



Submitted Photo
An artist's rendering of the new Middletown train station, prepared for PennDOT.

ALL ABOARD?

PennDOT seeks bids on site preparation for long-awaited train station

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

A contract to begin preparing the site of the new Middletown passenger train station will be awarded this month or in early June by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, a department spokeswoman said.

PennDOT has advertised for bids for the first phase of the Amtrak station project, including the demolition of a metal frame storage building on the site along West Main Street, as well as fencing, drainage work and other site preparation, said PennDOT spokeswoman Erin Waters-Trasatt.

The first phase does not include any rail or track work. PennDOT hopes that rail and track work can begin later this year, depending upon the availability of workers from Norfolk Southern and Amtrak, Waters-Trasatt said.

The long-planned train station will be located just west of the Westporte Centre shopping center and will replace the existing Amtrak station on Mill Street.

The project also includes building a pedestrian bridge across West Main Street (Route 230) from the Penn State Harrisburg campus side to the new train station and extending West Emaus Street to West Main Street to provide a more direct route to downtown Middletown.

PennDOT officials hope to begin construction of the new station sometime in 2016. The project will take about two years to complete.

Lower Swatara PD loses chief, patrolman

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

Changes are on the way for Lower Swatara Twp.'s police department following the resignation of a patrolman and the police chief this month. The township force could face a manpower shortage, as it will be down four patrolmen – along with the vacant top job – from this time last year.

Township commissioners faced questions from the public during several meetings in 2016 as they stalled on the hiring of a new officer. The township's 2016 budget allowed for the replacement of one of two officers, Steve Sassani and Justin Dinger, who left the force in 2015.

Now with another officer off duty for three to five months as he recovers from an injury, Patrolman Joseph Smith resigned to accept a position with the Hellam Twp., York County, police department, Police Chief Richard Brandt confirmed.

Residents quizzed the commissioners about when the officer anticipated in the budget will be hired and suggested the township's safety is at risk if officers are forced into overtime. Smith's resignation comes weeks after nearby Middletown Police Department went an entire Saturday shift with no police on duty, causing Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III and some residents to question staffing levels.

In the midst of Lower Swatara's staffing problem, Brandt announced

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Press And Journal File Photo
Exelon's Three Mile Island nuclear plant is licensed to operate until 2034.

Power auction failure won't doom TMI, operator says

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

The future of Exelon's Three Mile Island nuclear generation facility does not hang in the balance of an upcoming auction of future electricity, despite the company's threat to close sister plants in Illinois, Exelon officials said.

With the upcoming PJM Interconnection auction scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, Exelon threatened on May 6 that it would close the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear plants if Illinois legislators do not pass what the company calls "energy market and legislative reforms." It also threatened to close the Quad Cities plant if the plant does not make the auction.

A company news release cited losses at more than \$800 million for

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The theory of relic-tivity



Press And Journal Photo by Dan Miller
Some of the items that will be included in the time capsule that will be buried inside the new Middletown Area High School are a lock from a student locker, upper left; a Raider Rag, center; a copy of the school yearbook; and an iPad case and hard drive, top center.

MAHS students pick artifacts for new school's time capsule

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

What would you give as a present for someone to open 50 years from now?

How can you imagine what life in Middletown will even be like in the year 2070?

In 1962, a time capsule was placed in the current Middletown Area High School, which is about to be torn down. Now dozens of students have been working with teachers throughout the current school year to decide what to put in a time capsule that will go in the new high school now under construction on campus and due to open in August.

Consider for a moment the challenge of the task. Think about how much life has changed over the 54 years since the last time capsule was put in the soon-to-be-gone high school.

Here are just a few examples:

- Fifty-four years ago, families crowded around a big box to watch TV shows in black and white. If you wanted to change the channel – assuming any other channels were available – you got up and walked over to the box to turn a knob.
- Fifty-four years ago, a telephone hung on the wall or sat on a table. You couldn't carry it with you – and it was way too big to fit in your back pocket, anyway.
- Fifty-four years ago, space travel meant going in orbit around the Earth, although President John F. Kennedy had

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Submitted Photo
A time capsule was discovered in the cornerstone of the current MAHS.

What will go into the new time capsule?

- ✓ The American flag that hung in MAHS during the 2015-16 school year.
- ✓ A lock from a student locker.
- ✓ A list of memorable teachers and items associated with them.
- ✓ The school's Fight Song.
- ✓ The school's Alma Mater
- ✓ A piece of original 1963 curtain from the auditorium's stage.
- ✓ A Raider Rag.
- ✓ A 2015-16 MAHS yearbook.
- ✓ An iPad case and iPad hard drive.
- ✓ Two senior pictures to honor the first and last senior classes to graduate from the school.
- ✓ A patch from the Atlantic Coast Championship competition in which the Blue Wave Marching Band performed during the 2015-16 school year. The band earned its highest score in the competition in four years and placed 6th out of 21 high school bands.
- ✓ A picture of the last group of 80 staff members to work at the old school. The group includes 24 who graduated from the school.



Press and Journal Photo by Eric Wise
This section of Lynch Run in Londonderry Twp. will be the site of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service project to stabilize the stream's eroding banks.

Feds to stabilize banks of Londonderry stream

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to begin a project in Londonderry Twp. as part of an initiative to improve impaired streams.

The project, set to begin either right before or right after Memorial Day weekend, will stabilize stream banks and improve the channels of Lynch Run from the bridge at Hertzler Road to where the stream empties into the Conewago Creek, a distance of almost 200 yards.

"There are several eroding banks," explained Larry Brannaka, a hydrologist with the service's Pennsylvania Field Office. Cone-

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MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOLS

Board approves 2016-17 budget with property tax freeze

The Middletown Area School Board has approved a 2016-17 budget that contains some good news for taxpayers: For the second year in a row, there will be no increase in the Middletown Area School District's property tax.

The district also will not lay off any teachers, as some other districts in the region have done, according to Superintendent Lori Suski.

Middletown cut nearly \$500,000 in expenses for next year from an earlier version of the budget – through staff retirements, negotiations with health insurance providers over the district's health insurance premium, a reduction in legal costs, and lower-than-anticipated costs for books and supplies, officials said on Monday, May 16. The district also eliminated an administrator position that was proposed earlier.

The total amount of the assessed value of property in the district is projected to increase by about \$33 million in 2016-17, the second straight year of significant growth in the district's tax base after six years of flat growth, said David Franklin, assistant superintendent for finance and operations.

The district will use its fund balance to close a \$322,000 deficit that remains in the budget.

The board voted 8-0 to put the budget on public display, with a vote on final approval to come in June.

PUBLIC NOTICES IN THIS WEEK'S PRESS AND JOURNAL:

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Obituaries

Donald Stauffer

Donald Bruce Stauffer, 90, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2016 at Frey Village, Middletown.

He was born on April 10, 1926 to Oscar and Catherine (Epler) Stauffer in Middletown.

He was a World War II veteran serving as a Sea Bee in the Navy. He retired from New Cumberland Army Depot in 1981, and he enjoyed hunting and tinkering with small engines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his oldest son Allen in 1993, and three brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Doris (Mann) Stauffer, as well as two sons and their wives: James and Shelby of Hummelstown, and David Sr. and Deborah of Royalton; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and seven sisters and brothers.

A viewing was held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home, 260 East Main St., Middletown, PA 17057, followed by a service at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Nelson Bechtel of Goods Mennonite Church, officiating.

Interment followed at Hillsdale Cemetery, Londonderry Township, Dauphin County. A light lunch was served after the interment at American Legion in Middletown.



In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations can be made in Donald's name to The Children's Miracle Network, MC 190, P.O. Box 855, Hershey, PA 17033-0855.

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



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Robert Campbell

Robert G. Campbell, 78, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 6, 2016 at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center.

He was born on July 27, 1937 in Middletown and was the son of the late James A. and Ruth G. Wagner Campbell.

He was retired from the Middletown Area School District as a custodian, and was a lifetime member of Rescue Hose Fire Co., Middletown. Robert was an Army veteran having served during peacetime.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his brother, Earl J. Campbell.

He is survived by three sisters, Shirley A. Vorodi of Elizabethtown, Sue K. Dupes of Middletown, and Linda L. McKinne and her husband Michael of Mt. Joy; one brother, Greg Campbell and his wife Lynne of N.H.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Burial and services will be at the convenience of the family.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown to handle the funeral arrangements.

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



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Card Of Thanks

Dear Friends and Family,
We are unable to write individual thank you's, given the great outpouring of support. We are so grateful for all you have done for us. Please know that your thoughtfulness has touched us deeply.

Sincerely,
The Family of
Barbara "Cissy" Snyder

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Members 1st Federal Credit Union associates present a \$25,000 donation to Big 33 Foundation officials and Big 33 players.

Members 1st donates \$25,000 to Big 33 Buddy Program

Members 1st Federal Credit Union donated \$25,000 to the Big 33 Foundation, the promoter the annual Big 33 high school football all-star game, for the foundation's Buddy Program. The Buddy Program pairs special

needs children with athletes in the foundation's all-star sports events—the football classic and the Big 26 high school baseball all-star contest. The children share time with the athletes both on and off the practice field dur-

ing game week. The Buddy Program was started in 1985.

Members 1st raised the money for the program through in-branch sales and two special events—a 5K run and its Community Carnival—during the month of April.



Middletown Police News

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

Frey Village supervisor charged

A supervisor at Frey Village in Middletown was arrested and charged with indecent assault for allegedly sexually assaulting a female employee for whom he was responsible, borough police said.

Michael Kelly East, 57, was charged with indecent assault and criminal attempt of indecent assault. He was arraigned before District Judge Rebecca Jo Margerum in Dauphin County Night Court and released after posting \$2,500 bail.

Police said the incident occurred on Saturday, April 30, when East allegedly molested the woman from behind as she was getting food supplies out of the freezer.

A preliminary hearing is set for May 23 before District Judge David Judy.

Break-ins at Vine Street home

Middletown police are investigating several break-ins that have occurred at a residence in the 600 block of Vine Street over the past few months. The

latest occurred between May 4 and May 8, according to police.

Police said they believe that the person behind the break-ins is a family member who has been squatting in the residence. The property is currently in foreclosure, police said.

Tires stolen

Four tires and rims were reported stolen from a residence in the 900 block of Vine Street in Middletown on May 8, police said.

Assault charge

A Middletown man was charged with allegedly assaulting his girlfriend at their apartment in the 100 block of W. Main St. on May 2, according to

police and court documents.

Joshua Allen Scholl, 24, was charged with aggravated assault, court records show. He was arraigned before District Judge David Judy and held in Dauphin County Prison in lieu of \$50,000 bond. A preliminary hearing is set for May 23 before Judy.

Police said Scholl had been drinking the night before and was upset that his girlfriend had taken his phone and vehicle keys.

The woman suffered bruises to her bicep and tricep on her right arm, police said. She also had slight redness across the right side of her neck and to the front of her neck, according to police.



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Angels of Mercy founder Maria Frisby, second from right, and member Billy Nolen, left, present Mother's Day roses and cards to residents at the Middletown Home.

Angels of Mercy gives roses, cards to mothers at Middletown Home

Members of Angels of Mercy gave Middletown Home residents Mother's Day roses and cards on Sunday, May 8.

Maria Frisby, founder of the group, and Billy Nolen presented the flowers and cards to mothers who live at the Lower Swatara Twp. home.

Frisby also recited a poem, "Happy Mother's Day," that she wrote for the residents.

Angels of Mercy attempts to reach out to people to spread a message of peace and love. Frisby is a former Ms. Pennsylvania 2004.

STREAM

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wago Creek is considered to be an impaired waterway, and this section of Lynch Run was identified as one area that has contributed to its problems. "We are creating fish habitat and stabilizing stream banks at the same time," Brannaka said.

The project will address problems

in the stream itself, and nearby property owners may have to restore their landscaping following its completion.

"It is going to stop the erosion and improve water quality, stopping sedimentation," said Steve Letavic, manager of Londonderry Twp. and owner of property adjacent to the section of Lynch Run.

Rock vanes and log vanes will be built along the eroding stream bank, jutting out into the stream and angled upstream. These vanes, which are anchored in bedrock, direct the current to the center and away from the stream banks, reducing erosion and sediments in the water.

Improving the direction of the water into the center channel will naturally increase rippling, which adds oxygen to the water, and will contribute to an improvement in water quality. In addition, mud sills will slow water flow and therefore slow the erosion process.

Brannaka said he expects work to start on the project by the end of May, with a completion date near the end of June, depending on the weather they encounter.

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89th Family Reunion
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309th Anniversary: Sunday, June 12, 2016
Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, 12:30 p.m.
Evansburg And Meeting House Roads
Skippack, PA 19474

Our Speaker: Robert Wood - Education was an important part of the lives of our ancestors. Bob Wood, an accomplished researcher, will present “Very Old Schools 1750-1850: a century of local schools before public schools.” Christopher Dock, a very early Mennonite resident of the Skippack area, was recognized as a capable, dedicated and well written school master. His gravestone is located at the lower end of the cemetery across the street from the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, where we are meeting. It’s a piece of red shale rock, that’s being preserved in a granite stone. Instead of his name, the initials ”CD” are inscribed on it.

Robert Wood is a lifelong educator, artist and writer who taught English in the public schools for over 30 years. Bob says he is “Pennsylvania Dutch in everything but name.” He was born and raised into the Pennsylvania Dutch folk culture on the family farm near the village of Swamp in New Hanover Township. Dialect was the primary of both his parents, and he has a lifelong interest in all things Pennsylvania Dutch. Bob is a past board member of the Historical Society of Montgomery County where he edited their bulletin. He is on the Board of Directors of the Goschenhoppen Historians and an active member of the group. Additionally he is a member of several local historical and heritage organizations and is president of the New Hanover Historical Society where he has published three books on township history, which record and interpret that local Pennsylvania Dutch folk culture.

Please join us on Sunday, June 12, 2016 starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church for another opportunity to meet with other Kolb descendants. A catered lunch will be provided starting at 1 p.m. and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite family side dish or dessert to maintain our tradition of the “groaning board” of shared food. The opportunity to enjoy some excellent recipes, which exist within our family, is always a highlight of our reunion.

Please call Carol Wenger at 215-723-3909 or e-mail Ruth Oberholtzer at ruthoberho@aol.com by May 25 and let us know how many will be coming. An accurate count for the caterers is important.

Marlin “Shorty” Umberger

“Shorty” is one of the most knowledgeable persons concerning the local mining history in our area. He also has an interest in many other activities of the area communities, and has presented several monthly programs to Gratz Historical Society various subjects.

Some of his programs are available on DVD’s and can be purchased by contacting him by phone: (717)-453-9568 or letter to Marlin E. Umberger, Box 27, Wiconisco St., Wiconisco, PA17097.

The lasts two DVD programs are “History of Bear Valley Mining Patch” and “History of Williamstown Collier.” The cost is \$15 each, plus \$3 shipping.

Shorty became interested in history as early as during his high school years, and served in a number of capacities in local organization to promote history. Shorty also finds time to serve in the capacity of Director and Vice President of the Gratz Historical Society. We thank him and are very grateful for his devotion to the success and preservation of our Society.

The Bear Valley Mine Patch
The March Mining Program

The Bear Valley Mine Patch was located between two mountains, Big Lick and the Bear mountains in Schuylkill Co. Sometime during the mid-1850s, a now nonexistent village was constructed by the Philadelphia and Reading Iron and Coal Company. It was created to supply housing for the miners whom the company employed to work in the surrounding mines.

