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Fire damages a locker room building at the ArcelorMittal steel plant in Steelton, as shown in this photo taken by a firefighter at the scene.

## **Explosion**, fire rock Steelton steel mill

**By Noelle Barrett** Press And Journal Staff

One hour could have cost lives.

An explosion and fire destroyed a building that housed a locker room, shower facilities, bathrooms and offices at ArcelorMittal steel plant in Steelton at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. No one was injured – but if the explosion had occurred about an hour later, chances are there would have been fatalities.

"If it would have been an hour or a couple hours later, there would have been people changing,' said Ray Fernandez, a master electrician at the plant. "It would have been pretty ugly."

About 70 people, split into three shifts, use the building, which also has a repair shop attached to it, Fernandez said.

Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time, and there were no injuries, confirmed Steelton Mayor Tom Acri.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been determined. Arcellor Mittal and the Steelton Fire Department are investigating "to see what the start of the fire was, and how it could ignite,'

"The building filled up with gas, and I don't know what ignited it to explode, but the building exploded," he said. "It brought the building down to its knees. It was flattened."

The electric and the gas were shut off as quickly as possible, said Fernandez.

Joe Swope, a spokesman for UGI Utilities, said representatives responded to the scene and "assisted local first responders in assessing the situation and in investigating the cause.'

"Following a thorough check of its facilities, UGI confirmed that none of its facilities were involved in the incident and that its system was secure," Swope said in a e-mail to the Press And Journal.

More than 100 emergency responders were on scene, and firefighters battled the blaze at the South Front Street plant for nearly two hours before bringing it under control, according to Acri. Acri could see the smoke as he watched the

There were some initial issues with getting



The eight-point star, a symbol of baptism and regeneration, on the ceiling of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown, was painted gold so it would stand out.

## A 135-year-old church is lovingly restored

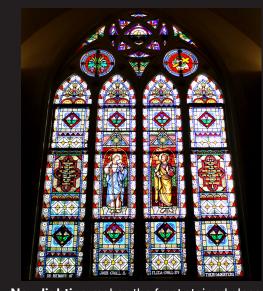
**By Noelle Barrett**Press And Journal Staff

s the sun begins to set on St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown, the stained glass in the front window glows bright. The inviting images in the window are lit by new lights, just one small touch that is part of a number of renovations recently completed in the 135-year-old church's sanctuary. Many of the renovations have a common theme: welcoming and inviting

The chancel now has a ramp and one small step, instead of four larger steps, to provide physical access. The sound system was upgraded to improve the ability of those who attend services to hear, but also those who listen on the

It is a theme that also inspired the church to change its mission statement last fall while renovations were being completed. "As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome and invite all of God's people regardless of age, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic status," the statement reads.

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New lighting makes the front stained glass window at the church glow at night.



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scene unfold from outside the gate of the plant.

## **LOWER SWATARA TWP.**

## Worker dies from injuries on leaf crew

By Jim Lewis Press And Journal Staff

A Lower Swatara Twp. employee died in Penn State Hershey Medical Center on Thursday, Jan. 30 from injuries he received when a leaf vacuum machine ran over him while he was working with a crew on a township street, authorities said.

Brett D. Shope, 27, of Middletown, was injured while working on a leaf pickup crew near Westerly Court and Pennsylvania Avenue when the vacuum machine ran over him around 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, police said.

He had been listed in critical condition at the hospital after the accident, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Shope was raking leaves into the

leaf machine when the accident happened, said Richard Brandt, chief of the Lower Swatara Twp. police. The machine sucked leaves into the back of a dump truck that towed it.

Two other workers – one operating the leaf machine, the other driving the dump truck, were on duty, but no one saw how Shope was injured, said Brandt.

Because Shope was injured badly, police never had a chance to interview him, he said.

"How it happened, we're not quite sure," Brandt said. "That will always be a little bit of a mystery."

Dauphin County's Accident Reconstruction Team concluded it was an

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## **FEBRUARY IS**





#### Rock bands to play for Radabaugh family

Local rock bands will perform a concert for the Radabaugh family, whose Middletown home caught fire in October. The concert will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Angie's Brookside Diner, 1360 Eisenhower Blvd.

Admission to Rock for the Radabaughs is \$15, with the proceeds benefitting the family. Readers can visit the Rock for the Radabaughs Facebook page for more information.

#### Steel-High approves property tax resolution

Property owners in the Steelton-Highspire School District will not see a real estate tax increase above the state's Act 1 index for the 2014-15 school year.

The Steelton-Highspire School Board approved a resolution on Thursday, Jan. 23 to keep any tax increase below the index. The maximum increase allowed

in the district under state law is 3.2 percent, according to the

#### Church observes Parents Day Out with child care

Looking to celebrate Valentine's Day early but can't find a babysitter? The New Thing Community Church is hosting a "Parents Day Out" from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 during which parents can drop off their children for a couple hours. Kids will be able to watch a

movie, play games, make crafts and eat snacks while their parents enjoy time together. The church is located at 2285

W. Harrisburg Pike in Lower Swatara Twp.

To register, readers may call the church at 717-388-1065 or Janet Hock at 717-585-9469.

#### Copper wire, fittings taken from site

More than 2,700 pounds of copper wire and copper and brass fittings were stolen from a construction side at TE Connectivity on Fulling Mill Road in Lower Swatara Twp., police

The theft occurred sometime on Monday, Jan. 13 and Tuesday, Jan. 14, police said. The items are valued at \$2,595.

Authorities are asking area recyclers to look out for the items, and asking anyone with information about the theft to call police at 717-939-0463.





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# Obituaries

### **Margaret Schwartz**

Margaret Ann Schwartz, 79, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 30, at Longwood Manor Personal Care, Maytown.

She was born on December 3, 1934 in Hazleton, and was the daughter of the late George and Margaret Sisock Mehallo.

She was a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown; she was a teacher's aide at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School for 8 years; was a graduate of Hazleton High School class of 1952; and she enjoyed cooking, playing bingo, and reading, but her greatest joy came from the love she received from her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert J. Schwartz.

She is survived by her five children Patricia A. and husband Dennis Bonetti of Camp Hill, James Schwartz of Middletown, Mark and wife Gail Schwartz of Charleston, S.C., Lorie Ann and husband Michael Schnably of Honeybrook, and Kim M. and husband Ryan Johns of Marietta; two sisters Ethel Poproch, and Dolores Christopher; one brother George Mehallo; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Corner of Race and Water Sts., Middletown.

Burial will be in Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:30 p.m. and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the Matinchek & Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Middletown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Homeland Hospice, 2300 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110.

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

### Carl Gruber

Carl E. Gruber "Curly," 87, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest suddenly on Tuesday, January 28, at his home.

He was born on November 30, 1926 in Middletown and was the son of the late Samuel F. Sr. and Elizabeth Snavely Gruber. He was a member of Evangelical United Meth-

odist Church,

American Legion Post 594, and VFW Post 1620, all of Middletown: he served his country in the United States Navy in World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters; was retired from the Mechanicsburg Naval Depot where he was a railroad engineer; he was a graduate of Middletown Area High School class of 1945; and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and was an avid Middletown Blue Raiders sports fan and for many years held season tickets to both football and basketball games.

In addition to his parents, Curly was preceded in death by his loving wife Dorothy I. Gruber, five brothers, Earl, Samuel Jr., Walter, Raymond and Melvin Gruber, and four sisters Helen Samuels, Pauline Borlish, Goldie Reber, and Viola Nelson

He is survived by his sister Mary L. Lehman of Middletown; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends. A Tribute to his life was held on

Monday at his church, with the Rev. Robert Graybill officiating. Interment with military honors was

at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Arrangements by Matinchek & Daughter Funeral Home and Crema-

tion Services, Middletown. Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown,

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

### Glenn Leggore Sr.

**Dr. Harold Ebersole** 

Glenn O. Leggore Sr., 73, of Middletown, passed away on Monday. January 27, at Community General Osteopathic Hospital.



Home, Palmyra.

gentle nature.

He was the husband of the late Margaret J. 'Peggy' Condran Leggore, who died in 2010

Born in Middletown, he was the son of the late Charles H. and Ellen M. Koltrider Leggore.

He was a veteran, serving on an Aircraft Carrier in the United States Navy; he was retired from the Middletown Police Department where he served his community as police officer and

Dr. Harold Jones Ebersole, 85, passed

away January 26, peacefully in his

sleep at Lebanon Valley Brethren

He was born October 20, 1928 in

Hershey Hospital on his mother's

birthday, the son of the late Chester M.

Ebersole and Kathryn Jones Ebersole.

Hummelstown, graduating from

Hummelstown High School in 1946,

Elizabethtown College in 1950 and

Temple Dental School in 1954 with a

degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

He served as a dental officer in the

U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

stationed in San Diego, Calif. He had

a private dental practice in Highspire

for 40 years. Even now, 20 years after

retirement, former patients still inquire

about him, remembering his kind and

He was a member of several honorary

dental societies and a life member of

the Hummelstown Historical Society,

Hershey Dental Study Group, Ameri-

can Dental Association, PA Dental

Society, Lincoln Continental Owners

Club, Highspire Lions Club, and a big

supporter of many charitable organi-

zations. He was the school dentist for

Lower Dauphin elementary schools

and the Steelton-Highspire school

system, a member of the Lower Dau-

phin School Board, serving a term as

president, a founding member of the

Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, serv-

ing on the Board of Directors for 12

years. Harold also appeared on TV's

"Miss Marsha's Romper Room" dur-

ing Dental Health Week for several

years. A lifelong member of Spring

Creek Church of the Brethren, he

served on various committees and as

moderator, deacon and Sunday school

He had a special fondness for trains,

coins, and antique cars. Many remem-

ber him driving Mayor Alexander and

teacher.

Harold was a lifelong resident of

former police chief; was a member of VFW Post #1620 and American Legion Post #594, both of Middletown; and he enjoyed cooking, fishing and spending time with his wife Peggy.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his twin sons Donald and Ronald Leggore, five brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by his son Glenn O. Leggore Jr. of Middletown; brother Richard P. Leggore (Katie) of Middletown; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services and interment will be held privately at the convenience of the Arrangements by Coble-Reber Fu-

neral Home, Middletown. To share your fondest memories of Glenn, please visit www.lifecelebra-

various speakers in the Hummelstown

Memorial Day parades in his black

1966 Lincoln Continental convertible

for 20 years. He and his wife built their

home and lived at the corner of Lincoln

and Landis streets in Hummelstown

for 39 years, moving to Lebanon Valley

He'll best be remembered for his

gentle nature and his love for his fam-

ily and fellow man. A news reporter

once referred to him as a "soft spoken

dentist" and he touched many lives

with his kindness and thoughtfulness.

He was preceded in death by two

He is survived by his wife of 62

vears Beulah Barnthouse Ebersole:

three children Jeffrey (Beth), Bruce,

and Amy Langer; three grandchildren

Sam, Jeremy, and Kristen (Adam

Snoke); his sister Dorothy Burridge;

Funeral services were held at his

In lieu of flowers, memorial contri-

butions can be made to Spring Creek

Church of the Brethren, 335 East

Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033; or

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any charity of your choice.

at www.trefzandbowser.com.

and many nieces and nephews.

church on Saturday.

brothers John J. and Chester J. Eb-

Brethren Home in 2007.

## **Grace Yalch**

Grace E. Yalch, 91, entered into rest on Wednesday, January 29 She was born on October 14, 1922

in Falls, Pa. She was a wonderful homemaker and devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Grace will be remembered as a kind, gentle person who appreciated the simple things in life, and loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 58 years, George A. Yalch, parents Henry and Adah Evans Eckel, and five siblings

Her memory will forever be treasured by her loving daughter Renee E. Mc-Collister (Tracy) of Warner Robins, Ga.; and adoring granddaughter Faith McCollister (Christian Bautista) of New York City, N.Y.

A Funeral service was held on Tuesday in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home, Warner Robins, Ga., with Dr. Richard Ulrich officiating.

Private entombment was held at



Magnolia Park Mausoleum. Arrangements by McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory.

Go to www.mcculloughfh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family.



Lester B. "Bench" Mathias Jr., returned to the Lord on January 29, weeks after celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He passed peacefully in the company of family and friends.

He was born on December 26, 1923 to Lester Mathias and Edna Mae Updegraff in Royalton, and married Frances Beck on September 26, 1942 in Greenville, S.C.

