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## Woodlayne ‘on notice’ over flood issues

Borough has to replace electric meters for third time, will not do it for free

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As was the case with some other nearby residents, the flooding from 4.7 inches of rain on July 23 was worse for the Woodlayne Court apartment complex in Middletown than from Tropical Storm Lee in 2011.

The record rainfall of July 23 caused street flooding that poured an estimated 5 feet of water into the basement of Woodlayne Court at Wood and Wilson streets.

The equipment that provides

electricity for the 49-unit complex is housed in the basement, so it was necessary to shut off the power and to evacuate Woodlayne Court’s 150 residents.

Four days later — Thursday, July 27 — the power was restored and the complex manager was telling residents they could move back in, said Jean Heffelfinger, who lives in an apartment on the fourth floor of Woodlayne Court.

Borough Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach confirmed that residents could move back in on July 27 after repairs had been

completed to the electrical system in the basement, including drying out electric panels and replacing breakers.

The borough also had to replace the electric meters, Wilsbach said.

Calls seeking comment from Penrose Management Company, which manages Woodlayne Court, were not returned.

Heffelfinger has lived in Woodlayne Court since August 2003. She remembers being here during Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. But the water in the basement wasn’t as high then as it was on July 23,

she said.

Woodlayne Court also was not evacuated in 2011. Heffelfinger said her sister moved in with her in Woodlayne Court briefly in September 2011, after her sister had been flooded out of her residence.

This time the situation was reversed — Heffelfinger was flooded out and had to move in with her sister for a few days.

While flooding from Lee in 2011 was much worse over the area in general, Wilsbach agrees that it

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## Mouchette is police chief, sergeants selected

By Dan Miller  
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George Mouchette has already brought changes to Middletown Police Department since being appointed interim chief in January — more focus on community policing and a new bicycle patrol, to name a few.

Now that Mouchette has some job security — having been appointed permanent chief by borough council on Monday, Aug. 7 — the retired New York City police detective can start planning in earnest for what’s to come.

“I expect there will be a lot of changes over the next year and I am looking forward to that,” Mouchette told the Press & Journal the morning after council voted 6-1 to make Mouchette the town’s new permanent chief at a salary of \$96,000 a year.

Mouchette will not receive health insurance or other benefits through the borough, Council President Damon Suglia said. “It’s just straight salary.”



Mouchette



Yoder



Morris

The borough has been paying Mouchette \$60,000 a year with no benefits and no 401(k) since Mouchette was appointed as interim chief by Mayor James H. Curry III to replace the last permanent chief, John Bey, who resigned in late December.

Councilor Diana McGlone cast the lone vote against hiring Mouchette, saying that she objected to the salary that Mouchette would be paid, not to Mouchette himself.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Hope Burger, 10, attempts to navigate an obstacle course while wearing alcohol goggles to simulate the effects of driving while impaired. Helping to guide her is Middletown patrolman and drug recognition expert Jeffrey Weaver.

## Scaled-back National Night Out well-attended

By David Barr  
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Middletown’s National Night Out on Aug. 1 was attended by hundreds of residents, who came out to meet and introduce themselves to their local first responders, learn about different aspects of what police and firefighters do, and come together as a unified community.

Activities included exploring the inside and roof of a firetruck, fingerprinting demonstrations,

fire evacuation drills, a DUI-related obstacle course, and meetings with local and state first responders. That was all in addition to the bounce houses, dunk tank, horse-back ride, food and the playground at Hoffer Park.

Middletown Police Officer Adam Tankersley, who was in charge of coordinating the event for the first time this year, called the event a “complete success.”

Tankersley put his mark on the event, as it was smaller in years’ past, but more intimate, as the goal

of the event was to forge a better relationship with the community and remind residents that first responders are human. Tankersley said he was pleased with the turnout, the help, and event itself as people milled around with police officers and firefighters during the evening.

“It’s bigger than I thought. Everyone came together. We’re all fighting the same cause. We are all a family,” Tankersley said.

Shawn Menear has been with the Middletown Fire Department

for 18 years since he was a teenager, and has been a participant in National Night Out for the last three years.

“It’s great for the community to come out and meet us, see what we do,” Menear said.

For Menear, the best part of National Night Out is helping the community learn about the local first responders and meeting those the first responders serve, as that’s what it’s all about, according to

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## Gal, Howes picked for Press & Journal editorial board

The Press & Journal has picked two Middletown residents to serve on its new editorial board.

Susannah Gal and Jay Howes will be the public members of the board, joining Press & Journal President Louise Sukle, Publisher Joseph G. Sukle Jr. and Editor Jason Maddux.

The board will meet on a regular basis to formulate the Editorial Views that appear on the Viewpoints page. The editorials are the consensus opinion of the editorial board. The addition of Gal and Howes expands the input to include a broader viewpoint of residents.

“This took awhile to get off the ground, but we are excited to get the board going as part of the overall redesign and revamping of the paper that took place in the spring,” Maddux said. “Editorials are a very important part of each edition. Having members of the

editorial board who aren’t on the staff gives us a broader perspective on the issues.”

Howes has lived in Middletown for 10 years this October and has been a subscriber since he moved here. He has been in agriculture his entire life, first on the production side, then moving on to ag business and ultimately ag public policy.

“My roots as a dairy farm boy in Bucks County shaped a lot of my life,” he said.

He worked for 20 years with the state, 16 as director of policy development for the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and the last four as a deputy secretary for consumer pro-



Gal



Howes

tection, regulatory affairs, and dairy industry relations for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Now he does contract work for several agricultural businesses.

He has a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

He sees development along Route 230 as a major factor right now.

“A lot of it goes back to the relationship with Penn State and the ancillary train station and the other positive things that all fit in that positive economic box,” he said.

Gal is associate dean of research and outreach and a professor of biology at Penn State Harrisburg.

She has lived around the world and made Middletown her home in July 2015. She has been writing a column for the Press & Journal since last November.

Prior to moving to Middletown, she was employed at Binghamton University in New York for more than 20 years, as a professor of biological sciences. She has a doctorate of philosophy from Johns Hopkins University and bachelor’s degree in chemistry/biochemistry from Smith College.

Gal said she is interested in the development of downtown as well as the area where the new Amtrak station will be built, and growth around Harrisburg International Airport.

“I want to see how the train station will affect the (Westport Centre) plaza and that whole area, and how we can envision it as a concept rather than a piece here and a piece there,” she said.

## Interim Lower Swatara manager has plenty of government experience

By David Barr  
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Lower Swatara Township has a new interim manager, and he is someone very knowledgeable in the workings of local government.

The board of commissioners unanimously approved Frank Lynch to the role of interim township manager at its workshop meeting Wednesday, Aug. 2. Lynch, 60, has been a member of the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners since 2002 and now serves as its president.

He will hold the Lower Swatara position on a month-to-month basis, at a salary of \$6,000 a month. He officially begins Monday, Aug. 7.

“I’ve always been around local government. I live and breathe it,” Lynch said.

The township is looking to replace Frank Williamson Jr., whose last day as manager was Friday, July 28. He announced that he was leaving the position after three months on the job to spend more time with his family.

He had been the township’s public safety director since August 29, 2016. He was also the assistant township manager while



STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Frank Lynch said it’s too soon to say if he would accept the manager position full-time if it was offered to him, but he is looking forward to “being able to make a difference” for Lower Swatara Township as interim township manager.

serving as the public safety director. Lower Swatara officials are searching for the fifth township

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# OURCOMMUNITY

## Civil War roundtable focuses on Lee’s retreat

The Hershey Civil War Roundtable will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Country Meadows, Main Building, 451 Sand Hill Road, Hershey.

Following a brief business meeting, J.D. Petruzzi will discuss Gen. Robert E. Lee’s retreat from Gettysburg, especially the main 10 days (July 4-14), with special emphasis on the two dozen engagements, large and small, that took place in the environment of the decision making by both sides.

Of special emphasis will be the performance of Confederate cavalry commander J.E.B. Stuart.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Everyone interested in the history of the Civil War are invited. For additional information, contact Thomas Lehman at [tomjeanlehman@gmail.com](mailto:tomjeanlehman@gmail.com) or [HersheyCWRT@verizon.net](mailto:HersheyCWRT@verizon.net), or visit the Hershey Civil War Roundtable site at [www.hersheycwrt.org](http://www.hersheycwrt.org).

## ‘Dial-a-devotion’ line provides free daily offerings

Chaplains from Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries’ senior living communities in Pennsylvania and Maryland, including Frey Village, have launched a “dial-a-devotion” line.

The 90-second daily devotional is recorded by a number of chaplains from the nine Diakon senior living communities, including the Rev. Wayne Muthler of Frey Village.

Devotions can be heard by calling, toll-free, 888-696-9202.



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## The upside of rain: beautiful sunflowers

Howdy, folks! I hope you are enjoying summer and all the great things about it.

The flowers, gardens and lawns still appear lush and beautiful. I know some people are tired of all the mowing to keep things looking neat. I remember some summers when we had to let the lawns brown out and go dormant. This does not appear to be the case this year. After all the rain, we could be singing, “Rain, rain, go away!”

I noticed the beautiful sunflower plants along Oberlin Road (aka 441) and I had to stop by and take a picture. They can be found between Swatara Drive and Longview Drive, near the preschool which used to be Kitchen Kastle. The farmer has planted corn for years, but is this the first time for the sunflowers? Just beautiful!

Do you have a story to share, news to tell? Please email me! Have a wonderful week!

### Birthdays

Happy to **Joseph Witters** of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Hoping your day is full of sunshine and cool breezes, Joseph.

**Alyssa Bekelja** of Highspire will enjoy cake day No. 17 on the ninth of August. Enjoy your wonderful Wednesday birthday!

Happy birthday balloons are sent to **Mike Miller** of Lower Swatara on Aug. 9 as he observes his landmark 21st birthday. Congrats and enjoy, Mike!

Happy beep-honk-beep day to **Chris Reed** of Middletown, who turns Sweet 16 on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Keep safe!

