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City cancels bridge project

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An artist's rendering shows a pedestrian/bicycle bridge proposed to be built over White Clay Creek next to Paper Mill Road. Council canceled the project Monday.

Council cites rising costs, will turn down \$1M grant

By JOSH SHANNON

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Concerned about rising costs, city council on Monday killed a long-planned project to build a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over White Clay Creek.

"I'd love to do this. I'd love to have it. I'm pro bike routes," Councilman Mark Morehead said. "I don't think we

can afford it."

Morehead was joined by councilmen Luke Chapman, Jerry Clifton and Chris Hamilton in voting against the bridge. Only Mayor Polly Sierer and Councilman Stu Markham supported the project, while Councilwoman Jen Wallace was absent.

The bridge, named for former Parks and Recreation Director Charles Emerson, was intended to be part of a

broader plan to improve the area surrounding the former Curtis Paper Mill. The 12-foot-wide, prefabricated tress bridge would have been built just to the west of the vehicular Paper Mill Road bridge over the creek and connected Kershaw Park with the new Curtis Mill Park.

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ASPIRA Academy completes expansion

Charter school
unveils renovated
building

By JESSICA IANNETTA

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When Las Américas ASPIRA Academy first opened its doors in 2011, its 300 students shared space with Delaware Sportsplex in a former warehouse on Ruthar Drive, east of Newark.

Now, six years later, the school has 740 students and after completing its second — and final — expansion, the building is likely now unrecognizable to that first group of students.

The charter school has now taken over the sportsplex's space and added a second floor, along with a kitchen, gym, auditorium and outdoor learning space. The building's facade has

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POW/MIA remembrance: Tonight, 6 p.m., on the Academy Lawn, 105 E. Main St. A ceremony will remember prisoners of war and those missing in action. The event is part of VFW Post 475's 24-hour vigil in recognition of POW/MIA Day. Open to the public.

Oktoberfest: Today, 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m., at Delaware Saengerbund, 49 Salem Church Road. The annual festival features German food, beer, music and rides. Admission is \$8 per person. Parking and shuttle available at Christiana High School for \$5.

Nun Run 5K: Saturday, 9 a.m., at Little Sisters of the Poor, 185 Salem Church Road. 5K race helps support seniors in need. \$30 sign-up fee includes post-race party. For more info, visit www.nunrun5k.org.

Charity fair: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 10 Old Newark Road. Event includes a community yard sale, outdoor market and food sales.

Delaware Walk for PKD: Saturday, 10 a.m. at Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Two walks — a 1-mile course and a 2-mile course — will raise money for polycystic kidney disease research. Register at walkforpkd.org/delaware.

Fix-it Cafe: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glasgow Park Bank Barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Attendees can bring a broken lamp, vacuum, waffle iron, sewing machine or other item and work beside an experienced volunteer to repair the item. Free.

Versus Gaming Con: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogletown Road. The event will offer all forms of gaming, including card games, tabletop games, RPGs and a bit of video games. Tickets \$5 at the door or online at versus2017.eventbrite.com. Proceeds benefit the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Community Day: Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the UD Green. Newark's annual festival returns with hundreds of vendors, food, performances, children's games and more.

History Quiztory: Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Glasgow Park barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Mary Torbey, from the Newark Historical Society, will give a presentation about the legend of Edgar Allen Poe in Newark, and the session concludes with a quiz. Participants are encouraged to join teams and compete to win prizes. Free. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-quiztory-the-bank-barn-tickets-30140569254>.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Volunteers serve desserts to visitors at Newark's Oktoberfest last year.

Community Day returns Sunday for 46th year

By JOSH SHANNON

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Children's games, food vendors, craft vendors, musical performances and dozens of community groups will take over the University of Delaware Green on Sunday for the 46th annual Community Day.

The popular festival is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on The Green between Main Street and Memorial Hall. Nearly 200 vendors are signed up.

"Local businesses and nonprofit organizations will gather on The Green to highlight their organization and engage the public with information about their mission, activities, volunteer opportunities and more," city spokeswoman Kelly Bachman said. "Fine artists, crafters and retail businesses will be selling their creations and wares throughout the day."

Food vendors will line Delaware Avenue, and a children's area featuring games and a scarecrow-making station will be near Memorial Hall.

A number of musical, dance and other performances are scheduled throughout the day on two stages, one in front of Memorial Hall and one in front of Wolf Hall.

The main act is country artist Devin Dawson, who is best known for his single, "All on Me" and will perform in front of Memorial Hall at 3:30 p.m.

The Devin Dawson concert is organized by the Havre de Grace, Md., radio station WXCX, which has teamed up with the city for several years to bring up-and-coming country acts



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

Volunteers Kaitlin Applegate, Melanie Altemus and Adrienne Lopez entertain themselves in the scarecrow-making area during last year's Community Day.

Entertainment schedule

Wolf Hall	
Performance Area	
11 — 11:30: Shenyan Performing Arts	3:15 — 3:45: YMCA
11:45 — 12:15: Mid-Atlantic Ballet	3:45 — 4: Delaware Dance Company
12:30 — 1: Aetna HH&L and NCC Paramedics	Memorial Hall
1:15 — 1:45: Tri-State Twisters	
2 — 2:45: New Life Christian Fellowship	Performance Area
2:55 — 3:05: Code Boyz	
	11 — 11:30: Elbert-Palmer Elementary Drum Line
	12 — 12:45: Neck & Neck
	1:15 — 2: The June Bugs
	2:15 — 3: Diamond State Concert Band
	3:30 — 4:15: Devin Dawson

first to Newark Nite and now to Community Day.

"That always gets a big draw," Recreation Superintendent Paula Ennis said. "We're looking forward to hearing Devin Dawson."

New this year will be curling demonstrations by the Diamond State Curling Club, the public works department's interactive game to test attendees' recycling knowledge and CPR demonstrations by Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co.

Many of the vendors, though, will be familiar faces.

"The same things people have been enjoying for years will be back," Ennis said. "It's a chance for families to come out and stroll around to see what opportunities are out there in the community."

Community Day is free and open to the public. Free parking is available at city-run lots on Main Street and behind UD's Pearson Hall on Haines Street.

Delaware Avenue, between South College Avenue and Academy Street, will be closed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Students hang teal ribbons for ovarian cancer awareness

A group of University of Delaware students spent part of last week hanging dozens of teal ribbons on Main Street as part of "Turn The Towns Teal," a national campaign to promote awareness for ovarian cancer and its symptoms.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

"There is no test for ovarian cancer, so knowledge is crucial," Mayor Polly Sierer said in a statement. "Drawing attention to the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer could help save the life of a friend or neighbor. Sometimes just one small act can make a big difference."

The volunteers came from Lori's Hands, a student organization that matches student volunteers with Newark residents living with chronic illness.

Symptoms of ovarian cancer can include



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

University of Delaware junior Emily Pizzimenti hangs a teal ribbon on Main Street.

bloating, abdominal pain, unexplained weight change, back pain and fatigue.

"The teal bows are visual alerts, but the key is knowing the symptoms, which are subtle and may be mistaken for other conditions," Sally Oberle, Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation vice president, said in a statement.

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No easy solution to panhandling issue, officials say

By JESSICA IANNETTA
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Panhandling may be a nuisance for drivers and an annoyance for police who would rather deploy their resources elsewhere, but it's also — in most cases — perfectly legal.

And that makes trying to reduce panhandling in the Newark area a particularly difficult task, though not one that local groups are necessarily shying away from. Last week, the Greater Newark Civic Alliance made the topic of panhandling the main focus of its quarterly meeting, held Aug. 30 at the Newark Free Library.

Stephanie Rizzo, one of the alliance's organizers, decided to make panhandling the focus of the meeting after noticing the amount of discussion the topic had generated on NextDoor, a social media site that allows neighbors to connect with each other online.