Known to his family as "Pap" and to his friends as "Bench," he was an elder at Kaysville Bible Church. He volunteered at Pioneer Bible Camp and Frontier School of the Bible. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Ogden Rescue Mission. Lester served in the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945 as an aircraft mechanic and flight engineer at Hondo Army Air Field, Texas. Bench loved to hunt and fish and to study scripture and pray. Verses that shaped his relationship with God were Romans 3:23 5:8 6:23 10:9-10, 10:13, and 12:1-2. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of

his saints," Psalm 116:15. Pap was preceded in death by his wife Frances, his daughter Diane Muth, his son Edward Mathias, his sister Marie Condran, and his brother

Charles Mathias. He is survived by his brother Robert (Margo) Mathias; son Lester "Skip"

Dorothy M. Winters, 74, of Middle-

town, died at home on Saturday, Febru-

ary 1, surrounded by her loving family.

Tatem of Middletown.

pepper shakers.

She was the daughter of the late Horace B. Tatem Sr. and Martha Manfred

Dottie enjoyed her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, and spending

time at their family camp in Clinton

County. She also enjoyed gardening,

canning vegetables, crocheting, play-

ing cards, assembling jigsaw puzzles

and playing bingo with her family. Her

favorite hobby was collecting salt and

Her brother, Horace B. "Sonny" Ta-

tem Jr., husband of Shirley, of Middle-

town, passed away in November 2013.

56 years, Ronald G. Winters Sr.; two

daughters Debra K. Paulsen, wife

of Troy Paulsen of Elizabethtown,

and Tammy M. Dobbins, wife of

Lauris Dobbins of Manteca, Calif.;

six grandchildren David Eagle Jr.,

Kayla Hofmann, Matt Paulsen, Jason

Dobbins, Jeremy Dobbins, and Jenny

Dobbins; six great-grandchildren

Dylan Eagle, Britney Ketner, Brayden

Ketner, Tyler Dobbins, Emiliano

She is survived by her husband of

**Dorothy Winters** 

Lester Mathias Jr. Mathias III; daughters Carolyn Naylor, Barbara (Steve) Fry, Clare Mathias, and his daughter-in-law Bonnie (Court) Longbrook; grandchildren Morgan Muth, Matthew (Melanie) Naylor, Michael Naylor, Edward (Elizabeth) Mathias Jr., Melissa (Robert) Alles, Charles (Connie) Mathias, John (Keri) Mathias, and Rebecca (Dave) Barlow; great-grandchildren Andrew, Abreanna, Kaleb, Skyler, Katelyn, Sydney, Hannah, Anjali, Asha, Elijah, Diva, Lillian, and Mar-

> countless friends. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, at Kaysville Bible Church, 181 N. Flint St., Kaysville, Utah, where friends may also visit Bench beginning at 9 until 10:45 a.m. at the church.

cus; and he loved and was loved by

his extended family, nieces, nephews,

grandnieces, and grandnephews, and

Interment is at Kaysville City Cem etery, Kaysville, Utah

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations be made to Kaysville Bible Church's Missions Fund, Pioneer Bible Camp, or the Ogden Rescue

Services are entrusted to Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, Layton Condolences may be shared at www. lindquistmortuary.com.

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## **Dorothy Aderholt**

Dorothy Hand Aderholt, 84, passed away on Thursday, January 23 She was born on May 22, 1929 at home in Williamstown, Pa.

She moved to San Antonio, Texas from Middletown in 1966 when she transferred to Kelly Air Force Base, where she worked in the Personnel Department until retirement in 1987. She was preceded in death by her husband William R. Aderholt.

She is survived by her sons Steve and Rick Aderholt; a daughter-in-law Marianne Stewart; two sisters Donna and Joan; several nieces and nephews; and her parrot Pepper.

A Funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, February 1 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, San Antonio where she was among the original members. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to make contributions should do so to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

## Janice Forney

A memorial service for Janice M. VanFossen Forney is being held on Saturday, February 8 at Faith Outreach Church, at 3 p.m. The church is located at 100 Brown St., Brown St. Mall, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the church.



Gomez, and Evelynn Gomez; five sisters Mary K. Houser, wife of Frank Houser, Evelyn M. O'Donnell, widow of Robert O'Donnell, Darlene M. Hemperly, wife of Charles Hemperly, and Cindy L. Lines, wife of David Lines, all of Middletown, and Kay L. Balchunas, wife of Ralph Balchunas of Bainbridge; and one brother Gerald E. Tatem, husband of Martha Tatem of Dillsburg.

No immediate services have been planned by the family.

They wish to take this opportunity to thank their family and friends for their loving support, comfort, and especially their prayers during Dottie's illness, and special thanks to the Hospice of Central Pennsylvania staff for their devotion to Dottie's care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Dorothy's memory to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110

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# NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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Welcome to fabulous February! Who can argue with this month? It is short, it is closer to spring and it has got heart. Join with me in welcoming this old friend, February.

I like to think about candy and hearts, and red and pink – and chocolate and

We have to love February. St. Valentine's Day is not a holiday just for lovers, but for family, friends and neighbors. So get busy baking, or coloring or cutting out heart-shaped, colorful paper, and get happy.

Wishing you a great week. Let me know your news to share.

#### **Birthdays**

Kyle Relken, of Lancaster, is 26 on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Hoping you are still the charming young man you always were, Kyle. Happy birthday! Boots Hockley of Middletown

celebrates her super-duper-dazzling cake day on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Be blest, Bev.

Happy birthday to decade-old **Emily Russell**. Hoping your Thursday, Feb. 6 sparkles and glitter birthday is the best yet. Happy 10th!

Adrian Landis of Lower Swatara Twp. marks his 15th totally special fun-filled party day on Thursday, Feb.

6. Hope it is super swell, Adrian. Here is a shout out to Vicki Hartman of Middletown. Have a sunshiny happy

birthday on Thursday, Feb. 6. David Hill of Lower Swatara celebrates landmark cake day No. 21 on Friday, Feb. 7. Have a fabulous

day, David. Best wishes to Doris Stauffer of Londonderry Twp. as she observes her 82nd cake and ice cream day on Saturday, Feb. 8. Wishing you a day

of warm breezes and happy smiles. If you see Reggie Williams of Lower Swatara out and about town on Saturday, Feb. 8, be sure to give him your loudest and jolliest happy birthday greeting. Enjoy your birthday

weekend, Reggie. Joey Spear of Lower Swatara will be having a ball on Saturday, Feb. 8 as he turns 12. Hope it is just superduper, Joey.

More cake for Reggie...wife Melissa Williams will celebrate her special day on Sunday, Feb. 9. Hope you can put your feet up, Melissa. Enjoy!

Here is a peppy greeting to **Andrew** Hardison of Lower Swatara, who is turning 19 on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Hope this special day is terrific for you, Andrew.

#### **Township meeting**

The Lower Swatara Twp. Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the municipal building on Spring Garden Drive.

#### McDaniel dean's list

Daniel Seibert, of Middletown, was named to the dean's list at McDaniel College, Westminster, Md., for the fall semester.

#### Alvernia dean's list

The following local students were named to the dean's list at Alvernia University, Reading, for the fall semester:

- Derek Kim, of Elizabethtown, a criminal justice major
- Kirby Turner, of Elizabethtown, a biochemistry major
- Brianna Kuhn, of Elizabethtown, a sport management major
- Anna Pantalone, of Hummelstown,

an occupational therapy major Georgia Tech honors

Alexandra Muscalus, of Hummelstown, earned Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, for the fall semester.

#### **James Madison honors**

Matthew Betz, of Hummelstown, a kinesiology major, and Jenna Flickinger, of Hummelstown, a graphic design major, were named to the president's list at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., for the fall semester.

### Kutztown dean's list

The following local students were named to the dean's list at Kutztown University for the fall semester:

- Jessica Montano, of Middletown • Kristen Miller, of Hummelstown
- Payge Miller, of Hummelstown
- Daniel Mummau, of Hummels-

Roger Williams dean's list Elizabeth Crouse, of Hummelstown,

Williams University, Bristol, R.I. for the fall semester.

### Mount St. Mary's dean's list Francesca Licata, of Hummelstown,

was named to the dean's list at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md., for the fall semester.

#### James Madison dean's list

The following local students were named to the dean's list at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., for the fall semester:

- Katie Housman, of Middletown, a health services administration major
- Hannah Collins, of Hummelstown, a communication studies major
- Jocolyn Giovino, of Hummelstown, a marketing major
- · Luke McCormick, of Hummelstown, a management major
- · Melanie Mowery, of Hummelstown, a biology major
- · Hayley Sunderman, of Hummelstown, a marketing major

New Hampshire dean's list

Benjamin Claxton, of Hummelstown, was named to the dean's list with highest honors at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H. for the fall semester.

#### **Anniversary**

Best wishes to Bob and Beth Kuhn as they celebrate their holy matrimony anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Congrats on 37 years together!

Easy Broccoli Hamburg Quiche Thank you, Debbie Livingston, of Dauphin, for this warm and yummy recipe!

- 1 pound hamburger, browned
- 1/4 cup diced or minced onions chopped broccoli
- 2 cups cheddar cheese or cheese of your choice Mix together in greased 10-inch

pan. Then take 4 beaten eggs, 1 cup Bisquick, 1/2 tsp. salt and 2 cups milk, blend well and pour over the top of the hamburger-broccoli ingredients. Bake at 400 degrees for 35-40 minutes until golden brown.

## Five random facts

1. The most common name in the was named to the dean's list at Roger world is Mohammed.

2. It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James Version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is "shake" and the 46th word from the last word is "spear."

- 3. Karoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.
- 4. The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.
- 5. Rhode Island is the smallest state with the longest name. The official name, used on all state documents, is "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

#### **Quote of the Week**

"Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible."

– C.S. Lewis, author

#### **Question of the Week** What is your favorite TV show?

'Duck Dynasty,' because I don't have to think while watching it, and it's good, clean and wholesome. I don't have to worry if my kids see it."—**Susan Wagne**r, Lower Swatara. "'Sofia the First.' She always wears

a ball gown." - Victoria Kelly, 6, Chambers Hill. 'Yo Gabba Gabba' on Nick Jr." -

Olivia Snell, 3, Hummelstown.

"'Chuck.' It is action-packed, edgy and funny." - Jordan Travitz, 18, Lower Swatara. 'Duck Dynasty!' " - Diego Ber-

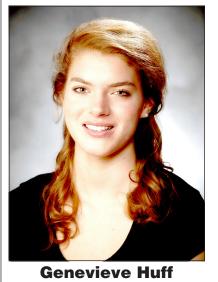
rones, 11, Lower Swatara. " 'Modern Family.' It's always fresh

and new. You can root for the characters and be embarrassed at the same time. Great acting." - Daniel Clark, Jonestown.

## **Proverb for the Week**

"Yes, if you want better insight and discernment, and are searching for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure, then wisdom will be given you, and knowledge of God Himself; you will soon learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and of trusting Him (2:3,4,5).

## Students of the Month ELIZABETHTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL



Elizabethtown Area High School seniors Genevieve Huff and Patrick Curtin were named the Elizabethtown Rotary Club's Students of the Month for January for their high academic achievement and extensive involvement in school and community service activities.

Huff, daughter of Sarah Daughtrey of Elizabethtown, holds several leadership positions at school, including class vice president and president of the Debate Club, which she helped to found her freshman year. She is active with the chorus, Student

Council, Key Club, Model United Nations, mini-THON, Quiz Bowl and Habitat for Humanity. She was a member of the state champion We the People team in her junior year and the national qualifying History Bowl team in her freshman year.

She won the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership award as a sophomore. In the community, she has volunteered with United by Blue, Barak



**Patrick Curtin** 

Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, and the Junior Statesman Foundation. She is currently training for the Two Rivers Half Marathon to raise money for African restoration.

Huff plans to attend college to study political science and history.

Curtin, son of Kevin and Kelly Curtin of Elizabethtown, is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been a member of the baseball, soccer and swimming teams; North Museum Science and Engineering Fair Team; Science Olympiad Team; and Ski Club. Curtin has won honorable mention at the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair in the Physics and Astronomy category and the Yale Science and Engineering award.

In the community, he volunteers at the Masonic Village Health Care Center and with the Elizabethtown Boys Cub at its annual baseball tournament.

He plans to attend college to study mechanical or aerospace engineering.



## tudents of the Month MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Megan Caroline Cobaugh and Nicholas James Drawbaugh were named Students of the Month for February at Middletown Area High School.

Cobaugh, daughter of Lorie and James Cobaugh, is president of the Key Club and a member of the National Honor Society, Link Crew and Dauphin County 4-H. In the community, she organized the

first Shooters for a Cure, an archery shoot that benefitted the Feel Your Boobies organization of Middletown, in 2012 at Hummelstown Field and Stream. She enjoys archery and riding her horse, Aspen. She plans to compete in barrel racing and horse shows with Aspen.

Cobaugh works at Kiwi Yogurt, Swatara Twp.