Happy confetti-popping day to **Madison Lewis** of Lower Swatara as she celebrates her 20th birthday on Friday, Aug. 11. Hoping your weekend is full of



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY LAVONNE ACKERMAN

### Beautiful sunflower plants line Oberlin Road.

smiley faces, Maddie!

Happy landmark 21st cool-parade birthday to **Mistura Olaoye** of Lower Swatara. Her special day is Friday, Aug. 11. Enjoy!

**Caden Paul** of Lower Swatara joins the teener club on Friday, Aug. 11 as he turns 13. Happy birthday to you, Caden!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to **Noah Zimmerman** of Lower Swatara. He celebrates his final teen birthday on Saturday, Aug. 12. Happy 19th, Noah!

**Katie Kennedy** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Saturday, Aug. 12 as she turns 19. Have fun, Katie!

**Pamela Etter** of Elizabethtown marks her big 30th cake day on Sunday, Aug. 13. I hope your day is the best. Happy birthday all week long!

Happy Monday birthday to **Maddy Doncevic** of Middletown. She is 15 on Aug. 14. Enjoy it all you can, Maddy!

Best wishes to **Laron Woody** of Middletown as he observes his landmark 18th cake-and-ice cream day on Monday, Aug. 14. I hope your celebration is top-notch, Laron!

**Nathaniel Perry** of Middletown marks his super-duper

cake day on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Hoping your day is full of sunshine. Enjoy!

Best wishes for a wonderful Tuesday birthday to **Karen Wise Gelbogis**. I hope your Aug. 15 is the best one yet and that all is swell with you in Delaware!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Kay Houck** of Lower Swatara. She celebrates 99 years on this Earth on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Congrats to you, Kay!

**Anniversaries**

Happy 18th wedding anniversary to **Dan and Michelle Wagner** of Lower Swatara on Monday, Aug. 14. May your week be filled with hearts and flowers and lots of smiles!

**Paul and Norma Wagner** of Lower Swatara observe their wedding anniversary on Aug. 15. Best wishes for a super-fine day together on Tuesday. Enjoy!

### Helpful tip

I noticed there were a few poison ivy plants on our property this week. I decided to explore a natural way to eradicate them. This is what I found: vinegar (heated), salt, a few drops of dish soap. I took a cup of vinegar and

heated it in the microwave for one minute. I added about two tablespoons of salt. Next I added a few drops of dish soap and stirred. Pour this directly over the leaves and stem of your desired poison and watch it (over a few days) dry up and die!

### Quote of the Week

“My best decisions have been made in God’s guidance.” — Anonymous.

### Question of the Week

What is your favorite summer memory?

“Going to Charleston, South Carolina, and visiting my uncle, who lives on the water, last August.” — **Leo Nissley**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“Going to Indiana with softball team for national tournament last summer. This summer we are going to Ohio. It is a great time, we all get along.” — **Sonia Humes**, Lower Swatara.

“Catching sand crabs at Ocean City, Maryland, in 2016.” — **Lala Brown**, 10, Lower Swatara.

“We went to the beach when I was 7. I met a friend.” — **Gabriella Garisto**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“We went to Nepal and met lots of people, but I had to say goodbye to them. Was sad when I came home.” — **Bipasha Devkota**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“When we went to Maine and ate lobster. My brother broke open the head and the guts came out!” — **Olivia Yeich**, 11, Lower Swatara.

### Proverb for the Week

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys (18:9).

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

## Gasoline prices up 18 cents in month

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg have risen 4.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.49 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.33 a gallon.

Prices Sunday were 37.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 7.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on Aug. 7 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.11 a gallon in 2016, \$2.61 a gallon in 2015, \$3.47 a gallon in 2014, \$3.57 a gallon in 2013 and \$3.55 a gallon in 2012.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate: **Lancaster:** \$2.50 a gallon, up 0.8 cents per gallon from last week. **Reading:** \$2.53 a gallon, up 4.2 cents per gallon from last week. **York:** \$2.48 a gallon, up 3.4 cents per gallon from last week.

“We’re unlikely to break out of the well-established rut in the national average which has kept prices between \$2.12 and \$2.42 for the last 15 months,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

# Beauty & Wellness

## Gifts that pamper and rejuvenate



Stress can be bad for the body, contributing to depression, anxiety, hypertension, and even obesity. Unfortunately, more than half of working adults and 47 percent of all Americans say they are concerned with the amount of stress in their lives, according to a survey from the American Psychological Association. Canadians, too, are feeling stressed. The North American research company Ipsos found that stress affects 76 percent of the Canadian population.

Reducing stress can be especially important during the holiday season, which, thanks in part to its hectic nature, tends to produce extra feelings of stress. Gifts that pamper, relax and rejuvenate might be the ideal fit for those who need a little rest and relaxation.

**Aromatherapy:** Studies have shown that aromatherapy, or breathing in certain scents, can trigger reactions in the brain and affect emotions, mood and memory. Specific essential oils can help relieve stress, induce relaxation and even promote better sleep. Scents such as lavender, lemon or yuzu, bergamot, ylang ylang, and jasmine can promote relaxation in many people.

**Candles:** The combination of subtle, low flickering light and relaxing aromas can make candles soothing gifts. Put together an entire gift package with decorative candle holders or a nice tray on which candles of various heights can be placed.

**Plush robe:** Sometimes lounging around the house is all that’s necessary to create a soothing atmosphere. A plush robe that is luxurious and comfortable will help that someone special unwind after a long day or after sleeping in on the weekend.

**Home aquarium:** Stress can melt away watching underwater life flick and flutter through the aquarium. Combined with soothing bubbles and the gentle hum and splash of the filter, it is easy to see how having a fish tank in the home can alleviate stress. Make sure the gift recipient is able to care for the fish and select low-maintenance species.

**Bed linens:** Treat someone special to the gift of added relaxation in the bedroom. Buying bed linens is often a chore and an expense that people put off. Pima cotton, silk, satin, or sateen sheets can be cool, comfortable and soothing.

**Facial treatment:** A massage session can be relaxing, but so can a facial. There’s something serene about having a professional apply products and rub areas of the face and temples. Stress will slip away in an instant.

*Pampering gifts can help ease anxiety, tame stress and help anyone feel more relaxed and happy.*

### HEALTH WATCH

## Exploring the three main types of skin cancers

**Skin cancer is a significant threat that does not discriminate based on age, gender or ethnicity. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon.**

**While the incidence rates of skin cancer are alarming, the good news is that skin cancer is highly curable if detected early and treated properly. Adults concerned about the threat posed by skin cancer can take a proactive approach by learning about the three main types of this often preventable disease.**

**Basal cell carcinoma**

The American Cancer Society notes that roughly eight out of 10 skin cancers are basal cell carcinomas. Basal cells are in the lower part of the epidermis, or skin, which is known as the basal cell layer. Basal cell carcinomas typically develop on the head and neck or other areas of the body that are exposed to the sun. Though they rarely metastasize, basal cell carcinomas can spread to other areas of the body if left untreated.

The SCF notes that basal cell carcinomas may look like open sores, red patches, pink growths, shiny bumps, or scars. Basal cell carcinomas can be a byproduct of

cumulative exposure to the sun or even intense, occasional sun exposure.

**Squamous cell carcinoma**

Squamous cell carcinomas most commonly appear on areas of the body that are exposed to the sun, though the SCF notes they also may occur on the mucous membranes and genitals. According to the SCF, in the United States alone, more than one million people each year are diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, which is mainly caused by cumulative sun exposure over the course of a lifetime. Year-round exposure to ultraviolet light and UV rays from the sun, as well as UV exposure from tanning beds, can take a toll on the skin’s squamous cells over time, ultimately leading to squamous cell carcinoma.

Squamous cell carcinomas may look like scaly red patches, open sores, warts, or elevated growths with a central depression. In addition, squamous cell carcinomas may crust or bleed.

**Melanoma**

Though they are far less common than basal and squamous cell cancers, melanomas are more likely to grow and metastasize if left untreated. Melanomas develop when unrepaired DNA damage to skin calls triggers mutations that cause the skin cells to multiply

rapidly and form malignant tumors. Ultraviolet radiation from sunshine or tanning beds is most often the cause of the damage connected to melanomas.

Melanomas typically resemble moles, and some may even develop from moles. Melanomas are often black or brown, but the SCF notes that they also may be pink, red, purple, blue, white, or even skin-colored. Early detection of melanoma before it spreads to other parts of the body is essential, as the SCF notes that melanoma is hard to treat and potentially fatal once it has begun to spread.

*More information about skin cancer and how to prevent it is available at [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org)*



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MIDDLETOWN POLICE ROUNDUP

# West Shore man charged in violent home invasion

Middletown police have charged a Mechanicsburg man with the home invasion of an apartment in the first block of South Union Street on July 29.

According to police, the victim returned home after working at a nearby restaurant to find the suspect, Timothy Aaron Schell, 39, of the first block of West Simpson Street, standing in the living room of the resident's apartment.



Schell

The victim told police he had unlocked the door of his apartment but that he did not lock the door behind him.

Police said Schell pushed the resident onto a sofa, held a knife to the victim's throat, and demanded money. Schell took \$380 from the victim's left front pocket, and demanded more money.

Schell then took the victim's cellphone and the keys to his apartment and apartment building and fled, police said.

Police were led to Schell by another resident of the apartment building who had seen Schell acting suspiciously and looking in cars in the parking lot. The resident described for police the vehicle Schell got into, and the license plate number.

Schell was arraigned before Night Court Judge Steven M. Semic on Aug. 2 and charged with burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking, terroristic

threats, and simple assault.

He was placed in Dauphin County Prison after being unable to post bail of \$75,000.

According to court documents, Middletown Police Detective Gary Rux had requested bail of at least \$50,000, noting that Schell is on state parole and has an "extensive violent criminal history" to include aggravated assault, robbery, conspiracy, manufacture of a controlled substance, drug possession, driving under the influence, and fleeing from police.

Hershey man charged with DUI

Middletown police charged a Hershey man with DUI in the 300 block of North Union Street at about 1 a.m. Sunday, July 16.

