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UP FRONT

Oh Christmas tree...

Editor's note: Our columnist is away. The following is reprinted from the Dec. 20, 2002, edition of the Newark Post.

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LINDA and I have been trying to get our four-member family together to decorate our Christmas tree. If all goes as planned, this might be the last year we can undertake this task as a complete family.



Streit

Our daughter, Mackenzie, is a hall director at UD and is booked solid studying for finals and checking residents out of her dorm.

Similarly, 18-year-old son Tyler is busy preparing for pre-winter break tests at Newark High School. Couple that with the time demands of a varsity wrestler and he's booked, too.

Don't look for any Christmas lights shining from our home until Christmas Eve.

Our attempts to arrange this family-bonding experience this year led me to recall the "Christmas-tree-set-up-from hell."

It happened in December 1989. We had moved into the home we had built in Morrill, Maine. The house was nes-

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SANTA VISITS

Jolly man makes early appearance at Newark park

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN Santa Claus rolls into town, he typically does so in high fashion. Known for his reindeer-drawn sleigh, Santa tends to make quite an entrance. And his Newark appearances on Wednesday, Dec. 15 were no different.

Santa and an entourage of Newark City Police, Marines and a handful of Boy Scouts rolled into several Newark neighborhoods in style. The jolly old elf led the procession on a gleaming fire truck, lights ablaze and siren roaring.

All of the commotion brought families from several Newark neighborhoods out to see the man in red.

At Dickey Park, keeping calm while waiting for

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Top: Richard White tells Santa that he hopes to find Yu-Gi-Oh cards under the tree on Christmas.

Center: Families line up at Dickey Park in anticipation of Santa's arrival on the Aetna fire truck.

Left: A local boy scout helps Santa and the Newark Police Department hand out toys.

Arts group funding reduced

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AS the last 2004 calendar pages are being ripped off, the Newark Arts Alliance is facing a budget cut for the next year that could significantly affect the number of educational art classes offered to residents.

Starting in January, the NAA will receive \$7,000 less than in previous years from the City of Newark's Revenue Sharing grants. While this cut only comprises seven percent of the NAA's budget, Terry Foreman, chair for the grants and development committee, said that it means drastic changes.

"We have a budget of \$100,000," she

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Sort of a change for legislators

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EQUIPPED with rubber gloves and a hair net, State Rep. Bill Oberle was ready for the task at hand - making a couple hundred ham and cheese sandwiches.

Oberle joined a dozen other Newark movers and shakers at the annual Food Bank of Delaware Holiday Food Sorting Contest on Dec. 17. While in years past the contest has challenged House and Senate members to a race in sorting food commodities, this year's event was slightly different.

"We wanted to heighten legislators' awareness for what's involved in our youth programs," Gerry Treese, chef

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Hotel break-in

Newark Police were called to the Howard Johnson's Motel, 1119 S. College Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 11:54 a.m., after receiving a report of a room break-in.

While the occupants were attending a wrestling tournament on Saturday, someone pried open the door and stole a CD case with 35 CDs and a Grand Theft Auto game with controllers, police said.

Total value of the stolen items was \$559.

Wallet missing

A wallet was removed from a shopping bag while a customer dined at Caffé Gelato, 90 E. Main St., it was reported to police on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5:24 p.m.

The victim found it to be missing when she went to her car. Nothing else was reported taken from the bag.

Total value stolen was \$56.

Hunting items stolen

Thieves broke into a basement storage unit and took off with hunting equipment, it was reported to Newark Police on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:50 a.m.

The wire surrounding a basement storage unit of an apartment in the 200 block of Elkton Road was cut and a spray painter, Bushnell night vision goggles, folding saw, Goretex hunting gloves, Bushnell scope, hunting jacket and deer timer were stolen.

Total value of missing items was \$725.

Obscenities voiced

When Newark Police were in the parking lot behind the Galleria, 54 E. Delaware Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4:45 p.m., they heard loud profanity coming from two males standing on a nearby porch.

David Denver, 26, of Newark, was arrested for disorderly conduct due to abusive language. Kevin Boyd, 37, of Newark, was arrested for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct when asked by police to leave the scene, according to police reports.

Both were given arraignment dates and released.

Pizza door damaged

When a manger of Grotto's Pizza, 45 E. Main St., opened the restaurant on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 9:44 a.m., he discovered damages to a side emergency door.

Police said the push bar to the side door had been broken off and the exterior had pry marks around the lock area. Intruders were apparently frightened away by the store alarm before any property could be taken.

Damages were reported to be \$200.

Tab paid, then stolen

A bartender at East End Café, 270 E. Main St., reported to police that a patron sitting at the bar had possibly taken money off the bar.

Surveillance cameras showed that on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 4:50 p.m.,

Scrooge in Newark?

SEVERAL holiday decorations were destroyed or stolen from city residences this week.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:22 p.m., it was reported to Newark Police that strings of lights were cut and a moving reindeer was damaged on the front lawn of a residence in the 100 block of Briar Lane, Nottingham Green. Damage was \$90.