She plans to attend St. Michael's College, Colchester, Vt., to study education and English, and intends to earn a master's degree in either special education or literacy.

"I am so excited!" she said of the honor. "I have been dreaming about this moment since freshman year. I am thankful all my hard work throughout school has finally paid off.'

Drawbaugh, son of Ellen and Herb Drawbaugh, is a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams,

and the Link Crew. He has won several awards in football, including second-team honors on the Mid-Penn Conference's allconference team at the defensive end position in his junior year and first-team honors at the offensive line and defensive end positions in his senior year.

In the community, he volunteers at





**Megan Cobaugh** 

an intern for the Middletown Area School District. He plans to attend Shippensburg University to study exercise sciences

and play football. "It is such an honor to be chosen for



**Nicholas Drawbaugh** 

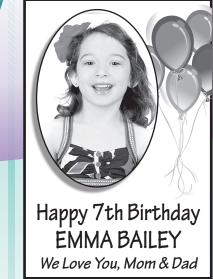
this award," he said. "I've been so blessed to have parents who push me to do my best not only on the field, but in the classroom as well. I'm glad all of of their support is paying off in a positive way.





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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The Finance Committee Meeting of the Middletown Area School District Board of School Directors has been changed from Tuesday, February 18, 2014 to Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middletown Area High School Library 1155 North Union Street, Middletown, PA.

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#### **MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Preliminary Budget**

**Notice and Act** 1 Referendum **Exception Notice** 

NOTICE is given that the Proposed Preliminary Budget for the General Fund of Middletown Area School District for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is available for public inspection at the school district offices, 55 West Water Street, Middletown, Pennsylvania, and will be presented for adoption as a Preliminary Budget Proposal at a school board meeting to be held in the Large Group Instruction room of the Middletown Area High School, 1155 North Union Street, Middletown, Pennsylvania at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014. The Preliminary Budget Proposal may be ended before adoption

Pursuant to Act 1, the Pennsylvania Department of Education publishes an index % applicable to the School District. The School District real estate tax increase for the next fiscal year is limited to the index % unless the proposed tax rate is approved by voters pursuant to a referendum or the School District qualifies for an Act 1 exception. As a result of special circumstances covered by an Act 1 referendum exception, a tax rate % increase above the index might be required to balance the School District budget for the next fiscal year. The tax to be levied is required to provide a quality education program as reflected in the School District Preliminary Budget.

The School District intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the County Court as required by Act 1 for an exception(s) allowing increase of the real estate tax as reflected in the School District Preliminary Budget On written request by any School District resident or taxpayer, the School District will provide a copy of the referendum exception application.

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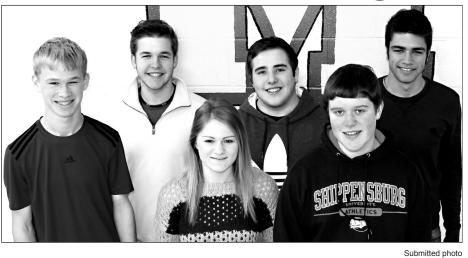
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# Derby donation



Officials from the Prince Edwin-Spring Creek Lodge 486, Free and Accepted Masons, present a donation to Cub Scout Pack 97, Londonderry Twp., for the purchase of a new Pinewood Derby track. Pictured are: adults, from left, Worshipful Master Edward Barrick, Junior Warden and Youth Chairman David McDade, Cub Scout Master Mark Matako and Assistant Cub Scout Master Chris Coleman; back row, Bryce Coleman, Kyle Hoyt and Gabe Silks; center row, Luke Spangenberg, Bryce White, Mason Barrick and Nicholas Ricco; and front row, Jaime Gallick, Riley Coleman, Riley Lewis, Thomas Hanft and Colton Matako.

## MAHS students win business challenge



The two teams from Middletown Area High School that qualified for the regional competition in the Entrepreneurship Challenge are: front row, from left, Eric Belles, Emily Orris and John Ponnett; back row, Alex Mosher, Arlo Antle and Christian Roberts.

Two teams from Middletown Area High School finished in the top five at the Entrepreneurship Challenge on Nov. 12 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey, qualifying them for the regional competition on Tuesday, March 11.

The contest, sponsored by EconomicsPennsylvania, tests students' ability to

take an idea for a start-up business from basic elements to a viable business plan.

Seventy-five business plans were entered in the local contest.

The team of Arlo Antle, Alex Mosher and Christian Roberts placed in the top five with a business plan for "EZ Keyz," a key ring sen-

sor that wirelessly unlocks doors. The team of Eric Belles, Emily Orris and John Ponnett also placed with their "How To App," an application that solves college-level mathematics problems.

The top three winners at the regional competition will qualify for the state competition.







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#### **Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Inc.**

The JSHA has a strong focus on researching Hessian individuals, their activities and involvement in the American Revolution with the intent to educate and stimulate interest in our history. It is through your contributions and dues we are able to acquire unpublished material documents that provide for a rich archive of Hessian history available to the public and leads to articles researched for publication in our journals.

This year's journal, The Hessians, promises to be filled with well sourced, thought provoking articles. Featured will be the translation and annotation of Part I of a recently discovered original diary kept by Karl Ludwig Von Doernberg of the Hessian infantry.

Also, we can expect Part 5 of the correspondence between the Admiral commanding at Portsmouth and the Admiralty concerning German troops: the 1779-1780 missions to pay and clothe the Convention Troops in Virginia; and an article concerning German soldiers who spoke English. In addition, we will include the ever popular "All in the Family" section. Our readers will be sure to find this 2014 issue to be a particularly interesting one.

JSHA has available for purchase many of our publications and journals dating back to 1977. The most recent are the 2011 monograph of the Civil War experiences of Samuel Schwalm titled "The Civil War Letters and Experiences of Samuel Schwalm of the 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment' and the Reed genealogical project of the Johannes Schwalm family tree on CD (based on available public documents and census records) titled "The Descendants of Johannes Schwalm and Allied Families." Refer to our website to order or send requests to our mailing address.

Friederike Baer, Professor of History, Abington Penn State Campus, Bucks County, and Will Tatum, Historian of Duchess County, New York, and April/ Seasock, a descendant of Johannes Schwalm were recently added to the JSHA Board of Directors. Also, Jim Seagers, another Board member, has volunteered to administer the Hessian Certificate Program. Jim Seagers brings his experience working similar programs. Refer to our website for additional information.

Our Editorial Staff and Board of Directors are all volunteers. While other nonprofit historical organizations similar to JSHA are experiencing financial difficulties, JSHA continues to operate in the black thanks to your continued membership, research contributions and donations to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is never spent, is invested carefully and will continue to supply income for the association as long as JSHA exists. Thank you for our generosity.

JSHA archives are housed at the Special Collections Department in the Martin Library of the Sciences on the Franklin & Marshall Campus in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and all JSHA military microfilms are housed at the David Library of the American Revolution in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania. Both collections are available to the public.

For our 2014 annual meeting and Hessian Heritage Day, we encourage you to attend and bring along other family members. Plan a mini-reunion for your branch of the family as the Moser family did in 2013. JSHA has rented the entire park so there is plenty of room to picnic and for numerous branches of the Johannes Schwalm family as well as descendants of other Hessian soldier families to gather at no charge. We request that you let JSHA know if you plan to have your mini-reunion as part of the Hessian Heritage Day. In addition, think about anyone in your family who has an unusual interest or hobby and encourage all those folks to share their interests at the "Share Fare." It would be great to line the driveway of the park with tables, booths and tents creating a fair-like atmosphere. These interests do not have to be historical; the more variety the better.

The next JSHA Hessian Heritage Day and family picnic will be held Sunday, July 13, 2014 (mark your calendars) at Valley View Park in Valley View, Pennsylvania. Please plan to bring your family to this fun filled event during the coming summer (just 7 months from now). The 2014 Journal being researched and written now, will be available for you to pick up at the family picnic or it will be mailed to you in late July of 2014. Thank you for your continued support of the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association.

## **Funeral Home Records Book Released**

Volume 3 of Murray Funeral Home Records, Washington D.C., 1926-1933, is now available from the Prince George's County Genealogical Society, for \$20 (Md. residents add 6 percent tax) and \$3 shipping. Copies of Volumes 1 & 2 are still available for \$20. If ordering more than one book the postage is \$3 for the first book and 90¢ for each additional. Please send orders to: Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Publications - Murray, PO819, Bowie, MD 20718-0819.

## **Schuylkill County 20th Century Personalities**

Several years ago we discovered a gap existed in our personal biographies of people in Schuylkill County. The last book that had any biographies was the Zerby books published in 1935. We appealed to our membership and others soliciting information on men and women who left their mark on their community. As a result of this effort J. Robert Zane and Karen M. Gibson compiled the first book entitled "Schuylkill County 20th Century Personalities." The book is 159 pages and has 138 biographies of individuals who lived and worked in Schuylkill County leaving their mark on those they came in contact with. It's an interesting read and one you will enjoy. It is not about the "rich and famous" although some are included, but about those who worked in the mines, managed a business or did something that made them notable. The book is available now at the gift shop at Schuylkill County Historical Society. It sells for \$19.95 plus \$1.20 tax for those who come into our gift shop to purchase. You may order it by mail or online or at www.schuylkillhistory.org for \$25.15.

## **Society News**

The National Genealogical Society of Richmond, Va. is hosting the National Conference on May 7-10, 2014. MAGS will be participating at booth 507 in exhibit hall. More info: http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/.

Federation of Genealogical Societies of San Antonio, Texas, will be held on Aug. 27-30, 2014, National Conference with the theme "Gone to Texas." More info: https://www.fgsconference.org/.

The Gratz Historical Society - For 2014, working on the Lykens Township History continues, and progress is being made, much more of the book will be finished in the coming months. Also, we do have a request for more people to volunteer to help with the indexing. It is a job that is time consuming, and requires concentration. But it is rewarding since it is a way to help to make the book a reality. Please let us know if you are willing to help. Call 717-365-3342. We are still looking for information, pictures, recollections, and any information from the eastern section of Lykens Township.



## 23 Years A From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday, February 6, 1991 Edition Of The Press And Journal

**Friendship House Offers Foster** Care For Young In Central PA

When officials of Scranton's Friendship House foster care agency decided to open a branch office in South Central Pennsylvania, they sought a location that would easily allow them to serve the entire region. A large six-county area had been targeted on behalf of displaced children, so the agency wisely settled on a site that has long been known for it is central location: Middletown.

"It's a great place for what we want to do," says Carol Townsly, manager of Friendship House's new branch office at 35 S. Union St. "We can get anywhere from here.'

Founded in 1871 as a shelter for homeless individuals, Friendship House was originally called the "Societv for Friendless Women & Children of the City of Scranton." Scranton continues to serve as home base for the agency, which now provides a variety of residential and foster care services for children who need special attention because of medical or emotional difficulties

The facility in Middletown, opened last September, is the agency's third branch office to deal exclusively with its Specialized Foster Care Program. According to Townsley, this comprehensive service is provided most often to children who may not otherwise get into foster homes.

#### Fire Co. Officials Cheered By **Sharp Decline In Call Volume**

Officials with the Elizabethtown Fire Department are crediting public response to department safety programs for a dramatic drop in the number of calls firefighters were summoned to during 1990.

Friendship Fire & Hose Company Chief Robert Zeager and Lieutenant Warren Mueller Jr., director of the company's safety campaign, say residents within their call area are "the main reasons" for a decline of nearly 20 percent in Friendship's call volume between 1988 and 1990.

"There's no doubt abut it," Mueller said in an interview last week. "We've been pressing our fire safety awareness program at all levels, but the reason for the decline is the response from our citizens. They're taking our messages to heart and they're obviously involved in a real effort at making their homes and businesses safer.'

Over the last three years, the community response to safety programs initiated by the fire company has cut Friendship's fire calls from 347 in 1988 to 318 in 1989. Last year the volume tell to 281 calls, down by a total of 66 from the 1988 figure.

"That's been a substantial decrease in our call volume," Mueller noted. "that makes our job a lot easier, but it also helps to hold down fire insurance rates in the area we cover. So, the lower call volume translates into benefits for everyone.'

Those insurance rates are established under guidelines laid down by the insurance industry and the National Fire Prevention Association, Mueller explained. The ratings are based on the quality of service a fire company provides, on the type of equipment it has and on the training it provides its

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firefighters. But all that would mean little, Mueller said, without a community water system capable of providing an

adequate water supply to handle fire emergencies. M-town Council Balks

**At Approving Dauphin County** 

Solid Waste Plan Concerns about allegedly vague or unresolved issues in Dauphin County's proposed Solid Waste Management Plan prompted Middletown Borough Council in Monday night to postpone possible approval of the plan until Council's February 19 committee

"I have a lot of concerns and questions about this plan," Councilman George Elberti declared, "and so does COG (Lower Dauphin Council of governments). There are a lot of things we should look into before we take any action on this. We have until March 13 to approve this plan, if that's what we want to do, so I don't see any need to rush into this."