Since much of the panhandling takes place on state-owned roads, Rizzo invited the Delaware State Police to attend the meeting. Rizzo also invited the Rick Vanstory Resource Center in Wilmington to send a representative in order to better understand the perspective of the homeless but no one was able to attend, she said. State Rep. Ed Osienski (D-Newark), who chairs the legislative's transportation committee, was also in at



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JESSICA IANNETTA

Delaware State Police Master Cpl. Mike Austin talks to members of the Greater Newark Civic Alliance about panhandling Aug. 30.

tendence along with about a dozen community members.

The issue of panhandling is a multifaceted one, those present agreed, with no easy solutions. Police are limited in what they can do to stop panhandlers, many of whom have mental health issues or struggle with substance abuse, and need to work with both local nonprofits and the public in general to curb the problem.

"We are concerned about it because it is quality of life for our constituents," said DSP Master Cpl. Mike Austin, "but it also does eat up resources on the state police side for other things we could be doing and that's an issue for us."

Austin, a member of the community outreach unit, came to the meeting on be-

half of Troop 2 and Troop 6, which together cover much of the greater Newark area. Austin told the group that panhandling presents a challenge, since what an officer can do depends greatly on what exactly the person is doing and where they're doing it.

"Unfortunately, most of the time with roadway situations, it is a traffic offense," Austin said. "There just isn't that much teeth to that offense when it goes to the courts."

The punishment for a traffic violation is usually a fine. Sometimes the individual makes enough money panhandling to pay the fine. But even when they don't, courts don't incarcerate people over unpaid traffic tickets, Austin noted.

Police can try to charge a

panhandler criminally, particularly if he or she is being overly aggressive, Austin said. That criminal charge then sends the case to the Court of Common Pleas, where the individual can be ordered into court-mandated treatment for mental health issues, substance abuse or other problems, he said.

Sometimes, police can also get a no-contact order, where a person is prohibited from setting foot on a property. If the person is found on those properties, he or she can be arrested for breach of release, which can sometimes result in jail time, Austin said.

All in all, according to statistics provided by Troop 6, an average of 30 arrests, both criminal and traffic, are made each week for panhandling, he added.

DSP also works with Vanstory and other local nonprofits to try to connect those who are panhandling with available resources. That includes one initiative by Troop 6 that included handing out free lunches and connecting panhandlers with job placement resources and available shelters. However, the majority of the people either refused the help or never followed through.

"We've killed a forest of trees handing out pamphlets and cards and resource information to them," Austin said. "The reality is that they don't want help because there's some structure to

the shelters, structure to the treatment facilities. They have to be compliant with the programs and they don't want that. Especially when it's easy and you can just ask and get free money."

Osienski agreed and noted that both he and DSP are working the Delaware Department of Transportation on putting up signs at especially problematic spots that encourage motorists not to give to panhandlers. DelDOT understands that panhandling quickly becomes a traffic issue when motorists stop for — or try to avoid — panhandlers but is also reluctant to get involved, he said.

Because panhandling is considered legally-protected free speech, DelDOT would need to be careful about how the signs are worded, Osienski said. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has sued towns and counties that made anti-panhandling laws that were too vague or over-arching, he added.

Austin agreed, adding that there are portions of the current loitering code that have already been deemed unconstitutional by the Delaware attorney general.

In addition, it's nearly impossible to distinguish between panhandlers and nonprofits that occasionally ask drivers for donations, Osienski said.

"How can we say the homeless can't be out there at that intersection panhan-

dling when we're allowing the New Castle volunteer firefighters out there?" he said.

However, Osienski said his next step will be to meet with members of local shelters and other organizations to learn about what services are available, where the gaps may be and what they think should be done about the panhandling issue.

Several people in attendance suggested solutions that have worked well in other cities, such as a program used in several cities that gives panhandlers vouchers for food or shelter instead of money. Other cities have transformed parking meters into donation stations, with the money going to local homeless shelters. All agreed that a public information campaign of sorts is needed.

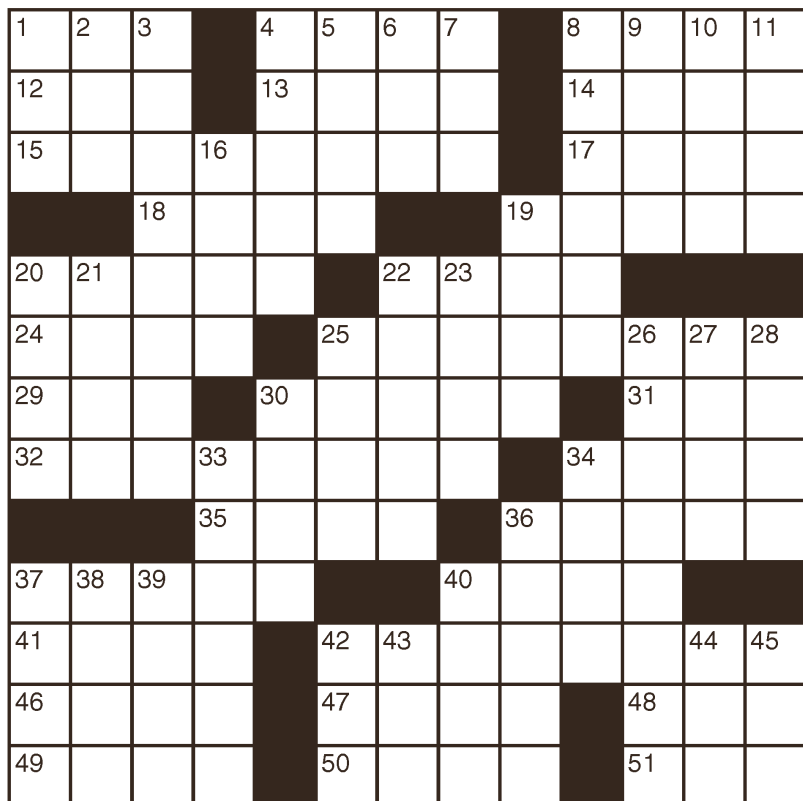
As solutions are explored, Austin encouraged people to continue calling police to report panhandlers. If the panhandling is ongoing, Austin said drivers can call 911, noting that the dispatchers know how to triage calls. It's important that callers give good, detailed descriptions and allow police to contact them for follow-up questions, he said.

But above all, Austin said people shouldn't give panhandlers money.

"They wouldn't be out there if they weren't getting money — and a substantial amount of money," he said.

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Newark man charged with indecent exposure

A Newark man exposed himself to two women walking near the University of Delaware campus late Monday night, police said.

The two victims, ages 21 and 23, told police they were walking in the area of Orchard Road and Amstel Avenue at 11:38 p.m. when a man pulled his vehicle up next to them and exposed himself while seated in the vehicle, said Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Officers broadcast a description of the suspect and

vehicle, and UD Police pulled over a car matching the description. The driver, Bruce J. Christian, matched the description of the suspect, Nelson said.

Police obtained a warrant for Christian's arrest, and he turned himself in the next day.

Christian was charged with two counts of second-degree indecent exposure and was released on \$200 unsecured bond.



CHRISTIAN

Man charged with unlawful sexual contact in Deer Park parking lot

A 31-year-old New Castle man was arrested last week for allegedly touching a woman inappropriately in the parking lot of The Deer Park Tavern.

The incident happened shortly before midnight Sept. 8 outside the restaurant at 108 W. Main St.

A 21-year-old New Castle woman told police that the man approached her in the parking lot and touched her without her consent, said Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police

Department. She told officers she had not had any previous interaction with the man.

Deer Park bouncers began struggling with the suspect in the middle of Main Street, drawing the attention of a police officer on patrol, Nelson said.

The suspect, Jon R. Laughlin, was charged with third-degree unlawful sexual contact and released on \$500 unsecured bond.



LAUGHLIN

Man remains on loose after robbery at Newark Wawa

By CARL HAMILTON

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An unidentified man remains on the loose after forcibly stealing money from a person behind a convenience store in Newark earlier this month, police reported.

The incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. Sept. 1 behind the Wawa at 601 Ogletown Road, where the victim, whom investigators described only as a 48-year-old man, was standing next to his vehicle when the robber approached him from behind and grabbed him, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a Newark Police Department spokesman.