At just about the same time, another incident was reported to police in the 500 block of Briar Lane. A resident awoke to the sound of a vehicle parked in front of his home.

When he went to check, he observed someone in his yard attempting to steal

an eight-foot tall inflatable snowman. A knock on the window frightened the would-be thieves away. However, the snowman was damaged, to the amount of \$30.

Minutes later, the same resident heard another vehicle. When he investigated, he found a small golden reindeer with lights, valued at \$30, was missing and a larger reindeer was damaged, police reported.

Also, a fire extinguisher had been thrown against the house breaking a storm window. Damages were \$260.

Squirrel missing

A flower pot and a gray decorative squirrel were reported missing from a front yard garden in the 100 block of King William Court. The theft was reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 12:11 p.m. Value of the stolen items was \$30.

Books shoplifted

Newark Police were called to Main Street on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 5:38 p.m., where a shoplifting had just taken place.

Jamar Boardley, 23, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with shoplifting eight books from Rainbow Records, 54 E. Main St., and then attempting to sell them at Grotto Pizza across the street, police said.

Boardley was also found to be wanted on seven capias; he was given \$11,056 secured bail and transported to Gander Hill prison.

House break-ins continue

Police continue to investigate a rash of house break-ins or property damage in the Newark area.

Some of the more recent incidents include:

100 block of E. Cleveland Ave., between Sunday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 20, at 3 a.m., thieves apparently entered the house by removing a small piece of plywood covering a basement window used to port a dryer vent. A laptop computer, valued at \$2,000, was reported missing. Damages were \$50;

Unit block of Kells Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 a.m., a large wooden post was thrown through a window. Damages were \$100;

100 block of Delrem Dr., on Saturday, Dec. 18, between 6 and 7:30 p.m., suspects entered through a rear basement window, breaking the glass. \$4,000 worth of jewelry was taken. Damages were \$25;

Unit block of Hillside Rd., sometime during the week of Nov. 29, thieves entered by prying open a window and removed jewelry valued at \$705. Damages were \$50;

100 block of Locust Dr., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 11:30 p.m., intruders tried to pry open a rear dining room window but were apparently scared off by the alarm being activated. Damages were \$50;

100 block of Country Club Dr., on Friday, Dec. 17, between 6 and 11 p.m., suspects cut a screen and pried open a bedroom window while the resident watched TV in another room. The suspect was not able to gain entry. Damages were \$60;

100 block of Wilbur St., Foxcroft Apartments, on Friday, Dec. 17, at 3:24 p.m., a vodka bottle was thrown through an apartment window. Damages were \$200;

800 block of Barksdale Rd., International Reading Association, between Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 a.m., graffiti was spray painted on the rear and side of the building. Damages were \$200;

400 block of Apple Rd., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:28 a.m., thieves entered an unlocked side garage door and removed bow and arrow shooting items, valued at \$769;

Unit block of Ethan Allen Ct., between Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8 a.m. and Friday, Dec. 17, at 6:18 a.m., suspects entered an unoccupied residence through a rear door, breaking a window pane. Earlier break-ins had also been reported to police, with suspects tampering with the heater and stove gas line. Damages were \$25; and

Unit block of E. Cleveland Ave., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 2:06 a.m., suspects broke a window and unlocked a rear door. Nothing was stolen. Damages were \$100.

Auto damages

Newark Police continue to patrol city streets for individuals vandalizing autos. Some recent reports include:

400 block of Orchard Road, on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 a.m., Honda Civic was struck by a cinder block, shattering the windshield, scratching the hood, bumper and front panel. Damages were \$1,200;

Unit block of Fremont Rd., on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:27 a.m., 99 Toyota Corolla had its drivers side

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Weekly traffic report

STATISTICS FOR DEC. 5-11, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Moving	4013	3757	75	108
Non-moving	2417	2751	68	55
Total	6430	6508	143	163

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Meter tickets	39008	42141	1029	568
Parking summonses	9418	9525	171	179
Total	48426	51666	1200	743

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Fatal	0	1	0	0
Personal injury	241	296	7	5
Property damage (reportable)	587	525	17	16
Property damage (non-reportable)	504	535	12	9
Total	1332	1357	36	30
Hit-and-run reports	234	269	6	1
DUI cases	188	168	2	4

Newarkers rally to fight hunger

AS the holidays arrive many are thinking of turkeys, pumpkin pies and grand feasts. But others are thinking of how to supply these food items to those less fortunate.

The Newark Area Welfare Committee and the Food Bank of Delaware are two such organizations that are concerned with gathering and distributing food for those who are unable to afford it themselves.

The NAWC's Food Cupboard runs all year-round. Needy families are referred to the program and are given a week's supply of food, such as canned goods, meat, milk and bread.

"Most people think of Newark as a thriving town, but they don't think that there are a lot of hungry people out there who are homeless or sick and can't get help," said Marie Ruskay, fund raising chairwoman for NAWC. "Some people are temporarily unable to take care of themselves and they need a helping hand to get back on their feet."

The NAWC is gearing up now for its annual Christmas program, which distributes boxes of food and turkeys. Volunteers make approximately 300 to 400 baskets which include hams, turkeys, apples, desserts, canned goods and various other holiday food items.

