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We've broken down the 19 stories to watch in 2019.

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Officials: 'Road diet' reduced congestion

DelDOT reports improvement on Cleveland Avenue

By JOSH SHANNON

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Recent changes to Cleveland Avenue have reduced congestion, but it's too soon to tell if the project achieved its broader goal of reducing crashes on the road, which was considered one of the most dangerous in the state, officials said.

"We like to have a year of data or multiple years of data," Matt Buckley, a consultant for the Delaware Department of Transportation, explained after giving a project update to the Newark Traffic Committee last month.

Most of the project, which came out of recommendations from a committee of residents, business owners and officials, was completed over the summer.

It included reducing the number of lanes from four to two with a center turn lane, eliminating on-street parking and making Margaret Street one-way.

A DelDOT crew is now installing a new crosswalk and refuge island in front of the Alder Creek community, and that work is expected to be done by February, Buckley said. A refuge island is a concrete median in the middle of the road that allows a pedestrian to cross one lane and safely wait until the other lane is clear to continue across the road.

The biggest improvement came at the five-point intersection where Cleveland Avenue, North Chapel Street, Paper Mill Road and Margaret Street meet. That intersection was a frequent area of traffic delays, due in part to the fact that green light time had to be split several ways.

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Officials encourage Newarkers to recycle their Christmas trees.

Christmas tree recycling is 'a Delaware post-holiday tradition'

POST STAFF REPORT

State and city officials are once again encouraging residents to recycle their Christmas trees this year.

Joanna Wilson, a spokeswoman for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, called Christmas tree recycling "a Delaware post-holiday tradition."

"Christmas tree recycling saves valuable landfill space in Delaware," Wilson said in a prepared statement, noting that more than 180,000 tons of yard waste, including grass, leaves, brush, trees and other materials, was recycled throughout the state in 2017.

Residents of the city of Newark have the easiest way to recycle a tree because the city's public works department will collect trees curbside through Jan. 25.

Unlike in some previous years, there is no

set schedule for tree pickup. Instead, crews will sweep through the entire city each week. Residents should make sure trees are out for collection each week by Monday at 7 a.m.

Trees will be accepted for free at the Polly Drummond Hill Road Community Yard Waste Demonstration Site, located on Polly Drummond Hill Road, about a half-mile north of Kirkwood Highway. Its hours are Saturdays and Sundays only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Jan. 13.

Another option is Copeland's Mulch Depot, 2 Honeysuckle Drive in Stanton. It is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The cost to recycle a tree is \$5, unless the tree was purchased from Copeland's.

Christmas tree decorations, including hooks, wire, tinsel and ornaments, as well as wood and metal tree stands, must be removed from all trees.

Group looking to train newcomers to run for council

By JOSH SHANNON

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An advocacy group based in Wilmington is looking to recruit and train first-time candidates to run for Newark City Council and local school boards.

Network Delaware will host a free training session at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Newark Free Library.

Executive Director Drew Serres said the goal is to teach candidates the basics of how to run for office and what it's like to be a candidate. Newark Councilwoman Jen Wallace will be a guest speaker.

"Most of our members are on the liberal side, but the training is open to anyone," Serres said.

Network Delaware grew out of Eugene Young's unsuccessful campaign for Wilmington mayor in 2016.

"We are building a network of citizen Change Agents in local communities to resolve their own issues," the group's website reads. "We operate initiatives that equip individuals and groups to tackle challenges in their area (e.g. economic justice, racial justice/racism, community creativity, and youth



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Councilwoman Jen Wallace will be a guest speaker at next week's training session on how to run for office.

engagement)."

Serres said the group has done similar training sessions in Wilmington and received requests to expand the effort to Newark. Last year, the group trained successful progressive candidates Tizzy Lockman, Laura Sturgeon and Dave Carter.

Newark will have four seats up for grabs in the April 9 municipal election, including mayor and the Districts 1, 2 and 4 council seats, which are currently held by Mark Morehead, Jerry Clifton and Chris

Hamilton.

University of Delaware undergraduate Kasai Guthrie, who announced his mayoral bid last month, is the only candidate to file so far, though Mayor Polly Sierer confirmed she plans to seek a third term. The filing deadline is Feb. 4.

Guthrie has already contacted Network Delaware for assistance, Serres said.

Meanwhile, the filing deadline for Christina School Board is March 1. John Young is running for re-election but does not yet have an opponent.

The week ahead

Beau Biden Foundation seminar: Saturday, 1-2 p.m., at Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. Join the NSTeens as they help teens learn about cyber bullying and on-line privacy through animated videos, web comics, games and quizzes. Registration required. Ages 12-18.

School board meeting: Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m., at Bayard Middle School, 200 S. DuPont Street, Wilmington. School board will discuss fiscal year 2019 final budget, hear a financial position report and set a date for the referendum.

School choice applications due: Jan. 9. Applications for school choice applications for the 2019-2020 school year, grades 1-12.

Art show: Wednesday through Feb. 1, at Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St. "Celebrating the Diversity of Life" showcases paintings done in alcohol ink by Catherine Houghton. Reception: Jan. 11.

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Margherita's Pizza moving to the Park N Shop

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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The new year offers a new beginning. Margherita's Pizza owners Rico and Enzo Della-Monica decided to capitalize on that by moving their business from Main Street to the Park N Shop this spring.

"I'm grateful for the 27 years that we were here," Rico said in an interview at their Main Street pizzeria in December. "We are looking forward to the South Main Street, [to] join with our new family at the Park N Shop Plaza."

The brothers and business partners began looking for alternate locations following the release of Danneman & Danneman LLC's plans to demolish the building that houses the pizzeria – along with Tasty Wok, Playa Bowls and four apartments – to construct a new building containing retail space, apartments and a hotel.

Although the plans are still uncertain – and at least three years off – the Della-Monicas began looking to move as a precautionary measure and ultimately decided to take the available space next to Jerry's Artarama in the Park N Shop on South Main Street.

"For us, it's a positive move," Rico said. "Margherita's Pizza is always going to be the same. Our product is never going to change. Our



Margherita's Pizza owners Enzo and Amerigo "Rico" Della-Monica pose for a photo. The pizzeria closed its doors on Main Street on Dec. 23 and will reopen in the Park N Shop on South Main Street in the spring.

loyalty to the customer is not going to change."

Their last day in the Main Street location was Dec. 23, though they won't open

their doors in the Park N Shop until the spring.

When they do, there will be some changes. Rico said there will be more seating,

free parking and a more convenient location for those who live in Newark but don't want to battle the traffic on Main Street.

He also noted some tweaks to the menu, like more pasta dishes, and some seafood and veal. With the expanded seating, he plans to add a

wait-staff to serve patrons.

"On Main Street, my business is 85 percent pizza," he said. "University students like pizza by the slice – quick, cheap."

He hopes that the new location will appeal to the lunch crowd of professionals and city workers, and noted the eatery will still offer delivery.

"We're not far," he said. "That's the reason why we jumped on this location."

As they're removed from East Main Street and the late-night foot traffic it provides, they do plan to scale back the hours a bit. Rico said they're looking at a 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. schedule.

While he is looking ahead for this new chapter in Margherita's history, he looks at the time on Main Street fondly.

He noted how some of his employees were able to open their own businesses using what they learned from the pizzeria. Rico even met his wife through Margherita's, he said.