"During the struggle, the suspect was able to remove an undisclosed amount of cash from the victim's pocket," Nelson said.

After stealing the money, Nelson added, the suspect ran away and was last seen heading toward the College Square Shopping Center.

A surveillance camera videotaped the robber right before or right after the incident, and on Tuesday, NPD released a photo gleaned from that footage, in hopes of identifying him, police reported.

"After investigative leads have failed to identify the suspect, the police department is asking the public to assist in his identification," Nelson explained.

The suspect is described



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

This surveillance photo shows a man who robbed another man behind the Wawa at 601 Ogletown Road on Sept. 1. Investigators have not been able to identify the on-the-loose robber, and they are asking for the public's help.

as a white man, between 18 and 24 years old, with brown eyes, brown hair, a thin mustache and light facial acne, police said. He was last seen wearing a camouflage hooded jacket and blue jeans, police added.

Anyone with information that might help in this robbery investigation is asked to contact NPD Det. Taras Gerasimov, lead investigator, at 302-366-7100, ext. 3474, or at TGerassimov@newark.de.us

With young children in tow, woman steals \$1,200 worth of groceries

By JOSH SHANNON

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A woman had two young children with her when she wheeled a cart full of stolen groceries out of a Newark supermarket, police said.

The theft happened just before 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Acme in Suburban Plaza, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

An employee saw the woman leave with the groceries and told police she was accompanied by an infant and a girl approximately 6 to 10 years old. Surveillance footage appears to show an infant car seat resting atop the pile of stolen merchandise in the cart.

The employee confronted the woman, who ran across the parking lot to the Applebee's restaurant, where she met another person. The two adults and two children left in a white Kia Soul.

The woman left the groceries behind, and Acme employees recov-



NPD PHOTO

Police say this woman stole \$1,200 worth of groceries from Acme while two young children were with her.

ered the stolen merchandise, with totaled 184 items valued at \$1,211.48.

The woman is described as "possibly being of Indian descent" and was wearing black pants and a black jacket with

a large, furry hood, Nelson said.

Anyone who can help identify the woman should contact Officer Andrew Golden at 302-366-7100 ext. 3484 or AGolden@newark.de.us.

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Man charged in Newark robbery spree

Police have charged a Millington, Md., man with robbing three businesses in the Newark area.

The first robbery came Aug. 30, when a man walked into the Exxon at 4600 Ogletown-Stanton Road around 3:40 p.m. and robbed a clerk at knife-point before fleeing in a silver minivan, according to Delaware State Police spokesman Sgt. Richard Bratz.

The second came just before 9 p.m. Sept. 3, when a knife-wielding man robbed the 7-Eleven at 699 E. Chestnut Hill Road. The robber fled by bicycle into the Todd Estates neighborhood, and police found the silver minivan disabled in the roadway, Bratz said.

The third came just before 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Exxon at 820 S. College Ave.

The robber approached a clerk and presented an item for purchase. After the clerk opened the cash register, the suspect came around the sales counter and attempted to remove cash from the register,

Newark Police Department spokesman Lt. Fred Nelson reported.

Police originally said the robber was successful in stealing cash, but later said the clerk was able to fend off the man, who fled empty-handed. The clerk received some minor scrapes and bruises from his confrontation with the robber, however, he refused medical treatment.

Bratz said detectives connected all three incidents to Victor J. Lasanta, 34, after interviewing witnesses and examining surveillance footage. He was arrested Sept. 6 during a traffic stop on Chapman Road, and police later searched his home and van and found additional evidence linking him to the crimes.

Troopers charged him with two counts of first-degree robbery and two counts of possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. Newark Police plan to charge him with attempted robbery, offensive touching and criminal mischief. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond.

Police seek man who stole riding mower in Glasgow

Delaware State Police are seeking the public's help identifying a man who allegedly stole a riding mower valued at more than \$8,000 and was last seen near Elkton, Md.

At approximately 6:28 a.m. on Saturday, a man entered the property of Atlantic Tractor, located at 2688 Pulaski Highway in Glasgow, and cut the security cable securing the riding lawn mowers. The man then stole a 2017 John Deere Z930M Z-Trak zero turn riding mower valued at \$8,500, DSP reported.

The suspect fled on Frenchtown Road toward Cecil County, Md. He was last seen on Maloney Road in Elkton traveling toward Pulaski Highway, according to police.

The suspect, who was caught on surveillance cameras, is described as a white man with brown hair, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 140 to 160



PHOTO COURTESY OF DSP

Police are searching for this man who allegedly stole a riding mower from a Glasgow business and then fled towards Cecil County, Md..

pounds, police said.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect is asked to contact Cpl. M. McCann at 302-365-8523. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.



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Investigators believe the people in this car set a fire outside the Kappa Alpha house on Amstel Avenue.

Fire at UD frat house ruled arson; suspects sought

The fire that damaged a University of Delaware fraternity house last month was intentionally set, investigators said last week.

The flames were discovered about 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 near some trash cans outside the Kappa Alpha house, known as the "Kastle," on Amstel Avenue.

Firefighters from Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company quickly extinguished the fire, which damaged a roof overhang and a door and also caused minor damage inside the house. Those inside escaped unharmed.

The damage was estimated at \$8,000, said Michael Chionchio, assistant state fire marshal.

Investigators determined the arsonists ignited furniture that was stacked near a Dumpster and then left it to burn next to the building.

Chionchio released surveillance photos of the suspects and their vehicle. Anyone who can identify the suspects, should call the fire marshal's office at at 302-323-5375 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

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Newark prepares for emerald ash borer

By BRAD KRONER

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After the emerald ash borer, a species known to be destructive to ash trees, was found in nearby Cecil County, Md., a couple months ago, Newark officials are taking steps to limit the bug's spread into the city.

Emerald ash borers aren't considered pests in their native habitat of China and eastern Asia, but in the United States, they are considered an invasive species that is highly destructive to ash trees. The female beetles lay eggs inside ash trees, and the larvae feeds on the bark. If uncontrolled, borer infestations can grow wildly and cause widespread harm.

The ash borers first made it to the United States in 2003, when they were found in Michigan. In 2004, they were found in Prince George's County, Md., and a nursery was placed under quarantine.

Eventually, the ash borers spread throughout the state.



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The emerald ash borer, which is known to be destructive to ash trees in North America, has been found in Fair Hill, Md., just a short distance from Newark.

Two years ago, ash borers were found in multiple Maryland counties. Experts suspect they were accidentally transported by people carrying infested wood.

Now that the threat lies just one county away, Newark officials are developing a plan to control the spread of ash borers in Newark.

"It's all around us," said Joe Spadafino, Newark's director of parks and recreation. "We're sort of like the doughnut hole. It's going to

get here eventually."

Spadafino said that the city is working to spread awareness of the threat posed by emerald ash borers and provide resources to residents so that they can be prepared.

"The city's actually had two public meetings for information about the emerald ash borer in order to make residents aware that this is coming and how they can be prepared," Spadafino said. "Some people have some big, beautiful ash trees in

their yard and if they can get it treated by a local arborist, that's what we would recommend."

Spadafino said that there's an insecticide treatment called TREE-age that prevents emerald ash borer attacks on ash trees.

"It's preventative," Spadafino said. "I don't know how foolproof it is, but we have gotten some good research that's been very effective at fighting the emerald ash borer."

In order to save some of the trees and maintain a seed supply to replace dead ash trees, the city has treated 35 ash trees throughout its parks and traffic islands.

Newark officials are also looking to Dr. Jian Duan, a University of Delaware professor renowned for research on emerald ash borers, for advice on how to combat the spread of the insects. Spadafino called Duan "the backbone of what we're trying to do."

Jonathan Schmude, an assistant to Duan, said they're

exploring the possibility of introducing a specific species of parasitic wasp to Newark as a means of controlling the spread of the emerald ash borer.

"It's a natural predator of the emerald ash borer in China, Russia, and other parts of Asia," Schmude explained. "They will lay eggs inside the egg or inside the larvae. They hatch, grow and eat the emerald ash borer."