Located about five miles from Gap Street, Valley 7 View the village became known as “Bear Valley Mine Patch.” Eventually approximately a dozen families lived in the patch. The village was not elaborate. It consisted of a few row houses, a one-room schoolhouse, and a small general store.

The row houses were rough board buildings, with no inside walls, and without modern conveniences. Water was obtained from a community well, which years later dried up forcing the villagers to travel approximately one mile to another water source. Fences surrounded the homes, and the residents cultivated gardens and filled them with vegetables and colorful flower gardens.

The general store was owned by Jennie Artz, and supplied mostly nonperishable items. A local huckster brought in the inventory. The store also served as a post office. The mail was brought in from town. The one-room schoolhouse served as the center to educate the children, until it closed sometime in the 1930s.

During the Depression years of the 1930s the big coal mines came upon difficult financial times and were forced to close. Most of the minors opened their own private independent coalholes. Although the mining company left town, the village remained for years, but slowly people vacated the community and most of the houses became uninhabitable. The buildings collapsed in the early 1970s.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has since purchased the land. All that remains now of the community that once flourished in coal rich Bear Valley, are a few crumbling foundations and the memories of those who recall the mine patch.

“DieTseiding” The Gratz Historical Society, Box 507, Gratz, PA 17030, Volume 32 #2, April 2016

Update On Lykens Township Book

Just a note to relate the fact during the last weeks, steady progress has been made on making the Lykens Township History Book a reality. The research has been completed. Indexing and other final details are also coming to completion.

We have been fortunate to have a team of helpers who over the years have been willing to take on the task of indexing the pages of the book as they are completed. Ned Weaver took on that task for many years until his passing. But more recently, our team of indexers and scanners is made up of Jane Miller, Leah Hollenbach, Diane Schreffler and Charles Schoffstall. We have been fortunate that these volunteers have been willing to take on that project.

It would appear that the long wait for a finished book will soon come to an end.

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23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday, May 18, 1993 Edition Of The Press And Journal

4 Careers That Helped Mold Many Futures

They boast more than 140 years of teaching experience in a dozen different subjects and have touched countless students through the years, but the time has come for four teachers in the Middletown Area School District, Asher Halbleib, Robert Reid, and Helen and Karl Weingartner, to pack their books and pencils and retire at the end of the current school year.

Asher Halbleib: Asher Halbleib spent his entire 33-year teaching career in the Middletown School District, first as a math teacher as Feaser Middle School for 26 years and then as a math and physics instructor at the high school for the last seven years.

Robert Reid: Although he may be best known as Middletown’s mayor, Robert Reid has led students through Pennsylvania studies and other subjects for over 39 years. After attending college in North Carolina, Reid returned to Pennsylvania and graduated from Shippensburg University. He began teaching in Middletown at Grandview Elementary (now Demey). After 10 years as a sixth grade geography teacher, he went to the high school, where he’s spent the last three decades. “I felt teaching was a way for me to help kids and point them in the right direction,” he said.

Helen and Karl Weingartner: With about 70 years of service between them, husband and wife Karl and Helen Weingartner have lectured to generations of Middletown’s students, some of whom have returned to become their teaching peers. Helen, who has been teaching for 36 years, all but three of them at Feaser Middle School, is the school’s health and physical education instructor and helps with the choral program. Karl, Feaser’s American history teacher for about 33 years also taught geography, literature and penmanship in the 1960s. When he first came to Middletown, he served as the school’s football coach for three years.

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Tentative 1993-94 Spending Plan OK’d By 5-4 Vote
1-Mill Tax Increase Highlights Proposed School Budget

For the first time in three years, the Middletown Area School District is planning to raise its local real estate taxes to make up for a budget shortfall of over \$300,000.

The levy, according to officials, will create a tax rate of 17 mills to cover a \$17.6 million budget for the 1993-94 school year. That amount is a little over 5 percent more than the current budget of \$16.7 million, officials said.

School Board members tentatively approved the new spending plan in a 5-4 vote during their meeting Monday night. Board Vice President Dale Burkett and directors Vaughn Burkett, Wayne Evans and William Snyder voted against the proposed budget.

The Districts most recent real estate tax increase was in the 1990-91 school year, when the millage rate jumped from 14 to 16. Last June, the Board approved a \$16.7 million budget for 1992-93 after increasing local occupation taxes by \$25, thus raising the yearly levy to \$250.

Planned revenue and subsidies for 1993-94 are as follows: local, \$9.73 million (including \$5.8 million in real estate taxes); state, \$6.74 million; federal, \$252,000; and the Districts fund balance (savings) \$900,000.

Library To Honor Former Resident

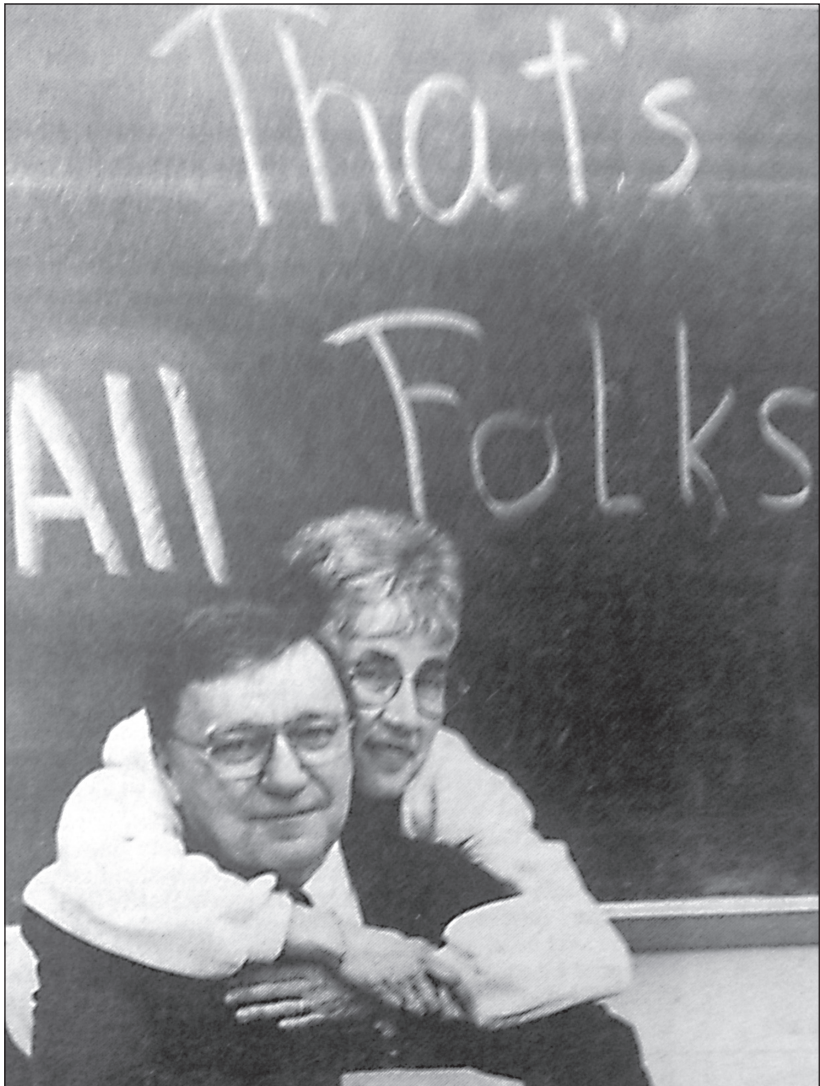
The Middletown Public Library will feature a touch of mystery as it celebrates the memory of Robert D. Sampson, a former Middletown resident, next week.

In 1987, Sampson won the prestigious Edgar Allan Poe award from the Mystery Writers of America, Inc., for the best mystery short story. The story, “Rain in Pinton County,” was first published in the now-defunct New Black Mask magazine.

“A small town doesn’t always mean a small time,” says the synopsis of the work. “On a rainy night in Alabama, Sue Ralston finds out the hard way when she’s caught between graft and politics.”

The library’s celebration has been inspired by a gift of several autographed

Below is a copy of a photograph from the Press And Journal's archives. We apologize for the quality of the photograph but hope you will enjoy this glimpse from your recent past.



23 YEARS AGO - Goodbye – Karl and Helen Weingartner will soon close the book on about 70 years of teaching experience between the two of them, most of it in the Middletown Area School District.

copies of Sampson’s work, donated by Margaret Resh of Middletown. During the week of May 24, the library will display copies of Sampson’s work along with the books nominated for and awarded the 1992 Edgar award. Resh will also provide refreshments and sponsor a drawing for an autographed copy of a Sampson book.

“Mysteries are a big thing,” Middle-

town librarian Sue Neiman said.

“They’re a widely read category,”

“Rain in Pinton County” is included in the anthology “The New Edgar Winners,” available at the Middletown library. Sampson did a study of series characters in early pulp magazines, “Yesterday’s Faces,” as well as other books and short stories.

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News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Middletown Carnival

The seventh-annual Middletown Carnival will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 through Friday, June 3 and 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the intersection of South Union and Susquehanna streets, Middletown.

Proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club. For more information, contact mycraiders@gmail.com.

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Londonderry Twp. Summer Playground program

Register now for Summer Playground for children ages 6 to 12 at Sunset Park to be held from 9 a.m. to noon on June 13 through July 29. Featured will be sports, crafts, games and more. For more information on these and other programs, or to register for a program, visit www.londonderrytpa.org.

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Middletown Swim Club opening day

The Middletown Swim Club will open for the season on Saturday, May 28. Singles, couples, family and social memberships are available. New, affordable 2016 rates. For more information, call 717-903-9545 and please leave a message, or e-mail Brent Burger at burgers53@msn.com.

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Live music at Sunset Grill

Jeffrey J. Walker will perform on the deck at Sunset Bar & Grill, 2601 Sunset Dr., Middletown, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.

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Hummelstown Art Walk

The second-annual Art Walk in Hummelstown, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. For more information, visit Facebook.com/HummelstownArtsFestival.

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Middletown Area Historical Society garden tour

Join the Middletown Area Historical Society at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23 for a tour of the garden of Joe and Norma Mateer at 1408 Farmhouse Road, Middletown, located in the Old Reliance development. Their garden contains 76 hand-picked trees, two waterfalls, a classical labyrinth that's 54 feet in diameter and a Koi pond. Participants will learn a little history about labyrinths.

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Middletown Public Library clearance book sale

The Middletown Public Library will host a clearance on the leftover books from their book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. The cost is \$2 per bag.

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on Tuesday, May 10 that he intends to step down as police chief of Lower Swatara on July 1.

Brandt started in Lower Swatara as a patrolman in 1988 and served as a detective and sergeant prior to taking over as acting chief in September 2012, a title that became official about a month later. He previously had served five years with the Middletown Police Department.

"I don't have any specific plans," Brandt said.

Brandt said retirement will provide more time to make the improvements to his Royalton home that he never seemed to have time for in the past few years.

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CAPSULE

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predicted that the U.S. would land a man on the moon before the end of the 1960s.

- Fifty-four years ago, whites and blacks didn't drink from the same water fountains. In 1962, people rioted to stop a black man from enrolling in the University of Mississippi.

- Fifty-four years ago, "Beatles" were bugs that crawled on the ground, and a computer was something in a science fiction movie or book. There was no such thing as the Internet, at least not in the real world. If you didn't know about something, you picked up a heavy book called an encyclopedia.

Whoever put together the last time capsule in 1962 had a big job. But the task is even more daunting for the students and teachers of today, as the pace of change is faster now than ever before due to advances in technology.

But the time capsule isn't just a gift to the future. It's about preserving the history of the current high school so that when the Blue Raiders of 2070 or so open the time capsule, they will see what was important to the students and teachers who were here in 2016.

The time capsule project has been led by teachers at the high school, but it is very much student-driven, say teachers like Rebecca Van Curen, who is in her first year as a social studies teacher at the high school.

Students in the high school's enrichment program, which is open to students who perform well academically, were given the opportunity to be involved in the time capsule project. About 65 students volunteered to be part of the project, which was led by social studies and U.S. history teachers Van Curen, Rick Givens and Lynn Fallinger, herself a 2000 graduate of Middletown Area High School.

The job started in September and is still going.

The teachers and the social studies

department approached the time capsule as an educational project for the students. It started with the students doing research on the Internet by going to sites like the Smithsonian Institution to learn about the process involved in preserving one's own history for future generations.

"We wanted to tie this all back to historical-thinking skills," said Van Curen.

The time capsule project is actually three separate projects involving three separate groups of the 65 students. One group has been devoted to the time capsule itself. A second group of students has been putting together oral histories based upon interviews of high school alumni. The third group is working on videos – one of which will be a video version of the Wall of Honor, a collection of photographs of distinguished MAHS alumni that is now in the auditorium of the current high school. The plan is for the video to run in the new high school in a continuous loop.

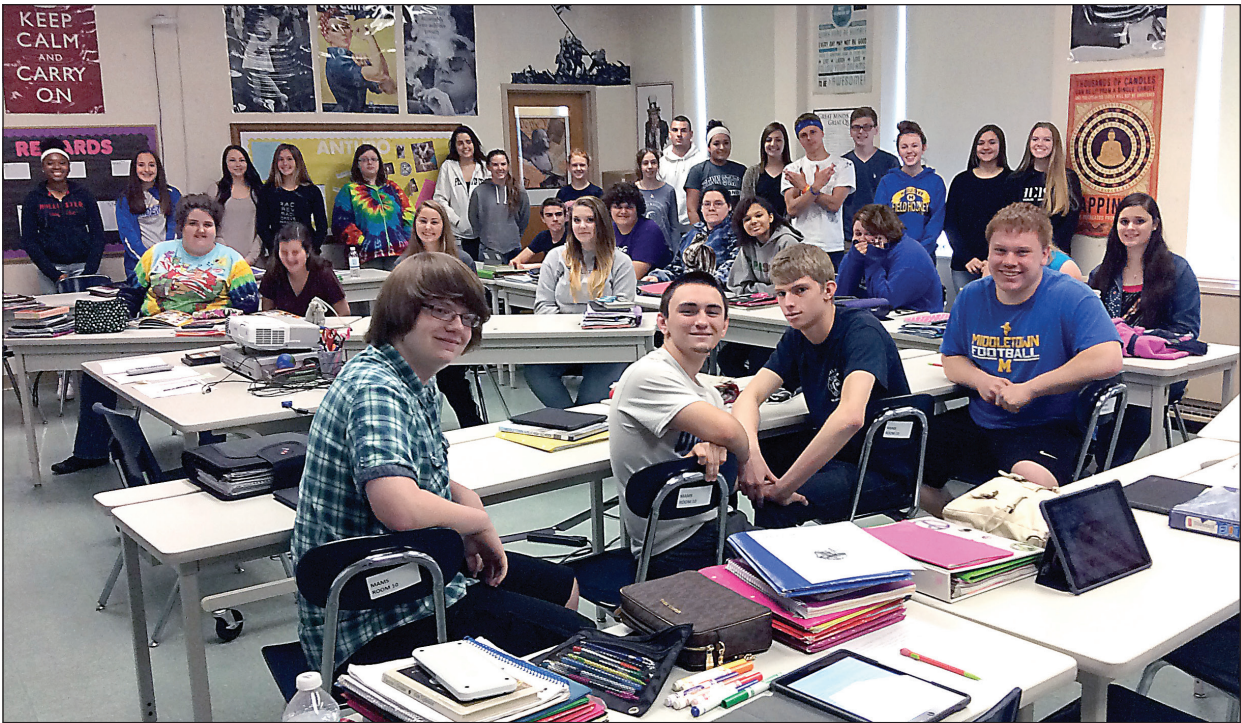
The students have also spent many hours working on a video version of the yearbook of the Class of 2016, the last class that will graduate from the current high school. That video will probably go in the time capsule, said high school Principal Michael Carnes. In what format – so the video can be opened decades from now – has not yet been determined.

