EARL HAMMAKER



FALCONS

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It was a drive on which Shaffer had played every down defensively.

"The coaches were saying to put Cole Etchberger in to give him a blow," Kratzer said of Shaffer.

But Shaffer told his coach that he was fine.

"He's the kind of player who doesn't want to leave the field," he said.

The decision to leave him in paid off handsomely.

Shaffer ripped off an 80-yard run on the first play to put the score at 15-3. He took the handoff from Ryan Kutz and went nearly untouched up the left sideline, beating the last defender at the Cumberland Valley 25.

CV wouldn't go quietly. Charlie Katshir hauled in a 20-yard pass from Ridge Bachman to make it 15-10 with less than 5 minutes left. But the Falcons would hang on for the victory.

Kratzer said it wasn't only Shaffer's offense that impressed him.

"Defensively, he seemed to be in on every play," Kratzer said.

In fact, the story of the game in his view was the defense. CV had several long drives, but the Lower Dauphin defense prevented them from capitalizing with a "bend but don't break" approach.

Etchberger had two interceptions, including one in the end zone.

Despite Shaffer's big game, Kratzer said it was a team win, with the offense controlling the ball on the ground, the defense holding CV to one touchdown, and special teams dominating the return game.

The team played with the "youthful exuberance" he wants to see, the attitude they showed in wins vs. Cedar Crest, Red Land and Mechanicsburg, he said.

"When we think too much and play tight, we get into trouble," he said, adding that he wants to see emotion and excitement out of his players.

The Falcons got the win without



Photo by John Diffenderfer

Cole Etchberger intercepts a pass in the end zone.

having almost any air attack. Kutz and Aidan Klassen shared quarterback duties, combining to go just 4 of 6 for 23 yards in the air. Lower Dauphin had only 298 total yards.

But with Shaffer running like he did,

Kratzer said the game planned evolved as Lower Dauphin succeeded on the ground. He ended up with 27 carries.

"We were hurting ourselves if we stopped doing that," he said of the running attack.

FOOTBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Capital Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Middletown	5	0	8-0
Milton Hershey	5	0	7-1
Palmyra	3	2	6-2
East Pennsboro	3	2	6-2
Camp Hill	2	3	5-3
Trinity	1	4	2-6
Steelton-Highspire	1	4	2-6
Bolling Springs	0	5	0-8

Games of Oct. 21-22

Middletown 42, Bolling Springs 6
East Pennsboro 34, Palmyra 24
Camp Hill 34, Steel-High 14
Milton Hershey 48, Trinity 14

This week's games

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. starts
Middletown at Milton Hershey
Trinity at Palmyra
Steel-High at Bolling Springs
East Pennsboro at Camp Hill

Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Bishop McDevitt	4	1	5-3
Cedar Cliff	3	1	7-1
Red Land	3	2	5-3
Lower Dauphin	2	2	4-4
Susquehanna Twp.	2	2	4-4
Hershey	1	3	1-7
Mechanicsburg	0	4	0-8

Games of Oct. 21

Lower Dauphin 15, Cumberland Valley 10
Hershey 27, Mechanicsburg 0
Bishop McDevitt 7, Susquehanna Town-
ship 3
Cedar Cliff 55, Red Land 26

This week's games

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. starts
Lower Dauphin at Bishop McDevitt
Mechanicsburg at Cedar Cliff
Susquehanna Township at Hershey
Red Land at Central Dauphin

BOYS SOCCER MID-PENN CONFERENCE Capital Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Camp Hill	13	1	0 17-1
Trinity	8	4	2 10-6-2
Middletown	8	6	0 11-6
Bishop McDevitt	6	6	2 10-7-2
Susque. Twp.	6	7	1 8-9-1
West Perry	6	7	1 8-9-1
East Pennsboro	5	9	0 5-13
Milton Hershey	1	13	0 3-15

Monday, Oct. 17

Middletown 7, James Buchanan 3

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Middletown 3, Bishop McDevitt 2

This week's games

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Trinity at Middletown, 6:30 p.m. (playoffs)

Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Lower Dauphin	12	0	0 21-0
Mechanicsburg	10	2	0 15-3
Hershey	8	4	0 11-7
CD East	4	7	1 6-11-1
Palmyra	4	7	1 6-12-1
Mifflin County	3	9	0 5-13
Harrisburg	0	12	0 0-14

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Lower Dauphin 4, Greencastle-Antrim 0

This week's games

Thursday, Oct. 27
Greencastle-Antrim at Lower Dauphin,
TBD (playoffs)

GIRLS SOCCER MID-PENN CONFERENCE Capital Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
East Pennsboro	14	0	0 18-1
Trinity	12	2	0 16-2
Middletown	8	5	1 9-8-1
Bishop McDevitt	8	6	0 10-9
West Perry	5	9	0 6-11
Susque. Twp.	4	9	1 6-11-1
Camp Hill	3	11	0 8-11
Milton Hershey	1	13	0 1-13

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Middletown 3, Bishop McDevitt 1

This week's games

Saturday, Oct. 29
Middletown at Lancaster Mennonite, 5
p.m. (playoffs)

Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Mechanicsburg	8	2	0 12-7
Hershey	7	2	1 12-6-1
Lower Dauphin	6	3	1 9-8-1
Palmyra	6	4	0 8-9-2
CD East	2	8	0 4-14
Mifflin County	0	11	0 2-16-1

Monday, Oct. 17

Lower Dauphin 4, CD East 0

FIELD HOCKEY MID-PENN CONFERENCE Capital Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
East Pennsboro	8	1	1 15-2-1
Northern York	5	1	4 8-3-5
Camp Hill	4	3	3 8-7-3
Bishop McDevitt	3	4	2 8-6-3
Milton Hershey	3	6	1 5-10-1
Middletown	0	8	1 2-14-1

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Northern York 1, Middletown 0

Thursday, Oct. 13

Shippensburg 2, Middletown 0

This week's games

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Middletown at Bishop McDevitt, 6 p.m.

MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Hershey	8	1	0 13-4

Palmyra	8	2	0 16-2
Lower Dauphin	7	2	0 13-4
Mechanicsburg	4	6	0 7-10-1
Susquehanna Twp.	1	8	1 7-10-1
Red Land	0	9	1 2-14-2

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Lower Dauphin 6, Red Land 0

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Colonial Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Milton Hershey	8	6	9-9
CD East	6	8	9-9
Middletown	6	8	6-11
Harrisburg	1	12	2-13
Steel High	0	12	0-15

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Big Spring 3, Middletown 1

Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Palmyra	9	0	11-2
Lower Dauphin	7	3	10-4
Greencastle-Antrim	5	5	7-5
Waynesboro	5	5	9-8
Hershey	5	6	6-7
Mechanicsburg	4	6	5-7
Shippensburg	0	9	0-12

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Lower Dauphin 3, Shippensburg 0

Thursday, Oct. 20

Lower Dauphin 3, Waynesboro 1

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Mechanicsburg 14, Middletown 6
Gettysburg 15, Seven Sorrows 14

PONY

Susquehanna Township 20, Middletown 13

Seven Sorrows 47, Hershey 6

Next up: 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, Big Spring High School: No. 1 seed Seven Sorrows vs. No. 4 seed Greenwood

PEEWEE

Seven Sorrows 32, Big Spring 8

Next up: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, West Spring High School: No. 3 seed Seven Sorrows vs. No. 2 seed Gettysburg