While the four wasp species being introduced are not native to the United States, they won't threaten the balance of the local environment. The four types of wasps are *Oobius Agrilae* (which detects and feeds on the eggs), *Tetrastizus Tlanitennisi*, *Stathius Agrilae*, and *Stathius Galinae* (which detect and feed on larvae).

"We tested each wasp, before it was released, for years, figuring out what kind of species it would attack and making sure it wouldn't have any other threats for the ecology," Schmude said, adding that the wasp feeds

on emerald ash borers and other pest beetles. "This wasp won't really be competing for anything."

Additionally, the wasp population will mirror that of the emerald ash borers.

"As there are fewer emerald ash borers, there will be fewer wasps," he explained.

However, the wasps are not expected to outright eliminate the emerald ash borers.

"Most likely, it will just keep it in low populations so it's not killing the trees," Schmude said.

Currently, Schmude is conducting further research to strategically release the wasps in Newark. They have introduced the wasps elsewhere in Delaware.

"We've looked at a couple forest patches around Newark where we plan to release," he explained. "It has to be a city or state park with a large quantity of ash trees that are unlikely to be cut down. There's a couple places we've look at, but we haven't made any decisions."

Ceremony marks 240th anniversary of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge

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Somewhere between Glasgow and Cooch's Bridge, approximately two dozen soldiers who gave their lives during Delaware's only Revolutionary War battle lie in unmarked graves.

On Saturday, 240 years after the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, a group of historians and other citizens gathered on part of the battlefield to honor those who died there.

"At the time of the battle, our identity as Americans, as United States citizens, had not yet been fully established or formed. The definition of what it means to be an American was still being determined at that time," said Wade Catts, a historian who has studied the battle. "Those who fought here helped work to create that new definition."

Saturday's ceremony was the 11th annual remembrance organized by the Pencader Heritage Museum, which is located on part of the battlefield at the corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Route 72.

The Battle of Cooch's Bridge took place Sept. 3, 1777. Nearly 17,000 British and Hessian troops landed at the Head of Elk — now Elkton, Md. — and marched toward Philadelphia in an

ultimately successful attempt to capture the colonial capital. Gen. George Washington sent 800 soldiers to Cooch's Bridge to scout out and delay the enemy, ordering them to "provide every possible annoyance."

Hiding in the woods west of the bridge, the Continental Army and militiamen ambushed the approaching British troops. The fighting lasted for most of the day before a British charge forced the Americans to retreat. The British occupied the area, including the Cooch house, for several days before marching through Newark and onto the Battle of Brandywine.

Most historians regard the Battle of Cooch's Bridge as a skirmish, a prologue to more important battles in Pennsylvania. However, Catts said, information recently uncovered shows the battle was likely fiercer than once thought.

Many of the newly uncovered descriptions come from pension applications filed by veterans years after the war.

"In their own words, recorded in their pension files, they speak of the magnitude of the fight on the third of September, 1777," Catts said. "They use adjectives such as 'severe', 'bloody' and 'sharp' to punctuate their recollections, clear indicators that for those who fought here, the Battle of Cooch's Bridge was no mere skirmish."



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Historian Gabe Neville speaks Saturday at a ceremony commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. Neville is a descendant of Johnathan Grant, who fought in the battle.

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Sept. 11 remembered 16 years later: 'The innocence was gone'

By JOSH SHANNON

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On that unforgettable September morning 16 years ago, Sgt. Stephen McGuire had just arrived at his Army reserve center in Huntington, W.Va., when he learned of the terrorist attacks in New York.

Immediately, the combat veteran knew the world had changed.

"The innocence was gone [from] our nation," McGuire recalled Monday. "It was going to be left to us to bring it back."

McGuire, now 40 and a student at the University of Delaware, was the featured speaker at a 9/11 remembrance ceremony organized by the city of Newark and the University of Delaware.

The ceremony — attended by public officials, ROTC cadets, a contingent of local first responders and a dozen or so Newark residents — was held at Olan Thomas Park on Cleveland Avenue, which is home to a memorial garden that was dedicated three months after 9/11. The garden includes a plaque and three trees: a sugar maple to represent the victims in New York, an American dogwood to represent the victims in Virginia (the Pentagon) and an eastern hemlock, to represent the victims in Pennsylvania.

McGuire told the crowd that while everyone has his or her own memories of 9/11, he wanted to describe what that day was like for someone who was in the military.

"For most Americans, it meant a shift in the way we perceive our safety and security," he said. "But for a select 0.45 percent of the population, it meant only one thing: mobilization."

A native of Kentucky, McGuire enlisted in the Army in 1994, while still in high school. He was deployed in 1996 during the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. He was deployed again in 2006 to Kuwait, in support of the war in Iraq, before being honorably discharged in 2008.

On 9/11, he and a friend were assigned to block the entrance to their reserve center, which had been ordered locked down.



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ROTC cadets from the University of Delaware fold a flag during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Olan Thomas Park on Monday.

"I remember sitting on that Humvee, on the hood, and just having an overwhelming ache in my heart trying to understand the hatred that was perpetrated that day on our soil," he said. "And to this day, I still can't understand it. I can only hope, as I did then, that we can stop it or at least slow it."

He and his friend had already served overseas, so they knew what to expect. But, he said, he felt for the younger soldiers who would soon ship out for the first time. Eventually, the stress got to him.

"I pulled out a joint and I lit that thing right there on that Humvee," he recalled Monday. "What are they going to do, kick me out? It was a scary, scary time. It doesn't get any easier."

"Sixteen years later, we're still in Afghanistan," he added. "Kids are still being born, graduating and going to the same conflict we started. So let's reach out, let's remember these young people who are offering themselves."

UD Provost Domenico Grasso, also an Army veteran, said he was getting ready to head to the airport to fly to Washington for a meeting at the Pentagon when the attacks occurred. He urged those in attendance Monday to remember the heroes who emerged from that sad day.

"That incredible tragedy that exposed the worst side of humanity also highlighted the strength, selflessness and bravery of the American people," Grasso said. "This is a time for us to not only remember all



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Sgt. Stephen McGuire, an Army veteran and UD student, speaks during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Olan Thomas Park on Monday.

those who died and suffered because of that fateful day but to exhibit the same bravery and selflessness in our own challenging time that would have made all of them proud."

Mayor Polly Sierer also touched on the theme of public service.

"I'm so grateful to our community for coming together to honor the memory of those we lost, but it's important we take it beyond just this day," Sierer said. "Acts of service can happen every single day."

"Our men and women of the armed services, our police officers, our firefighters and first responders prove that to be true day in and day out, as do blood donors and food pantry volunteers and those that help the homeless," she added. "It's up to all of us and generations to come to demonstrate that same spirit."

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UD reaches settlement with family of student killed in bike crash

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The family of a University of Delaware student struck and killed by a bicycle two years ago has reached a settlement with the university, the family's attorney announced last week.

Financial terms of the settlement were not disclosed, but as part of the agreement, UD will establish a bicycle safety committee to make recommendations about the use of bicycles on campus.

"The most important thing for the family is they do not want this to happen to any other student's family," said Timothy Lengkeek, attorney for Matthew Rosin's family. "The family looks forward to seeing what recommendations the university comes up with."

The university will also install a plaque memorializing Rosin near the Trabant Student Center patio, where the crash happened.

The crash occurred on Oct. 23, 2015, on a patio located on the east side of the Trabant University Center near South College Avenue.

Rosin was standing outside Trabant participating in an event sponsored by the student group SCPAB, which included a concert in the patio area.



ROSIN

At the same time, a cyclist was riding on the sidewalk that runs parallel to the east side of Trabant and collided with Rosin, who fell backward and hit his head on the sidewalk. Rosin was knocked unconscious, and several student bystanders initiated CPR until paramedics arrived.

Rosin died from his injuries five months later.

His parents sued UD and the cyclist, claiming the university acted negligently by failing to create rules to keep bikes off busy campus sidewalks, and by allowing cyclists to operate their bikes in heavy pedestrian areas.