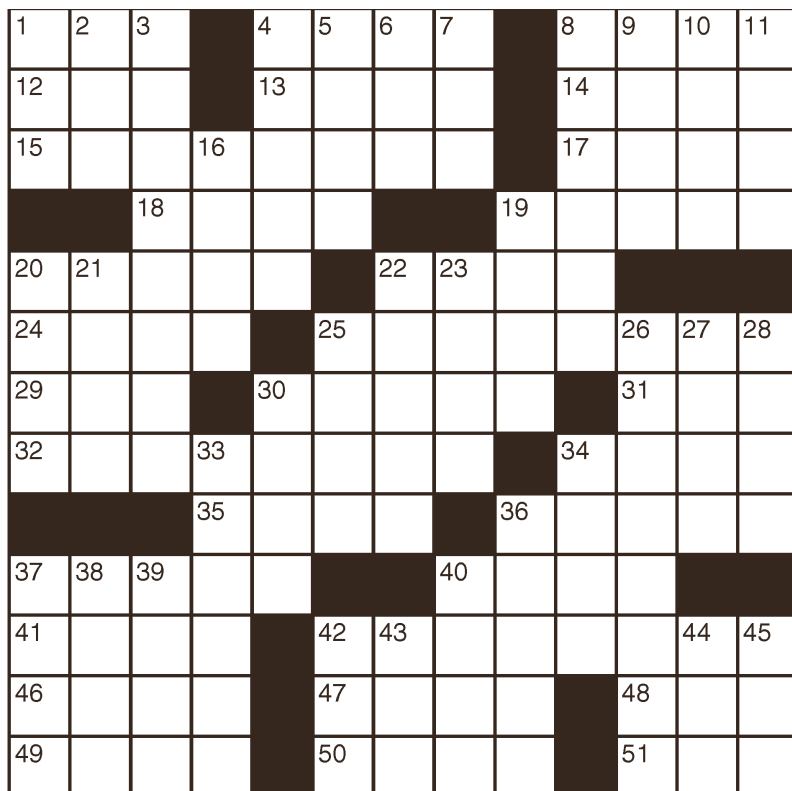
He will miss the tenants who live above the pizzeria and those who work across the street and stop by for a slice, he added.

"It's sad to leave. I know I'm going to tear up on Dec. 23, but it's all for the best," he said prior to the closing. "I would like to welcome everybody to come us to see us our new location when it's ready."

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Woman assaulted during carjacking at Rodeway Inn

By BROOKE SCHULTZ

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A woman was taken to the hospital Wednesday after a man assaulted her and stole her car at the Rodeway Inn, authorities said.

As the woman was pulling into the motel on South College Avenue at 3 a.m., a man approached her vehicle and asked her a question. He then opened the car door and displayed a silver handgun, said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

"While pointing the gun at her, he demanded the keys to the vehicle. The suspect then struck the victim in the head and pulled her from the vehicle," he said.

Rubin said the assailant fled south out of the parking lot. The woman called 911 from a nearby room.

The suspect is described as black man between 20 and 25 years old, between 5 feet, 8 inches and 6 feet tall and between 180 and 220 pounds. He was wearing green sweatpants, a green hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head and a black ski mask that covered part of his face.

The vehicle stolen is a 2010 silver Chrysler Town & Country minivan with Delaware temporary license plate XP632728.

The woman was taken to the hospital by ambulance for cuts to her face and was



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Surveillance photos show the man who is wanted for stealing a vehicle and assaulting the driver early Wednesday morning.

later released.

The Rodeway Inn has for years been a persistent problem for police. In 2017, state officials declared it a criminal nuisance property and said it could be shut down if the owners don't fix the problems. In court filings, the state attorney general's office painted a bleak picture of the cheap motel just off Interstate 95: drug dealers living in one of the rooms, guests overdosing on heroin and prostitution so rampant that even the former manager of the motel has been convicted of soliciting sex there.

Anyone with information about the carjacking is asked to call Detective Paul Keld at 302-366-7100 or email pkeld@newark.de.us.

Newark man charged in shooting outside Studio Green Apartments

By JOSH SHANNON

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A 25-year-old Newark man has been charged with shooting another man in the parking lot of Studio Green Apartments on Saturday night.

Nicholas Hulsey is accused of luring the 19-year-old victim to the Thorn Lane apartment complex and shooting him with birdshot from a shotgun just before 11 p.m.,

according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

"Hulsey contacted the victim via phone to discuss a mutual acquaintance. The victim responded to Thorn Lane to talk with the acquaintance," Rubin said. "As the victim exited his vehicle, Hulsey shot the victim with a shotgun multiple times."

After the shooting, both men went into the same

apartment.

"The confrontation just continued," Rubin said.

Officers responding to calls about the gunshots arrested Hulsey without incident and seized a shotgun and AR-15 rifle from his apartment.

He was charged with first-degree assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, aggravated menacing, reckless endangering, possession of a weapon by

a person prohibited, criminal mischief and possession of marijuana. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$28,501 secured bond.

The victim was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

Investigators found multiple shotgun shells in the parking lot, as well as a vehicle that had been damaged by the shots, Rubin said.

Four injured in South College Avenue crash

By JOSH SHANNON

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Four people were injured, one seriously, when two vehicles collided at the intersection of South College Avenue and Welsh Tract Road on Sunday morning.

The crash happened just before 10:30 a.m., according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

An 85-year-old man from Essex, Conn., was driving his 2015 Hyundai So-

nata north on South College Avenue and attempted to turn left onto Welsh Tract Road.

The man turned into the path of a 1993 GMC pick-up truck heading south, and the truck struck the passenger side of the Hyundai, Rubin said.

An 82-year-old female passenger of the Hyundai was trapped in the car and had to be rescued by Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company firefighters. She was flown to the hospital by helicopter to be treated for serious injuries to her hip,

arms and legs.

Firefighters also extricated a 17-year-old girl who was trapped in the truck. She was taken to Christiana Hospital to be treated for injuries to her head, face and abdomen.

The driver of the Hyundai and a second occupant of the truck were also taken to the hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Hyundai, whose name police did not release, was cited for failure to yield on a left turn.

Pair wanted in Md. slaying arrested near Newark

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A man and woman wanted in connection with a fatal shooting in Maryland were arrested south of Newark and face murder charges.

Delaware State Police said Monday that 36-year-old Larence Godfrey and 41-year-old Michelle Godfrey, of Washington D.C., are in custody in Delaware pending

extradition to Maryland.

Police said the pair were arrested Saturday after their vehicle, an orange Chevrolet HHR, was seen outside an apartment complex on Four



LARENCE GODFREY

Seasons Parkway. Troopers pulled over the vehicle and took them into custody without incident.

The Godfreys are charged with murder in the Dec. 28 shooting



MICHELLE GODFREY

death Friday of 31-year-old Eric Smith Jr. of Seat Pleasant, Md., located just outside Washington, D.C. Police in Maryland say the shooting stemmed from an ongoing dispute between Larence Godfrey and the victim.

In 2014, Larence Godfrey was arrested after police said he escaped a minimum-security prison for several hours.

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Reading house, new furniture spruce up Newark Library children's room



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Standing about six feet tall and lined with shelves full of books, the new reading house inside the Newark Free Library was the perfect place for 2-year-old Christopher Bigham to curl up and look at a book on a recent morning.

The reading house, purchased with grants from New Castle County Councilwomen Lisa Diller and Janet Kilpatrick, is the highlight of several new upgrades to the children's area at the library. Other items, provided by the Friends of the Newark Library, include a new sofa, book cubbies, and a bilingual educational computer.