Ro'Thaung, 27, of the 1800 block of Lehman Street, had a blood-alcohol content of 0.255 percent at the time of his arrest, according to court papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Thaung was charged with DUI, making an improper left turn, and with vehicle operation restrictions. His preliminary hearing is set for Sept. 7 before Judy.

Johns jostled at football field

Two portable toilets were reported turned over at the football field at Susquehanna and South Catherine streets in Middletown.

The incident was reported to police at about 7:15 p.m. July 22. No one has been charged.

Firecrackers thrown at house

M-80 firecrackers were reported to have been thrown at

a residence in the 200 block of North Pine Street in Middletown.

There was no damage to the residence, police said. The incident was reported shortly after midnight Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Check scam reported

Borough police on Aug. 1 were alerted of a scam that police say has become common.

The caller told police that he had been contacted by someone offering him a \$6,000 check. The man was told to deposit the check in his own bank account, and then to write another check on his own account to provide a portion of the money back to the caller in return. Police advise anyone who receives this kind of report to take no action, but to instead report the incident to authorities.

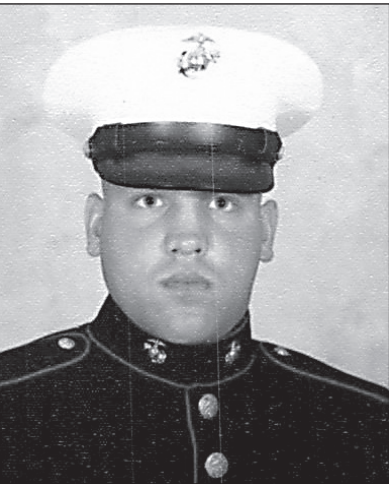
In most cases, there are no funds to back up the check that the victim is asked to deposit. Instead, the victim ends up being out the amount of money that he or she pays the perpetrator of the fraud.

Police say it is difficult if not impossible for them to arrest the people behind these scams, as they are often out of the area and even outside of the United States.

Cases often end up getting turned over to the U.S. Postal Service, which may have a better chance of bringing the perpetrators to justice. But at least if you don't cooperate, you won't end up becoming a victim, police said.

If you have questions or think you have been targeted in such a scam, call police.

# OBITUARIES



Jeffrey Yohn  
ROYALTON

Jeffrey D. Yohn, of Royalton, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Spring Creek Rehab and Nursing Center, Harrisburg.

Jeff was born on January 24, 1957 in Hershey, Pa., the son of Audrey (Spancake) Yohn and the late John D. Yohn.

He was a United States Marine Corps veteran and a life member of Palmyra Sportsman Club. Jeff enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also was a big Civil War and World War II history buff.

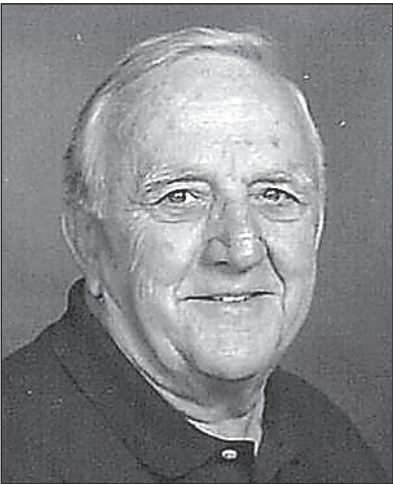
Jeff is survived by his mother, his brother John D. and wife Liesl Yohn, and his sister Jodi Ray-Walter and husband Jud, all of Middletown.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, August 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial with military honors will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, Pa. at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 10.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Asana Hospice and Palliative Care, 4813 Jonestown Road, Suite 201, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.matinchekfuneralhome.com](http://www.matinchekfuneralhome.com).



Berton Craft  
HERSHEY

Berton Roger Craft, 86, died Thursday evening, July 27, 2017, at his home in Hershey, Pa. Born on December 29, 1930 in Punxsutawney, Pa., he was the son of the late Berton F. and Lavinia (Chapman) Craft.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Wilette Winters, Theona Brenneman, Dr. Robert E. Craft, and a granddaughter, Hannah Craft.

Bert is survived by his wife of 44 years, Louise A. (Gibble) Craft; his son and family, Berton F. and Heather (Williams) Craft, grandchildren Joanna, Berton R., Ruth, Lydia, Sarah, Micaiah, and Hananiah of Mexico; daughter, Tracey L. Craft of Akron, Pa.; and stepdaughter and family, Rhonda (Heininger) and John Winesickle, granddaughter Sarah of Bellwood, Pa. In addition, Bert is survived by his sister Marilyn Myers of Columbia, S.C., his sister-in-law Deborah (Penhorwood) Craft of Fleetwood, Pa., as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews.

Bert retired from Middletown Area High School as a math teacher in 1990 and continued operating the Craft Tax and Accounting Service until 2011. Bert's love of music extended from easy listening to the classics. In particular, he enjoyed attending the

Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra concerts. As a member of Friendship Force, he and Louise enjoyed hosting international members and traveling abroad. His most memorable trip was to China and Mongolia. In addition, they visited all 50 states. Bert attended Spring Creek Church of the Brethren.

In accordance with Bert's wishes, there will be no services. Online condolences may be left at [www.hooverfuneralhome.com](http://www.hooverfuneralhome.com). Please omit flowers.

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# If you’re wanted by police, don’t go to National Night Out

If you’re wanted by police, you probably shouldn’t go to National Night Out.

But for whatever reason, Francis Xavier Clark of the 2300 block of Pinford Drive in Middletown decided to show his face at National Night Out in Hoffer Park on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The park was crawling with cops, including a Dauphin County probation officer who spotted Clark, 18, in the crowd and alerted borough police that Clark was wanted in connection with a felony fraud charge dating back to when he was still a juvenile.

A borough police officer shouted “Francis — police, don’t move” and grabbed Clark by the arm, but Clark shouted an expletive in return and bolted away, running out of his sandals in the process, according to court papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Clark knocked down women and children as he fled toward the Grubb Street Bridge. He was apprehended by police shortly after.

Clark later that night was arraigned before Night Court Judge Lowell A. Witmer and charged with flight to avoid apprehension/trial/punishment. He was placed in Dauphin County Prison on \$20,000 bail.

His preliminary hearing is set for Aug. 24 before Judy.



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## NIGHT: Young and old get to explore firetrucks, other equipment

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Menear.

Fire Chief John Weikle of the Lower Swatara Fire Department echoed Menear’s belief that the event was a chance for both sides to meet and get to know one another in a pleasant environment rather than the normal circumstances that force residents and first responders to meet.

“It’s nice to talk to people and not be in that stressful situation,” Weikle said.

He added that the question most asked during National Night Out is what the wood stored inside one of the trucks on display was used for. The answer is the wood is used to help levitate an overturned vehicle and keep it from falling on a victim.

Rebecca Clarkson and her two children Regan, 5, and Rowyn, 6, elected to go through the mock fire evacuation activity, put on by Lower Swatara. Regan wasn’t a big fan of the faux smoke used in the simulation, but she did learn one important rule when it comes

to evacuating a home or building: “Drop on the floor when there’s smoke,” Regan said.

Faith Frady and her daughter Destiny Tetzloff were with their friends Katie Hoffer and Katelyn Rogers, and Rogers’ two daughters Lily and Harper.

The girls had explored a fire-truck and police car, jumped around in one of the bounce houses, met a police K-9, and had their fingerprints taken, but both Lily and Destiny said their favorite activity of the evening had been the pony rides.

All three women were in support of the event and the opportunities it offered to support the first responders and bring the community together.

“There’s a lot of interaction with people you wouldn’t normally interact with,” Rogers said, adding that if it would be possible, maybe the event could be held once a season during the year, up to four times a year.

“It would be cool if they did it more often,” Frady said.



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Tyler, left, and Morgan Haines examine the inside of a Middletown firetruck during the National Night Out festivities.

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## POLICE: Structure of Middletown department begins to take shape

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Council also promoted to sergeant two current Middletown Police Department patrol officers, Scott Yoder and Dennis Morris. Council approved making Tyler Zehring a full-time permanent patrol officer, following Zehring having successfully completed a one-year probation.

The votes for Yoder and Zehring were unanimous. McGlone abstained on the vote promoting Morris to sergeant.

Suglia said the borough looked at salaries being paid to chiefs by other area municipalities.

“We came to the conclusion that this would be a fair salary for both the borough and the chief,” Suglia said.

public,” Curry said. “He shares the exact same ideas I have with regards to community policing. We got exactly what we needed. I have the utmost faith in his ability to keep this department moving in the direction that it is.”

The \$96,000 salary may come as “sticker shock” to some residents, the mayor acknowledged, but the borough was paying Reismiller \$97,448 back in January 2012.

“Paying Chief Mouchette \$96,000 is reasonable, it’s fair, it’s what a man of his talent deserves,” Curry said. “You were paying somebody that years ago. The cost of living goes up, the price of talent goes up, I’m fully comfortable giving him that salary. You get what you pay for, or you lose what you don’t pay for.”



Curry

The third officer who was eligible, Patrolman James Bennett, scored higher than Morris. Yoder scored the highest of the three.

Council’s decision to promote Yoder and Morris to the two sergeant positions currently available was based upon the recommendations of Mouchette and Curry, Suglia said.

Bennett, a Middletown police officer since 2006, had been a sergeant and was acting chief in 2014 from when Steven Wheeler resigned as chief in April until Bey took over in October.

Bennett was suspended and demoted to patrolman after being charged with summary disorderly conduct and public drunkenness during an off-duty party in the borough on Dec. 24, 2015.

Bennett successfully completed ARD in Dauphin County Court and returned to duty in 2016.

Morris started with the department in 2000. Borough council fired him in 2014, but in May 2015 an arbitrator ruled that the borough had no grounds to fire Morris.