The students have had ownership of the project from the start.

"It was all the students who came up with the ideas" for what will go in the time capsule, Givens said. Students representing different cultures of the school – athletics, music, theater, clubs, etc. – selected items to go in the time capsule that would best preserve their passion.

For example, students from the band and other parts of the high school's musical culture are putting a patch in the time capsule that is from the last competition in which the Blue Wave marching band performed.

A piece of the original 1963 curtain from the auditorium's stage will represent



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These Middletown Area High School students have determined what will go into the time capsule to be placed in the new school.

resent the hundreds of concerts, musicals, plays, assemblies and other live performances that took place in the old school over 54 years.

A Raider Rag towel with the MAHS logo will help symbolize the rich history of the school's athletic programs.

"We had to figure out what would be significant about this school in 50-so years, what we would want to be remembered about this school," said Abigail Gipe, a senior involved in putting together the time capsule. "We had to first figure that out, and then find items that represented that."

"We also had to make sure that we were not just capturing our year, but all the other years past because it is really about the history of the whole school, and all the generations that went through it. That was the hard part," said senior Samantha Altland, another student working on the time capsule.

The time capsule will also include tributes to teachers who have had

the most memorable and lasting impact upon the students. That is still a work in progress, but here are a few examples of what is going in: a business card from social studies teacher Scott Pettis, a photograph of a science class doing an experiment, and a microscopic plate from the early 1900s donated by teacher Pete Fox.

The students also chose several items that represent the common experience of all students at the high school. One item: a lock from a student locker at the current school. "We weren't sure if in the new school they would use locks like that or if they were going to have something (different)," Gipe said.

Also in the capsule will be an iPad case and iPad hard drive, to represent the tablet computers that the school district started issuing students in 2013-14. The hard drive will likely contain "standard student information" such as a digitized copy of the MAHS handbook that

is now put on all the student iPads, Van Curen said.

What will the Blue Raiders of decades from now think when they open the time capsule and see the iPad hard drive? Will it be to them as primitive as a rotary telephone or even a Commodore 64 personal computer is to us today? Will they see it as a museum piece? It's hard to predict – unless you are Nos-tradamus.

"It's really hard to picture how much advancements will be made," Altland said. "Just in the past few years there has been so much improvement in our society in general. I think the world is headed toward a better place. I think it will be interesting for them to look back and see what we think is advanced now is going to be so far in the past for them. I think it will be really interesting."

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TMI

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the two Illinois plants over the past six years, largely attributed to low energy costs with constant operational costs.

Quad Cities was one of three plants, along with Three Mile Island and Oyster Creek (near the New Jersey coastline), that did not clear PJM Interconnection's 2015 auction of electricity for 2018. Exelon entered an agreement with New Jersey officials in 2010 to close Oyster Creek 10 years early, in 2019. With the 2015 auction results, some industry watch groups speculated on the early closure of all three plants, cutting Oyster Creek's operation even more.

But "not making the auction does not mean Three Mile Island will shut down early," said Ralph DeSantis, an Exelon spokesman.

The plant does have economic challenges, DeSantis said. Three Mile

Island and other plants that did not clear last year's auction are still free to sell energy in 2018. Generators receive most of their revenue from generation; however, payments from capacity auctions like that of PJM Interconnection have grown more important in keeping older plants afloat.

PJM Interconnection operates the 180-gigawatt power grid and is responsible for providing reliable energy to 600 million people. In its auction, a group representing companies who sell power to consumers vote to accept power generators' bids to provide power three years in advance. Power generators make an offer to guarantee that power from their facility will be available to the grid, and the consortium of power distributors then accepts enough generators' bids to ensure an adequate supply of energy will be available to the grid.

The failure of Three Mile Island to

clear the 2015 auctions highlighted the difficulties in keeping single-reactor nuclear facilities competitive. Oyster Creek, the oldest operating nuclear power plant in the U.S., is a 636-megawatt generator with a single reactor. Three Mile Island operates a single 852-megawatt generator in Unit 1, with Unit 2 shuttered since the nuclear accident in 1979.

A plant such as Three Mile Island "clears" the annual auction held each May when its offer to provide power is accepted with the payment from these capacity auctions, which are typically held in May. The 2015 auction was delayed until August due to some changes in regulatory requirements.

Generators will be penalized if the capacity is not available when the power grid calls on them during peak days, which occur in the summer cooling season for most of PJM's region. The region includes parts of

13 states from New Jersey to North Carolina, including all of Pennsylvania, and stretches west to include parts of Michigan and Illinois. "It's a no-excuses performance," said Ray Dotter, spokesman for PJM.

"It's harder for smaller and older plants to compete," Dotter said. Energy prices have declined and natural gas-fired generators have flourished thanks to less expensive costs for construction, operation and fuel, he said. That leaves coal and nuclear generating facilities struggling to compete.

The generation industry's move to natural gas led to speculation that Three Mile Island could be converted to natural gas. PPL's Brunner Island coal-fired power plant on the Susquehanna River south of Harrisburg will be retrofitted to allow operation by natural gas or coal by early 2017, company officials have announced.

Exelon said the pending loss of its two Illinois plants – Clinton in 2017 and Quad Cities in 2018 – will cost 4,200 jobs and \$1.2 billion in economic activity.

DeSantis denied that Exelon is pushing for legislative help to keep Three Mile Island in operation through its current license extension until 2034. However, he said the company does support President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which limits carbon emissions from power plants, encouraging carbon-neutral nuclear generation over coal-fired power generation. The Clean Power Plan is held up in court after Peabody Energy, America's largest coal company, sought to block it because it continues to deny climate change.

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CREMATORY

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borough zoning officer Jeffrey Miller that the crematory would be allowed as "an accessory use" to the existing Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home at 208 N. Union St.

The residents are supported by a citizens' group, known as the Middletown Citizens Awareness Network, that opposes locating the crematory at the site. Many of those in the group live next or close to the site of the proposed crematory. The residents contend that the crematory will be a source of air and noise pollution and reduce surrounding property values.

Travis Finkenbinder, the funeral home's owner and owner of three other funeral homes in nearby towns, thus far has made few public comments regarding the crematory.

Finkenbinder has said that the crematory is in response to rising demand from customers. Locating the crematory next to the funeral home is in response to the concerns of family members that their loved one's remains stay within "the chain of custody" of the funeral home itself, Finkenbinder has said.

The equipment to be installed for the cremation system in Middletown is used in crematories throughout Pennsylvania, including several in Dauphin County, all of which have been approved by the state Department of Environmental Protection, Finkenbinder has said.

After obtaining Miller's approval for the use in June, Fager-Finkenbinder in October applied to DEP for an air quality permit required to operate the crematory. DEP is continuing its review of the permit.

Opponents contend that state oversight of crematories in Pennsylvania is insufficient to protect the public. Crematories are not regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In January, opponents of the crema-

tory went to Middletown Borough Council with their concerns. Councilors appeared sympathetic to those concerns, and on Feb. 2 voted to hire their own legal counsel and pursue a court injunction to block the crematory. However, to date no injunction has been filed.

Eight hours of testimony

In March, the zoning board agreed to hear the appeal of Miller's ruling to permit the crematory as an "accessory use." To date, the board has heard nearly eight hours of testimony over two nights of hearings – first on April 27 and then on May 10.

Here are the highlights so far:

- One of the board's three members, Tom Germak, recused himself from the case after it was revealed that Germak had attended an informational public meeting on the crematory held by the citizens' group on March 24. Germak made comments suggesting he was opposed to the crematory, according to testimony offered during the hearing.

Germak's exit left the case to be decided by the board's two remaining members, Chairman Jack Still and Don Graham, since council had never appointed an alternate to the board.

- Two of the five appellants, Charles Brenneman and Connie Lauffer, testified that they did not know of the crematory proposal until January, while a third, Michelle Allen, who is acting as power of attorney for her mother, Marjorie W. Rhen, testified that she didn't know about the proposal until February.

All three expressed concern over air emissions from the crematory. Brenneman and Lauffer testified that they feared the crematory would reduce the value of their property and Allen said she feared the facility would make it more difficult to attract renters to her mother's property, which sits about a block away from Fager-

Finkenbinder.

- Ron Salvatore, a sales representative for Matthews International, the Pittsburgh-based company providing the crematory equipment, testified that the system to be installed in Middletown is the "smallest" that the company makes for human cremation. The equipment typically supports "small volume operations" of from 100 to 300 cremations a year, or two to three a week on average, Salvatore testified.

He contended that DEP's oversight of crematories is among the most stringent in the nation, along with New York.

- Miller, the former Middletown zoning and codes officer, testified that, contrary to news media accounts, he did not approve the zoning permit application from Fager-Finkenbinder within 24 hours of receiving it.

Miller said he met with Finkenbinder about a week before June 23, 2015, when Finkenbinder submitted his written application. Between meeting with Finkenbinder and receiving the written application, Miller testified that he completed about 12 hours of research that led him to conclude that the crematory would be an allowed accessory use to the funeral home.

Miller said much of his research involved going on the Web site of Pennsylvania's court system to find cases pertaining to crematories. Miller testified that he did the research on his own without the help of any legal counsel.

By the time Miller received the written application from Fager-Finkenbinder, he had already concluded that the crematory would be a permitted use and was preparing a draft letter to that effect to accompany the approved permit application going to Finkenbinder.

However, Miller acknowledged under questioning that he did not consider whether the crematory would accept

remains not just from the Middletown funeral home but from the three other funeral homes that Fager-Finkenbinder owns in Palmyra, Elizabethtown and Marietta.

"The definition of accessory use identifies that accessory use has to be pertinent to the principal use on that property, not other properties," Miller testified.

Miller also testified that the approval he granted in June was the first of two that Finkenbinder would need from the borough. Finkenbinder would also need to submit building plans to be reviewed by the borough to make sure they comply with building code requirements, Miller testified.

Miller acknowledged that to a large degree he was operating in an information vacuum regarding the funeral home and the crematory.

The borough zoning ordinance has no references to a crematory. The funeral home itself is "identified" as allowed in the R-2 residential district by special exception, but Miller could find no documentation regarding when the funeral home had ever been established as a permitted use in the borough.

"What I didn't find was an original application or any sort of documentation that identified how the funeral home use came about" at 208 N. Union St., Miller testified.

Jerry Walls, a professional planner

called to testify for the appellants, acknowledged under questioning by an attorney for Fager-Finkenbinder that where the literal language in a zoning ordinance is not clear, the interpretation should favor the property owner.

However, Walls also suggested it is "advisable" for a zoning officer to consult with a solicitor in situations where the ordinance and case law are "unclear."

What's next?

Aaron Martin, an attorney for the appellants, said he may have one more witness to call when the hearing resumes on May 26. Finkenbinder himself has not yet been asked to testify by either side.

In the event of a tie vote by the board – since only two members now are hearing the case – the result would be to deny the application filed by the appellants who are appealing Miller's ruling, according to Lyndsay Kensing, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

In other words, the approval granted by Miller to the crematory would be allowed to stand.

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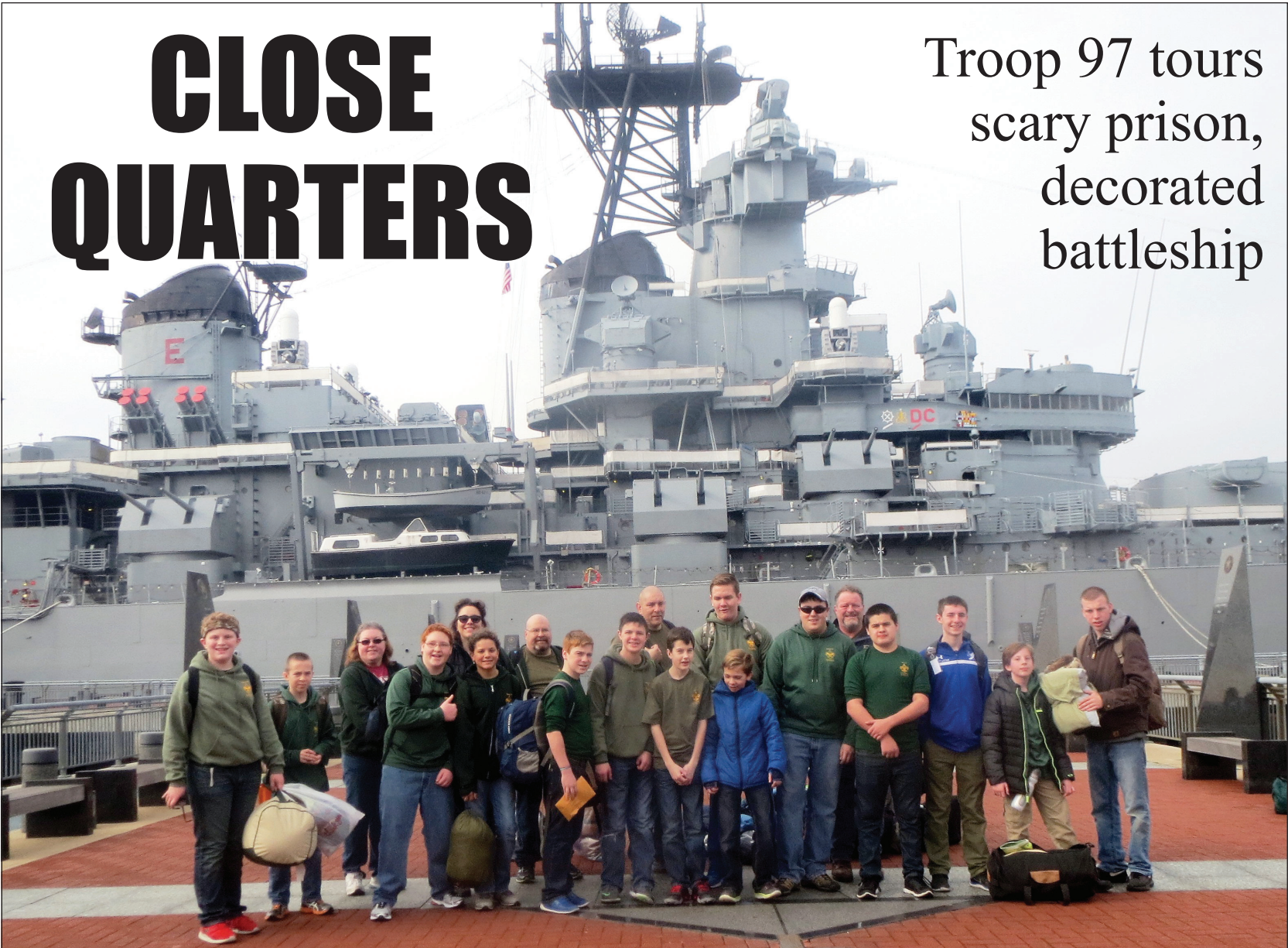
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It is a haunting world of crumbling cell blocks and guard towers, once home to notorious gangster Al Capone and bank robber "Slick Wille" Sutton. But the creepiness of the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia didn't deter Londonderry Twp.'s Boy Scout Troop 97 for a tour of the famously scary prison.

The troop took a private tour that allowed them to enter holding cells, punishment cells, the operating room, the exercise yard, the chaplain's office and the synagogue. The scouts learned about tunnels that were dug by Sutton and 11 other prisoners in 1945 as a futile means for escape.