"This is awesome. There's a lot for the kids to explore," Christopher's mom, Jennifer Bigham said. "My kid's not one to sit down and do nothing. He lives to get up and move, and they accommodate that."

The Friends group, which each year raises more than \$15,000 to buy items for the library and fund performances and other programs, has been focusing on the children's area to coincide with a state initiative aimed at increasing early childhood literacy, according to Judy Taggart, president of the group.

So far, the upgrades have been popular, Library Manager Pat Birchenall said.

"We just see such joy on the faces of the kids, and the parents, too," Birchenall said. "Every time I walk in, there are children and parents in there."

She added that the library has become a meeting place for University of Delaware graduate students from overseas who are living in Newark with their families. The students or their spouses often come to the library so they can socialize while their children play.

"They'll stay in there for a couple hours," Birchenall said. "It's a place people can come meet each other."

Diller echoed the sentiment that the library serves as a gathering place.

"You could go to a pub, but if you're a family, you go the library instead," she said.

Kilpatrick said a vibrant children's area is crucial to getting kids interested in the library.

"The more fun kids have when they're young, the more they want to keep coming back," she said.

The next project for the 250-member Friends group is creating an interactive display in the library's lobby, Taggart said.

Christopher Bigham, 2, looks at a book inside the new reading house in the children's room at the Newark Free Library.

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Saxbys closes after 10 years on South Main Street

Business plummeted
after UD closed
Rodney and Dickinson

By BROOKE SCHULTZ
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Though the Saxbys coffee shop on South Main Street shut its doors for the last time Sunday, CEO Nick Bayer sees the Philadelphia-based chain returning to Newark in some way in the future.

Saxbys, which sat on the corner of South Main Street and Amstel Avenue, opened about 10 years ago. The business took a significant hit after the University of Delaware shuttered its west campus dorms, Rodney and Dickinson, in 2015.

When it came time to decide whether to sign on for another 10-

year lease, doing so wasn't logical, Bayer said.

"We really saw this as a University of Delaware Saxbys location that we can also share with the Newark community, but the University of Delaware component was such a critical part of that business," he said. "When those dorms closed, and that traffic went away, it just essentially made the business unsustainable."

Bayer said there has been an outpouring from the community through forms on the Saxbys' website.

"There was a couple who met at a swing dancing night that we had in our cafe four or five years ago and has since gotten married," he said. "We've got so many amazing stories of how important that cafe was to the University of Delaware

and Newark community."

The location in Newark was the only Saxbys in Delaware, with other locations primarily in Pennsylvania. Bayer did note that he would like to see Saxbys return to Newark, though perhaps in a different form.

About three years ago, the company rolled out an experiential learning program at Drexel University in Philadelphia, and the program has since grown to include eight other university-based Saxbys' locations.

The program allows undergraduate students to gain experience by taking ownership of a Saxbys. They act as the baristas, the hosts and top-level managers. They earn credit, wages and bonuses and gain the experience of running a business.

"The highest likelihood of us

coming back into the University of Delaware community is most likely going to be the experiential learning program," he said. "It's a really innovative and unique program for us. We've already spoken to several of the deans and other executives and leaders at the University of Delaware about the program, and so we're pretty optimistic that will be the next Saxbys' effort in the University of Delaware community."

He added that any new location would likely be more embedded in the university's campus – rather than on the outskirts, like where its predecessor was – and would be accessible to the Newark community.

Bayer said it could take a year to develop the academic component and find the real estate.

"We believe that we're in the

business of providing people opportunity and education, and so our experiential learning program is a great furthering of our mission," he said.

To part with the Newark community now is still difficult, Bayer said.

"It's sad, because the team members absolutely love the company and love that cafe and love each other and their guests," he said. "We work collectively hard to be able to build a great community there. Over the years, we've employed hundreds of team members and we've taken care of tens of thousands of guests. And so it's really hard to be able to communicate that."

Bayer said the employees were paid one week severance and offered positions at one of the nearly 30 other Saxbys locations.

Give a gift to the community by remembering to recycle

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In addition, there are two drop off locations, inside the city limits of Newark. The locations are:

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- University of Delaware Hollingsworth Parking Lot – 33 West Cleveland Avenue

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NHS students demonstrate financial literacy in presentation fair

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When it comes to the importance of saving money, managing expenses and even the foreign exchange market, Newark High School students have the expertise.

"I just learned that there's a whole lot of ways and that it doesn't really have to be that hard to start managing your money," said Ayesha Khan, 15, after she finished explaining the importance of managing one's expenses. "It's also never really too early to start thinking about stuff like that."

Faith Mwaniki, 14, agreed. "Usually as a kid, or as a teen, you don't think about, 'Hey, I'm going to have to think about financial stuff, planning, what will happen



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

From left to right, Maimouna Sanogo, Hoan Le and Sarah Hill discuss the foreign exchange market with a representative from TD Bank. The presentation was part of a financial literacy fair at Newark High School.

to me in the future – will I be rich or broke?" she noted. "But when you learn this as a subject, then you think, 'Oh, this is how the world works.' You have to deal

with these problems in the future."

The school's Financial Literacy Fair, held on Dec. 19 and 20, gave students a platform to demonstrate what

they've learned from the National Academy Foundation's Academy of Finance program so far.

NHS adopted the program last year to offer a business career pathway for students. However, it will soon move to Glasgow High School as part of the district's plan to give each high school specific areas of focus.

The financial literacy fair doubled as the students' midterm and had them receiving grades from their peers, as well as leaders in business who came by to view the presentations.

Ed Smith, who was one of the teachers who led the inaugural course last year, said that a certification course like this, which partners with the local business community and has the opportunity for internships at

the end, puts students on the cutting edge.

"By the end of their sophomore/junior year, they've had a good array of financial literacy and education not only to help them individually but those who want to be entrepreneurs," he said, adding that the course instills public speaking and collaboration skills through group projects like the fair.

Business teacher Sara O'Brian noted that the students seemed a little nervous but also excited to show what they had learned.

"This helps them be able to conduct themselves professionally and learn the importance of knowing the material," she said. "And just to have fun and make this a positive learning experience."

After Sarah Hill, 15, and

her group finished presenting their project on the foreign exchange market to a representative from TD Bank, she called the entire process satisfying.

"I don't think people our age realize just how close they are to becoming an adult and getting out to the real world," she said. "I think a lot of people leave high school and realize that they aren't prepared for the kind of financial literacy that they need to lead a stable life."

Business teacher Lucinda Oates-Wiley said programs like this let students learn without realizing they're learning.

"I like to see programs that have a flair of fun to it. Especially because I deal with the accounting aspect of it," she added. "You know you have to make that a little fun."

Rocky Rees, former NHS football coach, dies at 69

By JOSH SHANNON
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William "Rocky" Rees, the former Newark High football coach who led the Yellowjackets to their first state championship in 1976, died Dec. 21 after a short battle with cancer.

He was 69.

A native of New Jersey and a graduate of West Chester University, Rees came to Newark High as an assistant in 1972 and was named the head coach two years later. In his three years at the helm of the football program, he compiled a 28-5-1

record, led the Yellowjackets to two Blue Hen Conference Flight A titles and was twice named conference coach of the year.

His crowning achievement, though, was leading the Yellowjackets to their first-ever championship with a come-from-behind 22-12 victory over Caesar Rodney.

"I worked with the best group [of coaches] a man could have to work with. And with top notch kids, not only as athletes, but kids whose parents have taught them to be good young men with character. Since I've been here, I've coached nothing

but kids who wanted to give 100 percent. They've had character, and they've had talent," Rees told the Newark Post that year.