COLLEGE SOCCER CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN			
	W	L	OVERALL
Chris. Newport	7	0	1 14-2-1
Mary Washington	7	1	0 12-3
St. Mary's	5	2	1 11-3-2
PSIJ Harrisburg	5	3	0 11-6
York	4	3	1 7-7-2
Frostburg St.	3	4	1 7-9-1
Salisbury	3	5	0 6-8-1
Marymount	2	6	0 4-10-2
Wesley	1	7	0 3-10-2
Southern Virginia	1	7	0 3-13

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Frostburg State 2, Penn State Harrisburg 1

Saturday, Oct. 22

Christopher Newport 4, Penn State Harrisburg 2

This week's games

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Penn State Harrisburg at Mary Washing-
ton, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

CAC playoffs begin

WOMEN			
	W	L	OVERALL
Chris. Newport	7	0	1 13-2-1
St. Mary's	6	1	1 9-5-1
Frostburg St.	6	2	0 9-8
Mary Washington	5	2	1 9-5-2
York	4	4	0 6-9-1
Salisbury	3	4	1 4-7-4
Penn State H'burg	3	5	0 6-11
Marymount	2	6	0 7-8
Southern Virginia	2	6	0 5-10
Wesley	0	8	0 4-10-1

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Frostburg State 3, Penn State Harrisburg 0

Saturday, Oct. 22

Christopher Newport 1, Penn State Harrisburg 0

This week's games

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Penn State Harrisburg at Mary Washing-
ton, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

CAC playoffs begin

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN			
	W	L	OVERALL
Mary Washington	7	0	25-2
Marymount	6	1	20-6
Salisbury	5	1	17-7
Christopher Newport	5	2	21-7
St. Mary's	5	2	21-9
York	3	5	20-9
Southern Virginia	2	5	6-14
Frostburg St.	1	6	11-17
Penn State Harrisburg	1	7	6-17
Wesley	0	6	11-14

Friday, Oct. 21

Mary Washington 3, Penn State Harrisburg 0

Saturday, Oct. 22

Christopher Newport 3, Penn State Harrisburg 0

Washington and Lee 3, Penn State Harrisburg 0

This week's games

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Penn College at Penn State Harrisburg,
7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Penn State Harrisburg at York, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30

Penn State Harrisburg vs, Wilkes, 1 p.m.
Penn State Harrisburg vs, Rutgers-Cam-
den, 3 p.m.

Two Seven Sorrows youth football teams advance; Middletown squads end seasons

The CFA Youth Football League playoffs got underway over the weekend, with two of the three Seven Sorrows teams advancing but both Middletown squads losing.

Peewee Seven Sorrows 32, Big Spring 8

Jamar McKinney scored three touchdowns. The first was on a sneak from the 1 yard line. The other two were highlight-reel worthy.

Caleb Einzig scored late in the second quarter to ensure a running clock in the second half. Mason Dudash finished the scoring with an 80-yard sprint to the end zone. The defense, led by Tillman Artell, Devon Reid, Mason Lupp, Demaj Jalloh, and Gabriel Graham, limited the Bulldogs to one score.

Third-seeded Seven Sorrows will play second seed Gettysburg at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at West Perry High School.

Pony Seven Sorrows 47, Hershey 6

The undefeated Eagles recovered two consecutive onside kicks to jump to a 14-0 lead on touchdown runs by Michael Barilla.

Anthony Stains, Jady N Maple, and Tony Powell also scored for the Eagles. Powell's touchdown was on a reception from quarterback Braelan Huber. Marquis Beasley, Malachi Brooks, Chad Sipe, Steven Ramsey and Shawn Eden were the defensive leaders.

The team, which is the No. 1 seed, will play No. 4 seed Greenwood at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Big Spring High School.

Susquehanna Township 20, Middletown 13

The Blue Raiders Pony season came to an end after the first round playoff game on Sunday, after a hard-fought loss to Susquehanna Township, who was 6-2 in the regular season.

The Blue Raiders ended with a regular-season record of 5-3.

The Blue Raiders' Nyzier Arango took the opening kickoff and returned it 55 yards and was tackled just 5 yards short of a touchdown. The MYC offense took over and running back Tate Leach zoomed into the end zone for the first score of the game. Leach also ran in the extra point, making the score 7-0 Middletown.

On the following kickoff, the Middletown's Jace Thomas successfully recovered an onside kick. The offensive series ended after a tipped-pass interception by Susquehanna.

Susquehanna scored on their second play on a sweep play that went 35 yards. Susquehanna missed the extra point kick and the Raiders were still in the lead 7-6 as the first quarter ended.

After some impressive drives, the Blue Raiders found themselves on the 10 yard line threatening to score again. Quarterback Bamm Appleby ran a lead play and despite being swarmed by a barrage of Susquehanna defenders stayed on his feet and carried a pile of Susquehanna defenders 10 yards into the end zone, scoring the Raiders second touchdown. The extra point was missed and the score was 13-6. Blue Raiders.

On the following offensive series, Susquehanna would again score on a 10-yard pass play and converted the extra point with a kick for two points, putting Susquehanna in the lead 14-13.

On the following kickoff, Appleby picked the ball up at the 5 yard line and was immediately surrounded by defenders but made several shifty moves losing tacklers left and right and then changed direction and escaped down the sideline for a



Contributed photos

Bamm Appleby takes off with Tate Leach leading the way during Middletown's 20-13 Pony loss to Susquehanna Township on Sunday. Below, the Seven Sorrows Midget team gets ready for the second half vs. Gettysburg.



45-yard return and put the Raiders in good field position.

The Raiders drove the ball well with Leach, Appleby and Caden Paul taking turns getting yards, but were unable to get into the end zone before the first half ended.

The teams went back and forth on offense with no scoring in the third quarter.

On fourth down in the fourth quarter, the Susquehanna offense scored again on a sweep play around the end, making the final score 20-13.

Midgets Gettysburg 16, Seven Sorrows 14

After a scoreless first quarter, the Warriors got on the board first on a

35-yard touchdown run and added the two-point kick to lead 8-0.

The Eagles responded on their next drive, nine plays, that resulted in a short touchdown run by Derek Wall. Michael Tuffy converted the kick to tie the game at 8.

The Eagles defense held at the end of the second quarter to send the game to the half 8-8.

The Eagles forced a turnover on downs on the Warriors first possession of the second half, but at the end of a 26-yard run, Wall fumbled and the Warriors recovered.

The Eagles defense held again and, on the second play of the fourth quarter, Tim Wagner put the Eagles ahead on a 13-yard touchdown run. However, the extra point kick was blocked and the score remained 14-8.

The Warriors responded with a scoring drive and added the extra point kick to take a 16-14 lead.

The Eagles would get the ball on their own 15 yard line with 5 minutes to play and two timeouts. Wall and Dylan Zettlemoyer led a 16-play drive to the Warriors 4 yard line with 12 seconds to play.

On third down, Zettlemoyer looked for Wall in the middle of the defense, but the pass was intercepted in the end zone and the Warriors ran out the clock for the win.

Zettlemoyer, Tuffy, Wall, and Wagner also led the Eagles defense with multiple tackles each.

Mechanicsburg 14, Middletown 6

The Blue Raiders Midget season came to an end Sunday as they fell to Mechanicsburg 14-6.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead on a pair of long touchdown runs.

Middletown found itself in the red zone in the second quarter only to be penalized for a personal foul that was related to fan misconduct.

The Raiders were backed up to first and goal from the 25 and ran out of time before the half.

Another third quarter red zone trip resulted in a goal-line fumble that was recovered by Mechanicsburg. Middletown did not quit, however. Quarterback Julian Nester found tight end Tajae Broadie deep in Wildcat territory and Nester would scramble his way into the end zone to cap off the drive and get on the board.