According to court documents, the borough fired Morris for neglect or violation of an official duty, inefficiency, neglect, disobedience of orders and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Morris alleged in the federal lawsuit that his firing was retribution for his reporting to the Dauphin County District Attorney and state Attorney General that former Chief Steven Wheeler was not certified as a police officer and therefore “did not have any law enforcement authority under Pennsylvania law,” according to the lawsuit. As such, council’s hiring of Wheeler “violated the Borough Code and other state law,” according to Morris’s lawsuit.

Council voted to reinstate Morris to the force in November 2015, after a Dauphin County judge tossed aside a borough petition to set aside the arbitrator’s decision.

Besides back pay, Morris was awarded an additional \$52,000 by the borough to settle a federal lawsuit that Morris had brought against the borough regarding his firing in 2014.

Following council’s action promoting Yoder and Morris to sergeant, Curry praised Morris as “a workhorse.”

“That’s the type of person that we want overseeing everybody else on the force, so I’m excited to have him as sergeant,” Curry said of Morris.

Yoder was hired by MPD in 1998. Curry said he has been “quite impressed” with his development since Curry became mayor in 2014.

“He is going to make an excellent sergeant, and this is the type of opportunity that he needed and deserves. I have the utmost faith that he will do an excellent job,” Curry said.

### Searching for stability

Including Mouchette, the borough has had six acting, interim or “permanent” police chiefs since February 2012, when Keith Reismiller resigned after a 15-year stint as top cop.

Bey served in the post for two years and almost three months — a relatively lengthy stint compared to the track record since Reismiller’s departure.

“We are tired of the revolving door of the chief of police here in Middletown,” Suglia said. “Chief Mouchette has proved himself a worthy candidate who is perfectly capable of doing the job. All of us here in Middletown put our trust in him, and we feel good about our decision and the salary that we offered him.”

Curry has made no secret of his preference for making Mouchette permanent chief, and the mayor repeated those sentiments following the council meeting.

“I’m excited to have somebody who I think is extremely dedicated to our community. I think in a very short time frame (Mouchette) has really earned the trust of the

### Running the department

Mouchette thanked council “for confirming me,” and expressed gratitude to Curry.

“He has advocated for me,” Mouchette said of the mayor. The new chief also wants the public to know that “the feeling is mutual” when it comes to the mayor’s comments about having a good working relationship.

He went on to do a little advocating of his own, saying that while he’s heard some people say that Curry is too hands off when it comes to the department, “I feel like we have the right amount of connection.”

“It’s my job to run the department. His job is to know the vision of what the community wants the department to be, and to relay that vision to me. He doesn’t micromanage me.”

### Picking sergeants

Yoder and Morris were among three full-time officers who scored high enough in written and oral exams to be certified as eligible to be promoted to sergeant by the borough civil service commission.

## FLOOD: Most residents of Woodlayne Court have moved back in

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was worse this time for Woodlayne Court.

“With Lee the street flooding was not as bad. Lee got us with the creek and the river,” Wilsbach said — neither of which were a factor in the flooding that occurred on July 23.

This is the third time that the borough has had to replace the electric meters at Woodlayne Court due to flooding, Wilsbach said.

The first two times the borough replaced the meters at the borough’s own expense.

“This time we plan on charging them” for the meters, Wilsbach said, referring to Woodlayne Court. “It (flooding) is becoming a common occurrence. The taxpayers can’t be eating money for that kind of stuff.”

Wilsbach didn’t have an estimate



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

**Residents of Woodlayne Court were allowed to move back in July 27, after being evacuated July 23 due to flooding that submerged electrical equipment in the basement of the apartment complex at Wood and Wilson streets in Middletown.**

for what it cost the borough to replace the meters at Woodlayne Court this time.

The borough is putting Woodlayne Court “on notice” that a solution needs to be found to prevent the electrical equipment from being flooded out again, Wilsbach

added. “Luck is not on our side” with the way it keeps raining.

Heffelfinger said that Middletown police and firefighters knocked on the door of her apartment at about 11:15 p.m. on July 23 and told her that she had until midnight to get out.

She took her cat, and that was about it. She didn’t take any of the food that she had in her freezer and refrigerator.

Residents were allowed back into their apartments the next day to retrieve anything they wanted to take out, but Heffelfinger said she wasn’t able to salvage any of the perishable food.

But “the only thing we all lost was our food,” because none of the apartments themselves were flooded, Heffelfinger said.

She has renter’s insurance, but the loss was less than her \$500 deductible, so she didn’t file a claim.

Most of the residents who live

in Woodlayne Court all year have moved back in, Heffelfinger said. A number of the apartments are leased to Penn State Harrisburg students who usually aren’t here most of the summer, she added.

Also, two disabled residents on the second floor had not moved back in because the elevator is not working. As a result Heffelfinger and the other residents can’t use the washers and dryers, because the only access to them is via the elevator. So for the time being, Heffelfinger is making due going to a laundromat.

She said Woodlayne Court has done the best it can in dealing with the situation.

Restoration companies and repair people were at the complex in force the morning after the flooding on July 23, and she feels that workers have been trying to get the building back on line as quickly as possible.

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# Don't see red over yellow curbs: borough marks no-parking spots

By Dan Miller  
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If you find a ticket on your windshield for illegal parking along one of Middletown's main streets, you can no longer blame it on not being able to see the yellow paint on the curb.

Borough public works employees have spent much of the summer redoing yellow paint on curbing through much of the town.

This is the first time since 2013 or even 2012 that the borough has made a systematic effort to repaint the curbing, said Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach.

It couldn't be done since then because the borough didn't have enough staff. Wilsbach was able to remedy that by getting council to approve two seasonal workers to augment public works for the summer.

Besides painting the curbing, public works this summer has spent a lot of time spraying weeds, sprucing up downtown, and trying

to catch up on some overdue park maintenance.

The yellow curb painting started on the most visible and highly traveled streets, such as Main and Union, Wilsbach said.

The borough has worked hard to try and get all the curbing repainted, but that is not going to be possible this year, Wilsbach said.

Even with the seasonal help, public works is stretched thin because Wilsbach is trying to bring back services that had been reduced or eliminated in recent years, such as street sweeping.

"That takes one person away for two weeks out of the month just to sweep. They didn't have that for years," Wilsbach said.

Also, the start of school is fast approaching so public works has to make sure all the crosswalks are up to par.

Wilsbach hopes to do the rest of the yellow curbing next year, but that will largely depend on whether council approves more seasonal help in the 2018 budget.



Adam Erdman, standing, a seasonal worker with Middletown Public Works, assists fellow Public Works employee Kari Keller as she applies a fresh coat of yellow paint to the curbing of a street in downtown Middletown.

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## Pipeline work continues despite steps taken to stop it



Trench construction takes place on the Sunoco Logistics Pipeline between Oberlin Road and North Union Street on the afternoon of Thursday, July 27. Recent court action doesn't directly affect the work being done locally, as no horizontal drilling is being done here.

By David Barr  
davidbarr@pressandjournal.com

Progress continues to be made on the Sunoco Logistics Pipeline in Lower Swatara Township.

Work was being completed in late July in the area in between Oberlin Road and North Union Street. The work that was being completed is known as trench construction.

According to Jeff Shields, communications manager for Sunoco Logistics, trench construction is where pipe is laid out and welded next to the trench before it is lowered into the trench and backfilled with dirt.

Trench construction is one of three types of construction taking place with the Sunoco Logistics

Pipeline. The other two are road boring and horizontal directional drilling.

Currently, horizontal drilling activity has been suspended pending the outcome of a hearing before the Environmental Hearing Board.

In an email on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 8, Shields said the hearing was postponed from Monday, Aug. 7 to Wednesday Aug. 9 and is supposed to last three days.

Because the work taking place in Lower Swatara Township does not involve horizontal drilling, the progress was able to continue locally.

Shields added that crews will continue to do traditional trench construction and road boring throughout the county.

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It took a combination of golfers and volunteers to help the Three Mile Island Charity Golf Tournament raise \$40,000.

# TMI golf outing raises \$40,000

The Three Mile Island Charity Golf Tournament raised about \$40,000 this year for the Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company.

This year's annual tournament was held Friday, Aug. 4 at Sunset Golf Course.

"More than ever, we value our partnership with Three Mile Island and through their support our fire company has been able to continue to meet the needs of our community," said Bart Shellenhamer, Londonderry Township Supervisor and chief of the Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company. "We are fortunate to have a neighbor who is as committed to the community as they are."

Over the past 12 years, the TMI Charity Golf Tournament has

raised more than \$600,000 for the fire company, according to TMI. The funds have been used to expand the fire station and purchase emergency and firefighting equipment.

"Three Mile Island is committed to being a good neighbor and a positive force in the local community," said TMI Site Vice President Ed Callan. "This golf tournament is one way we continue to strengthen those relationships."

A field of more than 100 golfers teed off at Sunset Golf Course in Londonderry Township. Representatives of Three Mile Island, Londonderry Township and Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company worked together on the planning and fundraising for the event.



TMI Vice President Ed Callan presents Londonderry Township Fire Department a check for \$40,000 on Friday during a golf outing at Sunset Golf Course.



## TOWN TOPICS

### Bingo mania at Londonderry Fire

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, Aug. 13. Doors and kitchen open at noon. Bingo starts at 2 p.m.

### Live music on the deck at Sunset with Huggens

Stu Huggens will perform on the deck at Sunset Bar & Grill, 2601 Sunset Drive, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10.

### Ebenezer UMC Peach Festival is Aug. 19

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown, will host a Peach Festival Fundraiser from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. Come enjoy fellowship and

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Keystone Assault seeks women to play football

Central Pennsylvania's only women's tackle football team has released details about upcoming tryouts.

The Keystone Assault will conduct tryouts at Seventh and Radnor Park in Harrisburg from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

Prospective players are invited to meet Assault coaches and returning veterans to learn basic concepts of 11-player football and engage in physical skills training. Attendees can expect to participate in non-contact drills to develop general and position-specific abilities such as footwork, blocking, route running, ball handling, and more.

"Previous playing experience is not a prerequisite for prospective players. The sport of football requires diversity, and to be successful we need players of all shapes, sizes, skill sets, and backgrounds," according to a

news release from the team. "You might have been a high school or college athlete, maybe you're a gym rat, or maybe you have never played organized sports before. Bring a desire to play and a commitment to excellence and we will turn you into a football player."