The NAWC finds out which families are in need through other organizations such as the Hudson State Service Center or other local groups. "It's a community project," Ruskay said. "Lots of people know about it and get involved."

The importance of giving becomes more apparent around the holidays, Ruskay said, but people should help all year-round.

"Although they are not seen easily in the streets around

Newark, there are thousands of needy people and we need to help them with food and be generous now and throughout the year," she said.

Check Out Hunger, an annual joint project spearheaded by Food Bank of Delaware and local grocery stores, raises money to feed hungry Delawareans.

Customers of participating stores donate money while at the checkout line. Donation placards are on display and customers may choose to donate in \$1, \$3 or \$5 increments. Anne Killeen, development director of the Food Bank of Delaware, said the program offers a convenient way for people to donate money for a good cause.

"It's such a simple way to make a gift," she said. "If every person who went to a grocery store in one day gave just \$1, think about how much money would go to the Food Bank and would help feed hungry people."

Stores participating in the Check Out Hunger program include: Acme, Janssen's, Pathmark, Shop-Rite, Super Fresh, Thriftway, Wawa and Zingo's.

Killeen said Super Fresh has done an outstanding job so far, raising approximately \$75,000 alone from their three stores in Delaware.

"Super Fresh has shown a lot of commitment and enthusiasm for this project," Killeen said. Training cashiers to remind customers about the program is key, Killeen said.

"If a cashier asks someone to donate, they're more likely to respond," she said. "If a cashier doesn't ask, then people are not as likely to give."

In 2003, Check Out Hunger raised \$80,000. The goal for this year is \$100,000, Killeen said.

Recycle your holiday tree

The Division of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Division of Forestry, is conducting its Christmas Tree Recycling Program for the 11th consecutive year.

Parks throughout the state, including White Clay Creek and Lums Pond will accept trees from individual families from Sunday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Jan. 17.

Christmas trees brought in for recycling must be free of ornaments, tinsel, plastic bags and

stands. Because of the wire frames and tie downs, wreaths will not be accepted. Trees from commercial haulers or tree vendors also will not be accepted.

"This program is popular because it offers people an easy and environmentally sensitive way to dispose of their trees after the holidays," Gary Focht, park administrator, said. "Last year, approximately 6,300 holiday trees were diverted from landfills."

Remembering a friend

Portrait of Charlesa Lowell unveiled

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AN oil painting of Charlesa Lowell, Newark's former head librarian, was recently unveiled at a Newark Morning Rotary Club meeting.

The portrait, commissioned by the Rotary Club and framed by the Friends of Newark Library, will be hung in the city's library to remember the former Rotarian and friend to many patrons of the Newark Free Library.

Lowell died in October 2003, at her Windy Hills home, following a long battle with cancer.

Even though she was battling the disease and undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Lowell led her staff and



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Artist Christopher Congleton was commissioned by the Newark Morning Rotary Club to paint the portrait of Charlesa Lowell. Congleton painted her wearing a favorite blouse decorated with dragonflies. In ancient mythology, the dragonfly was a symbol of immortality.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Lowell served up a feast to her Rotary friends in January 2003 a few days before the remodelled and enlarged Newark Free Library re-opened after months of construction. Even though she was undergoing chemotherapy at the time, with her ever-present smile Lowell led Rotary club members on a tour of the Library Avenue facility.

worked with engineers and designers through a major renovation and expansion of the library facility that was completed in January 2003. She continued working at the library until just three days before her passing.

She was strongly committed to libraries and their positive effect on people. Prior to working in Newark, she was the first library director of Kent County Libraries and the Delaware Deputy State Librarian. She also held a leadership role in the Delaware Library Association.

The portrait's artist, Chris Congleton, of Newark, works as a teacher assistant at Margaret S. Sterck School For the Deaf.

Congleton, who attended Sterck School himself as a student, has been deaf since the age of nine due to a bi-lateral neural hearing loss. He graduated high school with honors and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia with a teaching certificate in art instruction. At graduation he received numerous awards, including the Alumni Award for excellence, the Writer's Award and the Art Department Achievement Award.

He worked as a designer of companion pieces for Ethan Allen Galleries and other furniture dealers. His fine art has been exhibited at two galleries in Old City in Philadelphia. He especially enjoys painting portraits of both humans and pets and is currently working on a future exhibit.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Winter break

Schools in the Christina School District will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 31. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

The district offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 31.

One man's junk...

Cleaning out shelves and bookcases to make way for the latest editions? What might be junk to you could be a treasure for the Newark High School library.

The library is seeking any books or tapes - fiction or nonfiction, hardback or paper - that you would like to donate. Textbooks that were reviewed but not purchased are also welcomed for the teachers' resource room. Tax donation slips are available.

Call librarian Donna Reed at 454-2151 with your donation.

Hotline number

Save-A-Friend Hotline for anyone connected with the Christina School District. If you see it, if you hear it, have the courage to pick up the phone and break the code of silence. Call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, toll-free. It's anonymous. 1-866-776-4494.