Unfortunately the clock ran out before the Raiders could get the ball back and their playoff hopes were dashed.



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Don't be bored by budget process ... it affects your life

The term “budget process” probably isn’t going to make you buzz with excitement.

But the Middletown Borough Council soon will start deliberating the 2017 budget. And you should take notice for several reasons.



The council will hold two public meetings devoted to discussing the 2017 budget, on Thursday, Nov. 3, and Monday, Nov. 7. Both will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Keep in mind is that this is the most important thing that the council will do all year. They are setting out the financials for all of 2017. When you hear the phrase that says some potential expenditure is “not in the budget” for this year ... this is the time those decisions are made.

As Dan Miller points out on the front page of today’s Press And Journal, these discussions go to the heart of the services the borough provides its residents. Does the borough need more police officers? Public works employees? Code enforcement staff?

That leads to the next issue: How to pay for these things.

Council President Ben Kapenstein told us that the borough shouldn’t need an increase in the property tax or electric rate to get through 2017. But time will tell. Council raised the electric rate for residents and businesses by one cent to help budget the 2016 budget even though Kapenstein opposed it.

There are several other changes happening to the budget process that we think are very important and will help Middletown residents understand what is going on more clearly.

The budget will be a “zero-based budget,” Kapenstein said. That means starting from scratch, instead of accepting everything in the 2016 budget as gospel and just adding money on top to cover inflation.

Also, Kapenstein said the goal is to be more transparent so that “people understand where their money is being spent.” Both he and Finance Director Bruce Hamer have ideas on how to accomplish that, including the use of charts and graphs as well as “narratives” that might be discussed at meetings or found on the borough website.

This year, the budget will be done in-house and is being called “staff-driven,” meaning department heads have a great deal of input on it.

Previously, because the budget was being done by outside consultants, even Kapenstein said he had trouble getting information. That should change this year. There won’t be a final document handed blindly to the borough.

We are very encouraged that the borough met with or solicited input from commissions and outside organizations that depend in part or wholly on money they get each year from the borough budget, like the Middletown Fire Department, and the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board, something that Kapenstein said he is not sure was done regularly in the past.

Yes, there are challenges. The borough’s health insurance premium is going up by 51 percent in 2017 — an increase roughly equal to \$300,000. There is uncertainty over whether Middletown will become part of a regional police force.

But this entire process should not be a mystery done behind closed doors, and it looks as though the borough is moving away from that model.

Attend these meetings if you are so motivated. If you have arguments for or against some group receiving funds through the budget, state your case. Be clear and concise. Bring friends who support your point of view.

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EDO’CONNOR

Long walks, art and concert-going fill the time in beautiful Eduador

Hi, gang! How are things in the Town of Middle? And thank you for asking ... everything is hunky-dory here in Cuenca (you can research the derivation of hunky-dory if interested).



As usual, there are all kinds of things to do here in the city. So far in 2016 we have been to 34 symphony concerts and/or performances, of which 32 were free. The other two were to benefit the Ecuadorean earthquake victims and tickets were \$10 each. There is another free concert this week. One of the performances was held in a 14,000-square foot, three-story home that has been restored by a couple from Texas. It took more than four years to complete the restoration. If interested it can be yours for a mere \$2 million.

Last week there was a two-day art walk, which had 55 different venues that displayed various works of art. We walked for a few hours touring the various galleries and shops to see some very interesting paintings, photos, sculptures and various other art forms. In a few weeks, the city will celebrate its Independence Day with a three-day craft fair by the river, which is being billed as the largest in the world — the fair, not the river. There will also be an international food fair.

Speaking of walking: I kept track of the walking Olga and I did over a 15-day span. We walked 28 hours. The average human walks about three miles an hour. If my math is correct, we walked approximately 84 miles. Imagine how many times

a Middletonian would have to walk from his home to the car, car to the mall or work, back to the car and back to the house before 84 miles would be logged. Years? In addition, Olga had five one-hour Pilates classes and I lifted light weights five days.

Random observations

- Spring has sprung. Yep, we have entered spring. Our seasons are reversed here in the Southern Hemisphere. We have noticed that several stores are already displaying Christmas decorations and we are still weeks from Halloween.

- Yesterday we heard some commotion in front of our apartment so we went to the window to see what was occurring. We are on the second floor so we had a bird’s-eye view of the action. There was a small fender-bender and the drivers were out of their cars yelling at each other. People gathered to watch the spectacle. No police were called for something this minor. In about 15 minutes when the oral combatants ran out of verbiage they got back in their cars and left.

- We received a call from a friend who told us he was very ill and was having trouble walking. We told him to go to the emergency room and Olga and I would meet him there. He was seen by the hospital emergency room staff, a cardiologist and a neurologist. He was there for several hours but would not stay overnight for observation as they suggested. He was given several medications. He had to pay his hospital charges before leaving. The total bill was \$279. I think just the “cover charge” to enter a central Pennsylvania emergency room would be much more than that, not

even considering the various doctor bills — unless one is a welfare recipient or illegal alien.

- Did you watch the Summer Olympics from Rio de Janeiro? Did you notice how small the team from Mexico was? An unnamed source stated that most any Mexican who could jump, run or swim was already in the United States.

- A friend of ours here is an international lawyer from the Netherlands. One of his clients was Freddy Heineken, as in Heineken Beer for you teetotallers.

- From the “Knock On Wood” department: There are only two continents on which there have been no terrorist attacks: South America and Antarctica. I think the prayer mats would stick to the ice in Antarctica.

- Having sold major appliances both retail and wholesale for years, I find two features of stoves/ranges here interesting. First there is a hinged glass lid that covers the burner top to keep it dust and dirt free. When lifted, it then serves as a back splash to keep grease off the wall in back of the range. And second there is a rod that connects the oven door to the oven rack so that when the oven door is opened the oven rack slides out, thus eliminating the need to use a hot pad. Rather ingenious. Not having seen a new range in America in four years, I don’t know if these features are now incorporated on new stoves there or not.

- I just celebrated my 50th anniversary of when I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. I find it ironic that I joined the military to help protect the country from the people that now run the USSA, (Uniformed/Uneducated So-

cialist Slaves of Amerika), and some of those that are currently running for president and other public office.

- Do you recall the cult horror classic movie that was filmed in Pennsylvania, “Night Of The Living Dead”? I started watching it the other evening and 15 minutes into it I discovered it was actually a presidential debate. I had to make a choice — either watch the NASCAR race or view another presidential debate. I would have watched NASCAR if they would have been racing slugs.

- Remember when you were a kid and the fairy tales began, “Once upon a time ...”? Now the fairy tales begin, “If elected, I promise ...”?

- “We’re No. 1!” The USSA is now the No. 1 consumer of sugar in the world, averaging 102 pounds per person per year. No need to wonder why diabetes is rampant and the “yutes” act like wild animals.

- The rankings were just released rating the safest countries in the world. The USSA ranked 103 of the 163 countries surveyed.

- Well, it is the end of Western civilization as we know it. The big news? Brad and Angelina are getting divorced. Does anybody really care? It just doesn’t affect my life even a little bit. Gee, nobody got excited when I got divorced the first time ... the second time ... or the third time. Although it did make some lawyers happy!

Until later from beautiful Cuenca ... Eddy the Expat

Ed O’Connor, a former resident of Middletown and Lower Swatara Township, is an expatriate living in Cuenca, Ecuador.

READERVIEW

Some restrictions are a good thing when remodeling properties

A recent article in the Press And Journal addressed a proposed zoning overlay. I tried to obtain a copy of the overlay, without success, so I haven’t read the wording of that proposal. However, if I interpreted the article correctly, the purpose is to create certain standards for remodeling properties, particularly of historic homes, in Middletown.