Following the 1976 season, Rees left Newark to begin his college coaching career, leaving the Yellowjackets in the capable hands of a young defensive coordinator named Butch Simpson.

After stints at Bucknell

University and Colgate University and Susquehanna University, in 1990, Rees began his 21-year run as the head coach at Shippensburg, a Division II school in Pennsylvania. He retired in 2010 as the school's winningest coach, having guided the Red Raiders to three playoff appearances and earning four conference Coach of the Year awards

and three Regional Coach of the Year awards.

At Shippensburg, Rees ran the Wing-T offense made famous by Dave Nelson and Tubby Raymond at the University of Delaware.

"I was fortunate when I was in Delaware, the coaches really showed me the Wing-T," Rees told the Patriot-News newspaper in 2010. "I learned it from the

best. It gives us a chance to be competitive."

A memorial service for Rees was held at Shippensburg University last weekend. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rocky and Patty Rees Football Scholarship Fund, c/o Shippensburg University Foundation, 1871 Old Main Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257.

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Construction, development and election among stories to watch

By JOSH SHANNON
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Main Street construction

1. The orange construction barrel may just be the defining image of life in downtown Newark this year.

Businesses and motorists are bracing themselves for 18 months of construction beginning in April and ending in fall 2020. The Delaware Department of Transportation is planning a full reconstruction of the roadway, which officials say is necessary to address structural problems in the concrete below the road surface.

The work will begin at both ends – near the Newark Library and near the intersection with South Main Street – and then move closer to the heart of the business district. One lane of traffic will remain open at all times, and the contractor will be required to maintain public access to driveways and parking lots, as well as the sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Crews will also install parklets and other pedestrian upgrades.

Business owners, meanwhile, are worried that the construction will keep customers away and cause some businesses to close.

Development projects

2. It could be a record year for development projects in Newark.

Several apartment projects, totaling more than 600 units and 1,400 bedrooms, are working their way through the city's approval process. Among the more significant projects are College Square (305 units), the Dickinson dorm site (189 units) and 1501 Casho Mill Road (48 to 60 units).

Major non-housing proposals include an assisted living facility on Barksdale Road and a Royal Farms at the site of Leon's Garden World on Elkton Road.

All those projects and more could be voted on this year, though the exact timing depends on how quickly the developers move through the planning department process.

For a complete list of projects, turn to page 10.

Municipal election

3. The April 9 municipal election is already shaping up to be interesting, as Newark will see its first mayoral race in six years.

Kasai Guthrie, a 21-year-old UD undergraduate, is challenging Mayor Polly Sierer, who was elected in 2013 and ran unopposed in 2016.

In addition, there will be elections in council districts 1, 2 and 4,



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The new train station on the STAR Campus will open this fall.

which are currently held by Mark Morehead, Jerry Clifton and Chris Hamilton.

Expect more candidates to start filing in mid-January. The filing deadline is Feb. 4.

Christiana Towers closure

4. Following UD's abrupt decision to close the Christiana Towers, Newark enters 2019 with lingering questions – primarily, what sort of trickle-down effects the city will see.

When the towers close in May, 1,300 beds will be removed from the city's supply of student housing. The new South College Avenue dorm planned to partially replace the towers won't be built for several more years. UD said it would replace some of the beds from the towers by acquiring the University Courtyard Apartments, but that is not adding beds; it's simply taking a privately managed apartment complex and bringing it under UD control.

As the university continues to expand the student population, many fear it will push developers to build more off-campus housing and push more students into residential neighborhoods.

City council is expected to hold a special meeting in January or February to discuss the issue and brainstorm possible solutions.

Main Street hotels

5. Two hotels currently under consideration could dramatically change the look of Main Street.

Lang Development Group wants to build 147 hotel rooms, a restaurant, 19,500 square feet of office space and a parking garage at 96 E Main St., across from the Academy Street intersection. If approved, it would be the tallest building downtown. Meanwhile, Danneman & Danneman LLC's plan calls for demolishing the building at 132 E. Main St. – which houses Tasty

Wok, Playa Bowls and the former Margherita's Pizza – and building an 88-room hotel, 12 apartments, retail space and a parking garage.

Lang has an ambitious timetable with hopes of beginning construction this summer, so the planning commission and city council could vote on it in the coming months. However, the Danneman project is still in the preliminary phases.

Christina referendum

6. The Christina School District is planning an operating referendum this fall.

Voters will be asked to approve a proposed tax increase of approximately 20 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for fiscal year 2020 and 5 cents for each following year through fiscal year 2022. However, the school board has not yet officially approved a referendum nor set the rate.

A second referendum, which would pay for capital improvements, is tentatively scheduled for 2020.

STAR Campus

7. After years of planning, Newark's new train station will finally open this fall at the northern edge of the University of Delaware's STAR Campus.

Crews demolished the existing structure – a small guardhouse – and are constructing an actual station building featuring a waiting area, ticket kiosks and restrooms. It will be manned by security guards. A future phase of the project, including a pedestrian bridge over the tracks and an elevated platform, will be completed in 2021.

Meanwhile construction will continue on the Chemours headquarters and UD's biopharmaceutical building, though they aren't expected to open until early 2020.

It's likely more STAR Campus projects will be announced this year, as UD is said to be weighing



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The University of Delaware biopharmaceuticals lab is one of two major projects under construction at the STAR Campus.



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A Food Lion is expected to open in Fairfield Shopping Center soon, much to the satisfaction of local residents who have been clamoring for a new grocery store since Superfresh closed in 2015.

offers from 38 companies looking to locate there.

Shopping centers

8. It looks to be another year of progress for many of Newark's shopping centers.

The most watched will be College Square, where the property owner is proposing a large-scale renovation that includes building 305 apartments, extending Delaware Avenue through the shopping center and building new retail space surrounding the road extension.

The project, which would be a shot in the arm for the vacancy-plagued center that lost Kmart as its anchor this fall, will likely be voted on by city council this year.

Meanwhile, renovations in Fairfield Shopping Center are almost complete, and the long-awaited Food Lion is expected to open soon.

The Park N Shop, which recently welcomed Jerry's Artarama, will continue to grow with the opening of Margherita's Pizza (which is moving there from Main Street)

and the Taiwanese karaoke bar Hsiang K. The shopping center owner is also planning to tear down the old bank building and replace it with 12 apartments and additional retail space.

In Newark Shopping Center, Goodwill will open its expanded store this month, and two restaurants, WingStop and Qualitea, are also slated to open this year.

Downtown parking

9. A proposal to increase the cost of parking downtown failed in 2018, but some council members have indicated they want to revisit the issue this year.

The city is also evaluating bold recommendations from the planning commission that could dramatically alter the way the city approaches parking downtown. The recommendations include implementing dynamic pricing that changes according to demand, establishing a shuttle service to bring people in from lots on the outskirts of town and eliminating parking requirements for downtown developments.



Another issue weighing on city officials is how to replace the 97 on-street parking spaces that will be blocked by the Main Street construction project. The city will demolish two former UD buildings on Delaware Avenue in order to expand the lot behind The Galleria, and officials are evaluating where they can add temporary or permanent metered parking spaces on surrounding roads.

Rodney stormwater pond

10. After years of discussion over the future of UD's Rodney dorm site, the Hillside Road property will start transforming into a stormwater pond and park.