Student of the Week

Tim Steed, a tenth grader at Christiana High School, was selected by Principal Scott Flowers and staff as this week's Student of the Week.



Steed

Tim is a good role model for other students, always working hard to make the honor roll by getting his work done on time. He is a forward and guard on the basketball team, scoring 15 points in the fourth quarter, and 23 points overall, of a recent game. Tim likes being part of a team, saying it makes him work harder as an individual.

The Spirit of the Season

Students use their talents and hearts to help others

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN Ginny Dennis' fourth graders at Downes Elementary School watched the devastation caused by hurricanes in Florida communities this fall, they knew they wanted to help. That community spirit spurred a project that incorporated math and language arts with the greatest lesson of all - helping others less fortunate than themselves.

Even though they were miles away, those fourth graders knew what their counterparts would need and enjoy - books. They started to collect a mile of pennies to replace their favorite titles that were lost in the flooding of a school library in Punta Gorda, Fl.

Thus began a math lesson to calculate the value of a mile's worth of pennies, a computer search to find a contact a thousand miles away, letter writing to the city's mayor and the mission to collect the pennies, said Dennis.

In January the class will send a check to a school librarian for \$800, the value of a mile

of pennies.

Like the fourth graders at Downes, many students and their teachers throughout the Christina School District have been thinking of others during this holiday season. This is a partial list of other community service projects.

■ French and Spanish classes from Gauger Middle School entertained visitors at Hagley Museum and at the Hotel duPont. Nearly 30 students in each of the classes sang traditional holiday songs in both foreign languages.

■ Every Friday, students from Douglas Alternative School visit a nursing home. For Christmas, they took plain sweatshirts and decorated them with the residents. The students also gave them Teddy bears and Christmas stockings filled with gifts.

■ A holiday tree stood in the lobby

of Brader Elementary School, decorated with hats, gloves, scarves and socks. Under the tree, each classroom, from prekindergarten to fifth grade, placed wrapped shoe boxes filled with items for men, women and children to be distributed through the Sunday Breakfast Mission.

■ Along with the Reading is Fundamental program, students at Gallaher Elementary School collected Toys for Tots. Fifteen turkeys and 14 cartons of food were donated to the Basket Brigade.

They collected household goods and food for a family in the school who lost everything in a recent flood. Through their "Giving Quilt," they collected items for more than 20 people in four needy families. Each square represented an item needed by a needy family in the school. Staff members purchased the items which were wrapped and delivered just before the holidays.

■ The Junior Honor Society at Shue/Medill Middle School supplied food baskets to two school families. They

held a bake sale, collected canned goods and wrote letters to teachers to raise money to purchase gifts for needy students at their school.

■ During the fall and winter holiday season, Glasgow High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America students offered a Holiday Gift Shop, with inexpensive gift baskets, homemade coffee and cookie mixes, holiday crafts and decorations.

■ Hospitality Foods class of GHS provided a Thanksgiving luncheon for more than 75 staff members, collected for Toys for Tots, and stuffed more than 100 stockings for Salvation Army.

■ Residents of Main Towers in Newark received holiday cards from the GHS Human Services classes. Cartons of canned goods were collected for the Food Bank of Delaware.

■ Leisure Elementary School students collected canned goods for a local charity.

■ Soldiers returning from Iraq will be getting quilts thanking them for their service. Wilson Elementary School second graders each designed their own square for a quilt. Then the patches from each of the six participating classrooms was assembled and mailed to the distributing organization.

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Members of the Christiana High School Honor Society collected more than 200 items. Getting ready to wrap the gifts are, from left, Dane Cox, president, Kristine Loller, secretary, Rebecca Salmon, treasurer and chairman of the toy drive.



Students from Gallaher know its better to give than receive. They collected more than 100 toys for the Toys for Tots program. Pictured assembling the items for collection are, back row, from left: Molly Ramsey, Michael Potochney, Morgan Tomme, Kylee Hamilton. Front: Alison Stewart and Casey Roberts.



Students get into the spirit of season

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■ Wilson School students participated in a Turkey Trot, collecting food for the Food Bank.

■ At Kirk Middle School student council members collected money to donate to less fortunate families in the Kirk community. Called Kirk Kares, the project raised money through ticket sales at basketball games and selling candy canes. More than \$1,300 was divided between United Way and the Kirk Fund, with more money expected to be collected. Student council also collected more than 500 canned food items that were assembled by the cafeteria staff, along with all the holiday trimmings, to be delivered to needy families.

■ At Pulaski Elementary School members from student council filled stockings with gifts for kids and accepted donations of toys for a homeless family from their own school.

■ Students in Kelly Mahanna's class at Christiana High School wrote letters to soldiers in Iraq. After reading a novel about the harsh reality of war, the students used their letter writing skills to perform good deeds to fellow Americans. The letters were inserted in approximately 400 stockings being filled by Mahanna's sister's company. In January they hope to continue corresponding with the soldiers.