Under Pa. Act 101 of 1988, every county in the state must prepare a solid waste management plan and submit it for approval to the state Department of Environmental Resources by March 26. Before it can be officially adopted, municipalities representing more than 50 percent of each county's population must approve their respective plans. County commissioners approved the Dauphin County plan in December.

Elberti stressed the need for further consultation with the Dauphin County Intermunicipal Solid Waste Authority (DCISWA) to try to get more accurate information about the Borough's annual costs to participate in the County's proposed waste management plan.

"We have to have some accurate figures, not estimates," Elberti stressed. "We need a lot more concrete information before we can make an intelligent decision on this. I think we should table consideration of the plan until a later date."

Although David Ball, DCISWA director, recited a list of municipalities that have already approved the county plan, Elberti noted that some members of Hummelstown Borough Council, which had approved the plan earlier, are now having "some second thoughts" about that action.

In the end, Council was swayed by Elberti's arguments and voted unanimously to table the matter. Ball subsequently agreed to meet with Council on Wednesday, February 20 to discuss the proposed plan further.

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23 YEARS AGO - Workshop Leaders - Six students from the Feaser Middle School will present workshops at the 1991 District Eight Leadership Conference in Lancaster on Feb. 15. Chosen for the honor are, from left: Erika VanBriggle, Annie Matincheck, Ben Olsen, Jaime McClintock, Ashley Wilsbach and Andy Taylor.

# Community Events and Activities





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# Town Topics

News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

#### Blue & Gold Club meetina

The next monthly meeting of the Blue & Gold Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Middletown High School library.

All club members are welcome to attend.

#### Bingo mania

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Rd., Middletown, will hold a Bingo Mania on Sunday, Feb. 9. Doors and kitchen open at noon; bingo starts at 2 p.m.

#### **Booster Club** pasta dinner

The Middletown Boys Basketball Booster Club is sponsoring an all-you-caneat pasta dinner from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Middletown American Legion, Post 594, 137 East High St., Middletown.

Readers can purchase tickets at any home game or contact Sandy Harper at slharper@ verizon.net or 717-986-0399; Chris Phillips at Middletown Area High School; or Matt Kleinfelter at Middletown Area Middle School. Tickets are also available at the door.



**Continued From Page One** 

On Sunday, Feb. 2 – exactly 135 years to the day the church was originally dedicated - members of the congregation and the community gathered to celebrate the first church service since

renovations began. A fresh coat of white paint, tan trim, and red carpet replaced the beige and mauve paint and yellow carpet that was there before. But many of the changes were a nod to the past.

"We're renewing the sanctuary, but in doing so, we focused on restoring some of the historic

elements of this space," said Ellen Willenbecher, a lifelong member who helped coordinate the renovations. "It was part of our gratitude for the detail and the beautiful work that our forefathers and mothers had given to this space in 1879."

One of the timely elements was recreating a raised plaster design that fills the walls and surrounds the stained glass.

Cherry wood now is a background to the original gold cross that hangs on the front wall, and a cherry wood arch enhances the Victorian gothic architecture that is original to the sanctuary, said

Pastor Dr. J. Richard Eckert. "Your eyes are drawn to the cross, I think," he said. "Then, the arches draw your eyes up. One of the amazing things is that little gold star up [on the ceiling] that has been overlooked a long time."

The eight-pointed star on the ceiling is a symbol of baptism and regeneration, new birth and new life.

"It has all that meaning, reminding us of Jesus' love and life. Because of it, we have a new life," Eckert said.

Several church members. including Willenbecher, Herr Moore, Michael Dougherty, and Sharon Beard, were heavily involved with the project – and having everyone come together to get the work done has been one of the best parts of the project, Eckert said.

"It has been beautiful to watch each step occur," he said. "I believe that the spirit, the hand of God was guiding us, and we were receiving something beyond what we could imagine."

The church, at Spring and N. Union streets, is inviting the community to an open house and hymn sing, where residents can see the work for themselves, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23.

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Attending the check presentation ceremony at Penn State Harrisburg are, from left, Annie Stover, Mutoya Niyibizi, Samantha Henderson, Andy Dessel, Jennifer Bear, Feel Your Boobies founder Leigh Hurst, Laurie Dobrosky and Jason Fluke.

## Campus ball raises \$2,500 for foundation

A Penn State Harrisburg student group raised more than \$2,500 for the Feel Your Boobies Foundation, a cancer awareness organization based in Middletown.

The Penn State Harrisburg Lion Ambassadors raised the money at their annual Boobies Ball in October. They presented a check to Feel Your Boobies

A York County man was arrested

after he allegedly struck a South Union

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ing and fled around 2 a.m. on Sunday,

Reuben Jason Estrada, 30, of Dover,

was charged by Middletown police

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Shope graduated from Middletown

Area High School in 2004. He enjoyed

hunting and fishing, according to his

obituary, and his Facebook page is

filled with hunting and fishing photos,

and scenes of the Susquehanna River.

His funeral was scheduled to be held

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on Monday, Feb. 3 in Hershey.

accident, Brandt said.

By Noelle Barrett

Press And Journal Staff

Feb. 2, police said.

founder Leigh Hurst on Friday, Jan. 31 at the Olmsted Building on campus.

The ball was launched in 2005, and since has raised more than \$10,000 for the Feel Your Boobies Foundation. The 2013 ball attracted more than 300

students. The foundation provides free breast health materials to Penn State Har-

Car crashes into downtown

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risburg and other colleges in the area and throughout the country.

"The work done by the foundation to increase awareness of breast cancer in young women resonates with our students," said Laurie Dobrosky, assistant director for alumni relations and the advisor to the Lion Ambassadors.

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the building, Wheeler said. Police officers apprehended Estrada several blocks away near the 7-Eleven

convenience store on East Main Street, Wheeler said. Estrada did not have the car owner's

permission to drive the vehicle, Wheeler said. Estrada was suspected of DUI and

was also wanted for warrants issued in York County, according to Wheeler.

Judicial Center for processing, where he allegedly refused to submit to chemical testing, Wheeler said.

"PennDOT will be notified of his refusal to submit to chemical testing, which could result in suspension of his operating privileges in addition to any penalty imposed if convicted of the charges filed," according to a press release issued by Middletown police

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water from a few of the hydrants, and firefighters had to bring some water in from the town, Acri said. "They did a good job of bringing it under control, considering what they had - a lot of steel beams and

things," Acri said. Steelton firefighters remained on scene to deal with hot spots for several hours, and were called back later Sunday evening for more hot

spots, he said. "The fire was burning pretty good for awhile," recalled Fernandez. "It was still smoldering a bit [Monday] morning.

The plant, which is one of three rail producers in North America, according the the ArcellorMittal website, was set to return to normal production Tuesday, Feb. 4, Fernandez said.

A spokesman for ArcellorMittal did not respond to e-mail and phone requests for information.

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MIDDLETOWN AREA BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Middletown's playoff hopes take a hit

Losses to Rollers, York Suburban damage Raiders' postseason dreams

## Middletown tops Susquenita for Senior Night victory

**By Larry Etter** Press And Journal Staff

Any hopes the Middletown boys' basketball team had of making the District 3 playoffs faded away last week as the Blue Raiders won just one of their three games.

Following a loss on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to Steelton-Highspire, the Raiders bounced back with a nice victory over Susquenita on Friday, Jan. 31. But Middletown fell back a step on Saturday, Feb. 1 in a non-league loss to York Suburban. The win left the Raiders (9-11,

7-7 in the Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division) well short of the goal of 12 victories that Coach Chris Sattele felt his team would need to qualify for postseason play.

The season was scheduled to wrap up this week with a non-divisional contest at Central Dauphin East on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and a final game against Greencastle-Antrim, another non-divisional foe, on Thursday, Feb. 6. That game will be played at the Middletown Area Middle School

Still, a pair of wins in the final two games would end the season on a positive note for the Raiders.

#### Middletown 45 Susquenita 28

The Raiders' Senior Night victory over visiting Susquenita on Friday

in Middletown was no thing of beauty, but it was still a win.

Coming off a humbling 80-41 defeat at the hands of Steelton-Highspire on Tuesday, Middletown got off to a slow start against the Blackhawks (2-19, 0-14) and led by just 4 points, 15-11, at the game's halfway point.

But a 17-10 scoring advantage in the third quarter propelled the Raiders to a 32-21 lead after three quarters, and the home team cruised to the final decision.

Junior guard Ladhellis Charleston led the way with a game-high 17 points in the victory.

Sattele honored his seniors by sending four players out on the floor who were not normally included in the starting five. Along with regular starter Cody Fox, Sattele had Dylan Danilowicz, Bobby Harper, Levi Varner and Bradley Phillps lead off the game against the Blackhawks. That group played the first 4:00 of the contest and gave way to the regulars with a 3-2 lead at the 4:11 mark of the opening period.

Shortly after Charleston, Nick Drawbaugh, Mel Fager and Brandon Harper took over, Harper suffered a deep cut on his chin and had to leave the game. The promising 6'6" sophomore went to a hospital for stitches and did not return.



Middletown seniors posing for a photo with their parents on Senior Night, from left, Levi Varner, Bobby Harper, Cody Fox, Bradley Phillips, Mel Fager III, Nick Drawbaugh and Dylan Danilowicz.

With both teams struggling on offense in the first half, points were at a premium. After Susquenita edged ahead, 6-4, with 1:11 left in the first quarter, Charleston drove the baseline for the tying bucket and added a free throw to give the Raiders a 7-6 lead with 51 ticks left.

The score remained unchanged until Susquenita's Shane Smith made one of two foul shots to knot the score at 7-7 at 5:43 of the second stanza.

Thirty-three seconds later, Danilowicz converted his own steal into the go-ahead points and the Raiders never trailed from that point on.

Fox's reverse layup off a Drawbaugh assist, a short jumper by sub Osman Kamara and a buzzer-beating layup by Varner offset a pair of Blackhawk goals by Jake Nace and led to a 15-11 lead for the Raiders at the break.

Middletown got another scare when

Fox went down hard earlier in the period, but the tough senior guard came back to play the second half. Charleston, who registered 11 of his points in the third quarter, led the Raider charge to start the second half

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#### MIDDLETOWN AREA GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Middletown's Bianca Jasper (1) brings the ball down the court against Steelton-Highspire.

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# **DIVISION CHAMPS**

## Raiders bounce back to beat Steel-High, claim first division title

By Noelle Barrett Press And Journal Staff

It seemed to be Steelton-Highspire's night. Ahead at halftime in a girls' basketball game, Steel-High was on its way to upsetting division-leading Middletown on Tuesday, Jan. 28 in

Middletown. The Rollers stretched their lead to as much as 11 points.

But there was just one problem: It was Ja'lynn Burton-Jones' night, too. Burton-Jones, Middletown's leading scorer, tallied 28 points, and her defensive play helped lift Middletown to a 50-45 comeback victory.

"Burton-Jones - she's so aggressive. That's what makes her good," said Steeton-Highspire Coach Jeffrey Chisholm. "So if we're coming for the ball slow, she's coming to get us." Turns out it was the entire Middle-

on the same night. Middletown finished with a 13-1 record in the division, 2-1/2 games ahead of second-place West Perry and three ahead of Susquenita. Now the Raiders will play for the Mid-Penn Conference championship, facing Mechanicsburg (18-2), the winner of the conference's Keystone Division, in a semifinal

at Cumberland Valley High School. Cumberland Valley faces Greencastle-Antrim in the other semifinal, with the winners scheduled to play for the title at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13 at Milton Hershey School.

game at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11

"Personally, I've wanted to get a league title for the last 12 years, and

I got it. No one's ever won one at Middletown," said Middletown Coach town team's night: The Raiders (18-3) clinched the first Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division crown in team Chris Hunter. "So it's that first banner history with the victory and secondthat's going to up on the wall, that first girls' trophy plaque in the trophy case. place Susquenita's loss to Camp Hill We're going to own that, and that's what our girls set out to do – and they got it this year, and I'm very proud."

Ceani Beaden scored 18 points and I'jianique Simmons added 13 points for the Rollers. Jey Rivera posted 10 points for Middletown.

Early on, Steel-High and Middletown were neck-and-neck before the Rollers pulled ahead 15-11 at the end of the first.

Steel-High continued to push forward, edging the Raiders in the second quarter to take a 27-21 lead at the half.