Prospective players need to bring sneaker/cleats and water, along with a \$10 tryout fee and must be at least 17 years old. The Assault football season runs from April through June.

More information about the tryouts and how to participate can be found on the Keystone Assault website at [keystoneassault.net](http://keystoneassault.net) or by emailing [keystoneassault@gmail.com](mailto:keystoneassault@gmail.com).

The Keystone Assault was founded in 2008. They are a member of the Women's Football Alliance and play their home games at Falcon Field in Hummelstown.

MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Middletown senior football players Tre Leach, Tyreer Mills and Brady Fox will be key parts of the Blue Raiders' squad this season.

What will the Blue Raiders do for an encore in 2017?

By David Barr  
[davidbarr@pressandjournal.com](mailto:davidbarr@pressandjournal.com)

Competition has been the theme so far for the Middletown Area High School football squad as

players and coaches prepare for the 2017 season.

That mantra is a good one to have as Middletown will need to compete all year if they hope to come close to last year's results.

Everyone around the program is aware of how good the Blue Raiders were last year, with a perfect regular season, a District 3 title, and a runner-up finish in the state play-offs, finishing 14-1. They were the first MAHS football team to advance to the state championship game.

But that was then with a different group of core players.

Nearly two dozen seniors graduated in 2017, including running back Jaelen Thompson, quarterback Chase Snavelly, and receiver Laron Woody. However, Middletown does have some members of last year's team returning, including running back Brady Fox.

None of that seems to faze head coach Brett Myers, who is returning for his fifth season.

"Our spring workouts have gone well. Guys are competing. Everybody's doing a really nice job and trying to improve every day," Myers said.

The team had more than 50 students try out during the spring. The challenges the team faces are the same as any other year, which

are replacing graduated seniors, developing leaders, and creating chemistry and a culture that will lead to success, he said.

"Our guys are really working hard at doing that and it'll take a little time and we'll eventually, hopefully, get there," Myers said.

The players have bought into Myers' mindset of competing because the word was brought up again and again by players at PennLive's media day on Friday, July 28.

"There's a lot of competition within the team," senior Tre Leach said, adding that so far practices

have been up-tempo because everyone is working hard and no one wants to get replaced by someone else, no matter what their position or experience.

Senior running back/middle linebacker Brady Fox echoed Leach's observations on the difficulty of establishing a pecking order within the depth chart.

"There are a lot of kids pushing each other. The younger kids love pushing us," Fox said.

There is so much competition that Leach has only determined which position he'll be playing on one side of the ball. He already knows he'll be playing free safety on defense. He has yet to establish a position on offense. He's

Varsity football schedule, 2017

8/19	Hershey *	10 a.m.
8/25	Lampeter-Strasburg *	6 p.m.
9/1	Lower Dauphin	7 p.m.
9/8	Northern	7 p.m.
9/15	West Perry	7 p.m.
9/22	East Pennsboro	7 p.m.
9/29	Trinity	7 p.m.
10/6	Palmyra	7:30 p.m.
10/14	Camp Hill #	2 p.m.
10/20	Boiling Springs	7 p.m.
10/27	Milton Hershey @	7 p.m.
11/3	Steel-High	7 p.m.

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been at different offensive skill positions in practice, including quarterback.

"It was easier than I thought it would be," Leach said of trying different positions. "As long as I can help the team, that's all that matters."

Leach added if players know the plays, they can be successful in any role coaches ask them to be in and if the players give all their effort for each individual game they would "put ourselves in a good position to win."

Middletown has the unenviable task of replacing two-year starter Chase Snavelly at quarterback.

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Coach Brett Myers, left, watches the ball squirt away from the ball handler during a wet practice Monday morning.

Hall of Fame membership dinner set for Aug. 23

The Capital Area Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame membership dinner meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 23 at Penbrook American Legion Post 730.

The featured guest speaker will be Gorden Blain, Sports Fever editor and television personality.

Dinner is \$12. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7.

Seating is limited. Reservations are required and may be made by calling executive director Bob Hafer at 717-652-1534 or by sending an email to [ahafer837@verizon.net](mailto:ahafer837@verizon.net) before noon Monday, Aug. 21.

Indicate if your reservation includes dinner.

The speaker list for 2017 is at [www.cachof.wordpress.com](http://www.cachof.wordpress.com).



# Third person charged in connection with death of ex-Middletown resident

A York County woman has been charged in connection with the April 25 shooting death in Harrisburg of Kodi Flanagan, formerly of Middletown.

According to court records filed by Harrisburg police, Sadia Joyce Bretznepe, 21, first block of Creek Bottom Road in Manchester, conspired to set up the robbery that led to the murder of Flanagan in the area of North Third and Muench streets.

Bretznepe was arraigned before District Judge Sonya McKnight on July 19 and charged with murder of the second degree, robbery, and conspiracy to commit robbery. Bail was set at \$1,000,000.

Bretznepe was already in York County Prison on unrelated charges.

Already charged in the case are Sidney Michaels, 23, who according to police listed an address in the first block of Willow Street in Middletown, and Dylan Beard,



Bretznepe



Michaels



Beard

25, of Highspire.

Michaels is charged with criminal homicide, robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, prohibited possession of a firearm, and carrying a firearm without being licensed.

Beard is charged with criminal homicide, robbery, and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Michaels and Beard are both in Dauphin County Prison. Their next scheduled court appearance is Aug. 31 before Dauphin County Judge Deborah Curcillo.

According to police records an eyewitness identified Beard and Michaels as being responsible for robbing and shooting Flanagan, who was 22 at the time of his death.

Michaels used a handgun to shoot and kill Flanagan, according to the eyewitness, police reported.

## LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

# Spiky shoes valued at almost \$1,000 stolen from porch in Lower Swatara

A pair of designer brand shoes valued at close to \$1,000 was reported stolen from a township residence in the 2000 block of Market Street Extended.

Police report the new pair of Christian Louboutin sneakers had been delivered by FedEx to the front porch of the townhome at approximately 1:30 p.m. July 28 but then was stolen.

The resident told police the red and black sneakers are adorned with spikes and cost \$945. The sneakers were purchased as a gift, the resident said.

Police said the resident claims the package should not have been delivered without a signature but reportedly FedEx is noted to have stated a signature option was not part of the delivery.



Shoes such as these were stolen from the porch of a Lower Swatara Township home, police say.

### Woman charged after crash

Sarah E. Vogel, 32, of the 500 block of South Union Street, Middletown, has been charged following an investigation of a crash in which Vogel's car struck the front porch of a township home, police report.

According to court records, charges of DUI-controlled substance (three counts), possession of drug paraphernalia and reckless driving have been filed against Vogel in connection with the crash that took place at 4:12 p.m. July 11 in the 800 block of Nissley Drive.

Vogel was taken to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center but reportedly did not suffer any serious injuries from the accident. Her 2008 Volkswagen Jetta sustained extensive damage and was towed from the scene. Police did not specify details about damage to the home.

Police said Vogel was traveling south on Route 441, failed to negotiate a turn in the road, struck a street sign on Nissley Drive and then struck the home.

Vogel is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith for a preliminary hearing Sept. 7.

### Police used Narcan

Township police successfully administered the overdose treatment drug Narcan to a victim

following a recent call for help in the 100 block of Eby Lane at 10:24 p.m. July 28.

One of the responding officers administered the nasal spray containing Narcan to the victim, who was subsequently taken to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for treatment.

### Harassment citation

Madelin D. Gamble, 39, of the 2000 block of Georgetown Road, Middletown, was cited for harassment following a disturbance at her residence July 19, court records note.

Police report the victim claimed Gamble struck her in the mouth during an argument. Investigating officers said the victim had marks on her lips and both arms. Emergency medical services were not requested.

### DUI charges after slow driving

Tyann Bailey, 45, of the 1000 block of Mount Wilson Road, Lebanon, has been charged with DUI and DUI-high rate of alcohol, police report.

According to police, Bailey was driving a 2004 Volkswagen Golf at 2:02 a.m. July 15 that almost struck a curb in the 800 block of South Eisenhower Boulevard. In addition, the arresting officer said Bailey failed to use her car's turn signals and drove very slowly.

An interview turned into a DUI

investigation that ended with police taking Bailey to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, police said. A blood sample was taken and tested for the possible presence of intoxicants. Results of the tests were not reported.

Bailey is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith for a preliminary hearing Aug. 24.

### Faulty headlight leads to arrest

Police report Aigner S. Edwards, 20, of the 400 block of Swatara Street, Steelton, has been charged with DUI-controlled substance (four counts), manufacture, delivery or possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver same, reckless driving and driving vehicle without headlights operating.

The charges against Edwards were filed after a traffic stop at 9:43 p.m. July 18 in the parking lot of Kunkel Elementary School on Fulling Mill Road.

Police stopped and questioned Edwards because of an inoperative headlight on her 2002 Chevrolet Impala.

The investigating officer said he smelled an odor of burnt marijuana coming from the car and during a search found 10 plastic bags containing what was believed to be cocaine. Police took Edwards to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where blood was drawn to be tested for the possible presence

of intoxicants. Results of the tests were not reported.

A preliminary hearing on the charges has yet to be set.

### DUI arrest from faulty brake light

Kurt Cheatham, 35, of the 300 block of South 2nd Street, Steelton, was arrested at 1:55 a.m. July 18 and subsequently charged with DUI, DUI-high rate of alcohol, DUI-controlled substance (three counts), possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license, police report.

According to the arresting officer, he was driving and stopped in the 1000 block of South Eisenhower Boulevard because of a faulty brake light on his 2003 Mazda MV.

Police said they found a small plastic bag containing what they believed was marijuana.

On suspicion that he was driving while under the influence of intoxicants, Cheatham was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center and charged.

He is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith for a preliminary hearing Aug. 24.

### Home's doors broken

A township resident told police both the front and back doors to his home were broken.