■ Keene Elementary students were busy making holiday decorations, some going to decorate rooms at A. I. duPont and Christina hospitals for children undergoing cancer treatments, Parkview Nursing home and to troops overseas. Their Spirit Committee sponsored a canned food drive for the Basket Brigade and the YMCA. Their Giving Tree provided gifts for needy families.

■ Holiday gifts were purchased by students from Gauger Middle School and delivered to patients at A. I. duPont Hospital.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Members of Shue/Medill Junior Honor Society are the service organization of their school. Advisor Marilyn Bryant said they have "big hearts and a service spirit." NJHS officers, from left: Olivia Lucas, Marissa Yarnall and Christine Marks, oversee Brendon Czupryna and Duncan Prettyman wrapping boxes for their adopt-a-family program.

■ Gauger students also held a Thanksgiving "basket of hope" project, collecting food for needy families. Student government wrapped gifts for WJBR's "Joy Fund." Students sent care packages and letters to troops and members of the Gauger/Cobbs family that are away.

■ Groups of students from Bayard Elementary School have been corresponding with airmen serving in Iraq from the Delaware Air National Guard. They have been writing letters, making cards and drawing pictures to

thank the airmen and women for their service.

■ Smith Elementary School held its second annual toy drive, in conjunction with MOPAR, for foster children who attend their school. More than a van full of toys was collected the first year, and expectations were that even more would be collected this year. They also worked with the Newark Area Welfare Committee and the Southbridge Area Neighborhood House on a food drive.

■ McVey Elementary School held a Krispy Kreme fund raiser

to raise dollars toward Bucks for Minutes with the American Legion. The money raised goes toward phone cards for soldiers overseas to keep in touch with family members.

■ Math problems convert into dollars for St. Jude's Research Hospital from Downes

Elementary School. Students received booklets of math problems, they they got donations for each problem they solved. All the money went directly to the research hospital.

■ The Mitten Tree in Downes School lobby was decorated with pink and blue paper mittens listing the needs of five school families. Staff, students and their families purchased gifts, everything from health and beauty needs to socks and coats, that were wrapped by PTA and delivered before the holiday.

■ Through Heifer International, students in Rick Waterhouse's class at Downes and Moira Snider's class at Maclary help needy families around the world with livestock to increase their food supply. The students collect money though pledges or contributions to buy livestock for families in need.

■ Maclary Elementary students collected food for the Newark Area Welfare Committee.

■ Delaware School for the Deaf hosted a special event called "Stuff the Bus," collecting many boxes of non-perishable food for the Food Bank of Delaware.

■ For their sixth year, honor society members at Christiana High School adopted 16 children, collecting more than 200 new items. Gifts were wrapped and delivered to Adoptions From the Heart. A Toys for Tots drive was also held at the school.

■ Following a more than 30-year tradition, students from Bancroft Elementary School, under the direction of art teacher Margo Johnson, decorated the Christmas tree in the concourse of the Wilmington Amtrak station, greeting visitors and business men and women to the city.

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Christmas: It was quite a night

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

GOOD friends, good family, good food, the customary conifer and credit cards equal a merry Christmas. (Snow outside and a creche inside are optional.)

But to really have a blessed Christmas, it takes thought and spiritual feelings.

First, you should roll back all the history of Christmas observances throughout the ages. "Forget" all the delightful and wonderful customs that have accrued to the event. Then, go behind the event itself.

Before Mary was a saint, she was a frightened, unmarried, and pregnant teenager. (Girls back then were officially eligible to be married at 12-1/2.) How do you tell your 18-year-old fiancée? Her explanation to her 18-year-old husband-to-be was that she "heard a voice."

A kind young man, Joseph was going to break off the engagement quietly instead of holding up Mary to public disgrace.

He had found her explanation hard to believe - wouldn't you?

Then he had a dream confirming her unbelievable, unprecedented story - and married her.

The very pregnant girl/woman and her teenaged husband had to travel to Bethlehem - Caesar had ordered everybody to go to the place of their origins in order to be taxed. And when Caesar said, "Go," you went.

Of course the inn was filled up beyond capacity. People were sleeping in fields and doorways. There literally was no room in the inn. (History has given the innkeeper a bad rap.) At least Mary ended up in a stable. If they were traveling when their time came, poor women gave birth on the road or in a nearby field. At least, they would have said, she was in an enclosure. (What did we expect? A maternity ward?)

But Joe wasn't the only one who heard voices - the shepherds did, too. They promptly left the sheep on their own - to get lost, strayed, or stolen, their whole

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families' life and livelihood. (Those were some voices.)

And the Magi (Wise Men) had no business going across borders into enemy territory.

Their "reason" was not a voice - no, they saw a natural luminous body in the sky and followed it. They had treasures to bribe Herod into giving them safe passage - but all Jews loathed the "foreigners" - and scripture tells us that all of Jerusalem was "troubled" over them. All any of the natives had to do was slit the Magi's throats, take their treasures, and be heroes.

And the Wise men gave their treasures away to the new family. Now they had to avoid Herod as well as all the "good" citizens. (What were they counting on? Magic?)

It is noteworthy that the Shepherd story and the Magi story are in separate Gospels. Even the writers couldn't risk putting mortal political enemies together. Nobody would believe it - or accept it. (You have to know your audience.)