They [Steel-High] were playing really physical in the first half. I thought they were getting away with a lot of hand-checking," Hunter said. "At halftime, I told our kids, 'It's going to be a physical game, so go ahead and push back, go ahead and get up in their faces and give it back to them,' and I think that's what we did."

Baskets by Malani Tate-DeFreitas, Beaden and Ayana Flowers helped the Rollers stretch their lead to 11 points 36-25, with 4:30 left in the third quarter.

But the Raiders rallied, with Burton-Jones scoring two baskets and three free throws and Mackenzie Lombardi adding a basket. Middletown's 9-point scoring outburst was interrupted only by two Roller free throws, and Middletown tightened the gap to 38-35 by the end of the third quarter.

"We started off really slow the first half. We weren't playing to the intensity level that we should be," Rivera said "We haven't lost on our home court and we didn't want to start today."

Like many games, Middletown began to gain momentum near the end, but the Rollers didn't give up. Beaden scored a free throw before Middletown rebounded. On the Raiders possession, a pass from Lombardi to Rivera was batted away Steel-High's Leana Borreli. Tate-DeFreitas hit the ball back to Borreli who drove in for a layup, but missed. Beaden scored a basket on the rebound to give Steel-High a 41-35 lead.

But Burton-Jones brought Middletown back with a 3-point shot from downtown, and a second 3-pointer, by Rivera, tied the game at 41-41 with 4:58 left.

Burton-Jones continued to connect with the net, sinking a basket and a free throw to give Middletown the lead for the first time since the first quarter. Bianca Jasper hit two foul shots and Burton-Jones added a basket to put Middletown ahead, 48-41, with

The Rollers tried to recover, with Middletown stepped to the free throw line twice and sank two foul shots to take a 50-43 lead with 1:18 left.

"We did good the whole game, we just started slacking during the last little bit of the half of the fourth quarter," Simmons said. "We played really well and we played like we wanted it. I just feel like we gave it to them at the end." The Rollers gave it their all, but the

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> Chris Hunter Middletown Coach

Raiders hung on for the win.

'We played sporadically well," Hunter said. "We had some good moments. We had some bad moments, but I thought we buckled down defensively, especially in the fourth quarter, and stopped penetration from the point guard.

The final minutes of the game proved to be the most crucial for Middletown.

We picked up our intensity. We started running our plays," Rivera said. We were moving the ball better, cutting, just moving all around instead of standing still and just expecting things to get done."

And while the Rollers are proud of the strong effort, they hope to move forward to the postseason. Like Middletown, Steelton-Highspire holds a District 3 playoff spot in the district's power ratings. Middletown holds a spot in Class AAA, while Steel-High (6-15) holds a spot in Class A.

"We're hungry," Beaden said. "We want to win. Losing isn't fun. Nobody wants to lose. We have to be hungry from the time the ball goes up, until the time goes 0:0 in the fourth quarter." Both teams are looking to the playoffs and have high hopes to finish out the

'We hustled tonight. We've got to get more hungry," said Borreli. "We're a family and we've got to stick together. The court's our home.'

#### **Middletown 57 Susquenita 47**

Going into the matchup on Friday, Jan. 31, Middletown had already clinched the Mid-Penn Capital crown with a two-game lead over Susquenita. But the Raiders wanted to make a statement with a win against the Blackhawks – and they did.

Middletown pulled away with a strong fourth-quarter effort. The Raiders were ahead 26-23 at the half, but trailed by two points, 37-35 at the end of the third.

But Middletown outscored Susquenita 22-10 in the final stanza to win.

#### **East Pennsboro 53** Steel-High 47

Steel-High fell short against East Pennsboro on Friday, Jan. 31 in Steelton.

Simmons led the Rollers with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Tate-DeFreitas added 11 points, including three 3-pointers, and Flowers scored 9 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

The Rollers out-rebounded East Pennsboro, but it wasn't enough. Steel-High led 9-8 after the first quarter, and battled the Panthers (9-11) to a 26-26 tie at the half. But East Pennsboro out-scored the Rollers by six points in the third quarter, and took the victory.

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## **COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Nationally-ranked Seahawks tame Lions, 79-55

By Tom Klemick For The Press And Journal

on Jan. 11.

Middletown's Jey Rivera (3) maneuvers through the Steelton-

Highspire defense during the Blue Raiders' Capital Division-clinching

Middletown's Halle Marion (15) defends against Steelton-Highspire.

For the second time this season, Penn State Harrisburg hung with 25thranked St. Mary's for a good portion of their contest – but the Seahawks used timely buckets to slow the Lions

and win. St. Mary's beat the Blue & White, 79-55 on Saturday, Feb. 1 in St. Mary's, Md. in a Capital Athletic Conference matchup, extending Penn State Harrisburg's losing streak to six games. The Lions (6-13, 3-8 in the conference) haven't won since they upset 14th-ranked Christopher Newport

For the second-straight game, senior captain Will Doyle was Penn State Harrisburg's high scorer. The versatile, do-it-all guard netted 17 points and upped his team-leading scoring average to 15.1 points per game for the season.

The Lions grabbed their first lead of the day at the 18:32 mark when Rayshaun Anderson-Brown converted a layup to make it 4-2. St. Mary's (14-5, 8-3) regained the advantage and held strong over the next few minutes, but a tip-in by the Lions' Kenny Stone put Penn State Harrisburg back in the lead with 14:36 remaining in the first half.

The Seahawks fought back and eventually jumped back in front by as many as 4 points, but Doyle kept the Blue & White within striking distance when he knocked down his first 3-pointer of the afternoon to tie the score, 19-19,

From there, however, St. Mary's effectively put the game out of reach by putting together a momentum-shifting 19-2 run to end the first half. After battling to keep Penn State Harrisburg at bay just minutes earlier, St. Mary's took a commanding 38-21 lead into the break.

The Seahawks picked up where they left off when the second half got underway, scoring the first 10 points of the half. In all, the Lions failed to score a point for nearly 13 minutes of game time until Doyle single-handedly heated up over a stretch of 1:30, bringing St. Mary's game-changing 29-2 run to an end.

With the Blue & White trailing 48-21, Doyle converted back-to-back layups before connecting from beyond the arc and knocking down a pair of free throws to draw Penn State Harrisburg within 20 points with just over 16 minutes remaining in regulation.

Unfortunately, Doyle and his Lion teammates were unable to keep up the comeback pace as the second half wore on.

Trailing 59-30, the Blue & White made one last valiant push, putting together a 15-0 run that saw Joey Farthing, Middletown Area High School grad Jared Deibler, Jamaal Dubose, Logan Stovall and Winton Lyle all contributing points.

Penn State Harrisburg cut the once seemingly insurmountable deficit to 59-45 with 9:04 left to play, but that's as close as the Lions got.



Penn State Harrisburg's Will

Doyle (34), shown here in a game against Wesley, led the Lions with 17 points in their loss to 25thranked St. Mary's.

Lyle contributed 10 points off the bench while Stone, Farthing and Dubose netted 6 points apiece. Deibler and Anderson-Brown added 4 points each.

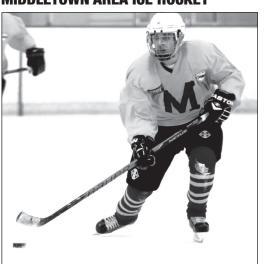
Stone grabbed a team-high six rebounds while Farthing swiped four steals and dished out three assists

St. Mary's outshot the Lions from the field 47.6 percent to 33.9 percent and from the free throw line 90.9 percent to 76.5 percent.

The Seahawks outrebounded Penn State Harrisburg 41-30 while the home team assisted on 20 of its 30 field goals compared to just eight for the Blue & White.

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#### **MIDDLETOWN AREA ICE HOCKEY**



Middletown's C.J. Gabner, center, moves up the ice against Penn Manor.



Middletown's Nick Maneval, center, makes a pass against

## Crisswell scores hat trick in Senior Night loss to Penn Manor

Senior Noah Crisswell scored a hat trick on Senior Night, but Middletown fell to Penn Manor, 11-3, on Friday, Jan. 31 in a CPIHL game at Twin Ponds East.

The Blue Raiders (4-12-1, 9 points) have one game left in their season, a scheduled road game against powerful Susquehanna Twp. (14-2-0, 28 points) at 7:45 p.m. at Twin Ponds East.

Crisswell scored two goals within 25 seconds in the second period to bring Middletown to within four, 6-2, at 11:26, but Penn Manor (14-2-0, 28 points) broke the string with a goal to take a 7-2 lead.

Crisswell's third goal of the second period, at 15:09, brought Middletown again within four, 7-3

Kyle Petoni and Lindy Vicari each scored a hat trick for Penn Manor. Middletown goalie Robert Allen made 49 saves. Penn Manor outshot Middletown, 60-19.

#### Middletown 4 **Northern York 3**

Nick Maneval, the team's leading scorer, scored two goals and C.J. Gabner scored a goal and tallied three assists in the Raiders' victory over Northern York (1-16-0, 2 points) on Monday, Jan. 27 at Twin Ponds East. Maneval's second goal of the game, at

5:29 of the third period, gave Middletown a 4-1 lead, and the Raiders held off the Polar Bears for the win.

Maneval's first goal at 14:03 of the



Middletown's game against Penn Manor was the last scheduled home game for seniors C.J. Gabner, left, and Noah Crisswell. Crisswell scored a hat trick in the game.

first period tied the game, 1-1, before the Raiders took charge with a twogoal second period.

made 18 saves in the victory. The Raiders outshot Northern York, 40-21. Maneval leads Middletown in goals Middletown goalie Dustin Wolfe (18), assists (10) and points (28).

#### **COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Lion women lose grip on playoff spot

Losses to St. Mary's, 8th-ranked York force a must-win game in Frostburg

**By Adam Clay**For The Press And Journal

Penn State Harrisburg's Kaitlyn Carmo proved to herself and the rest of the Capital Athletic Conference that she is one of the best guards in the league, scoring 28 points in the Lions' 60-54 loss to St. Mary's on Saturday, Feb. 1 in St. Mary's, Md.

The loss forces the Lions (5-14, 1-10 in the conference) to get hot quickly and win on the road if they hope to stay in the playoff race. Penn State Harrisburg is two games behind St. Mary's for the final playoff spot. The Lions travel to Frostburg State, which is still in the race for the playoffs, for a showdown on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Carmo has been having a tremendous

rookie season with her aggressive but poised play from the shooting guard position. She currently leads the Blue & White in points, steals, field goal percentage and 3-point percentage. She is also the second in rebounding

only behind teammate Kiara Carter. Lucky Snypse provided strong numbers off the bench for the Lions, leading the team with nine rebounds, while Middletown Area High School grad Hannah Jorich and Carmo were the assist leaders, each passing the ball off for three.

Penn State Harrisburg started the first half strong by jumping out to an early

19-8 lead in the first 9:00 of play. Snypse's layup with 7:10 to play gave the Lions a 21-12 lead before the Seahawks (7-11, 4-7) started to claw back. St. Mary's used a 13-2 run over a six-minute period to tie the game, 25-25, with 1:00 left in the first half. Both teams picked up the intensity in the second half, and would not allow any big runs. With about 10:00 left in the game, the contest was tied, 42-42. Things stayed tight through the second half as both teams exchanged buckets and neither team built a lead greater than three points.

Both teams had a chance to win the game in the end. But it was the Seahawks who used four consecutive free throws to finally break the game open a bit and pull out the victory.

### York 63, Lions 30

When a Top 10 team comes to your gymnasium, it adds a huge element to the game. But No. 8 York was also undefeated when it visited Middle-



Christopher Newport, scored 28 points in the Lions' 60-54 loss to St. Mary's.

town on Wednesday, Jan. 29, and the chance to hand the Spartans their first loss added a whole other element to the matchup.

The Lions knew that this would not be an easy task – they knew they had start the game off strong. But York caught Penn State Harrisburg sleeping early, opening the game with a 16-2 run in the first 9:00.

The Lions didn't let the run faze them, however. They responded with an 8-0 run to bring themselves within reach. After a back-and-forth first half, Penn State Harrisburg trailed by only 6 points, 23-17, with 4:11 to play before halftime.

Unfortunately, as the half came to a close, the Spartans showed why they are a Top 10 team, going on an 11-0 run to take a 34-17 lead at the intermission.

As the second half started, the game had changed. The early effort and intensity the Lions had showed during most of the first half had been squashed by the power of the Spartans' shooting and overall solid play in the second half. Carter was strong for the Lions in the

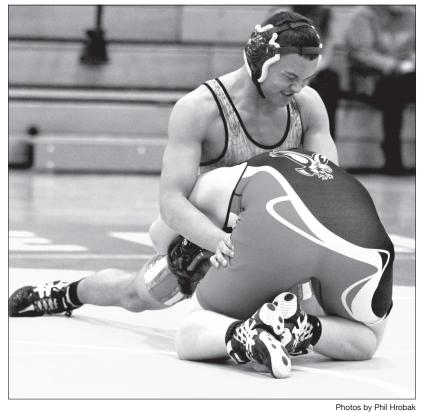
loss, pulling down 14 rebounds, scoring 5 points and blocking two shots. Jasmine Yanich and Carmo led the Lions in scoring with 7 points each.