Only one inmate ever escaped the prison, and he was never caught.

The prison operated with a solitary confinement policy from its opening in 1829 to 1913, when the policy was abolished for being inhumane. Solitary confinement returned to the prison from 1929 to 1956. The prison was closed in 1971 due to disrepair and then reopened as a museum in 1994.

Eastern State has an eerie aura about its hallways. It's not surprising that it is said to be haunted.

The troop then camped overnight in the USS New Jersey, a battleship moored in nearby Camden, N.J. Scouts stowed their gear in the same lockers that held sailor's personal belongings when at sea, slept in the same bunks as the enlisted sailors and chowed down in the crew's mess hall.

The battleship is 11 stories high and almost three football fields long. The "Black Dragon," as she is called, played key roles in World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars during her years of active service between 1943 and 1991. With 19 Battle and Campaign Stars, the USS New Jersey is the nation's most decorated battleship and surviving warship.

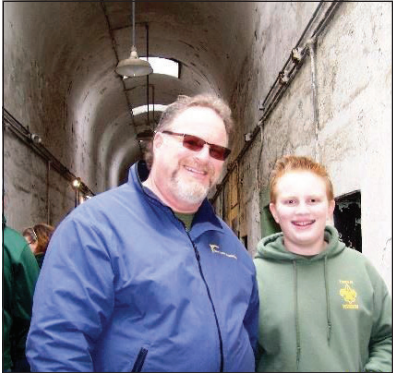
The troop participated in the presentation of colors flag ceremony on board the ship, toured the ship's 16-inch gun turrets, brig, laundry and the combat engagement center and relaxed in the captain's and admiral's quarters.

The scouts and Assistant Scout Master Chris Hoyt, presented a commemorative plaque to the ship's officers that Hoyt made for the visit. The plaque was displayed in the ship's museum section even before the scouts left.

For more information on Troop 97, call Kevin Little at 717-944-1957 or Ted Pauley at 717-944-2766. Troop 97 is sponsored by the Londonderry Fire Company.



Scouts Ben Spangenberg and Owen Wealand are overwhelmed by the projectiles that were launched from the Mark 7 guns of the USS New Jersey. The projectiles weighed between 1,900 to 2,700 pounds and traveled up to 24 miles.



Stacey and Mason Swartz tour the narrow hallways of the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia.



Life Scout Cole Carlson is recruited to serve breakfast to his fellow Scouts in the mess hall of the USS New Jersey.



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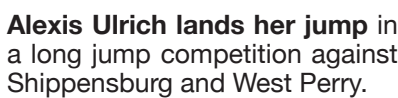
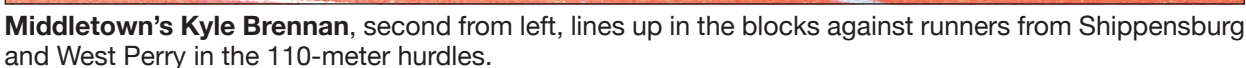
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Three Raiders qualify for District 3 championships

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Middletown's Jessica Knisley, above, throws the javelin in a meet against Shippensburg and West Perry.

Middletown senior Morgan Danilowicz, at right, leads a West Perry runner in the 200-meter dash.



LOWER DAUPHIN BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Falcons drop two but reach playoffs

Now Lower Dauphin faces Red

Lower Dauphin (10-5) vs. Red Lion
(13-3), 7:30 p.m. on
Thursday, May 19 at
Dallastown Area High School
(winner meets Central York
on Monday, May 23,
time and place TBA)

The Falcons lost their regular-season finale to Dallastown, 3-0, on Thursday, May 12 in Dallastown, dropping three straight sets, 25-11, 25-14 and 30-28.

| TEAM | RATING | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Hempfield (14-0) | 0.765108 | 8. Hershey (13-3) | 0.651641 |
| 2. Penn Manor (13-2) | 0.707033 | 9. Cumberland Valley (9-3) | 0.640743 |
| 3. Ephrata (16-1) | 0.704893 | 10. Central Dauphin (9-4) | 0.636043 |
| 4. Central York (10-2) | 0.668552 | 11. Manheim Twp. (10-5) | 0.631278 |
| 5. Red Lion (13-3) | 0.668144 | 12. Lower Dauphin (10-5) | 0.612949 |
| 6. Gov. Mifflin (13-3) | 0.662842 | ♦♦♦♦ | |
| 7. Wilson (10-3) | 0.662017 | 13. Dallastown (9-5) | 0.599443 |

The match was tied after two sets, with the Cougars winning the first, 25-21, and the Falcons winning the

Mike Hall had 7 kills, 6 blocks and 2 digs for the Falcons, while teammate Tyler Shearer had 7 kills, 1 block, 8 digs and 13 assists. Ben Rusling added 1 ace, 9 kills, 4 digs and 20 assists for Lower Dauphin, while Tanner Yaw had 3 aces, 4 kills and 6 digs, Collin Nissley had 5 kills and 1 block and Joey McInnerney had 2 aces, 7 kills, 1 block and 1 dig for the Falcons.



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MIDDLETOWN AREA BASEBALL

Raiders win forfeit, lose two, miss playoffs

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

With the scholastic baseball season winding down to the end of the year, the Middletown Blue Raiders played their final two home games last week. Due to a lack of wins, the Raiders (4-14, 3-12 in the Mid-Penn Conference's Keystone Division) were unable to continue their short run of District 3 post-season playoff appearances.

The Raiders lost both home games against visiting Palmyra and Susquehanna Twp., but were awarded their fourth victory of the season via a forfeit from an earlier suspended contest against Harrisburg. On Tuesday, May 10, Middletown honored its five seniors. Recognized for their contributions to the baseball program during the past several seasons were outfielder Trevor Fuller, outfielder Justin Imler, infielder Aaron Montgomery, first baseman/pitcher Brandon Harper and outfielder/pitcher/catcher Brendan Dintiman.

Middletown 7 Harrisburg 0

The game officially goes into the record books as a 7-0 forfeit victory for Middletown.

The Raiders' contest against their Keystone Division rival was part of a double-header between the host Raiders and the visiting Cougars (1-18, 0-16) back on April 22. The first game ended in an 11-3 victory for the Raiders. The second game was suspended due to darkness after 4 ½ innings with the Raiders leading by a 13-0 score. With the odds of making up the huge deficit stacked heavily against them, the Cougars elected to forfeit the game rather than make another trip to Middletown.

Middletown's Michael Mattes picked up the pitching victory after giving up just two hits over four innings of work on the mound. The junior right-hander had four strikeouts and yielded just one walk in the shortened game. The Raiders scored seven runs in the second inning and six more in the third to build their 13-0 lead.



Middletown's Johan Sanchez-Padilla (25), shown in a game against Lower Dauphin earlier in the season, scored the Blue Raiders' lone run in a close loss to Susquehanna Twp.

With one out in the bottom of the second inning, Imler singled to left and stole second before Fuller drew a base on balls to put two runners on base. Montgomery's bloop single drove in Imler for the first run. With two outs, Blake Jacoby was safe on a dropped fly ball that allowed Fuller and Montgomery to score for a 3-0 Middletown lead. Dintiman's single up the middle knocked in Jacoby for the fourth run.

After stealing second, Middletown courtesy runner David Alcock went to third on Johan Sanchez-Padilla's single and then scored on a balk against the Harrisburg pitcher. Back-to-back singles by Harper and Rich Castagna plated two more runs to push the Raiders up to a 7-0 lead before the Cougars got out of the inning.

With one out in the home half of the third inning, Middletown's Noah Zimmermann drew a walk and then scored from first on Jacoby's RBI double

down the left field line. Dintiman's single to center drove in Jacoby for the Raiders' ninth run. Sanchez-Padilla and Harper were both hit by pitches to load the bases. With Castagna at the plate, runner Alcock scored on a wild pitch. After Castagna was also hit by a pitch to again fill the bags, Imler walked to force in pinch runner Joe Brady another run. Fuller's single drove in the final two Middletown runs to make it a 13-0 score.

Mattes retired the first two Harrisburg batters on a pop up and fly out to start the top of the fourth inning. Harrisburg's Eric Rojas singled to right, but Mattes finished off the frame with a groundout and the game was suspended before the Raiders came to bat in the bottom of the stanza.

Palmyra 6 Middletown 1

With a couple regular starters out of the lineup, Middletown Coach Steve

Shuleski gave all five of his seniors starting spots on Tuesday, May 10 against visiting Palmyra. And he hoped things would go well on Senior Day. But the Cougars (13-6, 11-5) proved to be just a bit better than their hosts, winning the Keystone Division matchup.

Harper got the start on the mound for the Raiders and was touched for a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. A walk and a pair of one-out singles loaded the bases for the Cougars and led to the two runs. Palmyra's Zach Yingst was hit by a pitch to force in the first run and the second one came on a sacrifice fly by Nick DeCarlo.

After Palmyra pitcher Dylan Spagnola sat down the Raiders in order in the home half of the first inning, the Cougars scored another run in the top of the second. A one-out single and three fielding errors by the Middletown defense allowed the third run to come home.

The Raiders scored their lone run of



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Middletown pitcher Brendan Dintiman kept the Blue Raiders close in a 4-1 loss to District 3 playoff hopeful Susquehanna Twp.

the game in the bottom of the second stanza. Castagna was hit by a pitch to lead things off, and Tristan Maxwell was also hit by a pitch with one out to put two runners on base. A bloop single by Montgomery loaded the bases with Raiders. With two outs, Alcock's hard grounder off the Palmyra third baseman's glove drove in Castagna for the single tally.

The Cougars added a run in the top of the third inning via a bases-loaded walk. Harper kept the guests from scoring in the fourth and fifth, but the Raiders were sat down in order in both the third and fourth frames, keeping the score unchanged at 4-1.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Fuller's leadoff single went unrewarded.

In the top of the sixth inning, Harper picked up two quick outs, but Palmyra hitters kept the inning alive with two singles and a walk that loaded the bases. An error and another free pass pushed in two more runs for the guests before Mattes came on in relief and got the final out to end it.

Trying to get something going on offense, Harper doubled down the left field line to lead off the bottom of the sixth frame. Castagna's walk put the first two runners on for the Raiders, but a strikeout and a rally-killing double play ended the threat.

After Mattes and the defense kept the Cougars from padding their score, the Raiders had one more chance to make a comeback. But after Montgomery was hit by a pitch to start off the bottom of the seventh inning, Spagnola locked

down the win with three straight outs.

Susquehanna Twp. 4 Middletown 1

The Raiders battled visiting Susquehanna Twp. (12-7, 11-5) to a 0-0 deadlock through three full innings of play on Wednesday, May 11 before the Indians broke the tie with a single run in the top of the fourth.

Although the game ended with the guests claiming victory, Shuleski and his coaches truly believed that had a very good chance at winning the closely-played contest.

"I really thought we had that one," he said afterwards. Still, he was pleased with the effort his team showed.

Defense kept the game close throughout.

In the third inning, a leadoff Indian runner was thrown out at second on an attempted steal. In the fourth, a relay from Imler to Alcock to Castagna limited the Indians to one run. In the fifth, another runner was thrown out at third, ending the inning after Susquehanna scored twice. And in the sixth, another leadoff runner was out at second on an attempted steal. The Raiders committed just two errors in the game.

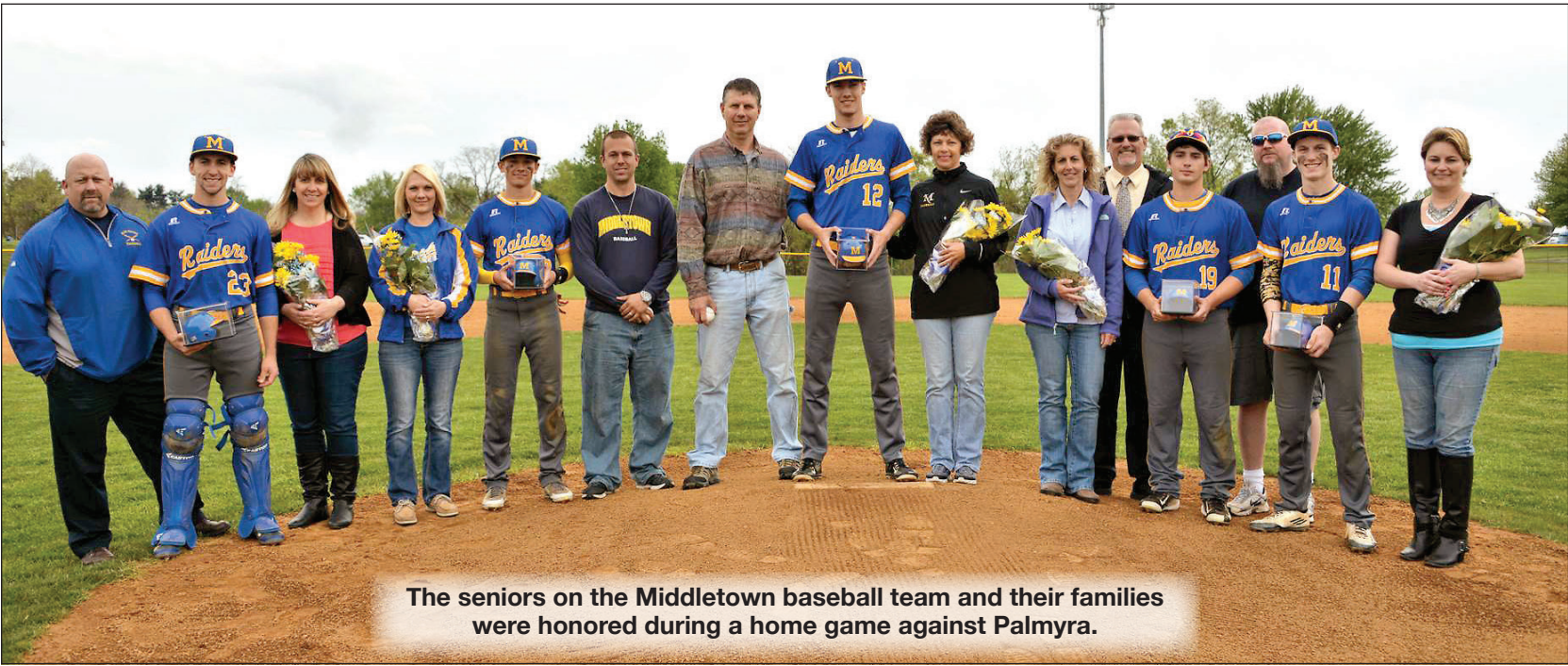
The Raiders had their chances throughout, leaving runners on base in the first, third, fourth, fifth and seventh innings. But the clutch hits just did not come and the Middletown nine had just one run, that one coming in the bottom of the final inning, to show for their efforts.

Harper's two-out single in the first inning went unrewarded and Jacoby was left hanging following a two-out double in the third. Harper was safe on an error to start the home half of the fourth but he never made it home. In the fifth, Fuller walked and Alcock was safe on an error, but they, too, were left standing in scoring position.

After scoring the game's first run on a two-out RBI double by Jordan Caruso in the top of the fourth inning, the Indians plated two more runs in the top of the fifth off of four hits yielded by Middletown starter Dintiman. That 3-0 lead held until the guests picked up an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning.

In the home half of the seventh, pinch hitter Sanchez-Padilla was hit by a pitch to lead off and went to third on Montgomery's single to right. With one out, Alcock hit into a fielder's choice that knocked in Sanchez-Padilla for the single run. But Susquehanna pitcher Dan Warshawsky got the final out on a grounder to close out the win for the visitors.