Last year, UD began requiring cyclists to dismount and walk their bikes through the Trabant Patio, a popular shortcut for cyclists and one made more dangerous by the layout. Cyclists build up speed coming down a sloped sidewalk and then enter an area that often has students milling about.

However, the "walk your wheels" signs drew the ire of some cycling advocates.

"No self-respecting cyclist wants to get off and walk their bike," Mark Deshon, chair of BikeNewark, explained last month. "That's like asking a pedestrian to get down on all fours."

As an alternative, BikeNewark successfully petitioned the city of Newark and the Delaware Department of Transportation to install a



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After Matthew Rosin was struck and killed by a bike on the Trabant Patio, the University of Delaware erected signs instructing cyclists to walk their bikes on the path that runs through the patio.

contraflow lane that provides cyclists with a legal way to ride the wrong way down Main Street to get from North College Avenue to South College Avenue.

UD spokeswoman Andrea Boyle said she has no information about when the bicycle safety committee will begin meeting or what form it will take. It's unclear if its membership will be limited to those associated with UD or if city officials and bike advocates will also have a seat at the table.

Previously, Lengkeek has said Rosin's family wants UD to enact rules about where and when bicyclists can ride, like other area universities already have done.

For example, cycling is not permitted on sidewalks at the University of Maryland, according to the school's website, meaning riders have to dismount and walk their bikes.

At Penn State University, bikes can only be ridden on approved bicycle routes and campus roads,

and riders must walk their bicycle at all other places. Bikes are prohibited from sidewalks and pedestrian paths in the "limited bicycle zone," but cyclists are allowed to ride on malls and pedestrian paths outside central campus. Anyone in violation of the rules faces a \$10 ticket, according to the school website.

The city of Newark bans cycling on sidewalks along roads where there are bike lanes or sharrows present, but UD does not have a similar rule on campus property.

Acme's Hot Dogs for Heroes event honors Newark's first responders

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Volunteers cook hot dogs outside the Acme at Suburban Plaza as part of a fundraiser for local police officers and firefighters.

A local grocery store honored Newark's first responders on Saturday with an event called Hot Dogs for Heroes.

Beth Howell, an employee at the Acme in Suburban Plaza, organized the event for the second year. Timed to coincide with the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the event raised a total of nearly \$2,400 for Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company and the Newark Police Department's K-9 unit.

Howell's son is a state trooper in Maryland, so it's a cause near and dear to her heart.

"I'm still that proud American," she said. "I want America to get back to having patriotism. I just feel it's slipping away from us."

Representatives from both public safety agencies were on hand to do demonstrations. Aetna firefighters gave tours of fire

engines and demonstrated CPR techniques, while NPD officers introduced attendees to police dogs Peti and Kody.

"It lets kids know those guys out there in blue are OK," Howell said.

Cpl. Adam Stevens, an NPD K-9 handler, said he appreciates the support for the K-9 program, which is entirely funded by community donations.

"If we get \$1,000, that will help pay for the dogs' food for a year," he said. "Every bit we get is beneficial."

In addition, the event provides another opportunity to engage with Newark residents, he added.

"There's a good community interaction between us, the fire department and people who are here," he said.

Jeff Sands, an assistant chief at Aetna, concurred.

"This is a wonderful event, and we're thrilled Beth put this together," Sands said. "It's always nice to interact with the community."

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Newark man accidentally shot by Virginia police gets \$200K settlement

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A Newark man has been awarded a \$200,000 settlement in a lawsuit, stemming from a June 2014 incident in which a Virginia police officer accidentally shot him in the chest while trying to serve a warrant in a burglary case, City of Chesapeake (Va.) officials confirmed last week.

The plaintiff, Michael Lee Smith, 30, had filed a \$2.85 million lawsuit, alleging that Chesapeake Police Department Officer Elliott Boyd Jr. acted with negligence, gross negligence and in a willful and wanton fashion when he shot Smith as he walked from a Walmart in Portsmouth, Va., to his mother's nearby house on June 12, 2014.

Boyd, now a 28-year veteran with that Virginia police agency, was trying to arrest

Smith on a fugitive warrant taken out by the Elkton (Md.) Police Department. In that case, Smith was charged in connection with a May 25, 2014, burglary in Elkton in which guns were stolen.

According to Cecil County Circuit Court records, prosecutors dropped their criminal case against Smith on Aug. 8, 2014. Smith had stood charged of first-degree burglary, third-degree burglary and theft of property valued at more than \$1,000 and less than \$10,000 in that case, court records show.

After spotting Smith in Portsmouth on June 12, 2014, Boyd, who was operating as a joint task force member, accidentally fired his gun as he was getting out of his unmarked car, police reported.

The gun discharged as Boyd, who is left-handed,

was shifting the firearm to his right hand so he could open his car door, police said. The bullet ripped through the windshield of his car and wounded Smith in the chest, police added.

At the time that he was shot, Smith was unarmed — with a cigarette in his left hand and a plastic bag in his right, police reported.

Following protocol that applies whenever an officer shoots someone in the line of duty, prosecutors reviewed the case, before declining to file criminal charges against Boyd.

Prosecutors concluded that, although Smith did not provoke the shooting, Boyd was justified to be on high alert and draw his weapon because Smith's fugitive warrant indicated that he stood charged of stealing guns.

Moreover, prosecutors also concluded that Boyd

accidentally shot Smith and that there was no evidence of gross negligence. Boyd still works for the police department.

Although the accidental shooting caused no repercussions on the criminal court and law enforcement

administrative levels, Smith later filed a \$2.85 million complaint against Boyd and the police department in civil court.

Before Smith's civil case made it to trial, Chesapeake officials agreed to pay him \$200,000 to settle the law-

suit, the city's attorney, Jan Proctor, said.

Proctor reported that, as one of the conditions of the settlement, there was no admission of wrongdoing on the part of Boyd and the police agency. She declined further comment.

Newark author's latest book helps kids learn to count

By KRIS KIELICH

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John Micklos Jr. is no stranger to great ideas for books. But his latest idea came under unusual circumstances.

"I was at a writers retreat in Northeastern Pennsylvania in October 2014, and I just happened to see the last two leaves hanging from a tree," explained Micklos, a longtime Newark resident who has authored more than 35 children's books. "And this line just popped into my head 'One leaf, two leaves on a tree.'"

He then proceeded to formulate an idea to teach children to count using leaves appearing and disappearing with the changing of the seasons. The book, titled "One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with Me," was published earlier this month.

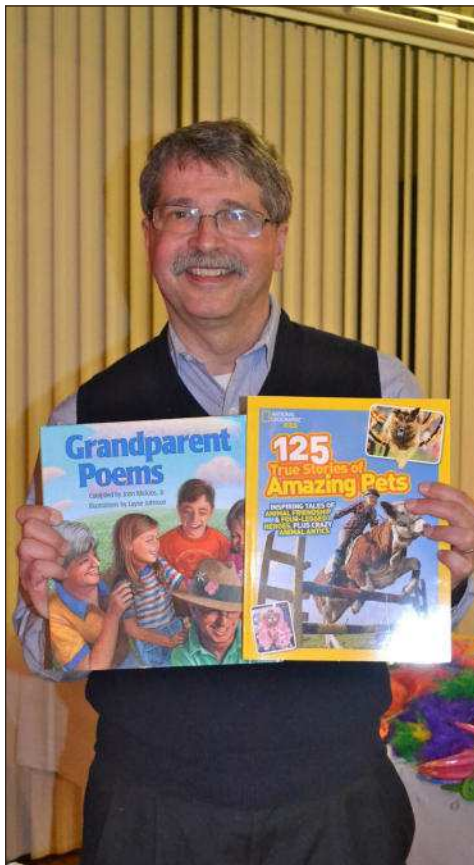
"It's atypical for it to come that easily, and I had a draft of the book that same day," Micklos said. "That's usually not the case."

After quickly developing the idea, Micklos refined his new book, and it was suggested that he work with Irish illustrator Clive McFarland. He took a look at McFarland's website, and the artist's style perfectly matched with the vision he had in his head for the book, with colorful and vibrant cut-out like illustrations for each season.