The story ends there, and we never hear another word about the first visitors. Did the sheep meekly wait for the shepherds to come back? (From what we hear about sheep, you have to doubt it.)

And the Magi - did they make it back to Persia with every knife-carrier and sword-wielder looking for them?

And, if they did get to Persia, they couldn't tell anybody. They were the top priests of another faith. "Well, you see, there was this star, and you won't believe where it led us." I don't think so.

It was quite a night.

Have a blessed Christmas. And a merry one, too. I hope your friends and family have a wonderful time and all the gift clothes fit and, when appropriate, batteries are included.



Hummel

■ A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, Out of the Attic features a photograph that was taken in 1991 just before the Gulf War. It shows a loosely formed rally of Newark High School students voicing their sentiments about the impending war. NHS principal Frank Hagen said, "They are expressing their social consciousness. This is part of their education - to learn values and to follow those values." A Christina School District spokesman was less philosophical, "I hope they go back to class and settle down afterward." Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic," 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark 19713. Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ Dec. 26, 1929

Delaware to mark Dutch landing

At the last session of the Legislature, a bill was passed authorizing Governor Buck to appoint a committee of seven members to arrange for the three hundredth anniversary in 1931, of the first settlement upon Delaware soil, at Lewes, by the Dutch, in 1631. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000.

New highway now in use

The opening at noon on Saturday of the new dual highway, which is composed of the du Pont Highway plus a 7.6 mile stretch running parallel to the highway from the

canal at St. Georges to the intersection where the du Pont Highway meets with the Elkton Road, realizes an ambition of Governor Buck when he was chief engineer and which was contained in a suggestion while he was in that office.

The addition to the highway, constructed at a

cost of approximately \$359,854 represents one of the largest road construction undertakings in this State, it was announced by W.W. Mack, State highway engineer.

■ Dec. 26, 1979

Salem Village resident killed in apartment fire

A Christiana man was killed Saturday morning when fire broke out at the Salem Village Apartments on Oakdale Road.

Roger Smoot, 49, was dead on arrival at the Newark Emergency Room after being taken from his third-floor bedroom by firemen. Smoot's apartment was destroyed by the fire and several others were damaged. No estimate was available when



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Long-planned tree search begins in blinding blizzard

► UP FRONT, from 1

tled on the edge of our five-acre lot, which offered about a 500-year supply of Christmas trees.

We (actually I) decided that we'd have a Currier & Ives experience, cutting down our Christmas tree, bringing it inside and decorating it as a family. We picked the Saturday before Christmas.

The day came but it was a miserable one. There already was two to three feet of snow on the ground, and near-blizzard conditions existed.

But that wasn't the worst of it. The temperature had plummeted to what I recall as 10 or 12 degrees below zero (Mainers would describe this as "wicked" cold).

Combine the blinding snow with the temperature and you had

potentially dangerous conditions.

The Streits were not to be deterred from their family mission.

We bundled up (when you live in Maine you have the necessary cold weather gear to prevent frostbite). I grabbed my new bow saw, purchased specifically for this holiday adventure.

Out the four of us trudged into the woods. The snow was so heavy, the wind so brisk and the temperature so cold that each flake of snow felt like a pin prick on our faces. When we would look up, the snow's path was horizontal, not vertical, due to the blizzard winds. Like Clark Griswold, I led our family onward.

Our property was a forest of pine and birch trees. Our house sat on a small elevated section

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along the road. Our back yard slopped down to the tree line.

Thus came the first problem.

What looked like three feet of snow in the woods actually was much deeper (four feet or more) in some places.

Tyler, a preschooler at the time, was down to the tree line. What looked like three feet of snow in the woods actually was much deeper (four feet or more) in some places.

As we meandered ever so slowly back into the trees looking for the perfect Christmas tree, our young son fell behind.

A few minutes later, my wife screamed in terror, “Where’s Tyler?”

Looking back, we could see no trace of him. Heck, we could hardly see at all. We began backtracking, screaming “Tyler!” Still no answer.

Finally, Mackenzie stumbled on something in the deep snow. It was Tyler. He had ventured into a snowdrift well over his head, sunk down and was happily building a snow fort. (After all, he was out of the chilling wind).

Now we proceeded holding hands. My wife, Linda, was stressed, recovering from the adrenaline rush when she thought her son was gone. Plus she was

getting cold.

Mackenzie was cranky, too, as she started shivering.

Tyler quickly was getting tired of fighting his way through deep snow.

Our standards for the perfect Christmas tree plummeted. The closest pine became our choice.

Out I pulled the bow saw. I started sawing but it was difficult. The sap was thick, if not frozen, and every cut took all my strength.

The complaining continued. Tyler broke away and headed toward the house. Mackenzie followed. Linda, using her mother’s need to take care of the children as an excuse, headed inside.

There I was, alone, struggling to bring the tree to its feet.

Then it happened.

The saw blade snapped.

I muttered some very un-Christmas-like words.

Apparently, the frigid temperature had made the metal so brittle that it broke easily.