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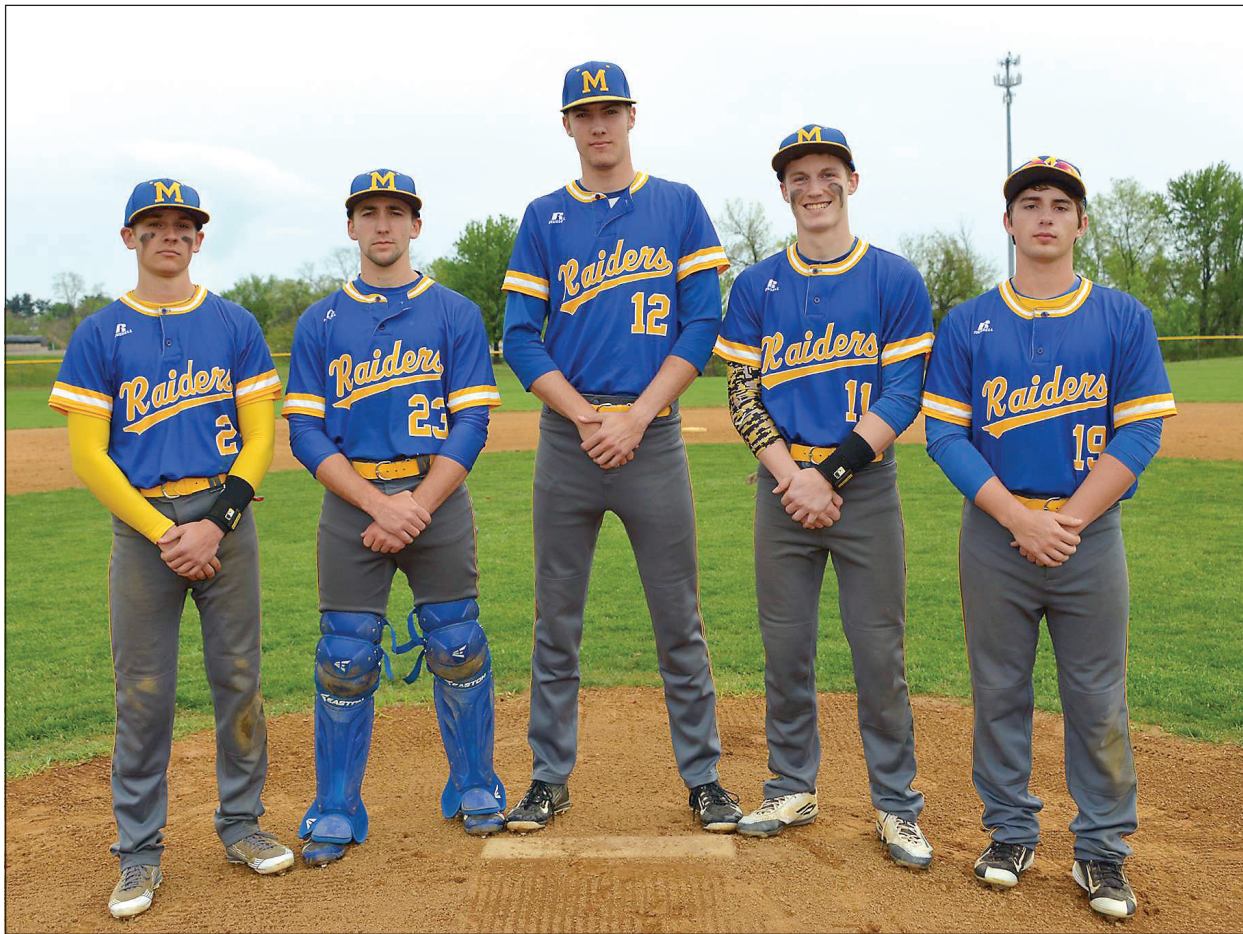


The seniors on the Middletown baseball team and their families were honored during a home game against Palmyra.



Middletown senior Brandon Harper throws a pitch against Palmyra.

Senior players, at right, on the Middletown baseball team are, from left, outfielder Trevor Fuller, catcher/pitcher/outfielder Brendan Dintiman, pitcher/first baseman Brandon Harper, infielder Aaron Montgomery and outfielder Justin Imler.



HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

LD, Steel-High win, eye playoffs

Timmy Townsend drove in three runs and Tommy Bramley, Tyler Friedrich and Josh Saufley drove in two runs each as hot-hitting Lower Dauphin scorched Central Dauphin, 14-1 on Monday, May 9 in Hummelstown in a game with significant District 3 playoff importance.

The win helped lift the Falcons (12-7) into 12th place in the District 3 Class AAAA power rankings, which determines who qualifies for the district playoffs. The top 16 teams qualify.

Central Dauphin (9-9) remained in 17th place in the rankings.

Lower Dauphin solidified its playoff position with a 9-4 victory over Mechanicsburg (14-5) on Tuesday, May 10 in Mechanicsburg. The Falcons scored five runs in the eighth inning to win the game. Relief pitcher Jared Dunkle claimed the win.

Down 1-0 against Central Dauphin, Lower Dauphin exploded for six runs in the third inning and eight more in the fifth, invoking the mercy rule. The Falcons pounded out nine hits and benefitted from nine walks against three Ram pitchers. All of Lower Dauphin's runs were earned. Falcon pitcher Will Manley held the Rams in check on three hits, striking out four batters and walking five.

Townsend went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Lower Dauphin. Teammate Matt Kephart went 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Charlie Fies scored three runs for the Falcons.

The opening round of the District 3 playoffs begins on Monday, May 23.

DISTRICT 3 POWER RANKINGS CLASS AAA

(Top 16 teams qualify for playoffs)

| TEAM | RATING |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Hempfield (17-2) | 0.794882 |
| 2. Penn Manor (17-3) | 0.779872 |
| 3. Ephrata (16-4) | 0.767279 |
| 4. Dallastown (14-3) | 0.757544 |
| 5. Warwick (15-4) | 0.752999 |
| 6. Muhlenberg (15-5) | 0.724922 |
| 7. Cumberland Valley (13-6) | 0.720480 |
| 8. Mechanicsburg (14-5) | 0.719324 |
| 9. Gov. Mifflin (11-7) | 0.685907 |
| 10. Elizabethtown (12-8) | 0.682021 |
| 11. Waynesboro (13-6) | 0.679422 |
| 12. Lower Dauphin (12-7) | 0.673653 |
| 13. Hershey (11-7) | 0.670021 |
| 14. Exeter Twp. (13-7) | 0.668753 |
| 15. Cedar Cliff (10-9) | 0.662529 |
| 16. Red Land (10-10) | 0.650362 |

CLASS A

(Top 8 teams qualify for playoffs)

| TEAM | RATING |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Lanc. Co. Christian (10-4) | 0.542919 |
| 2. Newport (12-5) | 0.512108 |
| 3. Christian Sch. of York (10-2) | 0.502261 |
| 4. Halifax (9-7) | 0.454461 |
| 5. Millersburg (10-8) | 0.450528 |
| 6. Conestoga Christian (8-3) | 0.449591 |
| 7. Steelton-Highspire (5-10) | 0.395718 |
| 8. West Shore Christian (8-5) | 0.374799 |

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| 9. High Point Baptist (6-5) | 0.374094 |
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thanks in part to its lopsided win over Mount Calvary Christian (2-12) on Wednesday, May 11 in Swatara Twp.

The Rollers jumped up to seventh place in the rankings thanks to the victory and two others in the course of a week – a 20-4 victory over Harrisburg and a 7-0 win over Trinity.

Against Mount Calvary, Isaiah Lockette and Jaron Grayer each drove in three runs, while teammates John Ferrer, Noah Hawkins, Ishmail Hodge, Tommy Huff, Jaqui Jenkins and Taj Roach-McClendon each drove in a run in the first-inning onslaught. The game ended after 2 1/2 innings because of the mercy rule.

Steel-High pitchers Jenkins, Roach-McClendon and Matthew Pilsitz held Mount Calvary Christian to two hits.

Steelton-Highspire 17, Mount Calvary 0

Steelton-Highspire (5-10) scored all 17 runs in the first inning to move into playoff position in the District 3 Class A power rankings



| BASEBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division | | | |
|--|----|----|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| Mechanicsburg | 12 | 4 | 14-5 |
| Palmyra | 11 | 5 | 13-6 |
| Susquehanna Twp. | 11 | 5 | 12-7 |
| Hershey | 10 | 5 | 11-7 |
| Lower Dauphin | 10 | 6 | 12-7 |
| Bishop McDevitt | 9 | 6 | 12-7 |
| CD East | 4 | 11 | 7-12 |
| Middletown | 3 | 12 | 4-14 |
| Harrisburg | 0 | 16 | 1-18 |

Last week's games
Susquehanna Twp. 4, Middletown 1
Palmyra 6, Middletown 1
Middletown 7, Harrisburg 0 (forfeit)
Palmyra 9, Lower Dauphin 7
Lower Dauphin 9, Mechanicsburg 4
Lower Dauphin 14, Central Dauphin 1

This week's games
District 3 playoffs
Class AAAA, First round
Monday, May 23, TBA

| Capital Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| West Perry | 11 | 1 | 16-3 |
| Northern York | 9 | 3 | 13-6 |
| East Pennsboro | 8 | 3 | 11-6 |
| Camp Hill | 6 | 5 | 11-7 |
| Steelton-Highspire | 3 | 8 | 5-10 |
| Trinity | 2 | 9 | 3-12 |
| Milton Hershey | 1 | 11 | 2-15 |

Last week's games
Steelton-Highspire 17, Mount Calvary Christian 0
Steelton-Highspire 7, Trinity 0
West Perry 11, Steelton-Highspire 0
Steelton-Highspire 20, Harrisburg 4

This week's games
Wednesday, May 18
Steelton-Highspire at Newport, 4:30 p.m.

| District 3 playoffs Class A First round | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | | | |
| Monday, May 23, TBA | | | |

| SOFTBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division | | | |
|--|----|----|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| x-Lower Dauphin | 15 | 1 | 18-2 |
| Mechanicsburg | 14 | 2 | 16-3 |
| Bishop McDevitt | 10 | 5 | 12-7 |
| CD East | 10 | 5 | 10-7 |
| Palmyra | 7 | 9 | 9-11 |
| Susquehanna Twp. | 5 | 10 | 5-12 |
| Middletown | 5 | 10 | 5-14 |
| Hershey | 4 | 12 | 4-16 |
| Harrisburg | 0 | 16 | 0-16 |

x=clinched division title

Last week's games
Middletown 7, Susquehanna Twp. 2
Middletown 10, Palmyra 7 (9 innings)
Trinity 8, Middletown 3
Lower Dauphin 7, North Pocono 4
Lower Dauphin 4, Holy Redeemer 3
Lower Dauphin 16, Towanda 1
Mechanicsburg 1, Lower Dauphin 0
Lower Dauphin 7, Palmyra 0

This week's games
Mid-Penn Conference Championships
Thursday, May 19
Championship game
Lower Dauphin/Greencastle-Antrim winner vs. Chambersburg/West Perry winner, 4:30 p.m., Big Spring High School, Newville

| BOYS' VOLLEYBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division Final standings | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| Hershey | 7 | 3 | 13-3 |



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Middletown runner Malik Noon, left, takes the baton from teammate Tyrelle Gallatin just ahead of a Shippensburg team during the 4x100-meter relay.

RAIDERS

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In the girls' 100-meter hurdles, Lower Dauphin's Klingersmith finished seventh with a time of 16.7 seconds, while teammate Cardwell finished eighth with a time of 16.82. Middletown's Chantel Boes finished ninth in the preliminaries, missing the finals by one place.

Klengersmith finished in sixth place in the girls' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.36 seconds, while Middletown's Sessa finished in ninth with a time of 48.70.

In the girls' 200-meter dash, Middletown's Jocelyn Koser, a freshman, finished 21st with a time of 27.84, while teammate Alexis Ulrich finished 26th with a time of 28.37. Loser finished 25th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.63.

Lower Dauphin's Shea finished third in the boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:39.01, while teammate Colton Cassel finished seventh with a time of 9:50.31. Another Falcon, Lynch, finished sixth in the boys' triple jump with a jump of 42 feet, 5.5 inches, while the Lower Dauphin boy's 4x800-meter relay team finished in fifth place with a time of 8:09.11. In the girls' pole vault, Lower Dau-

| | | | |
|---------------|---|----|------|
| Lower Dauphin | 7 | 3 | 10-5 |
| Mechanicsburg | 6 | 4 | 10-5 |
| Northern York | 5 | 5 | 12-6 |
| Red Land | 5 | 5 | 9-8 |
| Cedar Cliff | 0 | 10 | 0-12 |

Last week's matches
Dallastown 3, Lower Dauphin 0
Palmyra 3, Lower Dauphin 1

This week's games
District 3 playoffs
Class AAA, First round

Thursday, May 19
Lower Dauphin (10-5) vs. Red Lion (13-3), 7:30 p.m., Dallastown
(winner vs. Central York (10-2), TBA, Monday, May 23)

| TRACK AND FIELD MID-PENN CONFERENCE BOYS Capital Division Final standings | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| East Pennsboro | 6 | 0 | 6-0 |
| Camp Hill | 6 | 1 | 11-1 |
| Northern York | 4 | 2 | 4-3 |
| West Perry | 2 | 4 | 11-4 |
| Bishop McDevitt | 2 | 4 | 3-4 |
| Trinity | 1 | 4 | 1-5 |
| Middletown | 1 | 5 | 3-6 |

Last week's meets
East Pennsboro 109, Middletown 41

This week's meets
Friday, May 20
District 3 Championships, 2 p.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

Saturday, May 21
District 3 Championships, 9 a.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

| Keystone Division Final standings | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| Milton Hershey | 7 | 0 | 7-0 |
| Mechanicsburg | 6 | 1 | 7-1 |
| Hershey | 4 | 2 | 4-2 |
| Palmyra | 4 | 3 | 4-3 |
| Red Land | 3 | 4 | 3-4 |
| Lower Dauphin | 2 | 5 | 2-7 |
| Susquehanna Twp. | 1 | 5 | 1-5 |
| Cedar Cliff | 0 | 7 | 0-7 |

Last week's meets
None

This week's meets
Friday, May 20
District 3 Championships, 2 p.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

Saturday, May 21
District 3 Championships, 9 a.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

| GIRLS Capital Division | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| Northern York | 6 | 0 | 7-0 |
| East Pennsboro | 5 | 1 | 5-1 |
| Bishop McDevitt | 4 | 2 | 4-2 |
| Trinity | 2 | 3 | 2-4 |
| Middletown | 2 | 5 | 4-5 |
| Camp Hill | 2 | 5 | 4-7 |
| West Perry | 1 | 4 | 4-6 |

Last week's meets
East Pennsboro 117, Middletown 33

This week's meets
Friday, May 20
District 3 Championships, 2 p.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

Standings for 5-18-16

Saturday, May 21
District 3 Championships, 9 a.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

| Keystone Division | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| Hershey | 7 | 0 | 7-0 |
| Cedar Cliff | 6 | 1 | 6-1 |
| Palmyra | 5 | 2 | 5-2 |
| Lower Dauphin | 4 | 3 | 5-4 |
| Milton Hershey | 3 | 4 | 3-4 |
| Mechanicsburg | 2 | 5 | 2-6 |
| Susquehanna Twp. | 1 | 6 | 1-6 |
| Red Land | 0 | 7 | 0-7 |

Last week's meets
None

This week's meets
Friday, May 20
District 3 Championships, 2 p.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