Upon finally releasing his book out into the world, Micklos expressed a bit of nervousness but also excitement.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "To authors, books are like our children, and when they get launched into the world, it's exciting but a little bit scary because you're not sure what people will think."

Fortunately for him, the reviews have been positive, with the likes of Publisher's Weekly and Kirkus Review praising the book for its simplicity and style. But beyond the press and the recognition, Mick-



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Newark author John Micklos Jr. poses with some of his earlier books.

los finds the greatest pleasure in seeing his accomplishments change lives.

"I do school visits and when I see young children really reading and enjoying one of my books, I think that's what makes it worthwhile," he said. "When you see the light go on in a child's head, and they think 'Oh, I can be a writer too.' That's the best part about all of it."

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Bob Carpenter Center hosts funeral for Dover police officer

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Law enforcement personnel from around the state converged on the Bob Carpenter Center last Friday afternoon to pay their respects to Dover police officer Cpl. Thomas Hannon, who died earlier this month.

Hannon, 42, died Sept. 1 as a result of complications stemming from a line-of-duty injury he suffered in 2012. He hurt his leg chasing a suspect and had several surgeries over the years.



HANNON

The Townsend resident joined the Dover Police Department in 2005 and served in the patrol unit, quality of life unit, the TAC section of the Drugs, Vice, and Organized Crime Unit and as a K9 officer.

He earned several honors, including two lifesaving awards for helping revive a woman after she stopped breathing and for rescuing a handicapped woman from a burning home.

"Cpl. Thomas Hannon was a big part of the Dover Police Department family. His larger-than-life personality, sense of humor and his unwavering commitment to the citizens of Dover will be greatly missed by



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Dover firefighters unfurl an American flag outside the Bob Carpenter Center, which hosted the funeral for fallen Dover Police Department officer Cpl. Thomas Hannon last Friday.

all," Chief Marvin Mailey said in a statement last week. "We lost an excellent police officer, friend and brother today. Cpl. Hannon's family lost an even better husband, father, son and brother as well."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a scholarship fund for Hannon's children. Donations can be made by sending a check to: Thomas Hannon Memorial College Fund, c/o FOP Lodge #15 P.O. Box 1352 Dover, DE 19903.



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ASPIRA Academy recently completed an expansion and renovation project that saw the outside of the school get a facelift.

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received an upgrade too, wiping away all traces of the former Happy Harry's warehouse that use to call the property home.

"It definitely still looked like a warehouse from the outside," Head of School Margie Lopez Waite said. "With this construction project, we were able to go back and transform the whole building."

But while the building may look different, the school hasn't deviated from its core mission. ASPIRA operates a dual-language-immersion program, in which students from kindergarten through eighth grade spend one day learning in English and the next day switch to another classroom to learn in Spanish.

The result is that the students, who come from both English and Spanish-dominant households, are fluent or nearly fluent in both languages.

The school also has a preschool open to children 6 months to 4 years old known as the Early Childhood Development Center, which is currently open just to the children of school staff. However, next year the ECDC will be open to the siblings of current students

as well. Because the siblings of current students are the only ones that get preferential enrollment, it makes sense to give them an early introduction to the school, Waite said.

Waite doesn't expect the preschool to ever have more than about 30 kids — any more would require another expansion project — and the school is still getting used to all the new possibilities its latest project has opened up.

"We have space that we never had before," she said.

One of the biggest changes for students is the addition of a full-service kitchen and a new cafeteria with divided seating so the older students can eat on one side and the younger students on the other. Previously, ASPIRA brought in pre-packaged meals that were then heated up, but that meant students only had one option for breakfast and one for lunch. Now with more options available, the school has seen an increase in the number of students purchasing meals at school, Waite said.

The auditorium is also a welcome addition in a school where about half the students participate in music and the arts, Waite said. In the past, ASPIRA had to rent space in other auditoriums in the Christina School District for events like concerts and school plays. But now, with the finishing touches being put on a 400-seat auditorium, all that will take place in-house. Bigger spaces for band, chorus and dance have also been added, Waite said.

The school also has its own gym for the first time after using space in Delaware Sportsplex for its physical education classes for the last six years, Waite said.

Students will also notice changes in the classroom as the majority of the middle

school classes have moved to the second floor, where there's also a lounge area available. In addition, the walls between some classrooms have been replaced with glass panels to allow for easier communication between the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking classes, Waite said.

The final new addition can be seen outside the school, where there's now an outdoor learning space that was designed by last year's eighth-grade quest students, ASPIRA's name for its gifted and talented program. The space was designed by the students with help from a parent who is a landscape designer and funded through a \$5,000 Environmental Service Community Award the school received through a partnership between the environmental law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP and Wawa.

The outdoor space consists of a labyrinth, a bamboo walkway, a buddy bench and various other features designed to encourage outdoor play, Waite said.

As the students continue to get used to the new space, ASPIRA plans to show off the renovated building to the community during its Hispanic Heritage Day celebration on Sept. 22, which has been a yearly tradition for the school since it opened. But despite the changes, Waite said the heart of the school has always been in its students and its curriculum model, not its facilities.

"I think the fact that the physical exterior has changed is a plus," she said. "But most of our families came when we were still a warehouse, so they were not attracted to the building, it was something more substantial."

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Glasgow High field hockey returns to varsity action

By JON BUZBY

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It's always comforting to start a season knowing your top scorer is returning. This is especially true when your team is making the move back up to the varsity level.

With a small roster of relatively inexperienced players, Glasgow High's field hockey program elected to only field a junior varsity team last season. The Dragons head into the 2017 season returning the core group of players from that squad and will compete at the varsity level.

"This season, our team will show continued growth and improvement," head coach Hugo Velastegui said. "I am excited for our team to play our competitive schedule and believe we will have successes and meet our team goals."

Junior co-captain Fiona Piper will anchor a varsity lineup hoping to improve on last season's 3-4-1 junior varsity record. Piper tallied 75 percent of the team's goals and will share co-captain duties with senior Camelia Youayou, who is the team's top defender, according to Velastegui. They will be joined by returning starters Morgan Cook — the junior is the team's most improved player, according to Velastegui — and senior Felecia Melendez.

The Dragons are also expecting

major contributions from several newcomers, led by senior Adreanne Mollett.

"Our newcomers will be key contributors to our team and with the experienced leadership of our captains, I look forward to this season," Velastegui said.

The Dragons open up at home against Christiana today at 3:30 p.m. Schedules for all Glasgow sports can be found at www.dragonssports.com.

Glasgow volleyball optimistic for success

Glasgow High's girls volleyball team has struggled in recent years, winning just six games over a three-year period. But head coach Karen Whitaker is optimistic heading into the 2017 campaign.

"Excitement is brewing among the Glasgow volleyball team," she said.

The excitement stems from the return of seniors Mileyka Cruz and Tayana Hollis, whose leadership will be relied upon to hopefully lead the Dragons to a better season than in recent years.

"We are very excited to see a lot of new girls with tons of potential joining the team," Cruz said. "We are looking forward to leading the team and seeing our new players grow over the season. There is a lot of positivity

within the team."

In addition to Cruz and Hollis, returning players include a trio of seniors Tayana Hollis and Alexis Keena, junior Zadia Fowler, and sophomores Jazzman Haman and Skylar Brainard.

Senior transfers Camryn Walker and Essence Covington are also expected to contribute, along with freshman Ondrea Boyer.

"This is our chance to leave a legacy," Hollis said of her final season.

Locals heading to Special Olympics USA Games

Several members of the Special Olympics Newark Dragons team and an officer from the University of Delaware Police Department have been selected to attend the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games.

Torie Moore and Eric DiSabatino will compete in aquatics; Gene Giuliani and Laura Kelly will compete in bocce; and Malik Bradford will compete in tennis. Theresa Moore is the head tennis coach for the delegation. Sgt. Joelle Ryan will represent Delaware in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg.

The USA Games, held every four years, take place July 1-8 in Seattle. More than 4,000 athletes representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia are expected to compete.