If that is, indeed, what the overlay will do, I totally support it, even though, as a real estate investor and developer, it would probably cost a lot of additional money if I were to do another project like the Lady Anna House at 817 N. Union St.

As an old colonial town, Middletown has some architectural treasures, particularly on Main and Union streets, that need to be protected. While some property owners are sensitive to just what it is that they own, many are not.

There are countless examples of neat old brick and log homes covered by cheap aluminum and vinyl siding in our town, but the most recent and egregious example of an architectural travesty is the new, treated-lumber steps being built on the front of the former Grosh Building, now owned by the Middletown Historical Society. These steps

would be appropriate for a job site trailer or a rear deck somewhere, but not on the front of Middletown’s flagship historic property. In addition to being ugly and architecturally incorrect, I believe, they don’t even meet minimum building code standards. Was there a building permit issued for this work?

Councilwoman Diane McGlone said something in the Journal article to the effect that she opposed, at least, certain sections of the overlay because she felt it was her right to use “inexpensive siding” on a property if she chose to do so. Look around Middletown; cheap aluminum and vinyl siding is a major contributor to the blight that exists, particularly on Main Street. Her “right” to contribute to that blight, I believe, should be subordinate to the rights of the rest of us who own properties in which we take pride.

I’m not usually a supporter of additional government regulation, but when the Historical Society doesn’t get it and when a councilor who is supposed to be sensitive to the architectural renewal and redevelopment of our town doesn’t get it, government intervention is required.

**Herbert C. Moore
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DAVIDOZGO

The Great Pennsylvania Liquor Modernization Hoax

In June, Pennsylvania’s first significant changes to its liquor control laws were met with great fanfare and a legislative promise to begin modernizing Pennsylvania’s post-Prohibition era alcohol distribution laws.

Gov. Tom Wolf touted the new law as a way to bring Pennsylvania’s wine and spirits system into the 21st century by creating greater convenience for Pennsylvanians.

Unfortunately, a provision tucked away in the much-heralded law could lead to an increase in the price of wine and spirits for every single Pennsylvanian. The provision, known as flexible pricing, isn’t likely to be very satisfying to anyone who shops for wine or spirits in Pennsylvania.

It gives the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board the ability to manipulate price, something it has long desired as a way of raising revenues.

Previously, the PLCB was required to price all products by a strict pricing formula, which included:

- The price paid for the particular brand.
- A Logistics, Transportation and Marketing Fee originally set between \$1.05 to \$1.55 for most bottle sizes.
- Affixed 31-percent markup.
- The Johnstown Flood tax of 18 percent.
- The regular state sales tax of 6 percent.

The strict pricing formula meant any time a wine or spirits supplier lowered its price to the PLCB, the agency was required to pass the savings along to



Pennsylvania consumers. This requirement rightly offered a level of price protection to Pennsylvania consumers.

In a state such as Delaware, where many private operators compete for the consumer’s business, retailers are free to mark up a brand as they see fit. But they do so at their own peril. Raise prices too high and consumers have the option of buying from a competing store. Market discipline ensures that retailer prices and profits are reasonable in states outside Pennsylvania.

By eliminating the strict pricing formula, consumers have no such protections in Pennsylvania. Flexible pricing will allow the state to raise prices to any level it wishes on the top 150 wine and 150 spirits brands in the state. The top 150 brands in each category make up over 90 percent of all volumes sold, so the new law effectively covers the entire market.

What does the PLCB plan on doing now with flexible pricing?

Just look at their projections. The agency intends to increase profits by a whop-

ping \$65 million annually. That can only come from consumers.

If enriching the PLCB’s margins is not your idea of a “satisfying” development in Pennsylvania alcohol law, you are probably not alone.

Here’s an unfortunate reality about Pennsylvania’s so-called modernization of its liquor business:

You’re going to pay a lot more for it. That isn’t modernization, but rather a step backward.

Since 2005, the number of outlets selling spirits has increased by around 50 percent nationwide. Many grocery stores, big box retailers and large chain package stores have entered the market, and competition for the consumer’s dollar has heated up dramatically — outside of Pennsylvania, of course. As one would expect, this competition has driven retailer markups down, not up. Just not in Pennsylvania.

Allowing the PLCB flexible pricing authority as part of market modernization was a bait-and-switch tactic. If the legislature is serious about market modernization in Pennsylvania — and protecting consumers — it must repeal the flexible pricing provision.

If lawmakers don’t, Pennsylvanians can expect price increases that will surely burn a hole in their wallets.

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WAYNEFONTANA

Pa. gas drillers need to work with communities, not against them

I was disappointed to hear that the Marcellus Shale Coalition is already scurrying into court in an attempt to overturn parts of Pennsylvania's new gas drilling regulations.

The industry needs to understand that our people are entitled to safety, security and a clean environment. Our communities deserve a say in where gas drilling should take place, how it can be safely conducted and what



precautions should be in place.

Hopefully, we learned a few retrospective things from the state's coal and steel industries of days gone by. Taxpayers are still footing the bill to clean up hazardous waste sites and bring life back to our polluted lands and streams. We are not going to stand back again and meekly allow these new gas drilling conglomerates to hobble modern-day taxpayers with the same shameful legacy of abandoned strip mines, brownfields and rusting eyesores.

It's important to emphasize that

these new drilling regulations were not some hastily crafted, one-sided, unreasonable attack on the Marcellus Shale industry.

The state Department of Environmental Protection spent a great deal of time taking input and testimony from citizens, community leaders, environmental experts, as well as industry advocates. Thousands of people offered input and many hearings were held around the state.

While the new regulations may not be perfect, they are a reasonable and balanced means to assure that our

people and environment come first. The regulations also provide fair and clear direction to those who are engaged in the state's booming Marcellus Shale industry.

The Shale Coalition is doing the public a disservice by attempting to weaken or eliminate provisions that were crafted after years of hearings and study. I'm also disappointed that the industry is commandeering its assault on the new regulations through costly court suits.

There are pending bills in the Legislature that can be used to address

many of the issues that the industry objects to.

Before attacking the state's new rules in courtrooms, industry proponents should have reached out to legislators and state regulators to try and find common ground or workable resolutions to their issues.

Instead of finding legal loopholes in regulations that require them to spare endangered species, plug abandoned wells, and responsibly deal with spills and site restoration, industry representatives should embrace the opportunity to be good corporate partners and

stewards of our lands and waterways.

Gas drillers should not take an adversarial role against our government leaders and environmental advocates.

Pennsylvania welcomes the industry's growth, its jobs and its contribution to our state's economy. All we are asking is that drillers be responsible, respectful and accountable to our people.

State Sen. Wayne D. Fontana is a Democrat who lives in the Brookline section of Pittsburgh, serving the 42nd Senate District.

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• “Any man who refers to women as ‘hens’ is a classless and disgusting fool. Stop waddling around looking to hurt people, looking like Rocky, Magnum PI, Orson Wells and an old dog if they were fused together n a microwave or that device from the movie ‘The Fly.’”

• “I heard Lower Swatara has approx. 20 million dollars in reserve, I wonder if that's true? What do we get back for our tax dollars?? Anything new like a park or gym or something, they replaced ‘one’ basketball hoop at a local playground and left an old one up, seriously you couldn't replace both and make the court better for the community, replace one hoop? Seriously who does that? How cheap can you be?”