Saturday, May 21
District 3 Championships, 9 a.m., Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg

| BOYS' LACROSSE MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division Final standings | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| x-Hershey | 5 | 0 | 15-4 |
| x-Palmyra | 4 | 1 | 13-5 |
| x-Central Dauphin | 3 | 2 | 11-7 |
| Lower Dauphin | 2 | 3 | 8-9 |
| Bishop McDevitt | 1 | 4 | 7-10 |
| CD East | 0 | 5 | 0-16 |

x=clinched District 3 playoff berth

Last week's games
Cumberland Valley 9, Lower Dauphin 3

This week's games
None

| GIRLS' LACROSSE MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division Final standings | | | |
|--|---|---|---------|
| | W | L | OVERALL |
| x-Central Dauphin | 5 | 0 | 15-4 |
| Hershey | 2 | 2 | 10-8 |
| Palmyra | 2 | 2 | 9-9 |
| Lower Dauphin | 2 | 2 | 9-9 |
| CD East | 0 | 5 | 2-16 |

x=clinched District 3 playoff berth

Last week's games
Cumberland Valley 14, Lower Dauphin 11

This week's games
None

| BOYS' TENNIS District 3 Team Championships Class AAA Quarterfinals | | | |
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| Lower Dauphin 4, South Western 0 | | | |

Semifinals
Hempfield 3, Lower Dauphin 0

District 3 Singles Championships Class AAA First round
Milo Nagle (Cumberland Valley) defeated Josh Carl (Lower Dauphin), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2

District 3 Doubles Championships Class AAA First round
Josh Carl/Beck Wiles (Lower Dauphin) defeated Dylan Okonski/Paul Leeuw (Buhlenberg), 6-1, 6-1

Second round
Josh Carl/Beck Wiles (Lower Dauphin) defeated Milo Nagle/Max Kluger (Cumberland Valley), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

Semifinals
Josh Carl/Beck Wiles (Lower Dauphin) defeated Nick Tull/Jackson Muraika (Cedar Crest), 6-3, 6-3

Championships
Dante Falcucci/Jacon Jastrzebski (Hershey) defeated Josh Carl/Beck Wiles (Lower Dauphin) 7-5, 6-3

PIAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES First round

Friday, May 27
Josh Carl/Beck Wiles (Lower Dauphin) vs. District 10 champion, 10:30 a.m., Hershey Racquet Club

| YOUTH BASEBALL LP/WH LEAGUE MAJORS National Division | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| Middletown | 4 | 3 | |
| PHR Green | 4 | 4 | |
| Paxtonia (1) | 3 | 3 | |
| West Hanover Red | 2 | 6 | |

| American Division | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| PHR Black | 7 | 0 | |
| Paxtonia (2) | 7 | 1 | |
| Lower Swatara | 4 | 2 | |
| Penn Gardens | 0 | 8 | |

Last week's games
Middletown 9, Penn Gardens 6
Lower Swatara 13, West Hanover Red 0

| MINORS | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| PHR Royal | 4 | 0 | |
| Lower Swatara Black | 7 | 1 | |
| PHR Carolina | 7 | 1 | |
| Paxtonia (4) | 6 | 1 | |
| Paxtonia (3) | 6 | 1 | |
| Paxtonia (6) | 6 | 3 | |
| Lower Swatara Orange | 5 | 3 | |
| Lower Swatara White | 4 | 3 | |
| Paxtonia (7) | 4 | 3 | |

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| West Hanover Red | 4 | 3 |
| Lower Swatara Red | 3 | 2 |
| Paxtonia (5) | 2 | 3 |
| PHR Red | 2 | 3 |
| Lower Swatara Yellow | 2 | 4 |
| Middletown Gold | 2 | 4 |
| West Hanover Royal | 2 | 5 |
| PHR Orange | 2 | 8 |
| Middletown Green | 1 | 4 |
| Penn Gardens | 1 | 5 |
| West Hanover Black | 1 | 7 |
| Middletown Blue | 0 | 7 |

Last week's games
Paxtonia (3) 5, Lower Swatara Red 4
Lower Swatara Black 10, Middletown Gold 8
Paxtonia (7) 11, Middletown Blue 1
Lower Swatara Orange 8, Lower Swatara White 4
Lower Swatara Black 12, West Hanover Royal 1
Paxtonia (5) 12, Middletown Blue 2
Lower Swatara Red 12, West Hanover Black 8
Lower Swatara White 13, Middletown Green 8
PHR Carolina 6, Lower Swatara Yellow 1
Lower Swatara Black 10, Lower Swatara Orange 4

| YOUTH SOFTBALL EAST SHORE FAST PITCH LEAGUE 10U | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| | W | L | T |
| Swatara/Paxtang | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Lower Swatara | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| East Hanover (3) | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Hershey (1) | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Paxtonia (1) | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Paxtonia (2) | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Lower Dauphin (1) | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| West Hanover | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| East Hanover (1) | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Harrisburg | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Hershey (3) | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Central Dauphin | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Lower Dauphin (2) | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Hershey (2) | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Middletown | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| East Hanover (2) | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Susquehanna | 1 | 5 | 0 |

Last week's games
East Hanover (1) 12, Middletown 1
Lower Dauphin (1) 7, Hershey (2) 6
Lower Swatara 10, Lower Dauphin (2) 7
Lower Dauphin (2) 13, West Hanover 9
Lower Dauphin (2) 11, Susquehanna 10
Swatara/Paxtang 16, Middletown 0
Swatara/Paxtang 18, Lower Dauphin (2) 6
Lower Dauphin (1) 16, Central Dauphin 5
Lower Swatara 12, East Hanover (1) 9
Middletown 13, Paxtonia (2) 10
Lower Swatara 14, Hershey (2) 13

| 12U | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| Swatara/Paxtang | 7 | 0 | |
| Dauphin | 4 | 1 | |
| Lower Swatara | 5 | 2 | |
| West Hanover | 4 | 3 | |
| East Hanover | 3 | 2 | |
| Hershey (2) | 3 | 2 | |

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Hershey (1) | 3 | 3 |
| Middletown | 2 | 3 |
| Central Dauphin | 2 | 3 |
| Susquehanna | 2 | 5 |
| Lower Dauphin | 1 | 5 |
| Paxtonia (1) | 1 | 5 |
| Paxtonia (2) | 0 | 6 |

Last week's games
Central Dauphin 18, Lower Dauphin 14

| 14U | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| Paxtonia | 7 | 0 | |
| Swatara/Paxtang | 7 | 0 | |
| Lower Swatara (1) | 3 | 1 | |
| Susquehanna | 3 | 2 | |
| Lower Dauphin | 3 | 2 | |
| Hershey | 2 | 2 | |
| Dauphin | 2 | 2 | |
| Central Dauphin | 2 | 3 | |
| Lower Swatara (2) | 1 | 4 | |
| Harrisburg | 1 | 5 | |
| Londonderry | 1 | 6 | |
| Milton Hershey | 0 | 5 | |

Last week's games
Central Dauphin 20, Lower Dauphin 12
Dauphin 8, Lower Swatara (2) 6
Lower Swatara (1) 9, Susquehanna 6
Central Dauphin 14, Londonderry 9
Lower Swatara (1) 20, Harrisburg 3
Swatara/Paxtang 9, Lower Swatara (2) 0
Lower Swatara (1) 7, Lower Swatara (2) 7, tie

| SUBURBAN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE 11U | | | |
|--|----|----|--|
| | W | L | |
| Hummelstown (2) | 11 | 1 | |
| Hummelstown (1) | 8 | 2 | |
| Cedar Cliff (1) | 5 | 1 | |
| Lower Swatara (3) | 3 | 3 | |
| Londonderry | 2 | 2 | |
| Akron | 3 | 4 | |
| Dillsburg | 2 | 3 | |
| Cedar Cliff (3) | 2 | 5 | |
| Cedar Cliff (2) | 0 | 5 | |
| Lower Swatara (4) | 0 | 10 | |

Last week's games
Cedar Cliff (3) 15, Lower Swatara (4) 2
Hummelstown (2) 13, Cedar cliff (2) 1

| 14U | | | |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| Akron | 4 | 0 | |
| Lower Swatara | 4 | 2 | |
| Londonderry | 0 | 6 | |

Last week's games
None

| 18U | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | W | L | |
| Akron | 5 | 1 | |
| Londonderry | 1 | 2 | |
| Cumberland Valley | 1 | 3 | |
| Lower Swatara | 0 | 1 | |

Last week's games
Akron 18, Londonderry 13
Londonderry 19, Lower Swatara 10



Photos by Don Graham

Middletown third baseman Kayla Warhola falls to the ground near home plate after making a good catch on a popup against Palmyra.

| DISTRICT 3 POWER RANKINGS - CLASS AAAA (Top 16 teams qualify for playoffs) | | | |
|---|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| TEAM | RATING | | |
| 1. Chambersburg (17-3) | 0.793062 | 10. Solanco (15-4) | 0.722432 |
| 2. Exeter Twp. (15-3) | 0.780847 | 11. Hempfield (14-6) | 0.721440 |
| 3. Penn Manor (17-2) | 0.777306 | 12. Gov. Mifflin (13-7) | 0.710975 |
| 4. Lower Dauphin (18-2) | 0.776791 | 13. Cumberland Valley (10-7) | 0.708511 |
| 5. Central York (19-1) | 0.761209 | 14. Wilson (11-8) | 0.703447 |
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EDITOR'S VOICE

Capturing time in a capsule

Just think: Fifty years or so from now – say, around the year 2070 – Middletown will open the time capsule that will be buried in the cornerstone of the high school that’s now under construction. Imagine how things will have changed, and their impression of our “simpler” time.

All the gadgets and apps and flat screen TVs that seem to dominate our modern life will seem archaic, like tin cans tied together with string. Pop culture will seem dowdy and quaint. Lady Gaga quaint? Yes, probably – or very, very, very retro.

It’s always interesting to open a time capsule and see what previous generations wanted to say to us future inhabitants of their community. In 2014, the opening of a 50-year-old time capsule – a steel box sealed with 40 screws – that buried in Highspire’s Memorial Park during the town’s sesquicentennial in 1964 drew a crowd.

Among the items inside was a 45 rpm record – if you don’t know what that is, ask your grandmother or grandfather – of the Beatles’ 1964 hit, “I Should Have Known Better,” a song from the group’s movie, “A Hard Day’s Night.” Apparently Highspire residents knew a pop icon when they heard it, even before that icon became iconic.

Now 65 students at Middletown Area High School have been enlisted to decide what should go into a time capsule that will be placed in the new high school that’s under construction in neighboring Lower Swatara Twp. It is scheduled to open next school year, and the current school, which opened in 1963, will be demolished this summer. As reporter Dan Miller tells us in his story about the effort, which can be found on A1 of this edition, the job of determining what goes inside the capsule started in September, and is still going.

Some of the items that will go inside are obvious choices – a copy of the Alma Mater and Fight Song, photos of the 2016 staff at MAHS, a list of current teachers. Some are quite inspired – a piece of the stage curtain from the high school auditorium and a lock from a student locker. Will they even have stage curtains and locker locks in 2070?

What might delight future Middletown’s most when they someday open this time capsule is the iPad hard drive that will go inside. It likely will seem like a crude tool by then.

The most interesting thing about the time capsule is that teachers at MAHS have turned it into a history and social studies lesson. It’s an educational exercise, augmented by research on the Smithsonian Institute’s Web site to learn about the process involved in preserving one’s history for future generations. Students also are putting together oral histories – as told by MAHS alumni – and a video.

When a future generation finally opens this time capsule, it should get a good glimpse of life ages ago, and what was important to students back in the day. School spirit and a healthy regard for history – and change – will be some of the things they find. We applaud teachers and administrators at the high school for seizing the opportunity to turn it into a lesson.

When a future generation finally opens the time capsule that will be buried in the new Middletown Area High School, it should get a good glimpse of life ages ago, and what was important to students back in the day.

READERS' VIEWS

Casinos have boosted our horse racing industry

Editor:

Horse racing’s Triple Crown season has begun, and Pennsylvania’s horse racing industry is taking center stage.

The 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 7 featured racehorses bred from only two states – Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania’s Mor Spirit (10th-place finish) and Tom’s Ready (12th place) raced for the roses. Trained by Bob Baffert and ridden by three-time Derby winner Gary Stevens, Mor Spirit had one of the best teams in the business.

Pennsylvania’s growth as a leader in the industry can be traced directly back to 2004, when the state expanded gaming to help rejuvenate its proud horse racing industry. The industry is paying Pennsylvania back for its investment.

Since 2004, the industry has created 23,000 jobs and generates \$1.6 billion annually in economic activity. Horse owners and trainers reinvest approximately 89 percent, or \$210 million, into their local economies. Farms have directly benefitted, investing \$22 million in land, improvements and equipment, and are home to about \$40 million in racehorses.

Here are just a few examples: Hard Spun finished second in the 2007 Kentucky Derby and third in the Preakness. That same year, the fastest racehorse in the world, Fabulous Strike, was trained at Penn National Race Course in Grantville. Two Pennsylvania horses, Plum Pretty (2011) and Princess of Sylmar (2013), won the Kentucky Oaks, the most prestigious race for 3-year-old fillies in the country. At this year’s Kentucky Oaks, Cathryn Sophia, who is trained by John Servis at Parx in Bensalem, is one of the favorites.

Pennsylvania’s horse industry puts people to work and continues to reinvest its success back into our local communities. Now, let’s cheer on our horses — some of the best in the world!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK



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There are some new people in the area – what fun stuff should they check out?

"The Hershey Story, Hersheypark, Saturday's Market, the Capitol, the National Civil War Museum, Old Bedford Village, Sight and Sound [Millennium Theatre], Dutch Apple Theatre, to name a few."

Marianne Mills-Gallo

"The Hershey Library, the Penn State Harrisburg cafeteria (best food in the area!), Root's Market, the best small town of Lititz, Ashcombe Farm, the Whitaker Center."

Lori Shafaye

"Gettysburg, Knoebels, Indian Echo Caverns, Chocolate World."

Katie Hoffer

"Driving the beltway about this time every weekday. It's a hoot! Senators games at City Island, too."

Dave Drake

"The Historical Museum in Middletown and the Harris-Cameron Mansion in Harrisburg."

Jenny Miller

"The Brownstone! The Elks Theater...oh...um...wait! Lol."

Julie Starliper

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PAULKENGOR

The left's double standard on conscientious objection



Do you remember the name Daniel Berrigan? Berrigan was a Jesuit priest well-known for his protests of the Vietnam War. He became a household name in the 1960s, along with his brother, Philip Berrigan, also a priest. They were the “Berrigan Brothers,” leading lights in the anti-war movement. Daniel Berrigan died on April 30 at age 94.

The most prominent display by the Berrigan Brothers came in May 1968, when they and seven others entered a draft-board office in Catonsville, Md., and seized the records of hundreds of young men destined for Vietnam. They removed the files, took them outside, doused them with homemade “napalm” and ignited them.

The Catonsville Nine were sentenced to jail terms. The Berrigans expressed no regrets for their action. Daniel would later say his only regret was that he hadn’t done it sooner.

It would not be the only episode that landed Daniel in handcuffs. And to his credit, he was not some mere leftist picking and choosing his moral outrages in alignment with the liberal wing of the Democratic Party. He also vigorously protested abortion, a resistance to violence where he parted with his comrades on the left.

For the record, I am a staunch anti-communist. I have my share of criticism as well as respect for Daniel Berrigan. That is not my focus here. My focus here is how liberals lined up to applaud Berrigan at the time and at his death for his work on behalf of conscientious objection, and where they stand on conscientious objection today.