Voters approved borrowing \$9 million for the project, which officials say will alleviate flooding in Oaklands, Old Newark and Devon. The city hopes to make the Rodney site a "unique recreational destination" that includes a lighted walking/biking trail, playground, fishing pier, outdoor classroom, parking lot and an open lawn for picnics and other activities.

Workers are currently doing environmental remediation at the site. Demolition of the dorms has been delayed slightly and will begin this fall after the adjacent Oaklands Swim Club closes for the season. The park is expected to open in fall 2020.

City manager

11. After more than 18 months of uncertainty, Newark should finally have a permanent city manager early this year, assuming contract negotiations with Acting City Manager Tom Coleman go well.

The bigger question is how Coleman will put his stamp on city government after the "acting" is removed from his title.

Among his first tasks will be filling several vacant positions on his staff and finding ways to improve employee morale after a recent employee survey found divisions within city hall and mistrust between council and employees.

Medical marijuana

12. Newark's first medical marijuana dispensary will open on Ogletown Road at the site of the former Alexander's Lawn and Garden.

The dispensary was supposed to open early in 2018 but did not. A representative of Compassionate Care Research Institute declined to comment on the delay but confirmed last week that the facility will open in the spring.

Christina transformation

13. Last year saw the first part of the Christina School District's new strategic plan, rolled out under Superintendent Richard Gregg, who took the helm of the district in 2017. This year, the district will continue to evolve through large-scale changes, such as a reimagining of the high schools.

All three high schools, which



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An artist's rendering shows a pedestrian/bicycle bridge that will be built over White Clay Creek next to Paper Mill Road.



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DelDOT will build parklets on Main Street as part of the construction project beginning this spring.

will offer concentrated career pathways that will give each school a specific brand and focus, will undergo the beginning phases of that evolution in the next school year. Newark High School will have the School of Arts and the School of Innovation, Glasgow High will become the School of Hospitality & Culinary Arts and School of Business & Humanities, and Christiana will roll out the School of Agricultural Sciences and the School of Health Sciences.

Newark Partnership

14. The Newark Partnership, the replacement for the Downtown Newark Partnership, will take shape this year.

The nonprofit's broad goals are to promote economic development, create an information-sharing network for local nonprofits and be a catalyst for community-wide conversations about improving the future of Newark, but so far, specifics have been scarce. An organizing committee is still developing the bylaws and membership levels and determining the first projects the group will work on.

The Partnership will be under pressure to show early successes because a skeptical city council has indicated its willingness to contribute to the organization will depend on whether the group can demonstrate its ability to get results.

Two crucial decisions will be who to hire as the group's executive director and what membership benefits will convince business owners and residents to pay to join the Partnership.

Bike trail upgrades

15. Two projects planned for this year will improve conditions for cyclists and pedestrians in Newark.

The city is planning to improve and pave a trail that runs from Fremont Road in Fairfield Crest to the Pomeroy Trail, giving pedestrians and cyclists easy access to head north into White Clay Creek State Park or south toward downtown and the Hall Trail. The trail should be open by late summer.

Construction of the Charles Emerson Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge is also slated to begin some time in 2019. The bridge will be built just to the west of the vehicular Paper Mill Road bridge over White Clay Creek and will connect Kershaw Park with the new Curtis Mill Park.

Self-driving bus

16. UD's STAR Campus could see a self-driving bus this spring.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, which runs the DART bus service, plans to purchase one shuttle bus and test it around the STAR Campus, where officials will study how the bus "talks" to cur-



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The University of Delaware and DelDOT will begin testing and utilizing a driverless shuttle on the STAR Campus this spring. Pictured here is the Arma, a driverless electric shuttle that was introduced to the University of Michigan campus recently. Michigan is the first college campus to use this technology.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company will spend the year looking for a new home after reaching an agreement to sell Station 8 on Ogletown Road.

rent transportation infrastructure, traffic signals and other devices.

The project will be paid for by the Delaware Department of Transportation. The university will contribute to operation costs and research and will be responsible for operating and maintaining the shuttle, according to a DTC spokesperson.

Aetna fire station

17. Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company will spend the year deciding where to build a new fire station after announcing last year that it reached an agreement to sell its aging Station 8 on Ogletown Road.

Officials said they are looking for a new location nearby, though they may first move to a temporary space while the new station is built. Aetna can remain at Station 8 at least through the year while the unnamed buyer completes due diligence on the sale.

UD is in talks to assist Aetna with acquiring a new site. An early possibility was a vacant UD-owned plot on Wyoming Road next to the Delaware Technology Park and across from College Square, a city official said two years ago. However, it's unclear if that site is still under consideration.

Also of interest is what the buyer of Station 8 – believed to be the same company that owns the hotel next door – plans to do with the property.

UD construction

18. A number of construction projects will begin at UD.

Cafes in the Morris Library and Graham Hall will see upgrades, and new steam pipes will be installed on the South Green, a spokesman said.

UD is also planning an addition and renovations to Drake Lab, renovations to Worrlow Hall and the addition of a vivarium to the building at 77 E. Delaware Ave., according to city officials, though a UD spokesman declined to provide details.

The university will also begin the design phase for the South College Residence Hall, a new \$80 million, 600-bed dormitory near the Morris Library.

White Clay Creek State Park

19. State officials are expected to complete a master plan for White Clay Creek State Park this year.

The plan was the subject of several public meetings last year.

The planning process will consider a number of issues, including whether to relocate the park office and nature center to larger buildings, how to preserve historical sites and what types of upgrades are needed at facilities like the Judge Morris Estate.

10 local sports stories to watch in 2019

By JON BUZBY

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With the 2018 sports season officially behind us, it's time to look at what I think are the Top 10 stories to watch in 2019, in no particular order.

UD's latest basketball sensation: On a guard-dominant team, UD freshman Ithiel Horton might just be the best of the lot. The Roselle Catholic product has earned CAA Rookie of the Week honors twice and is second on the team in scoring at 13.7 points per game. The last two Blue Hen freshman sensations ended up transferring – Kory Holden to South Carolina and Ryan Daly to St. Joe's – after their sophomore seasons. Let's hope Horton doesn't do the same.

Newark High moving to Flight B: When Christiana and Glasgow high schools made the move to Division II, it helped some teams but not others. Barring an unforeseen significant increase in Newark High's population during the next few years, the Yellowjackets might be in Flight B for good. Let's hope Newark teams have more success than in recent years, which in many

sports will mean finishing with a .500 record or better.

Delaware Stadium renovations: Ground has already been broken for the newest athletic complex renovations that will include a modern press box, refurbished seating in three sections of the west stands and the creation of the Whitney Athletic Center, a state-of-the-art health, wellness and education center for student-athletes. The changes should help both recruiting and game-day attendance.

Blue Gold Game schedule change: For the first time in the annual all-star game's history, kickoff will be on Friday night. The committee made the move for a variety of reasons, but mainly hoping that it will attract a larger crowd by avoiding Saturday's Firefly traffic and allowing beachgoers to attend the game and still have their feet in the sand first thing Saturday morning. I like the move. Time will tell if fans do.

UD football: A new offensive coordinator from CAA rival Towson University's staff has been hired to try and catapult the UD offense into the upper echelon of the CAA. Even if Jared Ambrose can do that,

the Hens will still need to keep pace on the defensive side of the ball after losing their two best players, Nasir Adderley and Troy Reeder. The Hens narrowly missed the playoffs in 2017, barely made it in this past season, and will need to improve on both sides of the ball to have a game on Thanksgiving weekend in 2019.