• “I just read that Americas greatest fear is corrupt government officials, then don't vote for Clinton. This country has no right to say how corrupt other governments are. Vote for Trump he will clean house. He will get rid of the attorney general and the FBI director. Why do you think all these women are coming forward now against Trump saying what he did to them, they're all liars? I'll tell you the reason, it's because Clinton is not ahead, they say she is but she is not. If you really want change for the better vote Trump.”

• “Pine Street is the place to be on ‘Trick or Treat.’ I'm glad that the road is closed to traffic, but I wish the cars would park elsewhere for just the one night as it's very crowded. I feel for the homeowners that hand out the candy, as it's a lot of money for each homeowner. I think the great theatrics and decorating is enough from each homeowner. Pine Street as well as the local church Trunk of Treat is getting bombarded by those who live outside the borough. It would be great if everyone would donate a bag of candy to the church to give to those participating. Or a local committee could be formed so that small bags could be made up to give to each kid after they walked through Pine Street. I live on the North side of Main and we don't get kids anymore. They tend to stay on the South side of Main. I miss handing out candy, but my own kids want to go on the South side of town too.”

• “Enough already with the Halloween parades. These things have become more and more lame through the years. They are not worth the nuisance that cause the residents who live on the parade routes to have to move our cars, and then move them back again. I sat on my front porch last night and watched this parade and I was just dumbfounded. I've seen enough fire trucks to last me a lifetime. If you've seen one, you've seen them all. Unfortunately, the entire parade was made up mostly of fire trucks from Middletown and surrounding areas. The high school marching band was okay. The highlight for me was a lady walking her two basset hounds. They were pretty cute. Other than that, I saw some guy riding around on his lawn tractor. (???) Another guy came down the street toutng his disc jockey business, basically advertising himself. (???) A bunch of kids came down wearing cardboard things that were supposed to be ‘art work.’ They weren't bad, but all I could see were the two or three in the front. They were walking so close together that I couldn't see the ones walking in back of them. The guy who was bringing up the rear riding on his Harley went down the street and I have no idea how that had anything to do with

Halloween. A couple with a young boy was out front of my neighbor's house. The kid had to use the bathroom and asked my neighbor if their kid could go inside and use my neighbor's bathroom. What ever happened to ‘make sure your kid uses the bathroom before you leave the house?’ I wouldn't want strangers traipsing through my house. There were a couple of ‘floats,’ if you can call them that. String up a few corn stalks and call it a ‘float.’ I didn't see any little kids dressed in their costumes. I think people are just not interested anymore. Ninety-nine percent of what I saw had absolutely nothing to do with Halloween. I vote we just stop it now. Have trick-or-treat night for the kiddos and call it a day.”

• “Cowards don't write in Sound Off, cowards hurt and mistreat good hard working people to serve their own agendas. Victims write in Sound Off because it's the only safe place they can speak freely or intelligently without retribution or being threatened or targeted.”

• “I think it is terrible that people getting SS will only get \$5.00 or less in 2017. All the billions we gave Iran and they're buying weapons with it and they hate the USA.”

• “Funny who replied about the last three managers at LST being the problem and not the board? The board hand-picked all three and last one started right after they fired the other one with no advertising just their own secret selection. Also why is it that the last board had one manager for 25 years with no problems? Yeah, I definitely blame this board for all the problems the Twp. has endured since they took over. There was never issues and animosity in LST before this board took over and the turn-over rate is insane. This board is very lucky the residents have tolerated them and allowed them to carry on the way they have. Just take a look at the big picture, it's quite obvious that LST has never had worse leadership!”

• “Yes, Trump may be a dirt bag. May be horn dog. May be pompous and arrogant. But he is correct on the issues and will get a conservative on the Supreme Court. It's not the person you're voting for it's the issues. Vote Trump!”

• “So Lower Swatara is going to pay this ‘interim manager’ about \$70,000 for six months of work?? That's our tax dollars to pay this guy \$100 an hour? Funny how easily they can throw big money around and use their lawyers at will (who we all pay for) but the board fought the police tooth and nail to replace two police officers which we definitely needed. See it's all about the board serving the board not the community, what has the Twp. ever gotten back? For all the tax dollars we all pay what have they done for the Twp. except pay lawyers to clean up their messes.”

• “I wish the Press And Journal would investigate further into all the issues that have seemed to arisen under the current board of commissioners. They can blame whomever they want, they're ultimately in charge and are tremendously failing the residents, the town-

ship, and its employees. Never before has a board caused so many issues, four managers in about the same amount of years, three different heads of the police, three different heads of public works. That's ten (10) total leadership positions that have come and gone under the current board. Rob Paul worked until retirement. Chief Malawitz worked until retirement. Bob Graul worked until retirement. Why now can't the township keep any leadership? Do they not all follow the ‘vision’ of some commissioners or are those ‘visions’ the actual downfall of the township? Why is the township now paying some Expert tens of thousands of dollars to run the township or paying an accounting firm to handle the finances? I mean come on, this current leadership has cut and cut and cut and now it seems like the township is bleeding money because of these decisions. Did it really save money in the end? Time for a change. This board needs to go. They have proven their incompetence more than enough.”

• “I'm sick of the people saying there is no proof that the election is rigged. Well it was rigged from the start for Bernie. And I hope all Bernie supporters remember that and vote Trump.”

• “Well, another Middletown Halloween parade was spoiled by certain individuals whose depth of rudeness and disrespect knows no bottom. Despite polite requests for consideration, the crassness was indiscriminately directed toward the moms, dads, and yes, grandparents, who were trying to enjoy the parade. If you were upset about the number of “D” rankings of our schools recently published by the Department of Education, don't blame the administration or teachers. Just go to the Halloween parade next year and that'll explain everything.”

• “If you don't want bad press or negative Sound Offs stop doing all the negative and hurtful dumb stuff to people and watch how bad press magically goes away. I don't think anybody believes that bad press and negative comments that have been this steady for this long aren't valid complaints and concerns.”

• “Hi brothers and sisters, it's the P&J Pastor again. Why waste these years doing bad when an eternity of happiness awaits you by doing good? This is not our true home. The short amount of time we have here is like a grain of sand on a beach compared to our heavenly future. Make sure you're there!”

• “One thing about this current LST board is their actions speak so much louder than their words, and that is not a good thing at all.”

• “Hillary Clinton should be in jail, she lied to congress which I think is a joke, and they all talk and do nothing. The election is rigged; she already had loads of delegates voting for her before she even said she was running. By her being allowed to run with just these two reasons, that's proof the election is rigged for her to win. The Democrats were the ones inciting violence at Trump rallies that's been proven.”

JOHN PAYNE CAPITOL REPORT

Nonprofits, other groups would benefit from small games of chance change

The House Gaming Oversight Committee, which I chair, passed legislation that would make changes to Pennsylvania's Small Games of Chance Act.

Small games of chance are games such as pull tabs, punch boards or daily drawings, which many volunteer emergency services companies, fraternal and veterans associations, and religious organizations offer to raise money for the promotion of their charitable and civic purposes.

While the General Assembly has made recent changes to the act in previous sessions, it was revealed through several of our informational hearings that additional changes are needed to provide our nonprofits with the tools necessary to raise funds for charitable purposes.

If enacted, House Bill 1313 would do the following:

- Eliminate the weekly total prize limit imposed on licensed eligible organizations.
- Permit eligible organizations that are not club licensees to operate vertical wheel games, poker runs, three new variations of pull tabs and coin auctions.
- Allow the purchase of three-year games of chance licenses.
- Simplify the license renewal process for eligible organizations, among other changes.

By removing the \$35,000 weekly prize



limit, our nonprofits could continue to raise charitable funds every day of the week as long as prizes for the individual small games are not exceeded.

The new games will provide nonprofits with additional options to help them raise revenue for charitable purposes.