Berrigan’s death brought encomiums in left-wing sources from the New York Times to the Huffington Post to The New Yorker to even People’s World, house organ of Communist Party USA and successor to the Soviet-directed Daily Worker. The Times obituary headlined Berrigan as the “Defiant Priest Who Preached Pacifism.” It praised his “civil disobedience” and crusading against an “unjust society.”

Hey, it’s always exciting to see the New York Times muster nice things to say about a priest. But the Times and its allies do so with hypocrisy.

How so? Because these citadels of secular-progressivism could, in truth, care less about conscientious objection, or at least consistently applied conscientious objection. They laud and demand conscientious objection when it serves their purposes, such as opposing the forced conscription of American boys into a war in Southeast Asia they oppose. They enthusiastically invoke it as the Berrigan Brothers and their buddies set

ablaze draft files. But these same progressives eagerly torch conscientious objection when the Little Sisters of the Poor or Hobby Lobby or Conestoga Woods or various churches and denominations beg the feds not to force them to fund abortion and contraception.

They angrily boycott restaurant chains whose owners dare assert that their Bible tells them not to redefine marriage. They harass, sue, fine, debase, demonize and seek to destroy the Christian baker, florist, photographer, or caterer who asks to be left in peace and not be coerced by Caesar to service a same-sex wedding that they believe their God would not want them to support. They literally put in handcuffs a clerk like Kim Davis, and then mock her in skits on “Saturday Night Live.”

Under the “inclusive” rainbow flag of the “LGBT” movement, liberals hate away on the likes of Davis – in the name of “tolerance.”

In truth, if they could manage to set aside their emotions and biases, liberals would realize that Davis, like Daniel Berrigan, is acting on behalf of conscientious objection. She is violating certain laws of the state that she believes are unjust and

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in conflict with her faith and conscience, regardless of whether they agree with her. Progressives can sneer at that, but it’s true.

Davis is just one of those that the left steamrolls as it “progresses” forward. For modern progressives, when it comes to sacred cows like “gay marriage” and “abortion rights,” they spurn conscientious objection. Measured against

these causes, the conscientious objector is a pariah not to be tolerated. All that lofty rhetoric from liberals about conscientious objection during the Vietnam War is today lit up like an American flag on the corner of Haight-Ashbury.

It’s an appalling double standard. A Nat Hentoff of the Village Voice, a consistent and thoughtful liberal, famously noted that for the left, the motto is, in actuality, “Free speech for me but not for thee.” It sure is. We see this on display constantly.

“Diversity” for me but not for thee.

“Tolerance” for me but not for thee.

Conscientious objection for me but not for thee.

And so, liberals proudly elevate Daniel Berrigan as one of theirs, as a symbol of their self-virtue. They pride themselves with his example. In fact, his example stands only to illustrate their intolerance today. He reminds us less that liberals once fought for conscientious objection than the reality that today they do not.

May Daniel Berrigan rest in peace. Sadly, his symbol of conscientious objection today likewise rests in peace.

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MERRILLMATTHEWS

Obama's brash green "legacy"



The Obama administration’s decision to withdraw a proposal to allow oil and natural gas drilling off the Atlantic coast is more about the president’s future than the country’s. The decision comes as President Barack Obama tries to “build an ambitious environmental legacy,” as the New York Times describes it.

We’ve seen this story before. Obama is determined to be remembered as the president who passed comprehensive health care reform, no matter how many Americans lose their doctor and have to pay much higher premiums. He is determined to be remembered as the president who signed a deal with Iran, no matter how many times that country violates the agreement. And he is the president who wants to be remembered as a green warrior, no matter how that action affects U.S. security.

In January 2015, the Obama administration proposed expanding offshore oil and natural gas drilling leases in Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico and in the mid- and south Atlantic. Environmentalists were outraged.

But now the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has changed its mind: “The Mid- and South Atlantic Program Area lease sale proposed for 2021 in the DPP has been removed from the Proposed Program for a number of reasons, including strong local opposition, conflicts with other ocean uses, and current market dynamics.”

The BOEM did receive complaints from some coastal communities concerned that an oil spill might affect their coasts. But many prominent elected officials from the affected states supported the plan because the drilling would provide jobs and royalties for their states.

Moreover, large spills are extremely rare, and the industry has since adopted numerous additional safeguards. Plus the proposed Atlantic drilling area has a minimum 50-mile buffer zone from the coast.

The BOEM also mentions commercial and military “conflicts.” But commercial and military interests are also present in the Gulf of Mexico and energy companies have been drilling there for decades. Yet BOEM is willing to expand leases there.

Finally, the agency’s comment about “market dynamics” refers to the current global oil glut that has depressed oil and natural gas prices and resulted in many U.S. energy companies scaling back spending. Given that offshore drilling usually costs more and involves significantly longer lead times than onshore plays, companies won’t rush to add to the glut – at least immediately.

But the BOEM’s time frame for a lease sale was not until 2021. Energy prices are cyclical, and in a few years oil may approach \$100 a barrel again. Plus the U.S. has begun exporting both oil and natural gas to other countries. If those exports expand quickly – especially since many countries dependent on Russian natural gas would prefer ours – companies could soon be scrambling to produce more. Those exports would lower the trade deficit and boost U.S. energy security.

In short, the Obama administration’s reasons for reneging on its initial proposal are weak, just as weak as the president’s decision to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. In that case, the State Department, which had to assess any potential environmental impact, green-lighted the Canada-to-Nebraska pipeline – more than once. Yet Obama rejected it, too, a decision that cost thousands of jobs.

The administration’s reversal from its original lease proposal was another disappointment from a president with a long string of policy disappointments. Like his health care and Iranian nuclear legacies, the president wants a green legacy, and he’s willing to make the country pay any price to get it.

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JOHN PAYNE

The Capitol REPORT



I voted to legalize medical cannabis

When legislation was before the House of Representatives, I joined a bipartisan majority of my colleagues in voting to legalize the use of medical cannabis in Pennsylvania. Under the legislation, patients will be allowed to take the drug as pills, oils and liquids. The drug cannot be smoked nor can marijuana dispensaries sell edible forms of marijuana.

Act 16 of 2016, which was signed into law by the governor, will help ease the suffering of children with seizure disorders, veterans and others with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. It allows physicians to prescribe medical cannabis to patients with certain qualifying illnesses, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, severe or chronic pain, epilepsy, cancer, HIV/AIDS, neuropathies and inflammatory bowel disease, among others.

The medicinal strain will be available from centers licensed by a new state board. It's expected to

take at least 18 months to get the program set up in Pennsylvania.

This initiative was the result of a House working group that vetted several proposals and suggested numerous provisions ranging from the licensing authority to the list of ailments qualifying for a medical cannabis recommendation. This followed public hearings by the House Judiciary and Health committees last year that included testimony from both sides of the issue, including medical experts, patients, law enforcement officials and personnel from other states.

Absent federal action, about half of the states in the country have authorized some form of legalized use of medical cannabis.

I'm collecting old flags for proper disposal

I would like to remind residents of the 106th District that I am still collecting worn, torn and defaced flags for proper disposal during a flag retirement ceremony to be held at Kiwanis Park in Royalton.

According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a worn, torn or defaced flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Residents who have a worn or defaced flag can drop it off at my Hershey office, which is located at 250 W. Chocolate Ave.

I am also accepting donated casket flags to be flown in honor of a deceased veteran at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. If you have a casket flag you would like flown at the National Cemetery in honor of a veteran, you may drop it off at my Hershey office along with information about the deceased veteran.

For additional information, you can call my office at 717-534-1323.

John D. Payne is a Republican member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He represents the 106th District, which includes Middletown, Royalton, Lower Swatara Twp., Hummelstown, Derry Twp., Conewago Twp. and parts of Swatara Twp.

HARRY CAMPBELL

Here's how to clean up PA waters: dirt



Around the home and down on the farm, it's planting season. Prime time for digging in the dirt.

Gardeners are feeling the earth under foot and between their fingers. For farmers, the crop cycle is taking root with spring plantings.

Healthy soil is key to planting success and clean water.

As soil health improves, productivity increases. As soil health improves, it is better able to absorb rain and cycle nutrients, meaning less harmful runoff and cleaner, healthier water. It is an economic and environmental win-win.

Roughly 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania are polluted and the commonwealth is significantly behind in meeting its clean water commitments.

Two of the top three sources of that pollution are agricultural and urban/suburban runoff of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. So keeping the soil healthy and in place are important factors in reducing pollution.

The down-and-dirty on soil is that we don't always think of it as having health. But soil can be so much more than a vessel for short-term plant growth dependent solely on the amount of water and fertilizer it can hold. Healthy soil is a living ecosystem and host to organisms of all sizes.

Soil health is influenced by many factors, significant among them is what is planted into it, and the benefits returned to the soil.

Cover crops, including grasses and a mix of broad-leaf plantings like clover, are planted on many farm fields after the harvest and allow the soil to absorb, retain and recycle nutrients, especially nitrates. Cover crops also reduce runoff of phosphorus, as surface water and soil otherwise carry it into local waters.

Increasing organic matter in the soil through cover crops and conservation tillage can increase crop resilience to climate change because it retains water in times of drought, reduces runoff during heavy rains and moderates soil temperatures in hot weather.

For every 1 percent increase in organic matter, soil can hold 16,500 gallons of additional water per acre. Cover crops also improve the physical properties of the soil, reducing the degree of surface-sealing and increasing the ability of water to infiltrate the soil instead of wash over it.

A farmer's quote often repeated

in our office is, "We don't have a runoff problem, we have an infiltration problem." It goes to the root of the matter. Improving soil's ability to retain and recycle water greatly reduces the problem of runoff.

No-till planting can reduce erosion by more than 80 percent compared to deep plowing and crop rotation where crop residue is left in the field.

The benefits of soil health extend beyond the farm.

At home, mulching the lawn pays multiple dividends. Grass clippings provide nutrients and can be an alternative to chemical fertilizers. The cuttings can provide half of the nitrogen the lawn needs in a year.

Before adding any fertilizer to the lawn, homeowners should

have their soil tested. Penn State Extension offices in every county sell simple test kits. The results indicate how much, if any, fertilizer or lime might be needed to obtain the right balance.

At home or on the farm, maintaining healthy soil that can absorb moisture and cycle nutrients for plant use that stays anchored in place, plays a key role in reducing pollution that enters our rivers and streams.

That's the dirt on how Pennsylvania can get back on track toward cleaning up its waters.

Clean water is a legacy worth leaving future generations.

Harry Campbell is Pennsylvania executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

SOUND OFF

You may e-mail your Sound Off any time day or night, at our Web site: www.pressandjournal.com.

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• "Everyone please stand for President Donald Trump. Hillary and the Democrats will underestimate just like all the Republicans that ran against him. No one gave him a chance and I said from the beginning he would be nominated. And I'm saying it now: Trump will be the next president, the Democrats can't beat a movement. President Trump, we salute you. Let's make America great again."

• "All the Lower Swatara cops are leaving - no, seriously, they are leaving. It's a matter of time before the township won't be able to provide police protection to their community, as they are required to."

• "We are not North Korea, we are not Russia, we are not Iran, etc., etc. We are America, and the people have spoken, Trump is the Republican nomination. Paul Ryan says we need to reunite the party but then he does the opposite and not endorse Trump. We don't need people like you, Ryan - back Trump or resign or the people will vote you out. Change is good and good change is better, all you insiders screwed up this country now let an outsider straightened it out."

• "Turned on my computer tonight and what did I see? Headlines: Penn State insurer says Joe Paterno knew about old Jerry way back in 1976. I hate to say it but I told you so. Nothing ever went down in Centre County that 'good ole JoPa' didn't know about. So let's put the statue back up, so we can take it down again. PSU people are such sheep!"

• "These stupid Republicans that don't like Trump and want a third party to run, they are so brain dead - listen to the people, you morons. You can't win with a third party, where do we get these people that are so brain dead? This is why our country is going downhill. I don't know how these people get elected. The people who vote for these non-

common sense politicians are a big part of the problem, too."

• "Something residents need to know in this town is that your money is being spent on attorney fees. Sgt. Bennett has the most integrity of any police officer I have ever met, and yet he is now in his fifth month without pay for a stupid incident that happened off-duty that affected no one but himself. The past three officers that went to arbitration won over \$300,000 as a result of bad attorney advice. Instead of this money going to more police officers needed for this town to have adequate protection, it is paying for more attorney fees. Do the right thing in the first place, and this needless spending can cease once and for all."

• "WE ARE...pedophile state. Go Team."

• "Unions protect good employees from horrible bosses."

• "Lower Swatara is a growing township, always has been - our public service departments have to grow with it, this is simple."

• "How many people have to 'quit' at Lower Swatara before someone stands up and says, 'Enough?' Being silent is part of the problem."

• "I shouldn't even respond to your Sound Off, but I can't help myself. The police aren't trying to scare anybody. If people speak the truth in Sound Off, oh well, sorry, the truth worries you. The police in LST absolutely need more cops - two never replaced, now a new guy left because he'd do better at a tiny PD. Right now they are down five cops and I heard several more are testing, they won't have any cops soon. Wake up, my friend, this is real. Nobody has hit the taxpayers' chin harder than the commissioners by using our money to talk to us through lawyers, not replacing the police protection we do pay for."

Paying tax dollars for police (and it isn't even that much) is the best investment you make with your tax dollars. Don't say you love our police to try and make it appear that you're on their side to legitimize your scripted post from the dark side!"

• "Typo in last Sound Off: I meant 1,900,000, not 199 million. Sorry, but you get the point."

• "If you want to support your police, township meetings are every first and third Wednesday of the month at the township building. Ask why police are leaving and others testing, ask if they are ready and prepared to provide the township with police protection."

• "Another one bites the dust, and another one gone, and another one gone, another one bites the dust, hey, I'm gonna get you, too, another one bites the dust."

• "Also, when the police discovered the glitch in the contract with new hire pay being above some veteran officers', they brought it up to the board but nothing changed. I'm glad to see what appears to be the board or their friends sounding off now but the truth is the truth and the Press And Journal proved it. So keep keepin' on."

• "Look, it sounds like both Middletown and Lower Swatara have legit manpower issues which effects 'ALL' of us in a bad way - there is no denying that. And Mayor Curry, the Lower Swatara Police Department has 12 officers, not 16, and soon will be 10 and less and less. Why don't Middletown and LST just merge or regionalize and be one PD? You could pool your resources, get the men you need hired together, and let Chief Bey run the show and we will all be better off and safer for it. These guys already work together and get along well - who's going to be the pioneer to make something great like this happen?"

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There are several things happening at

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

For additional information please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@comcast.net.

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

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.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

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

You are invited to join us for worship on Wednesday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Sunday worship times are 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Our 11 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WMSS 91.1.

Wednesday morning service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at 5 p.m. is a casual traditional service and is 45 minutes in length. Please enter through the parking lot doors.

The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Needed are personal care items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoos, soaps, lotions, and paper products (toilet tissue, tissues, paper towels) and food items: cereals, Bisquick, pancake mixes, syrup, cake mixes and frostings, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, relishes, pickles and olives), puddings and gelatins. These are items not consistently purchased or available at

Central PA Food Bank. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, 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.

Church and Community Events:

Wed., May 18: 10 a.m., Holy Communion, Chapel; 3 p.m., Frey Village Holy Communion; No Adult Choir.

Sat., May 21: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Congregation Council Retreat; 5 p.m., Holy Communion.

