

# Middletown Happenings

## Much To Do in Historic Old Town

By Kimberly Anastas

Middletown, which was established in 1755, has many historical attractions to offer its residents, as well as visitors.

A scenic train ride on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad, a visit to Indian Echo Caverns and dinner at Alfred's Victorian would make for a pleasurable Saturday.

For the more casual person, perhaps an afternoon of Champion Miniature Golf, driving golf balls at Tom's Tee in Hummelstown and a pizza from one of Middletown's many pizza shops would sound better.

Why not take a tour of Three Mile Island then quench your thirst at one of the many establishments in this old town?

Many students come to this campus and think that Jamesway is the biggest attraction in Middletown.

Of course, it's not a booming metropolis like the Big Apple, but for a small, historic town, it is quite nice.

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If a two dollar movie sounds

appealing, then the Elks theater is where you'll want to be this weekend.

Located at Union and Emaus Streets, the historical theater offers recent movies at the lowest prices.

This weekend, the theater is featuring "Coming to America" at 7 and 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings; adults, \$2, children, \$1.

Sunday's shows are always one dollar for the 2 p.m. and the 7:30 p.m. shows.

For further information, call (717) 944-1981.

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The downtown shopping district, mainly on Union Street, features authentic shops with hardwood floors which often hold Saturday sidewalk sales.

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The M&H Railroad, often called the Milk & Honey, is an 11-mile roundtrip tour on the towpath of the Union Canal, along the Swatara Creek.

The Union Canal was one of the first canals built in the United States.

The 1910 steam engine pulls passenger cars from the 1920s.

The authenticity of the cars and the historical background relayed by the conductor make for an interesting one-and-a-half hour ride.

For more information about the M&H Railroad, call (717) 944-4435.

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Alfred's Victorian Restaurant offers delicious food while one can step back in time and appreciate the decor of the 1890s.

The secluded corner rooms make special occasions very romantic.

Alfred's is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

For reservations or information, call (717) 944-5373.

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Three Mile Island offers tours by appointment for persons interested in visiting simulations of the plant.

The Visitor's Center offers video programs and literature and has an observation deck directly across from the island.

The Visitor's Center is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays and can be found on Rt. 441,

three miles south of Middletown.

For more information, call (717) 948-8829.

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Indian Echo Caverns, located in Hummelstown, (just outside of Middletown) is, in itself, a natural wonder.

Learn about the Cavern's historical inhabitants, the Mystery Box of treasures found there in 1919, and test your scientific memory of rock formations.

The caverns remain a cool 52 degrees year round; the tour lasts approximately one hour.

For further information, call (717) 566-8131.

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Championship Miniature Golf and Tom's Tee (golf and driving range) are located on Middletown Road in Hummelstown.

For fun or for improving your skills, both are open seven days a week.

Tom's Tee: (717) 566-0100. Championship: (717) 566-6322.

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There's more in this old town than one may think. Check the yellow pages for pizza shops, diners and taverns.

## Cap Times Staff Rates Pizzas

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	J&J Pizza 944-1313	Mid-Town Pizza 944-2195	Roberto's Pizza 944-1298
CRUST	3	2	1
SAUCE	2	1	3
CHEESE	3	2	1
CHEWINESS	3	2	1
CRISPINESS	2	1	3
SPICINESS	1	2	3
OVERALL FLAVOR	2	1	3
# OF INCHES IN DIAMETER	16	16	16
# OF SLICES	8	8	8
PRICE (LG. PLAIN)	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$6.50
COST OF DELIVERY	NO Delivery	\$2 after 5:00 p.m.	\$2
STUDENT DISCOUNT	None	15% with student ID	None

On Sept. 6., the *Capital Times* staff indulged in an afternoon of pizza-eating as a public service to the students, faculty and staff who may be wondering which is the closest place to campus with the best pizza and the best price.

Two large cheese pizzas were ordered from each of the three shops listed below.

None of the shops was aware that a comparison was being made.

Each of the staff members who participated was given one slice from each establishment.

Students were asked to take one bite of pizza then a drink before biting into the next slice, to insure that their taste buds would be objective.

Students were warned that if they ate more than a bite of one piece before tasting another, that their ballots would be disqualified.

The results are listed below. Number one is the more favorable pizza shop for the category listed.

The results were close, thus confirming the fact that everyone's taste is different.

\* This is not an endorsement of one pizza shop over another. It is representation of the opinions of the *Capital Times* staff.

## Autumn Buzz Weekend

By Joe Kupec

John Nagengast, president of the Student Government Association, is hoping that clubs will participate in the Autumn Buzz weekend, which will be held Oct. 21, 22, and 23.

This year, Autumn Buzz, Alumni Homecoming and the Harrisburg Air Show all happen on the same weekend.

Activities for the Autumn Buzz are designed to celebrate student friendships at the time of the autumn equinox.

The SGA is interested in working with clubs on campus who want to sponsor activities for Autumn Buzz. Clubs will have a chance to discuss their ideas for Autumn Buzz at the next presidents council meeting, Thur., Sept 22 at 12:30 p.m. in 216 Olmsted.

"We want to try getting the alumni and students together for some of the events on Saturday. We hope to have a soccer game between the school team and the alumni," said Nagengast.

Other events that are being considered are: Dave Wopat-Electronic Music at the Capital Union Building Thursday night, a scavenger hunt, a volleyball tournament and Casino Night.