House Bill 1313 was later approved by the full House of Representatives and is awaiting consideration by the Senate.

Alcohol awareness poster contest

To help prevent underage drinking and raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol, I would like to encourage students in kindergarten through 12th grade attending a public or private school in the 106th District to consider participating in the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's annual poster contest.

Posters will be judged on positive messaging and presentation, with consideration given to the student's grade level.

Entries are due to the PLCB office by Nov. 18. More information, including eligibility information and guidelines, is available at www.lcb.state.pa.us.

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MATTHEW GARDNER

U.S. firms dodge \$718 billion in taxes via offshore havens

European regulators' recent finding that Apple avoided billions of dollars in taxes by stashing its profits in Ireland, a known tax haven, put the tech giant in an unwelcome spotlight. But Apple's tax dodging is just the tip of a huge iceberg of offshore corporate tax avoidance.

According to a new report — Offshore Shell Games 2016, by Citizens for Tax Justice, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group — American firms are avoiding up to \$718 billion in U.S. taxes on \$2.5 trillion in profits held offshore. These jaw-dropping numbers will keep getting bigger until we fix the corporate tax system.

The report found that nearly three-quarters of America's biggest companies avoid U.S. taxes by setting up subsidiaries in tax haven nations — countries where corporate tax rates are minimal or nonexistent, financial transparency murky and tax-law enforcement lax. The use of tax haven subsidiaries to avoid U.S. taxes is highly concentrated among a small group of mega-corporations: just 30 firms are responsible for two-thirds of all that offshore loot.

Apple is the leader, holding nearly \$215 billion offshore, on which it owes more than \$65 billion in U.S. taxes. Drug giant Pfizer isn't far behind, with nearly \$200 billion spread among a dizzying array of 181 tax-haven subsidiaries. This might explain why Pfizer claims it hasn't turned a profit in the United States in almost a decade.

The United States taxes all the worldwide profits of American corporations every year. But a loophole called “deferral” allows firms to indefinitely delay paying taxes on earnings booked offshore. If they book these profits to subsidiaries in tax haven countries, they pay little or nothing to any country.

The report estimates that big American corporations have paid worldwide taxes on their trillions of dollars of offshore profits at a rate of just 6.2 percent — less than the rate that average middle-class families pay in U.S. taxes each year.

Much of the corporate profit booked in offshore tax havens isn't earned there. Corporations use accounting tricks to artificially shift earnings from the United States (and other large nations with big markets and effective tax systems) to small-nation tax havens. For instance, a pharmaceutical firm can assign a drug patent to a subsidiary in

a tax haven, then pay steep royalties to the subsidiary to manufacture and sell the drug in this country.

The result? U.S. expenses are artificially inflated, depressing domestic profits and therefore taxes, while profits stack up in offshore havens where they're taxed little if at all.

Pretty much the only business tax-dodging American corporations are doing in tax havens is the business of tax avoidance. One way we know this is that they claim to generate profits at levels that dwarf local economies. The \$104 billion in profits U.S. companies say they've earned in Bermuda, for instance, is 19 times the entire economic output of that island nation.

Another phony angle on corporate-profit offshoring is that a lot of those earnings officially booked overseas are really right here in America. A recent Wall Street Journal investigation found that found 93 percent of Microsoft's supposedly “offshore” profits (now totaling \$124 billion) are really invested domestically.

When multinational corporations avoid taxes by using offshore havens, the rest of us pick up the tab through higher taxes on working people and domestic businesses, reduced public services or higher public debt.

Ending deferral — demanding corporations pay all their taxes every year like everyone else — is the best way to end offshore tax dodging. This simple reform should apply both to future profits and the \$2.5 trillion now sitting overseas.

Unfortunately, some politicians want to reward big corporations for effectively hiding their profits in offshore tax havens with a steep cut in the U.S. taxes they owe on that existing earnings pile. Donald Trump would tax these profits at just 10 percent, handing tax-dodging corporations a half-trillion-dollar tax cut. Some in Congress want to reduce the rate even more.

Whether to give such massive and unwarranted tax discounts to some of the nation's most profitable corporations is sure to be the centerpiece of a congressional struggle over corporate tax reform expected next year.

Big companies and their wealthy investors don't need another handout. Corporations with profits stashed in offshore tax havens should pay what they owe, now and in the future.

Matthew Gardner is the executive director of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

DICK RESCH

The importance of creating a positive company culture

It was the final straw. Three coworkers, already aggravated by their callous manager and consultants, learn about company-wide layoffs. Angry, they grab a baseball bat and smash a printer to pieces.



Fortunately, while such scenes abounded in “Office Space,” most of us leave our Louisville Sluggers at home. But TPS reports and toxic work environments still abound. Just 9 percent of Americans rate their company cultures favorably.

If companies want to change that statistic, they must foster a sense of community. By doing so, they'll save their printers — and increase employee productivity, reduce turnover and boost profits.

When employees love coming to work, companies prosper. Stock returns for Fortune's “100 Best Companies to Work For” are nearly double those of the general market.

Unsurprisingly, those firms have less turnover. That's a major boost, since replacing an employee can cost double her salary.

Companies don't just luck into having great cultures. And they can't buy loyalty merely with perks like nap pods. It takes deliberate effort to create a culture that employees want to embrace.

Some firms create tight-knit cultures with a particular office layout. Yelp, for instance, wanted to encourage interaction among hundreds of employees spread out over a dozen different floors. So they designed open common areas and coffee bars on different floors. A year later, Yelp saw a 62 percent revenue boost.

Other companies utilize sponsored volunteer activities. For instance, PCL Construction organizes Habitat for Humanity homebuilding events where workers apply their trade skills to serve their communities. Such projects give employees time to bond with co-workers.

These programs boost morale — and attract and retain talented employees. The Stanford Graduate School of Business found that 97 percent of business school graduates are willing to make less to work for a more socially and ethically responsible company.

Other firms improve culture through recognition programs that showcase their value. That's crucial, because employees who don't feel appreciated are twice as likely to quit within a

year, according to Gallup.

Namely, an HR software company, convenes monthly staff meetings to praise high performers. This is a savvy strategy. Polling shows that one in four workers' most memorable recognition comes from high-level executives.

Employers can also create a great culture by showing employees they have careers — not just jobs.

One way to do that is to clarify avenues for advancement. At KI Furniture, which I head up, we partner with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to sponsor a Management Training program for employees with high potential. Investing in their

professional development shows them we care about their long-term success and helps us mold workers into the company's future leaders.

Businesses can employ many strategies to create a great company culture — but no shortcuts. If executives don't “get the memo,” they'll continue to miss opportunities to create a culture that propels productivity and generates loyalty.

Dick Resch is CEO of KI Furniture in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



Church

Ebenezer United Methodist Church Middletown

Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown, invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings led by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service at 10:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., between services, there is a variety of Christian education classes for all ages.

There are several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. A

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at Spring and Union streets, (121 N. Spring St.), Middle-town. We are a Reconciling In Christ Church.

Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening, 5 p.m., and Sunday morning worship is at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins weekly at 9:45 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Our Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service usually is 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door.

Church and Community Events:
Tues., Oct. 25: 6:30 p.m., WSP.
Wed., Oct. 26: 10 a.m., Holy Communion, Chapel; 7 p.m., Chancel Choir.
Sat., Oct. 29: 5 p.m., Holy Communion
Sun., Oct. 30: Reformation; 8:15 a.m., Holy Communion (C); 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class; 11 a.m., Holy Communion (C).
Mon., Oct. 31: 6:30 p.m., Bible Study.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church Middletown

Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we can and will be forgiven and

prayer time "Partners in Prayer" meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's presence. Have a favorite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. Groups alternate holiday schedules. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies.