Police reported the incident at the home in the 800 block of Oberlin Road took place during the early morning of July 25. Investigators said the victim believes entry was not gained to his home. Police said the incident is being treated as an act of criminal mischief.

No estimate to repair the doors was reported.

### Bumper guard stolen

Police report someone ripped a bumper guard off a minivan that was parked in the first block of Nelson Manor Lane.

The owner of the 1999 Dodge Caravan told police he believes the vandalism took place July 25. No estimate of loss was reported.

Police are asking anyone with information to call them at 717-939-0463.

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# Woman who took young son to drug deal gets probation

A Highspire woman will serve probation after being accused of taking her 5-year-old son to a drug deal in Harrisburg.

Kelly Ann Cokosky, 26 of Highspire, recently was sentenced by Judge Scott Arthur Evans to two years of probation after pleading guilty to endangering the welfare of a child and drug paraphernalia charges.

On March 26, 2016, according to authorities, Cokosky was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped for a traffic violation around midnight in the 1800 block of Market Street in Harrisburg.

When officers approached the vehicle, they observed Cokosky, who appeared to be under the

influence of heroin, police say.

Cokosky was one of four adults in the vehicle. Cokosky was found in possession of a heroin use kit — syringes, empty packets, spoon and water.

Her 5-year-old son was in a car seat in the back seat.

Based on her recent use of heroin, possession of paraphernalia and time of night, she was charged with endangering the welfare of the 5-year-old, according to authorities.



Cokosky

Cokosky also was sentenced to three years of probation for a March 2017 forgery and theft. In that case, she stole a person's checks, signed his name and then cashed approximately \$6,000 worth of checks, police said. The checks were cashed over a span of 25 days.

At the time of sentencing, Cokosky's prior criminal history was very limited, according to court officials.

The case was prosecuted by Dauphin County Senior Deputy District Attorney Stephen R. Zawisky, who said that this case is the perfect example of how bad heroin addiction can be.

"Heroin addiction not only af-

## “Heroin addiction not only affects the user, it affects the user's children and entire family as well.”

Dauphin County Senior Deputy District Attorney Stephen R. Zawisky

fects the user, it affects the user's children and entire family as well. Despite the obvious dangerous risks involved with purchasing and using heroin, the defendant took her 5-year-old son with her to purchase drugs late at night. A child shouldn't have to endure that experience," he said.

# RAIDERS: Coach Myers looking ahead with new players, not back

From page B1

## Highlights from the 2016 season

- Had an eight-game run with more than 40 points in each
- Outscored opponents 626-165
- Running back Jaelen Thompson broke the school record for rushing yards with 3,940.
- 12 Blue Raiders were selected as Mid-Penn All-Stars: Brady Fox (now a senior), Bobby Graham (graduated), Hunter Landis (graduated), Tre Leach (now a senior), Tristen Maxwell (graduated), Trey Michal (graduated), Tyreer Mills (now a senior), Ethan Newton (graduated), Griffen Radabaugh (graduated), Chase Snavelly (graduated), Tom Staker (graduated) and Jaelen Thompson (graduated)
- Hunter Landis was named Capital Division Defensive MVP
- Four Raiders were named for PA Writer's All-State Team: Hunter Landis, Tyreer Mills, Ethan Newton and Jaelen Thompson
- Five Raiders were named for the All Eastern PA Team: Brady Fox, Hunter Landis, Tyreer Mills, Ethan Newton, Chase Snavelly and Jaelen Thompson
- Jaelen Thompson was named Eastern PA Football Player of the Year
- Coach Brett Myers was named Capital Division Coach of the Year and All Eastern PA Coach of the Year.
- Jaelen Thompson named a finalist for Mr. PA Football.

nine passes for 123 yards and one touchdown, despite sharing the load with Thompson.

In fact, with more than 2,700 rushing yards in his career already, a standout 2017 season will make him the No. 1 rusher in Blue Raiders history.

"The fact that Jaelen's not here, it's going to be different for him a little bit because they were so close and they relied on each other, on and off the field. In the end it

doesn't really change how he looks at what we're doing," Myers said.

Last year's success might have had an unforeseen positive impact on this year's season, given the amount of practice time.

"We got a lot of experience. We got kids that played 15 games last year. Compared to most people in the state, that's a year and a half. If you even look at our JV players, they practiced an extra half a season last year so while I definitely

think we lost a lot, there's experiences that we will gain from last year. Even in the lack of success in the last game, there's lessons to be learned there. Our guys are going to embrace that and take those on," Myers said.

Myers said he knows his 2017 squad will face yearlong comparisons to the 2016 team, especially if the team gets off to a hot start.

But as wide receiver Tyreer Mills puts it, "we've got to work on what we've got to do this year," instead of basking in last year's success.

"There's two different ways we look at it. As a program, that's a nice thing, but this year's team is a different team. In the end, it's two different groups," Myers said. "Every team has its own identity and this team has yet to find their identity and that'll start with our first game. That's what we're focused about. We're not looking in the rearview mirror, we're looking through the windshield seeing where we're headed."



Myers



# CHURCHNEWS

## Evangelical United Methodist Church



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. We invite you to attend our Sunday morning activities: Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10:15 a.m. When you walk in the door, you will see people of all ages and walks of life, some dressed formally and others

casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are.

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org).

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Organist - Don Cowsert; Special Music – Cliff and Wendy Flick; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer

and Jamal Warren; Greeters – Ken and Kathy Frisbie and Cathy Woodring; Children's Time – Cliff and Wendy Flick; Head Usher – Scott Green; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser and Vickie Hubbard.

The altar flowers for this week are in memory of our loved ones by Richard and Michele Miller and children.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Aug. 9: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group.

Sun., Aug. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Mon., Aug. 14: Newsletter articles due.

Tues., Aug. 15: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Geysers.

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



We are a Reconciling In Christ Church located at Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is a recording of the 10 a.m. service, which is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Our Saturday

service is a casual traditional service. This service is usually 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Sunday Church School for all ages will resume September 17 at 9 a.m.

### Church and Community Events:

Wed., Aug. 9: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – Chapel.

Sat., Aug. 12: 5 p.m., Holy Communion.

Sun., Aug. 13: 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m., Do women have rights in Islam? Luncheon and educational presentation by Samia: Women of Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

There is no community dinner at St. Peter's in August. Our next dinner is Mon., Sept. 11. There is a cost and tickets are available at the door.

St. Peter's is a location for Middletown Area School District's free summer lunch program.

Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. through August 11, any child can come and eat a free and nutritious lunch.

### Food Pantry News:

Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. 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 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location.

Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org).

Scripture for August 13: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our

congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door.

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.

Mondays: Bible Study for seniors meets at noon before Sociable's; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Men's Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. is on prayer. The community is invited.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life."

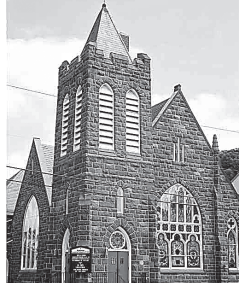
In addition, he posts a podcast of Bible study many days. We invite everyone to tune him in for inspiration for their day.

Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strohecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. cross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the yard and is illuminated every night. Two additional crosses are now in the garden, one on each side of the main cross. Benches are provided for folks to sit on and meditate or enjoy the beauty and quietness along the creek.

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

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

## Presbyterian Congregation of 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., Aug. 9: 10 a.m., Mary's Circle; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study at Lisenby's.

Please join us for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 13 as our Pastor Bruce Humphrey leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

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## Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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

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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

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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

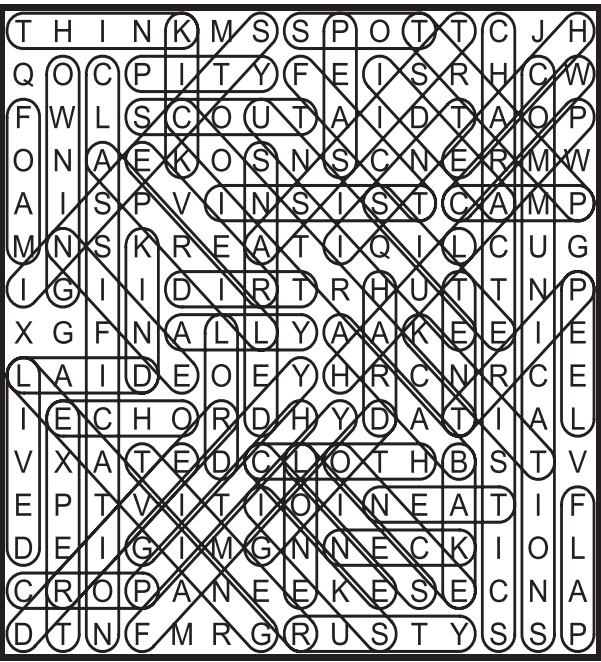
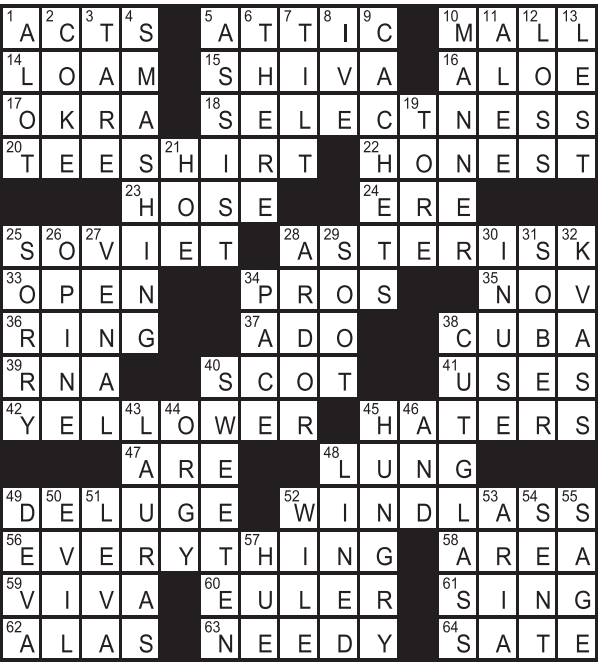
also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

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

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## EDITORIALVIEW

# Rich Nigerian princes? Scams are way past that

Scams are hardly new. From Ponzi schemes to fake charities to selling the Brooklyn Bridge to unsuspecting visitors to New York, people have been bilked for centuries.