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## **MIDDLETOWN AREA WRESTLING**

## Eagles take flight late, beat Middletown, 42-24



beat Middletown 42-24 in wrestling on Monday, Jan. 27 in Middletown. Three Middletown wrestlers won by pins: Corbin Stetler at 132 pounds, Todd Houser at 145 pounds and Logan Stoltzfus at 106 pounds.

Dover broke an 18-18 tie by win-

ning five of the final six bouts and

Stetler's pin of Andrew Rhodes at 1:10 lifted the Blue Raiders (5-9) into an early 6-6 tie with the Eagles (9-5). Middletown's Bobby Johnson fol-

lowed with a 6-4 decision over Dover's Zachary Pelkey at 138 to stake the Raiders to a 9-6 lead. Houser then pinned Dover's Tad

Middletown 195-pound wrestler Aaron Gray, at left, top, shows determination in a preliminary exhibition bout against a Dover wrestler.

Middletown's Todd Houser, below, center, pins Dover's Tad Pequignot in a 145 pound bout.

Pequignot at 0:43 at 145 to improve the Raiders' lead to 15-6.

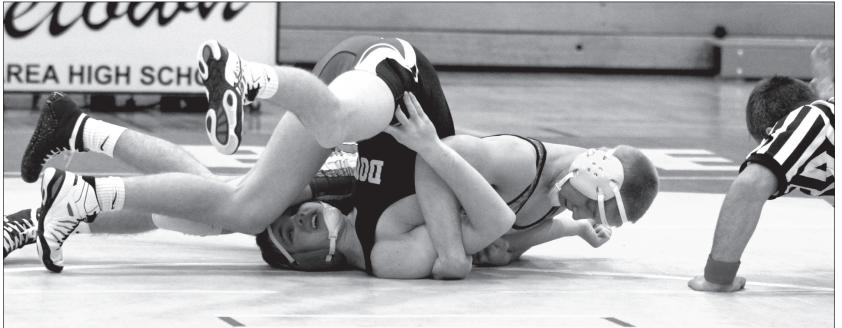
Middletown's Seth Babil won a 7-0 decision over Dover's Ian Flohr at 170 pounds to give the Raiders an 18-12 lead.

Three Dover pins – at 182, 220 and 113 – and two major decisions were interrupted only by Stoltzfus' pin of Dover's Casey Long at 1:11.

## Hershey 43, Middletown 23

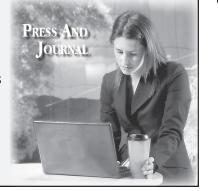
Hershey (10-8) won the last four bouts to claim a victory over the Raiders on Thursday, Jan. 30 at Hershey. Middletown won five bouts to hang close. Stoltzfus won by technical fall, 15-0 over Hershey's Ryan Shultz at 106 pounds to put the Raiders on the board.

Ulysses Hernandez put Middletown in the lead, 9-6, by pinning Hershey's Patrick Ross at 3:00 at 113 pounds. Houser won a 9-4 decision over Hershey's Umer Quereshi at 145 pounds, and Will Botterbusch pinned Hershey's Andrew Schwenk at 3:39 for Middletown.



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## RAIDERS

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as the Middletown side quickly took control. His steal and drive to the hoop kicked off a 10-2 run that paced the home team to a 25-13 cushion by the 3:16 mark of the third period.

Charleston made two foul shots and converted another theft for 2 points, Fox added a goal from the low post and Fager scored off another Susquenita turnover to complete the run.

The Blackhawks collected 8 points in the last 2:55 of the quarter to stay within range at 27-20, but Drawbaugh scored off a Fager pass and Charleston drained a 3-pointer from the right wing with 2 ticks left to keep the Raiders out in front 32-21 heading into the final frame.

Charleston and Fox scored the first 4 points of the fourth quarter to expand the lead to 36-21, and the Middletown side maintained the upper hand through the game's final 5:00 with a 9-3 scoring advantage.

Phillips closed out the scoring with a pair of foul shots with 46 seconds left.

#### **Steelton-Highspire 80** Middletown 41

As was the case the first time these two teams met on Jan. 8, the Raiders were simply no match for the highflying Rollers (17-4, 13-1).

With the combined talents of speed, quickness, above-average shooting and smothering defense, the Rollers jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

With the Raiders struggling on offense (5 turnovers and 2-of-11 shooting from the floor) the Rollers busted out to a 24-10 lead by the close of the opening quarter. A pair of 3-pointers by Fox and Charleston was all the Middletown squad would get from the floor in the game's first period.

Meanwhile, Steel-High's Rameik James popped in a trio of treys to lead the Roller charge.

The Raiders managed to collect 13 points in the second stanza but the Rollers chipped in 17 markers to expand their advantage to 41-23 at the halftime break. Kamara scored 5 points for the Raiders while Jaki Bowman registered 9 of his game-high 22 points for the Rollers in the period.

A rash of turnovers pushed the Middletown side deeper into a hole in the third quarter as the Rollers ran off the first 14 points of the second half to build their advantage to 55-23. Danilowicz broke the string by sinking a pair of technical foul shots at the

Drawbaugh scored three late baskets

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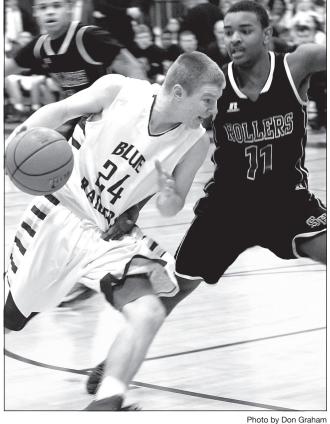
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3:46 mark.



Middletown's Cody Fox (24) challenges a Steelton-Highspire defender.

> free throws 23 seconds later to give the Raiders and early 5-0 lead. Fager's triple following a Trojan bas-

> ket pushed the Middletown advantage to 8-2 at 6:20. But the Trojans scored back-to-back

> goals and followed a bucket by Fox with two more to gain an 11-10 edge with 3:10 left. Drawbaugh scored twice in the wan-

> ing minutes of the period but York Suburban scored three times to earn a 17-14 lead heading into the second stanza. The Trojans earned a 15-12 scoring

> advantage in the second quarter and held a 32-26 lead at the halftime break. Fox had 5 of his team-high 13 points to lead the Raiders in the quarter. The Raiders started off the second

> half with a goal by Drawbaugh off a Danilowicz assist, but the Trojans scored back-to-back baskets three times around a pair of triples by Charleston and Drawbaugh to climb to a 44-34 lead with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

> Charleston sank two foul shots and then added a basket and free throw following a Trojan miss to cut the York

Suburban lead to just five, 44-39, with 1:26 left in the third quarter.

Middletown's Ladhellis Charleston (3) drives

to the basket in a victory over Susquenita.

Charleston led the Blue Raiders with 17 points.

But Kevin Moats, who ended up with a game-high 21 points for the host team, popped in a late basket and then started off the fourth quarter with another goal to push the lead up to 48-39.

Kamara scored off a Charleston pass at 7:04 but the Trojans outpointed the Raiders in a decisive 7-1 run over the next 1:30 to push the Raiders into a 55-42 hole.

Kamara, Charleston, Danilowicz and Fox put up points for the Middletown side during the following several minutes, but the Raiders would get no closer than 10 points the rest of the way. Fox fouled out of the game after cutting the Trojans lead to 59-49 with 1:45 left.

Bobby Harper scored the final Middletown points with 40 seconds on the clock, and York Suburban collected 5 points in the last 35 seconds to close out the win.

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Middletown's Brandon Harper (20) rejects a shot by a Steelton-Highspire player.

## Road trips to York County over the

past few years have not been kind for Middletown, and Saturday's trip to York Suburban was no exception. Although the Raiders got off to a

heading into the final frame.

to climb to a 71-36 lead.

out the win for Steel-High.

**York Suburban 67** 

Middletown 51

side would get.

An early goal by Brandon Harper and

a pair of foul shots by Fager around a

Steel-High basket started the Raiders

off on the right foot in the fourth period,

but the Rollers scored 6 straight points

Charleston ripped a 3-pointer and

Bobby Harper added a basket follow-

ing a Roller turnover, but those points

turned out to be all the Middletown

A trio of late threes, including two

by Bowman in the last 2:00, closed

good start in the early minutes, the Middletown squad could not hold the lead as the host Trojans fired back.

The final score of the game, however, turned out to be a bit deceiving because the Raiders were right in it until the end. The Trojans (15-6) used a 19-10 scoring advantage in the game's last 6:47 to turn a close game into the 16-point difference.

Fox drained a triple at the 7:16 mark to give the Raiders a bit of a lift but the and Danilowicz, starting in place of Rollers held a comfortable 63-23 lead the injured Brandon Harper, made two

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MID-PENN CONFERENCE					
Capital Division					
•	W	L	OVERALL		
Steelton-Highspire	13	1	17-4		
Milton Hershey	11	3	15-6		
Camp Hill	9	5	14-8		
East Pennsboro	9	1 3 5 5	11-8		
Middletown	7	7	9-11		
Northern York	1	9	6-15		
West Perry	4	11	3-18		
	2		2-19		
Susquenita	U	14	2-19		
Last week's games					
York Suburban 67, Middletown 51					
Middletown 43, Susquenita 28					
Steelton-Highspire 80, Middletown 41					
Steelton-Highspire 57, East Pennsboro 48					
Steelton-Highspire 72, York Suburban 49					
This week's games - Thursday, Feb. 6					
Greencastle-Antrim at Middletown, 7:30 p.m.,					
Middletown Area Middle School					
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#### **MID-PENN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** Semifinals

Tuesday, Feb. 11 Steelton-Highspire vs. Bishop McDevitt, 7:30 p.m., Cumberland Valley High School Boiling Springs vs. Commonwealth Division winner (Harrisburg, Čarlisle or Cumberland Valley), 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School Final

Thursday, Feb. 13 Steelton-Highspire/Bishop McDevitt winner vs. Boiling Springs/Commonwealth Division winner, 7:30 p.m., Milton Hershey School

## DISTRICT 3 POWER RATINGS CLASS AAA

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**Keystone Division OVERALL** 19-1 13-7 Bishop McDevitt 13-5 12-7 Susquehanna Twp.

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#### Cedar Cliff 72, Lower Dauphin 55 This week's games Wednesday, Feb. 5 Lower Dauphin at Shippensburg, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at Lower Dauphin, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 Mechanicsburg at Lower Dauphin, noon DISTRICT 3 POWER RATINGS CLASS AAAA (Top 20 qualify for playoffs) TFAM Wilson Cedar Crest 0.760717 4. Reading 0.760436 5. Harrisbū 0.754655 Hempfield 8 Cumberland Valley (15-5) (14-6) 0.752926 0.743612 McCaskey (15-5) (14-6) 10. York 0.737229 Carlisle 0.731528 (13-7) (14-6) Hershey 0.700816 13 Lebanon 0.694453 CD East 0.688749 Mechanicsburg 0.686594 0.684340 Lower Dauphin 0.673295 18. Manheim Twp. 0.657467 19. Exeter Twp. 20. Daniel Boone 21. Cocalico 42. Elizabethtown 0.640035 0.334845

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE

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Middletown	13	1	18-3
West Perry	10	3	15-5
Susqueniťa	10	4	17-4
Camp Hill	10	4	15-6
East Pennsboro	6	8	9-11
Steelton-Highspire	4	10	6-15
Northern York	2	11	4-15
Milton Hershey	0	14	0-18
Last week's games			
Middletown 57, Susquen	ita 47		
Middletown 50, Steelton	-Highspir	e 45	
East Pennsboro 53, Steel	lton-High	spire -	47
This week's games -	Wednes	day,	Feb. 5
Bishop McDevitt at Midd	lletown, 7	:30 p.	m.

**MID-PENN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** Semifinals
Tuesday, Feb. 11

Middletown vs. Mechanicsburg, 6 p.m., Cumberland Valley High School Greencastle-Antrim vs. Cumberland Valley, 6 p.m. Big Spring High School

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Middletown/Mechanicsburg winner vs. Greencastle-Antrim/Cumberland Valley winner, 6 p.m., Milton

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13. New Hope Academy	(6-8)	0.3313

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Mechanicsburg	14	Ī	18-2
Palmyra	13	2	19-2
Hershey	9	6	13-7
Trinity	8	7	9-10
Lower Dauphin	7	7	10-10
Susquehanna Twp.	6	8	8-12
Red Land	4	10	7-12
Bishop McDevitt	4	12	4-14
Cedar Cliff	1	13	3-16
Last week's games			
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Lower Dauphin 55. Cedar Cliff 28 This week's games Thursday, Feb. 6 Cedar Cliff at Lower Dauphin, 6:30 p.m.