For additional information please contact the church office at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@comcast.net.

Food Pantry News:

Beginning October 21, clients will receive a Thanksgiving bag, in addition to regular allowances per number of people in their household. The following items will be needed: mashed potatoes (boxes or bags), stuffing mix, gravy (canned or jarred), corn, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, applesauce, sweet potatoes (canned), green beans, and coffee. And mark your calendars now. Harvest Home Sunday is October 23! Thank you for considering adding these to your shopping list, as well as soups, cereals, condiments and toiletries for Food Pantry donations. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming St., Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location.

Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org.

Scripture for October 30: Jere 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

saved from God's wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

Our services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning service on the first Sunday of every month, free to all who come. We also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

Feel free to contact us with questions at 944-5835.

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

The Presbyterian Congregation is located at the corner of Union and Water streets in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wed., Oct. 26: 11 a.m., Pastor's meeting in conference room; 6:15 p.m., Presbyterian Bells of Praise rehearsal; 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Sat., Oct. 29: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fall Yard and Bake Sale. New this year is a Quilt Raffle. Winner for the quilt will be drawn at the end of the sale at 1 p.m. Tickets for the Quilt Raffle are now available. The quilt is made by an excellent quilt maker, Kate Humphrey, expressly for the Yard and Bake Sale. It will be on display on Sunday at church for viewing. Beautiful colors and design, and it has been signed and dated.

Church School for all ages continues on Oct. 30 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. We encourage parents to bring the children and teens to class and adults are welcome to the Adult Forum. The Adult Forum will focus on "Keep Hope Alive." Since her first trip to Israel/Palestine in 2001, Margee Kooistra, elder at Market Square Presbyterian Church, has returned five times. From the "compassionate listening" trip where she listened to people on all

sides of the intractable Israeli/Palestinian problem to her most recent trip, "Keep hope alive - working with Palestinian farmers to replant their olive trees," hers is a story that begs to be heard.

Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sun., Oct. 30. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us.

Wed., Nov. 2: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tony's Restaurant fundraiser.

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime: (1) Search for the website by typing in pcmdt.org or Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown; (2) The "home page" opens with a photo of our church bell tower; (3) Go to the upper right hand corner of the website and click on "resources"; (4) The new page opens with options: click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files, should open with Adobe Acrobat).

The Parish Nurse is available by calling the church office at 717-944-4322.

For further information, see our Website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregationofMiddletown, Presbyterian Congregation, or call the office.

New Beginnings Church Middletown

New Beginnings Church of Middletown is an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. Our church steeple bell tolls four times at the beginning of worship, one for the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and you.

New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsals, 7:45 p.m.

Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every

other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life." We invite all to read it.

Nursery: Dana Rhine, Evette Graham. October ushers: Todd and Terry Shope, Mary Mulka and Earl Peters. Greeter for October: Nan Fishburn. Children's Church for October: Michelle, Katie and Jenny Strohecker.

Men's Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited.

Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strohecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. cross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the yard and is illuminated every night. Drive by and see it.

Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on the MAHS radio station, WMSS 91.1 FM at 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Listen on the radio or the Internet at www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio. Check us out on our website at www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com.

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

Penn State Extension meeting set, PA Farm Show book author is speaker

The public is invited to attend the 99th annual Meeting of the Penn State Extension-Dauphin County on Monday, Nov. 21.

The meeting will be held at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin.

This year's program will be presented by Mary Klaus, a longtime correspondent for the Patriot-News. As part of her duties, she covered the Pennsylvania Farm Show for many years. Last year, as the Farm Show was celebrating its 100th anniversary, the Friends of the Farm Show turned to Klaus to ask her to write a book on

the history of the Farm Show.

She will tell some of the stories she uncovered while writing the book, and she will also have the books for sale and will autograph a copy of the book for those that attend.

Registration for the evening begins at 6 p.m. The menu will be baked ziti, stuffed chicken breast, red skin potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, and Italian wedding soup. Desserts are mini-cheesecakes, assorted cakes and cookies.

Cost for the event is \$12 per person, and the registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 10. A reservation form can be obtained by calling 717-921-8803.

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Pennsylvania Family Roots



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Names And Words Spellings

As you read through older records, you'll often find words and names spelled in a variety of ways, even in the same document. Even in more recent records, you may come across typos and other inadvertent spelling errors. While misspellings of words may only be slightly bothersome, spelling problems related to names can make deciphering records and tracing families difficult for today's genealogists.

For example, Roland Shumate, a Family Tree Maker user from Baltimore, Maryland, knows about name spelling changes firsthand. Roland's surname was thought to be German or Dutch, but it turned out to be French: Choauumote. The name had been changed when his ancestors immigrated in 1700. Roland's great-great-grandfather's name was Jean Dela Choauumote. With the correct surname in hand, finding records pertaining to Mr. Shumate's ancestors is much easier.

Why Do Spelling Inconsistencies Exist?

First, name spellings weren't standardized several generations ago; so many people spelled even their own name in a variety of ways. In addition, many people couldn't write, and those who wrote for them when the need arose sometimes had minimal spelling skills and just spelled phonetically, writing down what they heard.

More drastic name changes often took place when a family immigrated to the United States. The family may have Americanized its name by dropping syllables or difficult letter combinations, translating their name to English, or changing it completely. In addition, immigration officers often made mistakes or had to guess at more difficult name spellings, doing their best to spell out what they heard. You can find similar problems in census records when the enumerator interviewed newly arrived immigrants. See our excerpt from Elsdon C. Smith's "American Surnames." He details the ways in which immigrants' names changed upon arrival to the United States.

Finally, spelling mistakes exist simply due to human error. Record-keepers and transcribers aren't any more perfect than the rest of us!

Problems with Pronunciation

All kinds of records were prone to spelling mishaps, including vital records, church records, and of course the immigration and census records mentioned above. Throughout all of these documents, the following letters were often confused due to verbal miscommunication: B and P, D and T, F and P, F and V, G and K, J and Y, S and Z, V and B, V and W, and W and R, depending on the accent of the person who was saying the name and the person who was writing it. In addition, C and S could become CH and SH. Also, double letters, such as RR or LL, could turn into a single R or L, and vice-versa.

Vowels were prone to change as well. I, IE, EY and Y were often interchanged and the same happened with O and OE, A and AY, and other similar vowel combinations. E could be added to or dropped off of the end at will (and the same goes for S). Vowels could also be dropped out of the middle of a name, leaving several consonants in a row. These are all letter changes to keep in mind when you are looking for a family name in a record set. Let's take a look at an example.

Current spelling: Grover; Alternate spellings: Grovr, Grober, Groeber, Grower, Krover, Krober, Kroeber, Krower, Crover, Crober, Croeber, Crower.

Try saying all of these different spellings out loud. They all sound fairly similar, and with the right accent they could sound virtually identical. You might want to try the same exercise with some of your family names. The idea is to find new spellings of a surname that sound similar to the current spelling.

Errors Caused by Handwriting

Other types of ancestor-hiding "mistakes" to watch out for have to do with handwriting. Older styles can be difficult for us to read today, and there are some styles that were not even taught in schools, but by notaries or others to their helpers. The secretary hand, the court hand, and the italic hand - each had distinct letterforms and abbreviations.

In some older handwriting styles, capital L and capital S often were written so similarly that it was difficult to tell the difference between the two. The same is true for capital I and capital J. In addition, rounded lower case letters such as A, O, and U could also appear identical, especially when the A or O was left slightly open at the top or the U was almost closed at the top. One final handwriting problem is the SS. This letter combination was often written as SF, and even a single S was occasionally written as F.