Who will coach Newark football: With Barry Zehnder's unexpected resignation, the Yellowjackets are trying to figure out who will be the next football head coach at Newark High. Whoever it is will have a steep hill to climb. The Yellowjackets have not made the playoffs since appearing in the 2011 state championship game and have only reached the .500 mark twice (2014 and 2015). The one incentive for interested applicants is Newark's move to Division II. However, even that doesn't guarantee success. Just ask St. Mark's.

Newark's football move to Division II: With all due respect to the other Yellowjacket teams, the football team is the one that fans will follow most closely with the move to Flight B and Division II. Newark's 2019 schedule in-

cludes all Division II teams — all of the Flight B teams as well as St. Mark's and Lake Forest. District rivalries will be renewed in Week 1 (Glasgow) and Week 10 (Christianiana). Finishing .500 is a realistic goal in 2019.

Philly pro teams: Big things are expected from all four teams for the first time in a while. Can the Phillies stretch their playoff contention one more month into September? The Flyers will have a new coach and promising young goaltender. The Eagles backed into this year's playoffs without their top quarterback, so is another Super Bowl title on the horizon when he returns? The Sixers' biggest question right now is if Markelle Fultz will ever come close to the expectations placed on any first-overall draft pick, and if so, will it be in a Sixers uniform? The second question is, regardless of the answer to the first, can the Sixers become an elite team in the Eastern Conference?

Donte DiVincenzo: The Newark-born first-round NBA draft pick has seen his playing time with the Milwaukee Bucks cut in half since he suffered a quad injury in late November. In his first game back, he

had a solid game against Charlotte (8 points in 11 minutes) but then was relegated to the G-League. Now he is back with the Bucks and it's not his injury that is limiting his minutes, rather it's just more that he's not needed in the current rotation. By this time next year, we should know if DiVincenzo is a legitimate first-round selection.

Christina state championship drought: Unless a team wins it all in the spring, the end of this school year will mark 10 years since a Christina School District high school won a state championship in any sport. With 71 state championships between the three schools, led by Newark's 39, the last titles won at each school were when Christiana's indoor and outdoor boys track teams won titles in 2009, Glasgow captured the state championship in boys track in 2008, and Newark's boys swim team won it all in 2005. With all three schools now competing in Division II, will the drought continue?

Before 2019 is over, there's no doubt there will be a Top 10 sports story not mentioned here. Let's just hope it's a positive one.

Happy New Sports Year!

A look at 25 pending development projects in Newark

By JOSH SHANNON

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As 2019 begins, more than two dozen development projects are working their way through the city of Newark's approval process.

A project that requires approval from city council – as most do – is first submitted to the planning department, which evaluates it with help

from other city departments and produces a report detailing changes the developer must make or questions the developer must answer.

Once the developer satisfies the planning department's concerns, the project is presented to the planning commission, which often asks more technical questions and makes a recommendation to city council.

Finally, the developer pres-

ents the project to city council, which makes the final decision on whether to approve it. Council is not obligated to follow the planning commission's recommendation.

At both the planning commission and council meetings, the public is permitted to weigh in on the project.

Sometimes, the process is completed within a few months; other times, projects linger for years. It depends on how motivated the developer is to move quickly and how many issues are raised by the planning department.

Here's a look at the projects currently under consideration.

Approved and/or under construction

Park N Shop: Demolish the old M&T Bank building and construct a three-story building containing 12 apartments and retail space.

1365 Marrows Road: Build an Enterprise Rent-A-Car facility on a vacant lot between KFC and College Square.

36 Benny St.: Demolish a rental home and build seven townhouse-style apartments.

24 and 30 Benny St. and 155 S. Chapel St.: Demolish two rental homes and build 11 townhouse-style apartments.

Awaiting council consideration

209-225 Haines St.: Demolish five rental homes and build a four-story building containing 24 apartments and garage parking. [Council to vote Jan. 14]

83-105 New London Road: Expand the Campus Walk student townhouse complex by removing 11 rental homes and building 28 townhouse-style apartments. [Council to vote Jan. 28]

62 N. Chapel St.: Demolish an office building and build 18 apartments.

0 Paper Mill Road: Annex wooded lot and build 18 single-family homes.

Awaiting planning commission consideration

92-96 E. Main St.: Demolish the former Abbott's Shoe Repair building and the back of the Green Mansion and replace them with a seven-story building containing 147 hotel rooms, a restaurant, 19,500 square feet of office space and a parking garage. The front of the Green Mansion would be incorporated into the new building.

321 Hillside Road: Demolish UD's Dickinson dorms and build 189 apartments.

College Square: Renovate

the shopping center, build 305 apartments in the southeast quadrant of the site, extend Delaware Avenue through the shopping center and build new retail space surrounding the road extension.

1119 S. College Ave.: Demolish the Red Roof Inn and build a new four-story, 98-room Hilton Tru hotel and a convenience store with gas pumps.

924 Barksdale Road: Build a 112-unit assisted living and memory care facility on a vacant lot that once served as the temporary home of Newark Charter School.

515 Capitol Trail: Demolish a single-family home and build 10 townhouses.

511 Valley Road: Demolish a single-family home and build two townhouses resembling the homes in nearby Briarcreek.

1364 Marrows Road: Reconfigure a previously-approved plan to build a Martin Honda repair facility on a lot currently used for vehicle storage.

67-69 New London Road: Demolish an existing home and build two townhouses.

In the early stages or stalled

132-138 E. Main St.: Demolish the existing build-

ing – which houses Tasty Wok, Playa Bowls and the former Margherita's Pizza – and build an 88-room hotel, 12 apartments, retail space and a parking garage. The parking garage would extend behind Chipotle and Panera Bread, and the developer is hoping to partner with the city to add to the supply of public parking.

1501 Casho Mill Road: Demolish the existing office building and construct a three-story building containing 48 to 60 apartments and new office/retail space.

1105 Elkton Road: Annex the Leon's Garden World property and build a Royal Farms convenience store, gas station and car wash.

0 Independence Way: Build 44 townhouses on a wooded lot off West Chestnut Hill Road.

46 Welsh Tract Road: Annex the two-acre lot, demolish the existing home and build 22 townhouses.

20-22 Benny St.: Demolish two houses and a build a four-story building containing nine apartments and garage parking.

804 S. College Ave.: Add a used car lot to the Shell gas station and the adjacent vacant lot.

18 North St.: Demolish a one-story apartment building and build four three-story townhouses.

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A look at Newark's bizarre crimes of 2018

Stolen diarrhea medicine, a misplaced grenade and the tequila bottle that helped ID a burglar

By JOSH SHANNON

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Newark is fortunate that it doesn't usually have to deal with the shootings, murders and other violent crimes that often plague larger cities.

That said, the crime logs at the Newark Police Department are rarely boring.

Here's a look at some of the stranger crimes we reported on in 2018.

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Two people stole anti-diarrheal medicine from a Newark Acme multiple times over the course of two weeks in September. A man and woman were caught on surveillance camera stealing more than \$200 in over-the-counter medicine on at least three separate incidents, police said. It's unclear if the thieves were addicts — certain anti-diarrheal medicine taken in large quantities reportedly produces a high similar to opioids — or just really unlucky when it comes to food poisoning.

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A dispute over drugs led to a bizarre chain of events during which a woman forcefully removed another woman's shoes and socks, assaulted a police officer and flooded her holding cell, causing



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Police investigate Rittenhouse Park after someone found a military practice grenade there in August.