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Glasgow High field hockey co-captains Fiona Piper and Camelia Youayou are excited the Dragons are back playing at the varsity level.

Newark football team struggles in opening game

Buzz from the Hive



An insider's look at Yellowjacket football

By JON BUZBY

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The opening game of any football season has to end in either victory or defeat, with an unofficial rule of thumb being that the result can set the tone for the remainder of the season.

The Yellowjackets are hoping that last Friday night's lopsided loss is the exception to that rule following a 27-6 defeat at the hands of St. Mark's.

"Tough way to start the season," head coach Barry Zehnder reflected, 48 hours after the final horn sounded. "St. Marks is always a very well-coached team and if you aren't ready in every aspect, they will send you home unhappy. They beat us, no other way to put it. They deserved to win that game. They beat us in every aspect of football."

Second half letdown

Newark trailed just 6-0 at the half and wasn't playing to their full potential, according to Zehnder.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

Newark fell to St. Mark's, 27-6, on Sept. 8.

"I was hoping we would come out and play with enthusiasm and with confidence," Zehnder said.

St. Mark's quickly doused any hopes of that, scoring on the opening drive of the second half.

"They grabbed all the enthusiasm and confidence and never let us get it back," Zehnder said of the Spartans' touchdown.

Newark's lone touchdown didn't come until late in the game.

"After St. Marks put a couple scores on the board, we challenged the offense to reach down and find it inside of them to put a drive together," Zehnder explained.

"They did just that and gave us something to build off this week."

Some positives

Despite the loss, Zehnder pointed to sophomore Mele Stallings' varsity debut as one of a few positive moments. Stallings missed much of last season with a broken wrist.

"He really worked hard in the offseason and we thought at times the growth he has made shined through," Zehnder said of the two-way player, who was selected by the coaching staff to be a "practice captain" for the game in recognition of his outstanding

effort in the offseason and preseason.

Zehnder was also pleased with a couple of other inexperienced players.

"I thought some young guys stepped up and showed the game lights weren't too big for them and that we will be able to depend on them as the season moves on," he said.

Those players included freshman punter Tabari Wright, who calmly fielded a bad snap and got the punt away. Stephen Casella also impressed the coaching staff.

"He showed us that he is going to battle and give effort," Zehnder pointed out. "He hasn't played much football in his life, and we have had to move him around to find where he can help us. The film showed us that he wants to be successful and wants to help his team."

After missing all of last season with a torn ACL, Cameron Padgett started his first varsity game at center.

"He had struggled at times in the preseason with the shotgun snaps and it was a slight concern going into the game," Zehnder admitted. "He overcame those mental issues that often ac-

company worrying about your snaps."

Plenty to work on

As you would expect, Zehnder admitted that Newark has plenty to work on after its first real competition of the 2017 campaign. Scrimmages show a lot, but real games tend to highlight weaknesses in a much brighter light.

"We need to improve on everything," Zehnder said. "This loss was on all of us, starting with me. I have to put the players and coaches in a better position to win a football game. Our players have to step up and take some ownership for their mistakes and especially some of the lack of effort we saw on film. But ultimately the head coach is responsible for making sure the players and assistant coaches have a chance to succeed. After a lot of self-evaluation, I didn't do that in many cases."

Bouncing back

"We talked after the game about how adversity shows the true character off a man," Zehnder said. "We will remind the team on Monday that half the teams in the state lost their first game. We only lost round one ...

we haven't lost the fight."

Newark has an extra day of practice with this week's game scheduled for Saturday. Zehnder said the main advantage of the extra day is that the coaching staff can now spend more time on things that otherwise might only get five minutes or so of attention.

"We crank up practice, we remind them of expectations and we coach them on how to reach them," Zehnder added. "Then we make sure we hold them to those expectations."

Game day

Newark will gather Saturday morning for a pregame meal of bagels, fruit, juice and some light food before boarding the bus for a 10:30 a.m. kickoff at Concord High School.

The Buzz from the Hive will be posted online each Monday morning during the high school football season and also in Friday's print edition. It will include some game analysis and exclusive quotes from Newark High football coach Barry Zehnder and select members of the team after they've had a chance to watch game film, evaluate their performance, and begin preparation for the next game.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Proponents of the Charles Emerson Bridge say the current Paper Mill Road bridge is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists.

BRIDGE

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Parks and Recreation Director Joe Spadafino said the current bridge has a narrow sidewalk that is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Building a separate bridge would provide safer passage and connect Newark's downtown with neighborhoods and trails north of the creek.

The bridge has been discussed since 2011, and in 2015, city officials announced they had secured \$1 million in federal and state grants. At the time, officials said those grants would cover the complete cost of the project.

However, after more engineering work and environmental studies were completed, the estimated cost increased to \$1.75 million. The city has other grant applications pending but would have been responsible for the extra \$750,000 if it did not receive the additional grants or other state funds.

Acting City Manager Tom Coleman asked council Monday for authorization to enter into a contract with the Delaware Department of Transportation to begin the design phase of the project. The city has yet to spend any money on the project. However, had Coleman signed the contract and the city pulled out later, it would have been responsible for refunding any grant money spent.

State Sen. David Sokola, State Rep. Paul Baumbach and a representative of the advocacy group BikeNewark all attended the meeting to ask council to continue its support of the bridge. Both

state legislators said they would contribute some of their Community Transportation Fund money to the project but could not commit to a specific amount.

Susan Grasso, co-chair of BikeNewark, said she avoids bicycling to areas north of the creek because she feels the bridge is not safe for cycling.

"The bridge is an important link to Newark between residential neighborhoods to the north and Newark's business district and UD's campus to the south," Grasso said. "It would be very appealing to those of us interested in using our bikes for everyday living but are concerned about riding too close to traffic."

However, those comments could not allay council's fears about the cost.

"I would love to see this bridge get built," Clifton said. "My concern is from the financing side and the liability to the taxpayers."

Hamilton said he is concerned that the project could continue to rise in cost.

"This is a very expensive project. We have our infrastructure falling apart," Hamilton said. "I have to, as a legislator, choose between a bike path and fixing broken sewer lines. That's a challenge because one is very visible, it's like woooo, and the other is underground and nobody really cares about it until their sewer breaks."

Markham said he hates to give up \$1 million in grant funding and noted it could affect the city's ability to obtain future grant funding.

"They'll turn around and say, 'You guys gave up \$1 million, why should we give you something for your next project when you couldn't pull the trigger on this?'"

Markham said.

On Tuesday, Sierer and Baumbach said they were disappointed the project was canceled.

"We've cut off our noses to spite our faces," Sierer said, also arguing that refusing the grant money will impact future opportunities. "That will come back to haunt us."

The bridge would have played an important role in Newark's trail network, she said. Some cyclists have told her they've been clipped by vehicles' mirrors on the bridge.

"In my travels in meeting constituents around the city, I've gotten no objection to this project," she said.

Baumbach said that to bicycle across the current bridge, "you have to put your life on the line," and building a dedicated span for cyclists and pedestrians would have been the perfect solution.

"I don't get it," he said, adding that he's puzzled as to why council members didn't support the project. "I don't know who they're talking to. The residents I talk to love the city's trail system."

"They had \$1 million handed to them and they said no," he added. "Everyone was there ready to be a partner, except city council."

Morehead said he's aware some residents wanted the bridge, but believes the city's financial situation requires tough choices.

"I've had a number of positive comments [about the bridge], but the financial implications are overwhelming," he said.

Morehead compared it to going out for a nice meal — it's a nice thing to do, but only if you can afford it.

"We need to pull back in many areas, and unfortunately, this is one," he said.

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Petitioner
Dated: 9/6/2017

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
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Petitioner(s)
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GURURAJ NAGARAJ KADEMANE
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TO
LUCAS ROB LIBURD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DANIELLE LIBURD 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 minor child's name to LUCAS ROB LIBURD.

DANIELLE LIBURD
Petitioner
Dated: 8/31/2017

np 9/8,15,22

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BETH ANNE ALEXANDER
Petitioner(s)
TO
BETH ANNE BRANCO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BETH ANNE ALEXANDER 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 BETH ANNE BRANCO.