As technology improves, so have the scammers.

The days of receiving an email from a Nigerian prince who is sitting on a fortune are long since gone. Scams are high-tech.

It's happening locally, and sometimes they are successful. Just look at the recent editions of the Press & Journal.

- Lower Swatara police said a concerned grandmother fell victim to a plea to send money to pay for an attorney to defend her grandson in ultimately what was a false story. Her “grandson” called her and told her he had been in a car accident while in upstate New York and he needed her help. Reportedly the victim sent \$860 in an electronic transfer via two Walmart stores. Police told the victim that there was little they could do in the case.
- Someone apparently hacked the computer of a Lower Swatara Township man, stole compromising photographs, then threatened to post them on the resident’s Facebook page unless he paid \$1,000. Police said the man sent \$500 via



Western Union and another \$500 via Moneygram to an address in Tondo, a district of Manila in the Philippines. The scammer appeared to have gained access when the resident clicked on a link in a phishing email. This installed a Trojan horse that allowed his hard drive to be copied. Phishing is when a scammer uses fraudulent emails or texts, or copycat websites to get you to share valuable personal information. A Trojan horse is a program designed to secretly breach the security of a computer.

• Middletown police on Aug. 1 were alerted of a scam that police say has become common. The caller told police that he had been contacted by someone offering him a \$6,000

check. The man was told to deposit the check in his own bank account, and then to write another check on his own account to provide a portion of the money back to the caller in return. In most cases, there are no funds to back up the check that the victim is asked to deposit.

• A Lower Swatara Township resident told police an attempt was made to defraud him out of more than \$7,000 on allegations he has not paid his federal taxes. The resident received a telephone call at noon March 15 from a person identifying herself as Sarah Morris of the IRS stating the resident owed \$7,521 for unpaid taxes from 2011 to 2015. The caller asked the resident how he would like to move forward

to pay the taxes. Police reported the township resident said he would not move forward with any payment after which he hung up on the caller.

We could go on and on.

Many involve technology. Many involve taking advantage of someone who doesn't know better (a grandma) or doesn't want to be embarrassed (blackmail by taking personal information).

The price we pay for the wonders of the Internet and email is that our personal information is more available than ever. Thieves don't have to enter a locked office to get data. They just have to be able to nimbly access your computer.

They won't stop, because they work. The perpetrators are hard to find, any money lost likely will never be recovered, and even if the scammer is found, prosecution is difficult.

“There are so many computer scams out there that grow and evolve daily,” Frank Williamson, who was then the Lower Swatara Township manager and acting public safety director, told the Press & Journal for a story about the man scammed over the personal pictures.

We can't give you a tip for every possible scam. But make sure you have the latest anti-virus software.

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Make sure you know the source of emails before opening them or a link embedded in them. Check the email address of the sender.

“Many times the email address will be spoofed to look like it is from someone you know,” Williamson said.

Be suspicious of money being deposited into your account, and someone then requesting that you purchase other items or withdraw a portion of the money.

Make sure that a “business” calling you with problems with your account or service is legit.

Don't try to get rich quick. That is a basic of avoiding scams that hasn't changed for centuries.

And don't be afraid to contact authorities. While that scam might only take you for a couple of hundred dollars, who wants to go through life knowing they fell for it?

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**MIKE FOLMER**

Asset forfeitures are civil proceedings that allow law enforcement to take possession of the property of certain persons suspected of crime.

Drug arrests are the most common examples of seizures: cash, cars, and sometimes homes. Law enforcement can seize personal property from citizens based only on the suspicion the property has been involved in criminal activity — without ever having to charge the owner with a crime.

Over time, forfeitures expanded. Once used to take profits from convicted criminals and deter them from benefitting from their illegal actions, forfeiture was sometimes used to take ownership of properties from innocent citizens. Cash, cars, real estate, and even personal property was taken from people who faced no criminal charges. In Philadelphia alone, one-third of those who had had their property forfeited were not convicted

# Feds don't know best when regarding property rights

of a crime.

I was pleased to work with Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati to spearhead changes in Pennsylvania law to better protect property rights — now Act 13 of 2017. Since then, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has announced federal changes to expand the scope of forfeitures.

I have concerns with these policy changes as I believe they're contrary to state laws and states' rights.

Opponents of our efforts in Pennsylvania are now bemoaning Sessions' proposals for property forfeitures while previously saying Pennsylvania's reforms wouldn't go far enough. Compare one op-ed about Pennsylvania's changes, titled, “To Think that SB 8 Becoming Law will Effectively Reform Civil Asset Forfeiture is Naïve,” with another opinion piece lamenting federal seizures that said: “Jeff Sessions Is Aiding and Abetting Police Departments Who Want to Seize Property of People Convicted of No Crime.”

Fortunately, Scarnati and I were able to overcome those who said our proposed reforms weren't good enough. Our opponents were, in es-

sence, protecting the status quo. We're especially thankful for the help and support from the U.S. Justice Action Network, a national organization working to curb civil asset forfeiture abuses, and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association.

For over two years, we worked to bring needed reforms to Pennsylvania law. The key was finding a proper balance between the uses of forfeiture against criminals with the property rights of innocent citizens who should not have their property taken by the government.

We also worked to include language in our legislation to maintain protections that prohibit state agencies from referring Pennsylvania property to the federal government and allowing forfeitures under the revised federal policies.

In addition to Pennsylvania's new law protecting against federal overreach, it also:

- Creates a higher burden of proof for forfeiture and protects third-party owners by placing additional requirements on government agencies.
- Increases transparency in the auditing and reporting of forfeited

property.

- Prohibits any pre-forfeiture seizures without due process (i.e., a hearing).
- Establishes an extra level of protection for anyone acquitted of a related crime who is trying to get their property back.

Without these protections, Pennsylvanians would have continued to face a complex civil court system, without the aid of an attorney, and would have continued to be forced to try to prove their property innocent against governmental power.

Now, if we could just get the federal government to adhere to the 10th Amendment: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

I simply do not believe the federal government knows best — especially when it comes to property rights.

*Mike Folmer is a Republican member of the Pennsylvania Senate whose 48th District includes Middletown. His Capitol office telephone number is 717-787-5708.*

# President Trump's obsession with loyalty is horrible for the country



**PAUL HEISE**

Thank the Almighty that there are still a few good men and women who are loyal to the Constitution.

Loyalty is serious. It is a commitment to a person, a cause or an idea even when it contradicts our self-interest.

The military and civilian first responders recognize that loyalty to a squad or team can even include “that last full measure of devotion.” The military in particular stands ready to go in harm's way to protect the nation. Aside from those few, loyalty is in short supply in our world.

The word loyalty itself is strange. It does not appear in the oath of allegiance that new citizens take or in the oaths that people must swear to when they are elected or appointed to office.

Sen. Joe McCarthy made the idea of the “loyalty oath” notori-



ous, so we shy away from it. We really didn't hear the word again until Donald Trump came along. Trump “needs and expects” loyalty, he told former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey. Comey promised honesty.

Real gangsters and gangsta rappers, even at the HUAC hearings in October 1947, preferred the word allegiance.

The CEO of a family firm, like a medieval monarch, can demand absolute loyalty to the firm/family. That is the case

with The Trump Organization. That has not been the case in government.

President Donald Trump thinks he is still running a family firm. He has assured us that he is not. He demands the highest level of loyalty from all of his subordinates. Employees are expected to be loyal — that is, ready to suffer for the firm/family. Ivanka and Jared Kushner don't seem to understand that the Hatch Act restricts the personal and political activity of government employees, espe-

cially if they are members of the family. Thus, Comey could not promise loyalty to president Trump, only honesty. His loyalty, in regard to governmental activities, was committed to the U.S. Constitution.

Trump is not a Republican — or anything else I can think of. There is nothing like a set of core values that the people around him could be loyal to and be willing to sacrifice for. Their loyalty is owed to Trump himself, the man who gave them and controls their job. But the military is steeped in all accoutrements of loyalty. It is serious for them and Trump might not realize that he is staffing his most important positions with the military.

It is rumored that Gens. James Mattis and John Kelly, sometime in January, agreed that they would be certain that they never leave the president alone in the country. One of them would always be stateside. While that hints at insurrection it also references the kind of loyalty that motivated the Founding Fathers.

Our bought-and-paid for Con-

gress certainly has no loyalty to anything other than their own pay and perks.

The election of Trump himself was a political insurrection. The people see the objects of their loyalty being trampled on. Their loyalty is spurring them to action, not to anything about our president.

Then there was the comedic moment, where Scaramouch, the classic clown of commedia dell'arte, gets put upon for his boasting and cowardice. Enter Anthony Scaramucci, recently White House communications director, who seems scripted for the part. He thought for a moment that he was part of the family. He wasn't. Playing the part assigned him, he loses a fortune, a wife, the birth of his son, his job and his pride.

Kelly was appointed White House Chief of Staff to try to bring some order and coherence to the West Wing. Having spent 45 years in the military, he knows how to keep control. So the first thing he did was call Jeff Sessions, the attorney general, and tell him his job was

safe despite the personal and professional attacks on him by the president.

Sessions, when he recused himself from the Russian investigation, endangered his own position in order to be loyal to the Constitution and the law of the land. While I oppose practically everything Jeff Sessions is doing, I have to recognize his right to do it. In this case he is doing the right thing.

Donald Trump is who he is and he is not going to change. I see no reason to believe that he will shift his loyalties to the Constitution and rule of law. Rather, I see him engrossed in the pettiest personal problems, concentrated on winning not on content and obsessed with the Russian investigation. I fear that one too many tweets and one too many fired lawyers will undercut whatever John Kelly might accomplish.