Sun., May 22: Holy Trinity; MAHS Baccalaureate; 8:15 a.m., (C) Holy Communion; 11 a.m., (C) Holy Communion.

Mon., May 23: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community Dinner at Church of God; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study.

Tues., May 24: MAHS Graduation; 6:30 p.m., WSP.

Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org.

Scripture for May 22: Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

Welcome all! May God's light shine upon us as we gather to worship. May the brilliance of His light and His wisdom fill us. May it be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store.

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church for May 18-24 are always open to everyone.

Wed., May 18: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Thurs., May 19: 6 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #10067.

Sun., May 22: 9 a.m., Sunday Church

school with classes for all ages. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for May: Bill Harris; 10:15 a.m., Worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Greeters: Draven Keller, Jaden Miller, Rachelle Miller, Selena Stoker, Brandon Williams. Lay Liturgist: Mike Hahn. Nursery helpers: Deb Lidle, and Joyce Moyer. The altar flowers are given in memory of mother Margaret Wealand presented by Jim and Eileen Wealand. This week's bulletins are sponsored in memory of Myron I. Kuhn by the family.

Tues., May 24: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Men's dinner and meeting.

New Beginnings Church Middletown

We are an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. 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, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday evenings Pastor Britt's Bible study begins at 6 p.m. followed by Round Table discussion; 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.

Wesley United Methodist Church Middletown

Wesley "Community" United Methodist Church
64 Ann Street, Middletown, Pa.

Office Hours:
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Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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717-944-6242

New Worship Hours: 9:15 a.m., Blended Worship, New Spirit Praise Team and Hymns accompanied by the organ; 10:30 a.m., Small Group Bible Study. Journey 101 - Knowing, Loving and Serving God. Call the office to sign up for a Small Group: (a) Loving God or (b) Serving God or the New International Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke.

Our Lord calls us into Fellowship with Him to walk in His ways and minister His Name, without the "fellowship of other believers" and being guided by the Word of God, we cannot walk the walk.

So, can you meet the challenge? Can you meet the Mission of "making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?" Can you meet the Goal of everyone having a place in the worship and ministry of Wesley Church?

Everyone is our neighbor who God calls us to get to know! We are called to connect to the stranger that comes into God's Kitchen or into Youth 10Xs Better, or into Threads of Hope. Thanks

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., May 18: No Bells rehearsal; 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8 p.m., Instrumentalists rehearsal.

Church school for all ages continues on May 22. In honor of our Choir, Bell Choir, and our Sunday school teachers and all who attend Sunday school, the Fellowship Committee will be preparing an Appreciation Breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. Reservations are now closed. We are looking forward to seeing all who RSVP'd.

Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Trinity Sunday, May 22. Our sanctuary is 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. A VBS meeting will be held directly

be to God who give us the Spiritual Gifts to serve Him in this place.

God's Kitchen Community Dinners are every Tuesday evening in our Fellowship Hall. The entrance is in the rear across the alley from the parking lot. The dinner is served from 6 to 7 p.m. by the congregations of Wesley, Evangelical, Geysers, Royalton and Highspire. If you normally eat alone, this is an opportunity for you to share a meal in fellowship with other folks who normally eat alone. Come share the bounty of fun, fellowship and a meal. No strings attached!

Threads of Hope Clothing ministry which is open the 4th Friday of each month from 4 to 6 pm is also open every Tuesday evening during the God's Kitchen Community Meal. Threads of Hope have clothing and household supplies for the survivors of the Middletown fire.

Youth 10Xs Better is every weekday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. with a variety of educational opportunities for youth 3rd to 12th grade such as sewing, cooking, finances God's way, Bible Study, Chess Class, photography and art classes as well as other events. There is also a Men's Discipleship Class every Saturday at 8 a.m.

Remember, we are your "neighbors" here at Wesley Community Church and we desire to meet you, connect with you and serve the community together with you.

following the church service next Sunday, May 22 in the Morrow Room. We will be discussing roles/responsibilities and planning for our week of educating little ones in God's word. Please consider volunteering your time and come find out more about VBS. Thank you.

Join us on Mon., May 23 at Hoss's Restaurant in Hummelstown. The restaurant has graciously agreed to support the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown by donating 20% of the proceeds to the church. Participants need to pick up a Community Fundraiser Card from the back of the sanctuary or the church office and present it to their server when ordering. This fundraiser is in effect from 11 a.m. through 9 p.m., so you can enjoy lunch or dinner. Call a friend and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting the ongoing mission of the church.

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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Hi, folks! Are we enjoying spring yet? I cannot get over the beauty of nature. Here are three poems about trees. I bet that each of us, if prompted, could come up with a poem about a tree. Try it at your house.

Maybe you would like to share some poetry with your neighbors? We are waiting to read what you come up with, so share.

Have a wonderful week and think warmth and spring! Let me know your news to share.

Thoughts about trees:
“Being thus prepared for us in all ways, and made beautiful, and good for food, and for building, and for instruments of our hands, this race of plants, deserving boundless affection and admiration from us, becomes, in proportion to their obtaining it, a nearly perfect test of our being in right temper of mind and way of life; so that no one can be far wrong in either who loves trees enough, and everyone is assuredly wrong in both who does not love them, if his life has brought them in his way.”
— John Ruskin

“The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way. Some see Nature all ridicule and deformity, and some scarce see Nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, Nature is Imagination itself.”
— William Blake

“I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines.”
— Henry David Thoreau

Birthdays
Best wishes for the best birthday ever to **Karen Bendgen** of Lower Swatara Twp. on Wednesday, May 18. Enjoy all the simple things today, Karen!
Happy 24th cake and ice cream birthday to **Zach Crumlich** of Middletown. His party day is Wednesday, May 18.
Anthony Condran of Lower Swatara will hit his landmark birthday on Wednesday, May 18. Congrats, and have fun!
Happy 22nd balloon-flying day to **Skiler Mullen** of Lower Swatara, who is celebrating his beautiful, just-spiffy day on Thursday, May 19.

Michelle Berrones of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Thursday, May 19. I hope it is a very beautiful sound to your ears, Michelle.

Diego Berrones of Lower Swatara turns 14 on Thursday, May 19. I hope there is plenty of cake to go around at your house this week. Enjoy your extra-special day!

Happy birthday to **Norm Sheaffer** of Lower Swatara on Thursday, May 19. He celebrates his 90th big-deal birthday! Congrats, Norm.

Mark Wagner of Lower Swatara hits his landmark 18th birthday on Friday, May 20. I hope your weekend is so much fun!

Chloe Erb of Middletown celebrates her 14th cupcake and streamer day on Friday, May 20. Enjoy!

Todd Houser Jr. will observe 20 brightly burning candles atop his birthday cake on Saturday, May 21. Congrats!

Jasmine Myers of Middletown has 15 reasons to be joyful for on Saturday, May 21. Hoping your birthday is a super-celebration day.

Here is a shout-out to **Scott Thompson** of Lower Swatara. His birthday balloons will be flying on Sunday, May 22. Have a fantastic week, Scott!
Happy 17th snappy-happy birthday to **Muhammad House** of Lower Swatara. May your Sunday, May 22 be filled with grand things.

Stacey Hinojosa of Lower Swatara will celebrate her sparkles and glitter day on Monday, May 23, as she turns 12.

Brock Thompson celebrates his 23rd birthday on Monday, May 23. Have an excellent birthday, Brock.

Hey, **Brian Kennedy** of Lower Swatara! Best wishes for a wonderful confetti-popping day to you on Monday, May 23.

Alexus Reynolds of Middletown celebrates her last teener party day on Tuesday, May 24. Happy 19th cake day!

Happy 15th birthday to **Alex Kennedy** of Lower Swatara. She celebrates on Tuesday, May 24 – and I hope it is just how you like it!

Don Hartman of Middletown marks his party day on Tuesday, May 24. Enjoy your super-duper-dazzling day.

Anniversaries
Best wishes to **Mike and Kim Carroll** on Wednesday, May 18 as they celebrate 25 grand and happy years together. Congrats to you both.
Charlie and Judy Stare of Lower

Swatara were married on May 21, 1960 (56 years ago). May your Friday be full of fun and chocolate. Congrats, well done!

Happy 57th romantic holiday to **Richard and Margaret Reisinger** of Lower Swatara. They celebrate on Monday, May 23. Enjoy.

Dinnertime
The Middletown Church of God, 245 W. High St., will serve its May dinner at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23. The menu is ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, veggie and dessert. You may pay at the door. All are welcome!

Delaware Valley dean’s list
Lauren McCarty, of Elizabethtown, was named to the dean’s list at Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, for the fall semester.

Quote of the Week
“God is weaving an intricate web all around the world, using each person and every circumstance.”
— Heidi Wheeler, author.

Question of the Week
What is the best part of this time of year?

“The weather! It’s nicer. I am glad the Phillies are playing again.”
— **Phyllis Ackerman**, 88, Harrisburg.

“The newness of life, starting with Easter. We celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection and know He died for our sins and we have been forgiven – a new life. Also, the newness of spring in the green grass, flowering trees, bushes and tulips, daffodils, and other beautiful flowers around us. Plus the temperature is neither very hot nor freezing cold, but comfortable.”
— **Louisa Morgan**, Londonderry Twp.
“Playing T-ball and going to see the Penguins play in the hockey playoffs.”
— **Brady Hughes**, 6, North Londonderry Twp..

“I like sitting outside by our fire pit and having a nice warm fire with s’ mores.”
— **Minda Rhodes**, 10, Hummelstown.

“The longer days, because it allows for longer times to be spent outside.”
— **John Rhodes**, Hummelstown.
“My favorite thing to do this time of year is to pull weeds!”
— **Jon Benkovic**, 5, Lower Paxton Twp.

Proverb for the Week
A hot-tempered man stirs up dis-sension, but a patient man calms a quarrel (15:18).

Students of the Month

MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Lynn Applegate and Justin J. Shaver were named Students of the Month for April at Middletown Area High School.



Rachel Applegate



Justin Shaver

Applegate, daughter of Pat and Luanne Applegate, is president of the National Honor Society, captain of the girls’ volleyball team and the softball team, class historian, donations/ sponsorship chair of the Mini-THON Committee and a member of the Link Crew. She has tutored elementary, middle school and high school students in math, sciences and grammar.

She has won the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and was nominated for the John Traverse Award.

In the community, she works at Kelly’s Sports and volunteers for various church activities.

She plans to attend Penn State and major in psychology and minor in Spanish, with the goal of becoming a clinical psychologist who works with children and families affected by disease.

“It is an honor to be chosen and know that my hard work has been noticed by not only the faculty, but also the administration,” she said. “I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and my teachers for giving me the tools, but most importantly the opportunity, to succeed thus far.”

Shaver, son of Ray and Lisa Shaver, is a member of the football team, the wrestling team, the track and field team and the Link Crew and was a contestant in the Mini-THON Committee’s Mr. Middletown pageant that raised money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

He has been an Honor Roll student and a two-time all-star cornerback in the Mid-Penn Conference’s Capital Division. He won the Melvin Fager Sr. Memorial Award, presented by

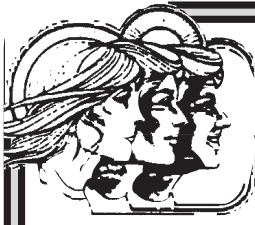
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Steelton-Highspire announces Honor Roll

Steelton-Highspire Junior-Senior High School has announced its Distinguished Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the third quarter.

The students who earned honors are:

Distinguished Honor Roll
Grade 12 – Ilaynna M. Brown, Bridget Coates, Natasha I. Garcia, Mercedes Dawn Roddick, Symone O. Terrell and Amber L. Wolfe.
Grade 10 – Paulina Estrada, Marissa H. Lopatic and Nicholas J. Neidlinger.
Grade 9 – Hope Lynn Blazevec.
Grade 8 – Musarrat Hossain, Yoel D. Jones, Amiya Lynn McHugh, Natalia M. Melendez, Olivia J. Palermo, Mackenzie J. Poston, Kendell Pryor and Carol Spotts.

First Honors
Grade 12 – Julianna M. Barriera, Fabiola Cervantes, Ashley Christine DeJesus, Guadalupe Garcia, Moet-LaPriest M. Hamilton, Noah C. Hawkins, Jessica King-Cunningham, Shaquoiah A. Rameau, Malani K.M. Tate-Defrietas and Anesti M. Vanasco-Cesar.
Grade 11 – Zuleyka Marie Folk, Brandon V. Handley, Ishmael Amir Hodge, Justin Michael Hoover, Robert T. Huff, Donte’ Christopher Jones, Isaiah Lee Lockette, Isaiah Rafael Rodrigues, Akiya A. Smith and Sabrina M. Yinger.
Grade 10 – Deje Giovanni Baker,

Shymirrera L. Everson-Quailes, Ethan B. Handley, Naila D. Harrell, Tai Deon Roach-McClendon, Selena M. Santiago, Kaia A. Scott, Eleuthera R. Susskind-Diaz and Mikayla A. Sykes.
Grade 9 – Naima Bamou, Thomas J. Gary, Brianna M. Keller, Lena M. Mahaffey and Sara Nicole Wiest.
Grade 8 – Kay’La Alexis Dippery, Desiree Kristine Ferguson, Donald C. Harris, Alicyn N. Reid, Louis E. Riley IV and Emily Elizabeth Rivera.

Second Honors
Grade 12 – Bryce G. Carter, Jonathan R. Ferrer, Alex Michael Furlan, Jaron L. Gray, Jasmine Julia Pennington, Isaiah Quero-Mejia, Janay Markeisia-Toniece Reeves, Bryanna R. Russell, Innocence K. Sackey, Jennifer Sanchez, Iquan U. Summers and Kylie Ann Ward.
Grade 11 – Gwendolyn M. Baumbach, Sharbee Bradley, La-Kyla S. Eden, Bre’Nasia N. Foster, Jay-zon I. Hollins, Elissa Edna Marie Ingrassia,

Trevor Nikolas Kisler, Lillian Elizabeth Maldonado, Griffin Tyler Smith, Nashaly M. Soto and Vanity D. Young.

Grade 10 – Kayana Alise Chisholm, Nafi L. Coffee, Ahmari Mikel Randolph, Mekya Pierre Range and Janessa Angelina Walton.

Grade 9 – Jeffery A.J. Chisholm-Wilkerson, Javion M. Grant, Synia Jalyn Hanna, Janice L. King-Cunningham, Alex Keith Packard, Brooklyn S. Rand, Kweene Genesys Scott-Sills, Jada M. Wilds and Guinevere E. Womer.

Grade 8 – Janyee W. Chisholm, Jamier Raquon Cleveland, Devontra Tyjiuon Lamar Cook, Erick S. Crankfield, Kayla Leigh-Ann Easton, Taleeyah L. Edwards, Lynnet C.K. Henderson, Trinity Shardae Hutchinson, Hailey A. Jacobs, Olivia M. Juett, Adam T. Miller, Amy N. Miller, Alana M. Poirier, Najae E. Selvey, Naji H. Selvey, Esscense Nalleirys Serrano, Linette M. Soto, Quinten Scott Szekeres and Dunstan Williams.

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Middletown Area High School/
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Choral Spring Concert

Stephen Sondheim, the award-winning composer and lyricist of Broadway and film, is so passionate about music that he once declared, “If I cannot fly, let me sing.” Students at Middletown Area High School and Middletown Area Middle School joined voices to express their passion for music at their Choral Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 12 at the middle school. The high school chorus, Grade 6 chorus and the Grade 7 and 8 chorus performed. Andrew Vessel is the high school’s choral director and Nicole Kelley is the middle school’s choral director.

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