BETH ANNE ALEXANDER
Petitioner
Dated: 8/30/2017

np 9/8,15,22

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**PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE**

**465 Pulaski Hwy
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5810**

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, October 12th, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #5111 - Nicole Crawford - Bags, Boxes, Couch, Fan, Ironing board, Lamps, Microwave, Pictures, TV, Vacuum
Unit #5112 - Breanna Smith - Bags, Chairs, Dresser, Fan, Microwave, Rug, Kitchen Table, Vacuum, Crib, Mattress, Baby Car Seat

**1100 Elkton Road
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 731-8108**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 10/11/2017 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #1017 - David H. Wood - Boxes, kitchen chairs, office chairs, computer, desk, shelving, printer, drill press, office furniture, etc.
Unit #1049 - Abigail Smith - horse blankets, large trunk/chest, small tool box, totes
Unit #7056 - Lesley L. Koble - Mattress, box springs, headboard, footboard, floor lamp, totes, office chair, dining table, misc. household items.

**200 First State Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-0704**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #6173 - Gluadia Lampkins - bags, boxes, computer, hamper, ironing boards, lamps, rug, folding table, tool box, totes, misc household items
Unit #9414 - Jennifer Baylis - bags, bicycle, totes

**333 E. Lea Blvd.,
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 764-6300**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #206 - Paul E. Reynolds - (1) tire, (1) tote, (3) church pews.
Unit #15 - Samuel L. Guy, Esq. - Boxes, (5) glass tables.

**141 Edgemoor Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 762-3626**

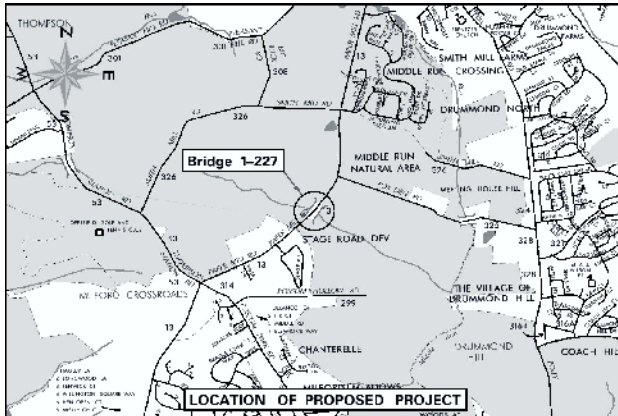
A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #328 - Chris Gomez - bed frame, 2 mattresses, 3 boxes, upholstered chair, computer, sofa, floor lamp, table lamp, pictures, speakers, stereo, end table, kitchen table, & hutch

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**Delaware Department of Transportation
Jennifer Cohan, Secretary
PUBLIC/VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**



The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) would like to invite the residents of Paper Mill Road and all other interested parties to a Public and Virtual Workshop to discuss the proposed replacement of Bridge 1-227 on Paper Mill Road (N013). The purpose of the Workshops is to present the details of the proposed improvements to Bridge 1-227 and to solicit feedback from the public regarding the plans. A Public Workshop will be held on Monday, October 2 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Judge Morris Estate, 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE.

The Virtual Workshop will be available online beginning on Monday, October 2, and will be accessible for at least 30 days. The Virtual Workshop can be found at http://delDOT.gov/information/projects/bridges/br_1-227/vw/index.shtml

Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing, giving reasons for, or in opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received during the workshop or can be mailed to DelDOT Community Relations, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903 or sent via email to dotpr@state.de.us

This location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact DelDOT by phone or mail one week in advance. Please contact DelDOT Community Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080 or write to the above address.

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**Delaware Department of Transportation
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**



North District Yard at Chapman Road, Newark, DE
<http://delDOT.gov/information/projects/NorthDistYardImprovements/vw/index.shtml>

Monday, October 2, 2017

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) would like to invite the residents of Chapman Road, East Regal Boulevard, and all other interested parties to a Virtual Workshop for the proposed expansion and redevelopment of the DelDOT North District Maintenance Yard. The purpose of the Virtual Workshop is to present the details of the proposed maintenance yard improvements and to solicit feedback from the public regarding the plans. The workshop will be available online beginning Monday, October 2 and will be accessible for at least 30 days.

Interested persons are invited to express their views either online or in writing, giving reasons for support of, or in opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received during the workshop or can be mailed to DelDOT Community Relations, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903.

If you need further assistance or additional information, please contact DelDOT Community Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080 or write to the above address.

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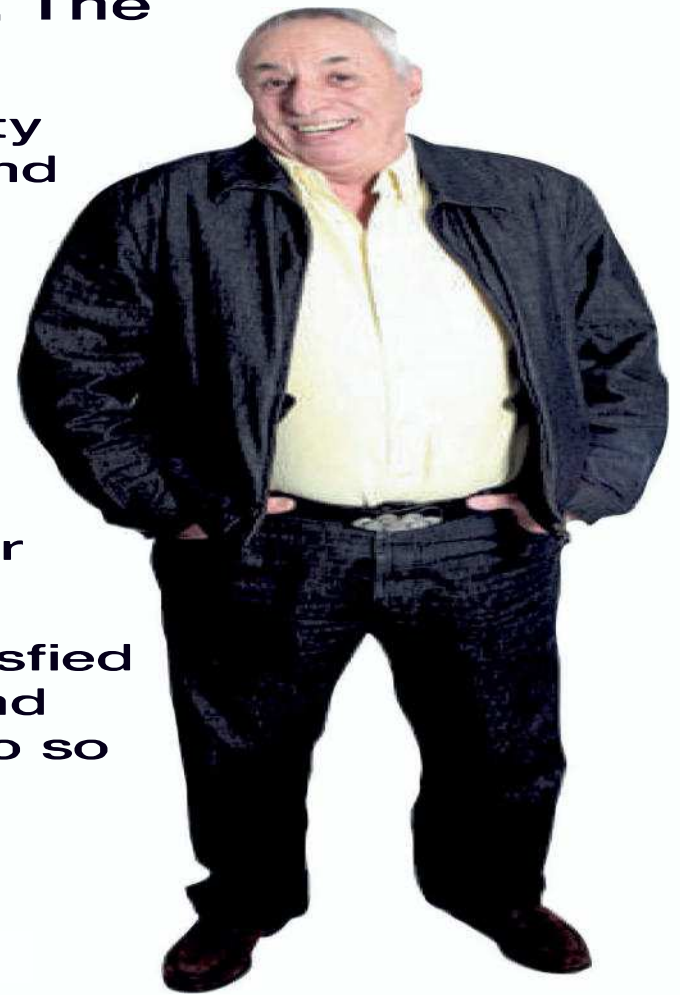
Miracle-Ear Hearing Centers is looking for qualified people to test their latest product, The Miracle-Ear® Open for **FREE***!

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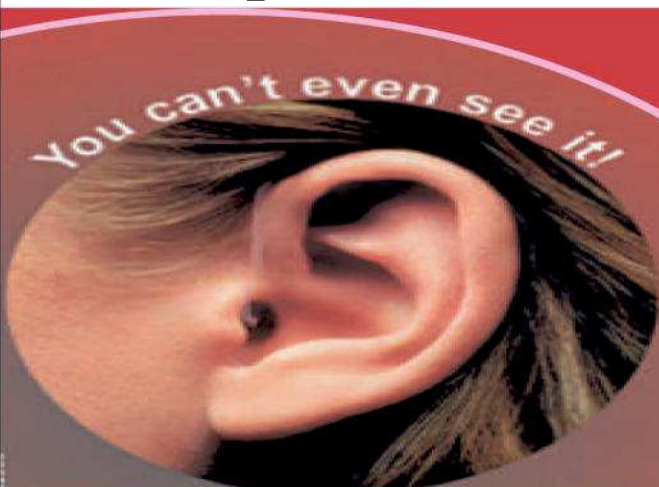
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You must schedule your appointment before September 22nd, 2017. Don't wait!



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September 18th to September 22nd



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Miracle-Ear
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