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# FROM THE VAULT

News from the Saturday, Aug. 11, 1934 edition of the Middletown Journal

## Refused to open council meeting at Royalton

The meeting of the Royalton Borough Council was not held Tuesday evening due entirely to the refusal of Guy S. Vogt, president, to open the meeting with nine representative taxpayers sitting at the council table, each one eager to serve as a councilman from his respective ward.

Eli K. Metzler Jr., the court appointee with his associates, LeRoy Kohr, George T. Boyer and President Vogt were present. Likewise John T. Sides and his associates, Ralph Kohr, William Miller, Roy Daugherty and John Snavelly were at the table.

Solicitor H.O. Schaeffer was asked for an opinion concerning the matter, in order that a meeting could be called. He stated that in his opinion, Sides had just as much right to serve as a councilman, irrespective of the fact that he was elected by only four members and without a presiding officer in the chair, as Metzler, having a court appointment and also a court order.

President Vogt flatly refused to open the meeting and have a roll call, with nine men answering to the call. It was suggested that both Sides and Metzler retire, and go ahead with the meeting until after a court decision, scheduled to be heard on Monday, Aug. 27.

## Famous Lancaster Turnpike reproduced at Ford exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago

When Pennsylvanians visit a Century of Progress in Chicago this summer, they will find one exhibit there which should have for them a special and personal interest.

In size, it is insignificant compared with the buildings and vistas which surround it. But historically and sentimentally, it is of the utmost significance for Pennsylvanians.

It is the reproduction of the famous Lancaster Pike between Philadelphia and Lancaster. The reproduction is one of 21 replicas of famous roads of history which comprise "The Roads of the World," a 2,000-foot oval roadway in Ford Gardens.

## Lost money returned

While Mrs. Sara Gates, of town, stopped on Union Street, to talk to William Lemon, she dropped \$16 in bills on the running board of Mr. Lemon's automobile. She did not miss the money until sometime afterward. The roll of bills was found by an Imbrogno boy and it was given to Mr. Lemon, who returned it to Mrs. Gates after an identification of the denomination of the bills.

## Other headlines from the edition

- 2-year-old child and two young men in accident
- Dedication of E-town street is this Saturday
- Woman was caught shoplifting at store



## Why is there an eagle on Page 1? It has nothing to do with rifles

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This logo appeared on both sides of the masthead on the front page of the Middletown Journal on Saturday, Aug. 11, 1934.

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

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

It was ruled unconstitutional in May 1935. However, while it was in effect starting in 1933, companies that complied with the act displayed this symbol. It would appear as a blue eagle with red type around it in color publications, but of course the Journal didn't have the capability of printing in color in 1933.

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

## Husband asks damages from parents-in-law

An action was filed in the Dauphin County Court, at Harrisburg, Wednesday, by Oscar G. Wickersham, counsel for Joseph D'Agostino of Hummelstown, who took legal recourse against his parents-in-law, Frank and Mrs. Ida Stortoni, of Hershey, claiming \$25,000 damages for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife.

Two weeks ago, D'Agostino lost a court action which followed the marital breach in his family when court awarded his wife custody of their two children, Joseph Jr., aged 3 years, and Robert, 20 months.

Mrs. D'Agostino, who filed action to gain custody of the children, charged her husband forced her from his house. The court ordered the children placed in the custody of their mother, who was crippled in an auto accident several months ago, but ruled they might visit their father two days weekly.

The D'Agostinos were married June 9, 1930, and, the husband says, lived happily in Hummelstown until July 30 of the same year when, he charges, her parents by "promises, persuasions and entreaties" alienated the affections of his wife.

The Stortonis, the husband claims, by "false statements ... and by various other unlawful means, caused and procured the said Verna D'Agostino to lose her affections ... thereby causing a permanent separation between the plaintiff and his wife."

D'Agostino pleads he is entitled to damages because he has lost the love of his wife and because he has suffered great humiliation. W. Justin Carter, counsel for the Stortonis, is required to file an answer to D'Agostino's action in 15 days.

## Hot buys

- Big semi-annual markdown sale. 500 pairs of men's sport pants, \$1. Straw hats, half price. Doutrichs, Union and Emaus streets, Middletown.
- For sale — one horse board wagon, one cider press and one scalding trough. Apply Emanuel N. Hoffman, near Geyer's School House.
- This is positively the greatest liquidation sale the poultry industry has ever witnessed. Every pullet, every cockerel and every laying hen on the Lutz Poultry Farm at Middletown must be sold and will be sold at astoundingly low prices. All of the fine breeding, which has taken years to perfect, will be sacrificed. 100 ROP hens, 3,000 laying hens, 500 ROP cockerels, 2,700 5-month-old pullets, 2,300 12-week-old pullets. First come, first served.

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B3

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## CRYPTOQUIZ

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• Each of the following cryptograms •

• is a clue to the identity of a famous aviator •

• pair. Using the hints S=A and M=N, decipher •

• the clues to name the aviators. •

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These aviators were affectionately known as Ullam and Bubs in family circles:

Answers: 1) Kitty Hawk, 2) Control, 3) Gliders, 4) Patents, 5) Chanute, 6) Kitty Hawk, Orville and Wilbur Wright

## CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B3

**ACROSS**

1. "Hamlet" has five

5. Heirloom location

10. Washington locale, with "the"

14. Farm soil

15. Hindu deity

16. \_\_\_ vera

17. Creole vegetable

18. Property of being chosen

20. Souvenir shop item

22. "I swear!"

23. Cheat, slangily

24. "... \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"

25. The \_\_\_ Union

28. Star on keyboard

33. Airy

34. Some Olympians, nowadays

35. Guy Fawkes Day mo.

36. Cabal

37. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"

38. Havana's home

39. Biochemistry abbr.

40. Sean Connery, for one

41. A Swiss army knife has lots of them

42. Lighter, brighter shade of vibrant color

45. People disliking something

47. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"

48. Air bag?

49. Great flood of water

52. Lifting device

56. End of the quip

58. Length x width, for a rectangle

59. Cheer starter

60. Noted blind mathematician

61. Blab

62. "Ah, me!"

63. Destitute

64. Fill

**DOWN**

1. Bunches

2. Furnace fuel

3. Container weight

4. Crushing

5. Back up

6. "So \_\_\_!"

7. Knight fight

8. "\_\_\_ fallen ..." (contraction)

9. Official seals

10. Bearing

11. On the safe side, at sea

12. Red ink amount

13. "\_\_\_ we forget"

19. Bolted

21. Clod chopper

25. Oops!

26. Express

27. Corrupt

28. Eagerness

29. Dirty coat

30. Occupied, as a lavatory

31. Dry

32. Russian beer with a sour taste

34. Clip

38. Diamonds can be used to do this

40. Make more attractive

43. Monasteries

44. Bacchanal

45. Empty stomach

46. "Go on ..."

48. Like composition paper

49. Buddhist divinity

50. Axis of \_\_\_

51. Coins of Bulgaria

52. Artifice

53. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.

54. Transmitted

55. Dressing ingredient

57. Cast

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## HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF AUG. 9

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22 – JAN. 19  
No, no, no, Capricorn! It can't be, but it is. Look for the silver lining. There is much good to be found. An opportunity resurfaces. Nab it.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 20 – FEB. 18  
Nothing is set in stone, Aquarius. Be flexible and open to suggestions. This is a group effort. A friend provides valuable insight into a dilemma at home.

**PISCES** FEB. 19 – MARCH 20  
It's true, Pisces. A loved one is in over their head. Help them out if you can. If not, point them to someone who can. A deadline is extended.

**ARIES** MARCH 21 – APRIL 19  
A friend receives mixed signals. Advise them to proceed with caution. An avenue once closed reopens. Enter it if you dare, Aries. A package arrives.

**TAURUS** APRIL 20 – MAY 20  
Feel like you're looking for a needle in a haystack? That's because you are, Taurus. Try a different tactic. A home improvement project begins.

**GEMINI** MAY 21 – JUNE 21  
Got the summertime blues, Gemini? Look to a youngster for the cure. A traipse down memory lane inspires a trip to someplace out of the way.

**CANCER** JUNE 22 – JULY 22  
Ugh, Cancer. No matter what you do, you cannot get through to a friend. Step aside and let someone else have a stab at it. Travel plans are made.

**LEO** JULY 23 – AUG. 22  
A health crisis comes to an end, and old faces come back into the fold. It's time for a celebration. Bring your pals over for a summer feast, Leo.

**VIRGO** AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22  
Make of it what you will, Virgo, but you know deep down the assessment is fair. There are improvements to be made. Get a move on.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22

Are you kidding, Libra? You know better than to ask that friend for help. They rarely come through for you. Look to a trusted mentor instead.

**SCORPIO** OCT. 23 – NOV. 21  
Love takes hold, and you are in for some very romantic evenings this week, Scorpio. Enjoy every minute, as work will soon rear its ugly head.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 22 – DEC. 21  
Alas, Sagittarius. You've been vying for the attention of the wrong person. Take a step back to regroup and then try again. A matter is settled.



# OUT & ABOUT



Lucy Youtz, 5, poses on a Royalton police motorcycle during National Night Out on Aug. 1 at Hoffer Park.



Alecia and Chloe Cobb chat with Pennsylvania State Trooper David Lock while meeting K-9 Cratos, a Belgian Malinois.

## WHAT A NIGHT

Annual event to bring together community with law enforcement and emergency personnel held at Hoffer Park



Members of Boy Scout Troop 97 of Londonderry Township began the National Night Out festivities with the raising of the colors on Aug. 1 at Hoffer Park.



McGruff the Crime Dog was on hand to help educate the public during National Night Out.



Lucus Menear tries out the firefighter gear of his dad, Shawn, during National Night Out. Shawn has been a member of the Middletown Fire Department for 18 years.



Jamari Scott, 5, completes an evacuation drill by escaping out of a window of a trailer. The evacuation drill was hosted by the Lower Swatara Fire Department.



Scarlett Davis, 2, receives assistance from her father, Scott, during a horseback ride.



Kylie Lyter, 5, learns about fingerprinting from Lower Swatara Police Department Detective Ryan Gartland at National Night Out.

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