I trudged all the way back to the house, muttering under my breath as I noticed Linda, Mac and Tyler watching me approach without a tree. They were holding cups of hot chocolate.

I went immediately to the garage, grabbed a saw that could have cut down a giant redwood,

and headed back to the tree with hope of ending this miserable experiment.

I made an executive decision. I abandoned the earlier target and cut down the first pine tree I encountered. (At that moment, I did not care that I might have to stare at the ugly tree stump from our deck for time eternal).

So much for my dream of a Currier & Ives Christmas memory.

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A footnote: We decorated the tree that evening.

After arriving home from church the next morning, when we opened our door we were greeted by the repulsive stench of cat urine.

This was a problem because we didn’t have a cat.

The odor was overpowering and permeated the air of the entire house. Despite the sub-zero temperature, we opened every window.

We later learned that a certain variety of pine is known in Maine as a Cat Spruce. Why? This tree is odorless in a cool environment but when warmed, the sap takes on that repulsive odor.

When we figured this out, we tossed the live tree out, decorations and all. We retrieved our artificial tree, the option we should have chosen originally.

■ When not reliving his *National Lampoon Christmas*, the author is publisher of this and three other Delaware newspapers. Stylish holiday decorations adorn the family home in Newark.

1999: Newark officials on call for arrival of 2000

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The Post went to press.

Post news carrier hit by car

Dispute over maintenance of a Newark street may have led to an accident that injured a *Weekly Post* carrier last Wednesday.

Peter Korolyk, delivering his papers at about 4 p.m., was knocked from his bicycle and dragged underneath a car sliding on slippery Thorn Lane at the Towne Court Apartments.

He was taken by ambulance to the Newark Emergency Room where he was treated for cuts and bruises of the forehead, x-rayed, and released, according to Lee Hone, NER Director.

■ Dec. 24, 1999

Stand by for anything

All department heads for operations in the city of Newark are on call this New Year’s Eve. “They are all required to be on stand-by within minutes of the Municipal Building,” said city

manager Carl Luft. “What we’ll probably have is a lot of bored people.”

Possible computer failures, mob scenes or party-goers in accidents has government heads around the world marshaling their employees and Newark is no exception.

What are they ‘doin’ New Year’s, New Year’s Eve?

Although historians say that the new millennium does not officially begin until 2001 and that a grand celebration should be next New Year’s Eve, it has not affected the many who believe that New Year’s Eve 1999 holds a certain significance that should not go unrecognized.

None of the 24 people polled said they would have to work on the night that will be a “work-day” for thousands of people needed for potential Y2K computer problems, emergency rescues, possible electrical outages, police patrols, catered events, restaurants, bars and, of course, entertainment.

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OUTLOOK

Lasting a lifetime

By KATIE DALY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

THE winter holidays will be here. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa, families will come together to enjoy each other's company, to load up on comfort foods and to exchange gifts. The week following the big celebration may be time off from work for you and time away from school for the kids. With all of the festivities over, what do you do?

The novelty of lazing around in pajamas and watching TV fades after a few days. This may be the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with your family to learn more about each other, grow closer as a family unit, improve parent-to-child communication and make even more memories. Try one of the following family activities, which are taken from the 4-H curriculum.

'Outlook' is a weekly feature prepared by the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Service

Remember 2004 — This past year was busy and full of activities. Ask every family member his or her favorite memories from the past year. Spend some time looking through photos of what you did together as a family and re-live old memories and swap stories with one another.

If you are the typical American, chances are all of those summer vacation photos are still in the envelope you picked them up it or they are languishing on the digital camera disc. Now is a good time to rescue them and make a scrapbook. Working together you and your children can put the photos in a scrapbook, noting all the neat things you did as a family. Use stickers, magazine clippings, and drawings along with your pictures. Add narratives to help you remember

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Santa Claus
North Pole

Santa

S. Claus

Mr. Santa

Santa Claus
North Pole

S. Claus

Santa Claus
North Pole

Letters to Santa, 1929 style

Editor's note: The *Newark Post's* office manager and editorial assistant, Jan Blankenship, each week compiles the historical headline review that appears on the Opinion Page as "Pages From The Past." This week, she shares with readers letters from Newark youngsters to Santa as they were printed on the front page of the Dec. 19, 1929 issue.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a "Suck-a-thumb" doll, a cash register, Flinch and Lotto.
Please don't forget my little brother and cousin. I am eight years old, go to school and Sunday School.

Thank you,
Frances Kendall

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric train, fire engine, motorcycle, and a little truck.
Please don't forget Sis and Buddy.
I am six years old.

Thank you,
Oliver Kendall

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy just five years old. Have been fairly good all this year and would appreciate a few gifts for Xmas.
Would like to have a raincoat and rubber boots, so I could run errands for mother in bad weather.
Would also like a toy aeroplane, a wagon, some story books, a gun and lots of candy and nuts.
Would appreciate these gifts so much.

Lots of love,
Francis Knox

Dear Santa:
I would like you to bring me a baby doll bed a electric iron a small baby doll a box of hankies a pencil box a new dress a new pair of shoes and stockings.
Please bring Rose Mairie a rag doll a teddybear a big bright ball.
Anything else you have for a little girl 1 year old.