Remember, you can run into these types of errors not only when looking at handwritten documents, but also when you are looking at records that have been transcribed from older original documents. When reviewing a record with an unfamiliar handwriting style, it is important to record all the letters of the alphabet on a sheet of paper and list the variations that you come across. This self-training takes very little time and saves a lot of errors and forgetting.

Just Plain Typos

Here are a few of the more common ones to watch for: Letter transpositions - Grover becomes Rgover or Smith becomes Smyth. Adjacent letters on the keyboard - Grover becomes Grober or Smith becomes Wmith. Dropping a letter - Grover becomes Grver or Smith becomes Smit. Word spellings most often are just an inconvenience, but changes in name spellings are much more significant. It is important to keep different possible name spellings in mind when you are researching, so that you don't overlook records that might refer to your family. *Myfamily.com 2005*

The First Official Immigrant Station In Manhattan, N.Y

Castle Garden <castlegarden.org> located on the tip of Manhattan, N.Y. Castle Garden was the first official immigrant station, processing eleven million immigrants from 1820 to 1892.

Castle Garden's ship and immigrant records have been transcribed and are part of a free searchable online database.

I did get some help from a gentleman in New York who helped researchers look through the New York Times Maritime column on ships travel from the ports of Germany. It told what port, the name of the ship, what type of ship; the builders name how many stops to ports before coming to New York, the time the ship entered the port. Not only did he send the passengers list where my 2xgreat-grandfather's information was listed, he had a picture of the ship.

I went back to the gentleman again to see if he could find the rest of the family that came in 1870. I had all the rest of names of the family and what port they left in Germany. He came through again. When my mother talked about the family, she said, "That Carl and brother Herman came together." and through this discovery, Herman was only nine years old with his mother and three older siblings. Carl came in 1868 and the rest of the family came in 1870.



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Lights out: Are you ready for a long power outage?



As winter storm season arrives, homeowners should be ready for power outages that last for days or even weeks.

In recent years, storms have become more intense and frequent, resulting in extended power outages, which is disruptive to daily life. A recent study by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Stanford University looked at 13 years of weather and utility data. The study revealed power interruptions last 75 percent longer in years that were both abnormally windy and had a major weather event.

Blizzards, heavy snow, ice storms and strong winds can all conspire to cut off the power supply to your home, leaving your family in the dark and in the cold. It is impossible to predict when an extended power outage will impact your community, however, there are things you can do today to keep your family safe and comfortable. Now is the time to prepare before the first winter storms settle in.

"An extended power loss in the winter can damage your home and put your family at risk," says Ed Del Grande, a home improvement TV host, author and syndicated columnist. "Water pipes can freeze. Houses can quickly fill up with dangerous levels of carbon monoxide from alternative heating and cooking sources. And food can spoil quickly in the refrigerator. That's why it's smart to plan ahead for a power outage so you can get through the days safely and comfortably."

Here are some tips to help homeowners prepare for an extended power outage:

Have enough food and water.

Store enough to eat and drink for one week. Even if the stores are open, you'll want to keep outside travel to a minimum, especially in tough road conditions. If you

are using well water, be ready for the fact that a power outage will stop your water pump. Have an adequate supply of water on hand - about one gallon per person per day. Stockpile plenty of non-perishable food, such as canned meats and vegetables, protein bars, dry cereal and nuts. Be sure you have a manual can opener and a means to cook, such as a propane-operated camp stove - just be sure your cooking space is properly ventilated.

Have safe backup lighting.

To reduce risk of fire, swap out candles and kerosene lanterns for battery-operated flashlights and lamps. Stock up now on batteries before people deplete local supplies in the pre-storm rush.

Invest in a generator.

A ready power source could help your family get through longer outages in safety and comfort, in spite of the cold temperatures outside. During a winter storm, especially a bitter cold one with strong winds, the temperature inside your home can drop quickly. There are two backup power options for the home: a portable generator or an automatic standby generator.

A portable generator can be moved from place-to-place and is designed to power a handful of items in your home via extension cords. It must be manually operated and placed outdoors away from the home to avoid the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.

A standby generator turns on automatically when the power shuts off and is permanently installed outside the home similar to a central air conditioning unit. It runs on natural gas or propane and hooks up to existing fuel lines in your home. A standby generator will keep all your appliances running, as well as everything else you take for granted: lights, television, computers, water heater, furnace and more.

Plan for being cut off.

When the power goes out, it can be hard to anticipate all the implications. Stores may reopen, but they may not be able to process your debit or credit card right away. So keep enough cash to see you through a few days. Think of any medications your family would need and set aside a week's supply. Finally, transfer essential information you have stored in your mobile phone to paper, such as phone numbers and addresses. You may have to go manual with navigation, so pick up paper road maps of your state or region from the service station.

"Despite all the forecasting technology we have today, storms can pop up with little warning," Del Grande says. "Getting ready today is the key step to protecting your loved ones when the storm hits."

Source: BPT

4 DIY projects for your first home

"Where should I start?" It's a question many homeowners ask themselves.

DIY is a great place to start for new homeowners. DIY projects are very versatile - they can easily be adapted to your skill level, budget and desired project. With a little extra time and creativity, you can transform your home.

Other benefits to choosing a DIY project are that they are typically more cost-effective than the alternative and they offer an added sense of ownership and pride in your home.

Since DIY project ideas are endless, it's important to choose ones that will improve your home's value at a reasonable cost. A DIY project should make your life easier and more enjoyable. These are some top recommended DIY projects for first-time homeowners. They won't break the bank but they will deliver a bang for your buck.

1. Add crown molding or update casing and trim. The addition of crown molding to the top of interior walls is a subtle change with big impact. Casing, which is the trim around doors and windows, can also make a huge difference. The replacement of dated crown molding, casing or trim can make a room look newly updated. Go one step further with a fresh coat of paint on the walls, and you'll basically have an entirely new room. For more information on how to install crown molding, consult a professional.

2. Replace doors. Doors are often forgettable, but don't have to be. Replace hollow core bedroom, bathroom and closet doors with wood alternatives for an instant dash of



richness. And don't limit yourself to traditionally-styled options. From specialty woods to glass panels, there are plenty of options to choose from.

3. Clean and refinish your wood deck. As long as your wood is in good shape, all you need is deck cleaner and wood stain to turn something dated into the focal point of your backyard. You can buy deck cleaner at your local hardware store. Wood deck stains are available there or at a paint store. You'll be amazed to see weathered wood look like new again. If you haven't cleaned or refinished a deck before, consult a professional first.

4. Update your closets. Add built-in shelving or simply streamline clothes hangers for an organizational boost you'll thank yourself for every day. Or you can tackle a popular closet upgrade: lining a traditional closet with cedar. Natural cedar looks great, smells great and keeps moths and mildew away. It's a classic and high-end upgrade that's not terribly expensive or time-intensive. When your friends or family open your closet, they will be pleasantly surprised.

Use tongue-and-groove cedar to line some or all of an existing closet. You can leave baseboards in place if they're thicker than the cedar. If not, remove them with a pry bar before the cedar installation. Use nails to attach the cedar to the wall studs, or adhere them with a construction adhesive. Prepare to feel like a bona fide fancy grown-up when it's done!

These are just a fraction of the many DIY projects possibilities. The most important piece of advice is to have fun and don't be afraid to try new things. The more DIY projects you complete, the more confident you'll feel. To get started, pencil in a dedicated DIY day on your calendar and enjoy the process!

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