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This week's games - Wednesday, Feb. 5 Lower Dauphin vs. Annville-Cleona, 8:45 p.m., Klick Lewis Arena, Annville

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This week's games - Wednesday, Feb. 5 Middletown vs. Susquehanna Twp., 7:30 p.m., Twin

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN

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Mary Washington	10	1	17-2
Wesley	9	1	17-1
St. Mary's	8	3	14-5
Christopher Newport	6	4	13-5
Marymount	5	6	12-7
Salisbury	4	6	9-10
Penn State Harrisburg	3	8	6-13
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**Last week's games** St. Mary's 79, Penn State Harrisburg 55 York 61, Penn State Harrisburg 60

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**Wednesday, Feb. 5** Penn State Harrisburg at Frostburg St., 8 p.m.

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

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church from Feb. 5-11 are always open to everyone.

Wed., Feb. 5: 10 a.m., Bible Study in Meeting Room 2; 6 p.m., AA Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal

Thurs., Feb. 6: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout

Troop #10067; 7 p.m., Bible Study in Meeting Room 2.

Sun., Feb. 9: 9 a.m., Sunday Church school, with classes for all ages. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for February: June Martin; 10:15 a.m., worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Greeters: Joan Rudy, Ed and Mary Anne Naugle and Lexi. Nursery Helpers: Ethel Angeloff, Mike Harris. The altar flowers are given in memory of wife Janet and son, Lynn C. Meinsler presented by husband and father, Charles Meinsler; 11 a.m., Refreshments and fellowship time.

Tues., Feb. 11: 2 p.m., Stitches and Prayers Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., Finance Committee meeting; 7 p.m., Church Council meeting.

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Wed., Feb. 5: 7 p.m., Patch the Pirate Clubs for ages 4 through grade 6; Prayer meeting.

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Lenten Small Groups are being formed this month. The group sessions begin in March and will meet weekly during Lent for Bible study, sharing and prayer. A listing of times and places is posted in the gathering area and on our website. Register now for whichever group suits your schedule. All are welcome.

Bolivian Goods are available for purchase after worship services during February. These items have been made by two women's cooperatives in Bolivia. The proceeds support their churches, children and families.

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Middletown

New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., Middletown, next to the Rescue Hose Company. Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at the back door. For additional church information call 944-9595.

Food is collected every Sunday for the Middletown Food Bank.

Pastor Britt's Bible Study is Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Bring your own issues and concerns to discuss how the Bible helps in everyday living. Followers of Faith Bible Study resumes at a later time.

Craft Group is Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Choir rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Intercessory Prayer group is Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Youth Fellowship is Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Our yearly "Undies Sundies" are Feb. 9 through 23. We will be collecting underwear, sweat pants and socks for boys and girls (sizes 6, 8 and 10). The local elementary school nurses are in need of these items for the children.

We are supporting Mitch Lee who is a Life Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout. His project is for the drums for the Middletown Area Middle School Band. Any contributions are welcome and checks may be made out to Troop 97 and mailed to Mitch at 322 Conewago St., Middletown, or given to Mitch at church.

Contributions are also being received to help a family outside of Bloomsburg with a 9-year-old son with terminal cancer. The family has experienced unfortunate times, which includes no heat in their home except electric space heaters. Contributions may be mailed to New Beginnings with memo: John Manning Fund.

Anyone interested in Scrapbooking? If interested in being part of a group at New Beginnings call Barb Bogardus

Acolyte for February: Colin Graham. Children's Church leader for February: Michelle Strohecker.

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.

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## EDITOR'SVOICE

## Two basketball landmarks

There were two noteworthy landmarks reached in Middletown Area High School basketball history recently. True, school isn't just sports, but sports does teach important life lessons – sportsmanship and teamwork among them – and who doesn't want to see local kids achieve in whatever they do, both in the classroom and on the court?

The Middletown girls' basketball team won its first division title in team history on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The Blue Raiders beat Steelton-Highspire, 50-45, while second-place Susquenita lost to Camp Hill, giving Middletown (18-3) the Capital Division title in the Mid-Penn Conference. If you enjoy watching teamwork in action, you should take in a Raiders' game – their spread offense, with its patient passing, is the epitome of it.

Just four days prior, the Middletown boys' basketball team gave Coach Chris Sattele his 100th career victory when the Blue Raiders beat West Perry, 66-47. Seventy-two of those victories were earned by the Middletown basketball program, while the remaining 28 were earned during Sattele's stint as coach of Northern York.

Congratulations to all.

## **OTHERVOICES**

# The (insert opinion here) State of the Union speech

President Barack Obama addressed Congress and the country in his televised State of the Union address on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Did you love it, hate it or feel indifferent about it? Her are some highlights from his speech, and responses from members of both parties:

#### **President Obama**

"In the coming months, let's see where else we can make progress together. Let's make this a year of action. That's what most Americans want – for all of us in this chamber to focus on their lives, their hopes, their aspirations. And what I believe unites the people of this nation, regardless of race or region or party, young or old, rich or poor, is the simple, profound belief in opportunity for all – the notion that if you work hard and take responsibility, you can get ahead.

"Let's face it: that belief has suffered some serious blows. Over more than three decades, even before the Great Recession hit, massive shifts in technology and global competition had eliminated a lot of good, middle-class jobs, and weakened the economic foundations that families depend on.

"Today, after four years of economic growth, corporate profits and stock prices have rarely been higher, and those at the top have never done better. But average wages have barely budged. Inequality has deepened. Upward mobility has stalled. The cold, hard fact is that even in the midst of recovery, too many Americans are working more than ever just to get by – let alone get ahead. And too many still aren't working at all.

"Our job is to reverse these tides. It won't happen right away, and we won't agree on everything. But what I offer tonight is a set of concrete, practical proposals to speed up growth, strengthen the middle class, and build new ladders of opportunity into the middle class."

#### Rob Gleason, chairman Republican Party of Pennsylvania

"President Barack Obama falsely believes that empty rhetoric will compensate for his years of failed leadership.

"President Obama's liberal policies have only succeeded in raising taxes, killing jobs and putting the health care of Pennsylvania families at risk.

"President Obama and the Democrats have left the American people holding the check for their out-of-touch policies, and no amount of liberal spin will change that fact."

## Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

"I am gratified that the president made jobs and the economy the central focus of his State of the Union address. Despite recent economic progress, far too many Americans are still struggling to get back on their feet.

"If you work hard and play by the rules, you should have the opportunity to succeed. "I was encouraged by the president's emphasis on worker training programs, hiring incentives and pay equity to ensure workers have the chance to get ahead. Responsible development of natural gas is something I have pushed for a long time and the president's proposal will help create jobs in Pennsylvania while at the same time decreasing our dependence on foreign oil.

"I was also glad to see that the president underscored his commitment to early education and research to ensure our nation's long-term global competitiveness."

## Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA)

"The president tried to convince us that our economy is better off today than it was when he first took office. However, our national debt is \$18 trillion and growing, the roll-out of the Affordable Care Act has proven disastrous and executive overreach has become the new normal in Washington.

"The president talks about 'income inequality' but his policies have done nothing to help close that gap, much less spur the economy or create jobs.

"I believe the best way to address this divide is to put hardworking Americans back to work. We should invest in our small businesses, our infrastructure, and the next generation of our nation's workforce. More government regulations will only add fuel to the fire, amplifying existing problems that our country cannot afford.

"On immigration reform, I'm unconvinced that 'legal status' is anything less than the functional equivalent of amnesty. I've seen very little throughout this debate to assure me that we will permanently secure our borders. Failure to do so will repeat the mistakes of the 1986 amnesty law that gave birth to the illegal immigration crisis our country has faced for the last two decades."

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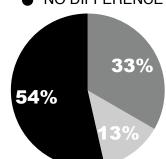
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In your opinion, would increasing the minimum wage increase or decrease unemployment?

- INCREASE
  - DECREASE
- NO DIFFERENCE



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## **TOMHORTON**

# Restoring the Chesapeake will improve our health



y friend Meredith stopped me as I recounted a favorite Chesapeake Bay-of-yore story – about wad-

ing decades ago in lush seagrass beds that so cleansed and cleared the shallows you could see to dip crabs sequestered there to shed their shells.

I noted that we could bring back these conditions by reducing runoff of fertilizers and dirt from the land, which would also reduce summer "dead zones" of oxygen-starved water in the channels.

Meredith's an experienced environmental lawyer who got the ecological truth I was voicing; but now she's mother to Grace, 3, and Nicholas, several months. And the Bay question she gets from her current social circle along the Choptank River on Maryland's Eastern Shore is this: "Is it safe for my kids to swim?"

Decades into the Chesapeake restoration, our focus continues on curtailing

"eutrophication" by reducing the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus that overfertilize the water, clog it with floating algae, rob light from the seagrasses and quench aquatic

oxygen.
We must continue with this, but it will take a deeper and wider engagement

from citizens across the six-state watershed.

One opportunity to build a bigger constituency for restoration is to connect human health to Bay health. The overlaps between the two range from diet to climate change to air quality, to an array of toxins bad for both fish and us.

To get a sense of the issue, consider that the Bay and its rivers are riddled with health advisories limiting the consumption of everything from eels and striped bass to catfish and blue crabs to sport fish throughout Pennsylvania.

Another example where we might get more traction: Reducing air pollution further is regarded as a relatively expensive way to cut Bay pollution, even though airborne nitrogen is a significant bay pollutant.

But what if Bay managers and environmental educators included the benefits to human health of reducing air pollution? The EPA estimates their value to Eastern states in the Bay's watershed at \$120 billion

It's not that no one's tried to connect Bay and human health. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation made a fine report found on Google, "Bad Water 2009." It links increased health risks from harmful bacteria and algae in Chesapeake waters to the nutrients that hammer Bay grasses and oxygen, and ties the heightened toxic risk to warmer Bay water, which is caused by climate change, which in turn is exacerbated by burning fossil fuels that deliver more nitrogen to the Bay.

The foundation report also links harmful nitrates in drinking water to regions with an overabundance of farm animal manure, regions that are also hotspots of Bay and river pollution.

Johns Hopkins' Center for a Livable

Future has connected meat-heavy human diets to our health as well as the Bay's and shown that getting our nutrition from animals is linked to cancer and obesity.

As for water quality, meat production means more fertilizer runoff to streams and residues of drugs fed to farm animals showing up in drinking water.

Increasingly, I find acknowledgement among Bay restoration leaders that fundamental changes in our agriculture will be needed to meet water quality goals, even as the official line remains that tweaks to the existing food system will suffice.

While toxics have the attention of many Bay groups, the governments managing the Bay have supported none of these approaches in a sustained manner and have failed to collect and make transparent enough data to build a solid understanding of environmental health connections.

A coalition of environmental groups is pushing Maryland's legislature to require reporting of who is using what agricultural chemicals and where they are applied. It's voluntary now, and required report-

ing would be a start toward better data. Companies frack-We must continue with the ing natural gas in restoration of the Chesapeake Pennsylvania and New York, and Bay, but it will take a deeper maybe soon in and wider engagement from Maryland, do not citizens across the six-state have to disclose the chemicals they watershed, which includes inject into ground-Pennsylvania. water.

"There's no big tent" bringing together all these

human-environment health issues, said Rebecca Ruggles, director of the Maryland Environmental Health Network, a group began two years ago.

After a false start in 2000, the EPA Bay Program seems ready to take toxics more seriously. A recent EPA report shows nearly three quarters of the Bay and tidal rivers are partly or fully "impaired" by toxics—from mercury and PCBs to endocrine disruptors that may impair sexual development in fish.

The links between Bay toxics and Bay humans often aren't as neat as those between nutrients and seagrasses and oxygen. But as my friend Meredith pointed out, it's what people want to know – and another way to involve them.

Tom Horton covered the Chesapeake Bay for 33 years for The Baltimore Sun and is author of six books about the Chesapeake. He teaches writing at Salisbury University, Salisbury, Md.

## READERS'VIEWS

# The March and a new generation

### Editor,

No other public demonstration can match the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of thousands of us gather on the streets of Washington every year, braving the biting winds -- and sometimes snow. We stand to bring hope that one day preborn babies will be protected in the womb again.

We stand to bring hope to women that they deserve better than abortion, and that they can find support.

We do it because no other issue is as critically important in our nation as protecting innocent life from abortion.

