

Police and Fire

EARP lists calls

Eastern Adams Regional Police released a summary of recent activity.

Nov. 19

12:20 p.m. - No injuries were reported when a westbound driver lost control in the 5600 block of York Road and struck an east-bound vehicle and a parked vehicle.

Nov. 20

2:53 p.m. - A male juvenile was charged with criminal mischief after landscaping lights were damaged in the 100 block of North Peters Street.

Nov. 21

8:10 p.m. - Police responded to a report of theft from auto on Interfaith Lane. An unknown person broke into the vehicle taking a small metal rod. Police are investigating.

9:13 p.m. - An owner tripped an alarm accidentally in the 700 block of Lingg Road.

Nov. 22

7:16 p.m. - Police separated individuals involved in a disturbance in the 300 block of Lincoln Way East.

Nov. 23

1:19 p.m. - A report of harassment involving a man and woman in the 300 block of South Water Street remains under investigation.

4:22 p.m. - Police separated individuals involved in a disturbance in the 100 block of East High Street.

Nov. 24

11:48 p.m. - Items were reported taken in a burglary between May and Nov. 20 in the 1500 block of Carlisle Pike. Investigation continues.

5:44 p.m. - A business sign was vandalized in the 100 block of North Peters Street. Investigation continues.

Nov. 25

10:34 a.m. - Police advised family members involved in a disturbance on Commerce Street to contact the Magisterial District Court for help.

1:21 p.m. - Police assisted a motorist at Irishtown and Kohler Mill roads.

9:08 p.m. - Police conducted a well-being check on West High Street and found the individual to be OK.

Nov. 26

2:32 a.m. - After an incident on Hanover Street, Michael Gladfelter was arrested on charges including simple assault, police said.

12:26 p.m. - A disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Kohler Mill Road.

2:55 p.m. - A male juvenile was charged with simple assault following a disturbance on Commerce Street.

Nov. 27

5:59 a.m. - Police spoke with individuals involved in a disturbance on Oxford Street.

7:55 a.m. - After a report of harassment, police advised tenants on College Street to contact their landlord to resolve the situation.

Nov. 28

5:45 p.m. - A vehicle received moderate damage when it struck a deer on Carlisle Pike.

Nov. 29

1:49 a.m. - A driver failed to make a turn, resulting in damage to Center Square. Charges are pending based on the outcome of blood testing.

10:55 p.m. - Police found material believed to be marijuana during a vehicle stop on Orange Street. Charges on pending based on the outcome of lab testing.

Nov. 30

7:28 a.m. - One vehicle struck another while pulling from a parking space in a lot in the 300 block of Water Street, causing moderate damage. No injuries were reported.

11:55 a.m. - After a collision on East Golden Lane, a bicyclist and a motorist opted to resolve the matter themselves, declining police involvement.

5:16 p.m. - A vehicle turning at Irishtown and Kohler Mill roads struck another vehicle. The struck driver was treated at Hanover Hospital. The turning driver was unhurt. Damage was moderate to the turning vehicle and severe to the struck vehicle.

New Oxford considers new parking rules

BY JESSICA RUDY

For the Gettysburg Times

Possible parking regulations that would limit the parking of large vehicles in New Oxford drew animated discussions at the borough council's regularly scheduled meeting Monday evening.

At issue was a proposed parking ordinance which council authorized borough solicitor Harry Eastman to make revisions to during its November meeting.

"(The changes) were such I needed to run them by council before I undertook the expense of advertising (the ordinance)," Eastman told council on Monday night.

The ordinance would ban large commercial vehicles and recreational vehicles from parking on most borough streets, according to Eastman. (Such vehicles include buses, construction vehicles, recreation vehicles used for camping or mobile dwelling, school buses, trailers, truck tractors, wreckers, and other vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or more.)

On Monday evening, Eastman also recommended council add vehicles taller than nine feet and/or longer than 30 feet in length to the ordinance, to which no one on council objected.

The proposed ordinance would also offer exemptions, said Eastman, for vehicles such as emergency vehicles in the midst of responding to calls, tow trucks parking momentarily to load vehicles, and other vehicles making deliveries to borough businesses or responding to service calls.

The portion of the proposal that drew the most discussion from council was an allowance for borough residents to park

large vehicles "immediately adjacent" to their residences if those vehicles are for employment for up to 15 hours per day.

"So somebody could bring their vehicle home every night?" asked council member James Zero. "If it's a safety issue we need to strike it."

Zero continued, explaining people needing to bring commercial vehicles to their residences to have them available for work purposes could park on one of three streets the borough is exempting from the parking ordinance. Two of those streets are South College Avenue and Commerce Street.

"I'm willing to try this as it is," council member Patrick Sullivan initially stated of keeping the 15 hour allowance for residence.

"Then you're saying safety is not important," said Zero, pointing out the regular parking of large commercial vehicles by residents impeded sight distances.

Others on council pointed out residents could take vehicles out for a short period of time after the 15 hour maximum, drive them around, and then park again for another 15 hours, defeating the purpose of the ordinance.

Sullivan agreed, and council voted 4-1 to allow Eastman to publish the proposed ordinance for a possible January adoption. Council president Dorothy Robinson voted no.

Also on Monday night, council gave final approval by unanimous vote to the 2016 general fund budget of \$915,820 and the accompanying 2016 real property tax rate of 2.00 mills, an increase from 1.45 mills in 2015. No members of the council or the public offered comment on the spending plan.