\$14,000 in damage to the Newark police station. While searching the woman, officers found a crack pipe hidden in her rectum and a container of drugs hidden in her crotch. The woman later told police that she went to the Park N Shop to buy crack cocaine for the victim, but because it was hot outside, she felt the victim should share the crack with her. When the victim refused to share, she removed the victim's socks in an

attempt to find the drugs, which she believed had been stashed there.

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A Maryland man was arrested for his second DUI after slamming his car into a pole on South College Avenue while holding a beer. Emergency responders arrived to find him trapped in the car and unresponsive but still clutching the bottle of beer. Firefighters cut the roof off the car and freed the man after 15 minutes and took him to Christiana Hospital.

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After watching a man steal \$145 worth of rib-eye steaks and frozen shrimp from the College Square Acme, an armed vigilante jumped into his vehicle and pursued the thief. He pulled into the path of the shoplifter's vehicle and got out to confront him. At some point, the vigilante, who has a concealed-carry permit, drew his handgun and pointed it at the shoplifter's vehicle, police said, adding that the vigilante later told police the vehicle started to move and he was worried the shoplifter would run him over. The shoplifter backed up his vehicle and then sped away. Police said they were consulting with the attorney general's office about whether to charge the vigilante.

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A UD student was charged with 82 offenses for a months-long graffiti spree in which he allegedly spray-painted the word "Why?" in multiple places around Newark, including the side of a business on Cleveland Avenue, a trash can on Wilbur Street and a porta-potty at a South Chapel Street construction site. As for why he painted the word "Why," police wouldn't say.

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Fingerprints left on a bottle of Patrón tequila helped detectives track down an alleged burglar three months after a break-in at a Newark liquor store. Three men broke into the Dash Discount Liquors on Elkton Road, and one of the burglars filled a garbage bag full of alcohol and cigarettes. The burglar attempted to flee through a side door but struggled to carry his bag of loot, which split apart, causing many of the liquor bottles to fall on the floor. Detectives were able to glean fingerprints from one of the bottles that was left behind.

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Rowdy UD students celebrating graduation drew the attention of campus cops and the ire of Old Newark residents by jumping in the fountain on The Green and chanting late at night. Video that circulated on social media showed

one shirtless student, who had what appeared to be male genitalia drawn on his arm, addressing the crowd. "There are honestly no words in my soul....we graduate tomorrow," he said before imploring the crowd to "shut the [expletive] up" so he could finish speaking. The crowd then chanted for him to take his pants off.

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Rittenhouse Park was evacuated in August after a visitor found a military practice grenade in the parking lot. In what won't go down as the year's smartest decision, the visitor picked up the grenade and drove it to Delaware State Police Troop 2 in Glasgow. DSP bomb experts disposed of the grenade and swept the park for other explosives.

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Police arrested a homeless burglar after a UD student found him drinking beer and smoking cigarettes in the basement of the student's Choate Street home. The student called police and gave chase, and the burglar chucked a can of beer over his shoulder at him as he ran away. Police later caught the burglar, who was the same man who was arrested four years ago for throwing a piece of pizza through a woman's car window on Delaware Avenue, hitting her in the back of the head.



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By making Margaret Street one way – traffic can no longer enter the intersection from Margaret Street – more green light time could be allotted to the other roads. At peak times, an additional 300 cars are getting through the intersection each hour, Buckley said.

Reducing the number of lanes – what traffic engineers refer to as a “road diet” – had a similar effect, accommodating an additional 150 cars an hour.

“We’re really proud of the results,” Buckley said.

He acknowledged that many motorists have a hard time believing that reducing the number of lanes can reduce congestion.

“The analogy I like to use is, why does a kindergarten teacher make her class walk single file instead of side by side? It’s more organized and it’s more efficient,” he said. “Our data shows we’ve created a better thoroughfare.”

Tim Filasky, acting public works director for the city, said there were initially problems with backups due to the road diet, but most of the issues went away as DelDOT tweaked signal timing.

“We did get few choice words on why we went from four lanes to two lanes and we certainly understand that change is difficult,” Filasky said. “But [for] the folks that stuck with it and actually provided some very good feedback on how to make things better.... we have made a lot of the tweaks.”

The next step is adding a refuge island at Wilbur Street, which is slated for this summer, and adding bike lanes between North College Avenue and Paper Mill Road, which won’t be done until the road is repaved in a couple of years.

Meanwhile, Buckley said he is looking at alternatives to the only recommendation that was not implemented, the controversial Florida T at the intersection of Capitol Trail, Cleveland Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue.

Under the plan, DelDOT would have reconfigured the intersection to limit access out of Stafford and the surrounding neighborhoods. Only right turns in and out would have been allowed, meaning residents could not have used Woodlawn Avenue to turn left onto Capitol Trail or head



PHOTO COURTESY OF DELDOT

The “road diet” on Cleveland Avenue helped reduce congestion, officials said.

straight to Cleveland Avenue.

The result would have been dramatically improved conditions for other segments of the intersection, according to DelDOT engineers. Under a Florida T configuration, the right-most lane of Capitol Trail heading out of the city would have a constant green light.

However, the Florida T was defeated due to strong opposition from the neighbors.

Buckley’s newest proposal is similar to what was done at Margaret Street but doesn’t go as far as the Florida T would have.

He proposes limiting the change to only the evening rush hour. From 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Woodlawn Avenue would not get a green light, meaning motorists leaving Stafford could not turn left or go straight.

Access in to the neighborhood would not be affected, and the intersection would function normally during the rest of the day.

Buckley said he hopes to test the plan for a week to demonstrate the effect it would have on surrounding roads. However, he noted, the proposal is still in the preliminary stages.

“Our speculation is it would free up the bottleneck at Cleveland Avenue, and you would see a benefit back to Wyoming Road and back to Possum Park Road,” he said.

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np 1/4,11,18 2820813

LEGAL NOTICE
JANUARY QUARTER 2018/19 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The new assessed values for each parcel on the Supplemental Assessment roll for New Castle County and school taxes for the January Quarter of the 2018/19 tax year may be inspected in the Office of Property Assessment of New Castle County, New Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective January 1, 2019. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments may be obtained from the Office of Property Assessment at the address aforesaid and must be filed with the Office of Property Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2019. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will sit in the New Castle County Government Center, or some other public place to be announced, to hear appeals from these Supplemental Assessments. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec. 8311.

np 12/28,1/4 2823125

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The offices for which an election will be held are the office of Mayor and Council Member for Districts 1, 2 and 4. The Mayor serves a three-year term and Council Members serve two-year terms.

Any qualified voter of the city who, for a period of at least 15 years next preceding the election has not been convicted of a felony, as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware, and who has resided in the city for at least one year next preceding the election, shall be eligible to hold the office of Mayor or Council Member. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Mayor, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the City of Newark. A qualified voter, eligible to hold the office of Council Member, shall mean a person who is a registered voter at the time his/her nominating petition is filed and who resides in the district he/she seeks to represent.

All nominations for Mayor and Council Member shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each nominating petition for Mayor shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in any district in the City of Newark. Each nominating petition for Council Member shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in the district from which the candidate seeks election. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by **5:00 p.m., EDT, on Monday, February 4, 2019** in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 9, 2019 election.

QUESTIONS should be directed to the City Secretary's office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 302-366-7000.