For in what other tragedy do 1.2 million Americans lose their lives every year?

What other "right" do 64 percent of the women, according to the Elliot Institute, say they felt coerced into exercising?

At the March on Jan. 22 – the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that opened the doors to abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy – hope shined through with the tens of thousands of young faces marching in the cold, the mothers pushing baby strollers, the high school students who sacrificed hours of sleep, the older adults who have been marching for decades.

Christopher Calore, a pro-life leader in Wilkes-Barre, found hope in the sea of young faces. When he first traveled to the March for Life about 35 years ago, "I was the youngest one on the bus and considered 'young.'"

Calore said, at the time, "the general consensus was 'we must gain more and more pro-lifers to stop this tragedy of abortion!"

"Today,
the age of
the participants at the
March has
reversed,"
he said.
"Now I
realize that
our prayers
of 35 years
ago have
been answered with

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Zoe, a student from the Erie area, at-

tended the March in 2013. She said, "Being there with hundreds of thousands of people made me really open my eyes and look at how seriously wrong abortion really is."

Jammie, one of her classmates, said the March "brought tears to my eyes and really touched my heart."

A lot has changed in the past 41 years with the pro-life side winning a number of key legislative victories. A record number of protective laws have been enacted in the past few years, ensuring that women have accurate information about abortion, its risks and alternatives, and the support available to them and their families.

More laws now protect viable preborn babies and ensure babies receive proper medical care if they survive an abortion. As more young people step up and recognize the injustice of killing preborn babies in the womb and the need to help women feeling pressured into the decision, I believe our nation is moving forward to bring about a better future where we respect and defend every human life, born and preborn.

Micaiah Bilger Harrisburg

The writer is the education director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Harrisburg.

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senator, Mike Folmer,

like Sen. Piccola

used to have?"

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"We have a different mayor and a different council..." (Listen online at www.pressandjournal.com)

:) "Middletown Mayor Reid used to have office hours, and I went in to see him from time to time. Will our new mayor do the same?

I hope so. I also remember Bob Reid sitting on a lawn chair at the corner of Main and Vine and Emaus and Union with a sign that said 'I'm

your mayor - talk to me.' That's a people's mayor."

: "I was wondering why the Christmas lights are still up? It took you forever to light them and now it is taking forever to take them down? It is almost February you know. Also, why did Middletown have to BUY trees for the square to be decorated for Christmas when there are already trees planted there? Just wondering.

(Editor's note: The Christmas lights have now been taken down *for the season.)* 

- : Will our new state senator, Mike Folmer, be having town meetings like Sen. Piccola used to
- **:(** "Fortunately, the Middletown girls' basketball team doesn't have to play Hershey, Palmyra, Lower Dauphin, Susquehanna and Mechanicsburg like the field hockey team does. It would be nice if there were some consistency within the same school.'

(Editor's note: The divisions in

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the Mid-Penn Conference are determined by the conference and the enrollment at each school.)

:( "Obama is destroying America. I work for my money and I should keep it. If you are a Democrat please wake up, he is destroying our lives and our children.'

:) "Garden Chapel is a awesome church. Check it "Will our new state

:( "State of the be having town meetings **Union Tuesday** night: More lies from Obama."

> **:(** "Obamacare is destroying America.

**:(** "Frequency correction: I want WHYL AM 960 back on air 'cause I like the format."

**:(** "Whoever was in charge of the timing on the traffic light in front of CVS should have to take an IQ test. It makes very little sense that westbound traffic has to sit at a red light longer than eastbound traffic, just in case someone who isn't even at the light yet wants to turn left. It's a brand new signal, so I would think it would have technology that would allow it to sense when a car coming from the east needs to turn left into the shopping center, and stop only the westbound traffic. It makes a lot more sense than having a bunch of cars sitting longer than necessary at every single red light just in case someone happens to come along and needs to turn. And while I'm on the subject, there is absolutely no coordination of this traffic signal, the traffic signal at the exit ramp from Route 283, the one in front of the Penn State Harrisburg entrance, nor the one at the Wilson Street

Bridge. The left-turn lane going into Penn State is inadequate, due to being too short. It always requires the person turning

to have to brake while still in the left driving lane, and then every car behind them has to brake. Gas is quite expensive, and idling at a red light for no reason, as well as having to brake and accelerate

for every light and people who are turning, are one reason I avoid using that corridor. Lower Swatara Twp. commissioners and business developers, are you listening?"

- **:(** "Oh, great more red lights on North Union Street in Lower Swatara Twp.! I hope these have better sensors and timers than the ones on Fulling Mill Road. Next thing you know, we'll be like Derry Twp., the most guilty of horrible red light timing and sensors!"
- :) "Great job against Steel-High, Middletown Lady Raiders. What
- One would think the borough: would find a way for Kuppy's to have the Cruise-In. Maybe they did, but how would we know?"
- "You can find out a lot by checking Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr. Just sayin'."
- **:(** "It's sad that some people have become teachers when it's clear they have no patience, and all they do is holler. Maybe a career evaluation is in order before you stop substituting and become a permanent fixture in some poor kid's life. Get off your power trip immediately."

: "Uh, not that secretive – it was printed in the Press And Journal about the robbery in Lower Swatara. I imagine the police knew it wasn't a random act as well. Think before you speak. And what is a 'Section 8 coverup' anyway?"

"Does anyone remember when there was a farmers' market on

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> **Market Street in** in Middletown? Middletown? You want an Should a task force between poidea to help the lice departments community, Borough be set up to ad-Council? Here's one." dress it? I mean, it's terrible. We have to take care

of our own."

- : "Has anyone noticed that there are almost always police cars from other police departments helping Middletown's cops? What's up with that? Does Middletown have to pay for that, too?"
- : When will the new museum be open on Main Street in Middletown? The one that's in the old dentist's office? I read the story in the Journal but there hasn't been any other news about it."
- : "I missed the Python Festival at the Elks. Damn! Weather just so darn cold. Repeat it, please?"
- : "Hey, Press And Journal: The Middletown Area School Board doesn't believe there will be a tax increase, so why did you say one will happen? I know the district has to start working on a budget and they're telling it like it is as far as the money, but give 'em a chance. They'll cut things back. I'm glad to read what they have to do."
- : "Does anyone remember when there was a farmers' market on Market Street in Middletown? You want an idea to help the community, Borough Council? Here's one."

: "Read the story about the senior of Community and Economic citizens getting scammed of thousands in Lower 124 acres at the Harrisburg Swatara Twp. Is International Airport has been that happening Zones.

program provides state and local tax incentives to businesses that locate in a designated zone, also known as a KOZ. The goal of the program is to encourage the redevelopment of abandoned, unused, or underused land and buildings into business sites and residential areas.

A bill passed by the General Assembly in 2011, which I supported, permitted the DCED to designate up to 15 additional KOZs across the state.

include the old terminal building site, the former Bethlehem Steel airport and the site of the former be demolished in spring of 2014.

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# New development zone for HIA property could create jobs

The Pennsylvania Department Development (DCED) announced late last year that property totaling designated as Keystone Opportunity

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The Keystone Opportunity Zone

The HIA properties designated property on the western end of the Crawford Station power plant. The old terminal building is expected to

The designations will help bring new business to these sites, which could boost the local and state economy and create jobs.

## QUICK

which will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 25 at Hummelstown's Chemical Fire Company, 249 E. Main St. Interested residents will have access to free information about health care, state government programs and home-based services available locally.

Representatives from state and local agencies and the health care industry will be on hand to speak with attendees about available options as well as answer any questions or concerns.

For additional information about the Health Expo, contact my Hershey office at 717-534-1323, or visit my website, RepPayne.com.

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



# SHERRYDEUTSCHMANN

# Raising the minimum wage

s a small business owner myself, I don't see the Llogic in business people arguing against increasing the minimum wage.

It's just not logical to pay people a wage that doesn't even cover basics like food, housing, utilities and transportation needed to get to

At \$7.25 an hour, the minimum wage comes to just \$15,080 a year for full-time employees. Think about cashiers or health aides, childcare workers or fast food servers trying to make ends meet on \$15,080.

How can you keep people fully engaged in the success of your business when they are distracted with worry about how they are going to pay rent or keep the lights

How can they provide the best customer service when they are struggling to feed their family? I know firsthand that you don't need to pay poverty wages to succeed. In fact, paying higher wages is truly beneficial for

business

Since opening our doors in 2002, my company, LetterLogic of Nashville, Tenn., has grown fast. We have no debt, have annual revenues approaching \$30 million, and occupy a large processing center in downtown Nashville with 50 employees.

The Women's Presidents Organization named us one of the Top 50 Female-Led Businesses in North America for three years running, and we made the INC 5000 list for seven consecutive

I know we would not have had this success if we paid minimum wage. Paying better wages has helped our bottom line, not hurt it.

My company has been successful because of our employee-centric culture. We believe that if we take good care of our employees, they will in turn take great care of the customer. It works.

Our starting pay is \$12 an hour, not \$7.25. And we increase wages by an average of 20 percent as soon as the probationary period is over. We also pay 100 percent of our employees' medical, dental, disability and life insurance. We give them 10 percent of our

profits monthly, distributed evenly regardless of job or title. We help them buy their first homes

with grants toward down-payments. We allow them to bring their children to work when they need to. We reimburse tuition.

And those aren't all of our employee benefits.

It's very good for our business. We can count on dedicated employees and higher productivity and morale. We save money with lower turnover and training costs and reduced mistakes. We have better customer service and satisfaction.

We don't count on other businesses and taxpayers to subsidize our profits by underwriting food stamps and other safety net assistance for our employees. Why should I be subsidizing the profits of companies that pay wages their employees can't live on?

When I pay a starting wage of \$12, plus benefits, my employees have more money to spend at other businesses

The very least other businesses can do is pay a wage that allows their employees to afford the basics.

But today's minimum wage locks workers into a nightmare of poverty. It isn't a building block of the American Dream. Adjusted for inflation, the current minimum wage of \$7.25 is worth less than it was in

The typical minimum wage worker is an adult woman. As Margot Dorfman, CEO of the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, has said, "Keeping the minimum wage low keeps women and families down.

Last increased in 2009 to the inadequate level of \$7.25, the minimum wage is overdue for a

The proposal to increase the minimum wage in three annual steps to \$10.10, and then adjust it yearly after that for the rising cost of living, is very reasonable.

After all, the minimum wage would already be over \$10 now if it had kept up with the cost of living since the 1960s.

Today, women own 30 percent of American businesses. The success of my company – and my personal success – is proof that the American Dream is still possible. But it's a possibility built on fair wages – not poverty wages.

Public opinion polls show that across the political spectrum, Americans want to raise the minimum wage. President Barack Obama, many members of Congress and many business owners want to "give America a raise." Let's make 2014 the year we get it

Sherry Stewart Deutschmann is the founder and CEO of LetterLogic in Nashville, Tenn.

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**SEVEN SORROWS BVM SCHOOL** 

## Students win championship at Science Fair

Catherine Lopez and Phillip Bertovic were named grand champions of the Seven Sorrows BVM School Science Fair for students in grades 7 and 8. The two won the opportunity to advance to the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair at Harrisburg's Whitaker Center in March.

Lopez's entry in the competition was titled, "Disinfecting Toothbrushes." Bertovic's entry was titled, "A Whirlwind of Possibilities."



Student Phillip Bertovic gathers data for the wind turbine project he entered in the Science Fair.



Catherine Lopez, left, and Phillip Bertovic stand next to their winning projects in the Science Fair at Seven Sorrows BVM School.



Judge Diane Patch, left, a student at Penn State Harrisburg, interviews Seven Sorrows School student Grant Fleming about his project in the Science Fair.





**Timothy Moore**, a first grade student at Reid Elementary School, is the first Reid student to reach the highest level obtainable in the "First in Math" Web program.

## He loves numbers, and he owns a math title to prove it

Even before Timothy Moore entered kindergarten in 2012, he had an obsession with numbers. He remembers always wanting to play with anything that had clocks or numbers on it. Why? "I just like 'em," he explained.

Moore, now a first-grader at Reid Elementary School, likes them so much that he has become the first student at the school to reach the highest level on the "First in Math" Web-based mathematics program used at Reid.

Students earn "stickers" for solving problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions, and advance to a higher level for every 500 stickers they earn. Moore had earned 10,031 stickers as of Thursday, Jan. 23, making him the first Reid student in any grade to reach the Grand Champion level.

The two closest students to Moore have 5,000 stickers apiece. Whenever he has a free moment at home, he asks to work on First in Math. When he has computer lab at school, he logs in.

The program has no levels assigned to more than 10,000 stickers. But Moore said he liked the sound of "Ultimate Grand Champion" for his next level.







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