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STUDENT HARVEST - The following fifth-grade students gave a special presentation to the Gettysburg Area School District's Board of Education during the meeting Monday night. From left to right, Chloe Meyer Gehrke, Hannah Green, Zach Tipton, Max Ma, Finn Clarke, Jessica Weibley (teacher), Liam K. and Carolyn Scheungrab each spoke about how to market Ruth's Harvest at local grocery stores.

Students promote food program to school board

BY VANESSA PELLECHIO
Times Staff Writer

Seven fifth-graders want to make Ruth's Harvest even bigger, they said during a presentation at the Gettysburg Area School District Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Jessica Weibley, a gifted support teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, demonstrated project-based learning by having students Chloe Meyer Gehrke, Hannah Green, Zach Tipton, Max Ma, Finn Clarke, Liam K. and Carolyn Scheungrab read articles, conduct surveys and create a PowerPoint about Ruth's Harvest.

These students learned about consumer behavior, advertising

and persuasion through experiences.

Weibley said the students want to bring the mission of Ruth's Harvest to the community, with presentations to Giant Food Stores and Kenzie's Markets.

Ruth's Harvest is a community program, helping families struggling to feed their children by providing them with nonperishable items.

The program gives eligible children a backpack, not for books, but for food.

On Thursday nights, volunteers at Lincoln Elementary School pack food staples like macaroni-and-cheese cups, cereal and pudding into the bags.

Each Friday, the children

participating in the program receive a backpack filled with the nutritious food and snacks, which helps assure the youngsters have food for the weekend.

Ruth's Harvest currently costs \$100,000 per year. The project started after Gettysburg resident Jim Dunlop found out just over 50 percent of students enrolled at James Gettys Elementary School were receiving free or reduced lunches from 2013 to 2014.

There are 89 students at Lincoln Elementary participating in Ruth's Harvest, but the need is greater, according to Weibley.

During the meeting Monday, students explained how

they hope to put small displays in grocery stores about Ruth's Harvest, so people can see what to donate and where to donate. The hope is to have the displays run through the holidays, bringing more awareness to the project.

By having these displays, consumers become more exposed to the project at every grocery store visit, students said.

In the future, students hope to have a permanent display at grocery stores.

Gettysburg Board of Education members and administrators gave a big round of applause to students for their efforts.

Students learn substance abuse lessons

BY TOM FONTANA

For the Gettysburg Times

Most lectures on substance abuse for teens focus on why they shouldn't use drugs and how to say 'no.'

Wednesday morning, about 50 members of the Latino Club at Gettysburg Area High School learned why teens use drug and alcohol, and what happens moments before that choice could kill them.

Spanish teacher and club advisor Dr. Margarita Elorriaga welcomed Chief Eric Zeny, Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services (AREMS) director of operations, to demonstrate for her students what EMS workers do when they encounter someone who is near death from a drug or alcohol overdose.

"Usually, seconds count when we find a victim of substance abuse," Zeny explained. "The person is often unconscious, face and lips turning blue, and not breathing because they're being choked by their own vomit."

Using 10th-grader Cesar Hinojosa to demonstrate, Zeny related how injections can be administered for stimulation, and how an air pump apparatus can reactivate the lungs, and how a small balloon can be inserted down the throat cause choking and induce vomiting.

"When the person can't breathe, I can do their breathing for them," Zeny said, holding the air bag in front of Cesar and pumping.

Zeny told the students the

most important thing they can do for a friend in a crisis is to "stay with them."

"When with someone in this situation," he said, "many teens will call 911 or dump their friend in front of the fire house and run away. They're more concerned about not getting in trouble themselves, rather than saving their friend's life. I deal with a drug or alcohol abuse case like this almost every night."

This was shocking to senior Itzeo Diaz, Latino Club president.

"I just can't believe friends would leave their friends," she said. "That's horrible."

This prevention/education program, in its second year, was one in a series of monthly sessions created by Beatriz Burgess, of TrueNorth Wellness Services. "I meet with students to talk about the prevention of bad choices," Burgess explained, "and also educate them about good choices, from job and career possibilities to athletic activities."

Burgess and her supervisor, TrueNorth Student Assistance Program Director Stefanie Griffith, prefaced Chief Zeny's talk with an overview of reasons teens are attracted to drug and alcohol use. The list included easy access to substances, curiosity, peer pressure, boredom, and the thrill of risk-taking.

The program ended with Zeny escorting the students outside where he offered them a look inside the emergency medical response vehicle, which usually accompanies an ambulance to a rescue site.



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LATINO CLUB - Chief Eric Zeny (left), director of operations for Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services, was assisted by Gettysburg High School sophomore Cesar Hinojosa, a member of the Latino Club, to demonstrate to club members the various pieces of apparatus used by emergency response crews to treat overdose victims.

Senior Alejandro Lopez said he was "really impressed." "They taught us the hazards of doing alcohol or drugs," he commented, "and how much equipment is needed to save a person's life if they do the wrong things."

USDA announces enrollment period for farmers' safety net coverage for new year

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini Wednesday announced that producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can begin visiting FSA county offices starting Dec. 7, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2016.

"The choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, but producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage," said Dolcini. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm

is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crame, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer

covered commodity.

For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. For more information, producers are en-

couraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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