Newark Election Board
np 12/28,1/4,18,2/1 2824731

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Joshua Isaac Walstrum, residing at 69 Sanford Dr., Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Joshua Isaac Walstrum
12/29/18
2826433
np 1/4

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Samuel Clinton Gale, Jr., residing at 151 Boyer Dr., Newark, DE 19702, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Samuel Clinton Gale, Jr.
12/31/18
2826480
np 1/4

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF DANIEL MARSHALL LANGLEY
Petitioner(s)
TO
DANIEL MARSHALL LEVINSKY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAWN MCCARTY intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor grandchild's name to DANIEL MARSHALL LEVINSKY.

DAWN MCCARTY
Petitioner
Dated: 12/12/2018
2823113
np 12/21,28,1/4

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF KEIRA BRIELLE BERRY-COLUCCI
Petitioner(s)
TO
KEIRA BRIELLE COLUCCI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERIN F. RESTUCCI intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor child's name to KEIRA BRIELLE COLUCCI.

ERIN F. RESTUCCI
Petitioner
Dated: 12/19/2018
2824674
np 12/28,1/4,11

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JOEY STEVEN FIORAVANITI
Petitioner(s)
TO
JOEY STEVEN FIORAVANTI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOEY STEVEN FIORAVANITI intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to JOEY STEVEN FIORAVANTI.

JOEY STEVEN FIORAVANITI
Petitioner
Dated: 12/31/2018
2826445
np 1/4,11,18

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT JANUARY 17, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 32, Article XIX of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware, to hear the following appeal:

1. **The appeal of Gamma Delta Rho Fraternity, Inc., property address 720 and 724 Academy Street, regarding the Termination of Non-Conforming Use, the Revocation of Rental License 3486 (formerly R139020), Business ID 1182 and Order to Vacate the House and Property.**

The application and related materials may be examined at the City Secretary's Office, 366-7000, prior to the meeting.

Jeffrey Bergstrom
Chairman
np 1/4 2826071



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A101 - Espinoza, Hector; A105 - Mitchell, Janelle; A116 - Taylor, Zykeria; A136 - Overbey, Lauren; A151 - Riley, Dennis; A210 - Holmes, Roslynn; A230 - Figueroa, Dedria; A246 - Flaherty, Joshua; A251 - Dickerson, Shanita; A259 - Jones, Rahmir; A266 - Small, Ryan; A272 - Meadows, Brenda; B301 - Marrero-Ortiz, Jessica; B316 - Anderson, Evita; B318 - Payne, Joshua; B328 - Lindsey, Doniesha; B351 - Garrow, Steven; B418 - Britt, Dwayne; B429 - May, Arkiece; B448 - Lockett, Nataya; C505 - McIntyre, Renise; C507 - Taylor, Anjel; C521 - Ofosu-Aikins, Lorraine; C602 - johnson, euvie; C609 - Acevedo, Justice; C613 - Patel, Pramod; C627 - Hughes, Bonita; D836 - Rameriz, David; E913 - Johnson, Sherrie; E920 - Pulliam, Jacqueline; F1038 - Smalls, Anginita; F1052 - Johnson, Donald; G1105 - Allen, LaToya; G1131 - Hackett, Marvella; H1214 - Norton, Amanda

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A008 - Perry, Mark; B005 - Schaffer, Tifani; C023 - Garfield, Allen; C038 - Earl, Pamela; C039 - Cordell, Robert; C055 - Burley, Rosemarie; C083 - Shaw, Ashley; C099 - Jackson, shawn-er'e; C118 - Johnson, Robert; C119 - Brown, Bilneshia; C197 - Vito, Joe; D020 - Brown, Ella; D036 - Heusner, Dizza; D044 - hodge, Stephen; E018 - Bryant, Clyde; G023 - Metcalfe, Crystal; H033 - Wescott, Glenice; H038 - Gibbs, Valarie

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A053 - Frank, Morgan; A067 - Harris, Charles; A094 - Todd, Kendra; A105 - Kolubah, Serena; A125 - Upsey, Cherie; B037 - Netchert, Jessica; B050 - Cooper, Angel; B122 - Hanna, Craig; B125 - Smith, Andrea; C020 - Jones, Lore; C047 - Dorsey, Natasha; D007 - Dosa, Madisin; D010 - Morine, Lauren; D042 - Reed, Jennifer; E002 - Hoxter, Robin; E013 - Torres, HECTOR; E041 - Bucci, Austin; E067 - tweed, john; E113 - Alkhamis, Arwa; E144 - Smith, Danielle; F088 - Booth, Gregory; G042 - Rozier, Kyle; H012 - Dempsey, Charese

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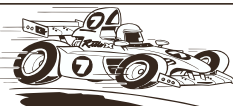
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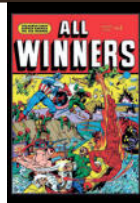
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Volunteer Thomas Hall, an employee of Sallie Mae, helps unload equipment for Preston's Playground at the base of the Newark Reservoir in August.



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Crystal Harmon cleans the burial marker of her husband, Staff Sergeant Darren Harmon, as she decorates it at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on Memorial Day. The bronze star recipient died in Iraq in 2006 and was based out of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The most memorable photos of 2018



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Concertgoers dance on the Academy Lawn as Club Phred kicks off the city's spring concert series.



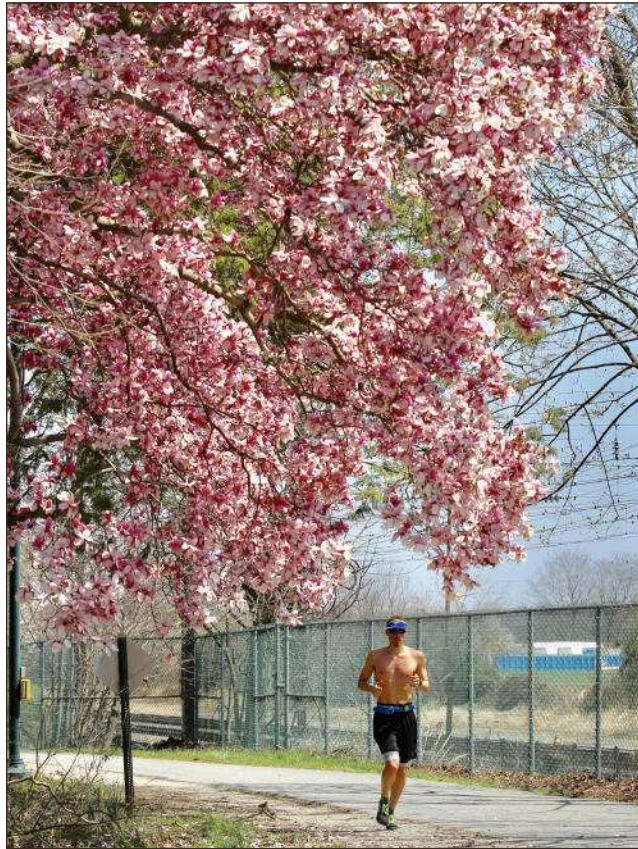
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The Newark Community Band celebrates its 35th anniversary with a concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark in March.



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Laura Donohue, winner of the Warner outstanding senior award, sits on the stage during the University of Delaware's commencement in May.



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A jogger passes a flowering tree along the James F. Hall Trail in April.



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Fiona Ferguson (left), 2, runs through the crowd at Newark's Independence Day festival.



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Master Cpl. Morgan Fountain throws a bean bag while Cpl. Darryl Saunders looks on during a pop-up community event in July. Fountain was playing a game of cornhole against Kylie Dowling, 10.



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Taylor Money, 4, shows off her princess face paint during Fabulous Friday in June.