Thank you,
Grace and Rose Mairie

Dear Santa:
I would like you to bring me a football, a gun, a Boy Scout game, a little train, a tool box and a Tinker Toy.
Please bring Richard a dump truck, a steam roller, a tracker, or gun anything else you have for a little boy 5 years old.
Hope you remember all the little girls and boys this year.
Thanking you

James and Richard Kelley

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old.
I would like to have a doll, stove, and dishes, car, and big ball.
Don't forget Ruth Hitchens, and Lewis F. Maclary, and bring some other things to.

Lots of love,
Edna Frazer

Dear Santa:
This is my first letter to you. I am a little girl 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a few things for Xmas. I want a

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Video Hellos

Holidays are tough on a military family, but one Red Cross program makes it a little easier

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FROM the sandy desert of Kuwait, Newark resident Victoria Mandes looked overdressed in her green turtleneck sweater. She was bundled up for Delaware's December weather. But her husband, Brian, didn't mind.

Mandes was participating in the Red Cross "Project Video Connect." The program helps military families stay in touch by sending a 2-minute video to loved ones overseas.

When Mandes heard about the program, she knew she had to make a video. So she drove up

to Exton Square Mall and faced troops of holiday shoppers to get to where the videos were shot. But it was all worth it in the end. She got to tell her husband, in her own words, just how much she missed him.

"We had two minutes to say whatever we wanted," she said. "But I forgot to write down what I wanted to say, so it was all on the fly. I just spoke from the heart."

"I told him that I love him. And that I miss him. And that I hope he misses me as much as I miss him. And happy birthday."

Private Mandes will be overseas for the next four months or so, missing Christmas, his birthday and the New Year.

He also spent Thanksgiving away from his family to complete military training. It was a hard holiday for the couple, who were married

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Victoria Mandes smiles as she sends a video greeting to her husband, Brian, who is stationed overseas.

Look ahead

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years from now the wonderful adventures you had as a family.

Look Ahead to 2005 — Another year is fast approaching. Why not make family resolutions or family wishes?

Start with an old shoebox and decorate the outside. You may want to decorate with objects and materials that have a special meaning, such as your family crest. Next, ask family members to think about the wishes they have for their family over the next year. Take some time to share with one another what your thoughts are and how you can make those wishes come true. Place all of the wishes in the box. Keep the box where everyone can open it up from time to time to read the wishes throughout the year.

Playing board games and watching a movie together also are great ways to enjoy each other's company. No matter what you and your family decide to do, and you'll be on course for a great new year, making lost of memories to share in the years ahead.

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Videos send personal holiday greetings

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in September. But Mrs. Mandes was able to relax and enjoy the holiday by spending it with her new in-laws.

"It was crazy around their house," she said. "There were so many people and it was so boisterous that I couldn't think about it. But at the same time, it was a nice reminder of him, to be surrounded by his family."

So for this holiday, she decided to give her husband a little reminder of home to keep his

spirits up. Joy Wilson, representative of the Red Cross, said that little surprises like the video go a long way in keeping up morale.

"Holidays are an especially tough time to be away from friends and family," said Tom Foley, CEO of the American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

"We want to make it a little easier by enabling families to send a little piece of themselves over the Internet. A gesture like that could mean everything to those serving our country at this time."

So far this holiday season, 130 area shoppers have made videos for loved ones.

While Mandes braved the crowds at the Exton Square Mall, she didn't have to. The Red Cross offers this service to family and friends of people serving all year round at their Philadelphia office.

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favorites on display include an extensive model train layout, a Victorian dollhouse, an antique doll display and "critter" ornaments made by the museum's volunteers. This year's event is complemented by the special exhibition, Story Time: Children's Book Illustrations. From Thomas Nast's early drawings of Santa Claus for "Christmas Drawings for the Human Race" in 1890 to Charles Santore's interpretations of Beatrix Potter's "The Complete Tales of Peter Rabbit" in 1986, this exhibition features over 40 excellent and delightful works from the museum's important and growing collection of children's book illustrations. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over and students; free for children under six and members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit the web site at www.brandywinemuseum.org.

MONDAY

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FRIDAY, DEC. 24

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays: 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and Fri. at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

UNIVERSITY WOMEN fourth Monday. Newark AAUW meets at First Presbyterian Church, West Main St., Newark. Info., 302-731-4724.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street, Newark. Classes begin on September 20 for beginners and intermediate level. Info., 302-368-4942 or 302-368-8774.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

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NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. Information and registration, 302-658-5177, ext. 260.

NCCo STROKE CLUB Noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-2318.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesdays. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of

MEETINGS

Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info., 302-737-5063.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Rds., Wilmington. Free and open to the public. Info., 302-475-1880.

CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Bldg. 405, Wilmington. Info., 302-733-3900.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. every Tuesday. Singing group meets at MBNA Bowman Center, Route 4, Newark. Listeners and new members welcome. Info., 302-999-8310.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info., 302-655-5610.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

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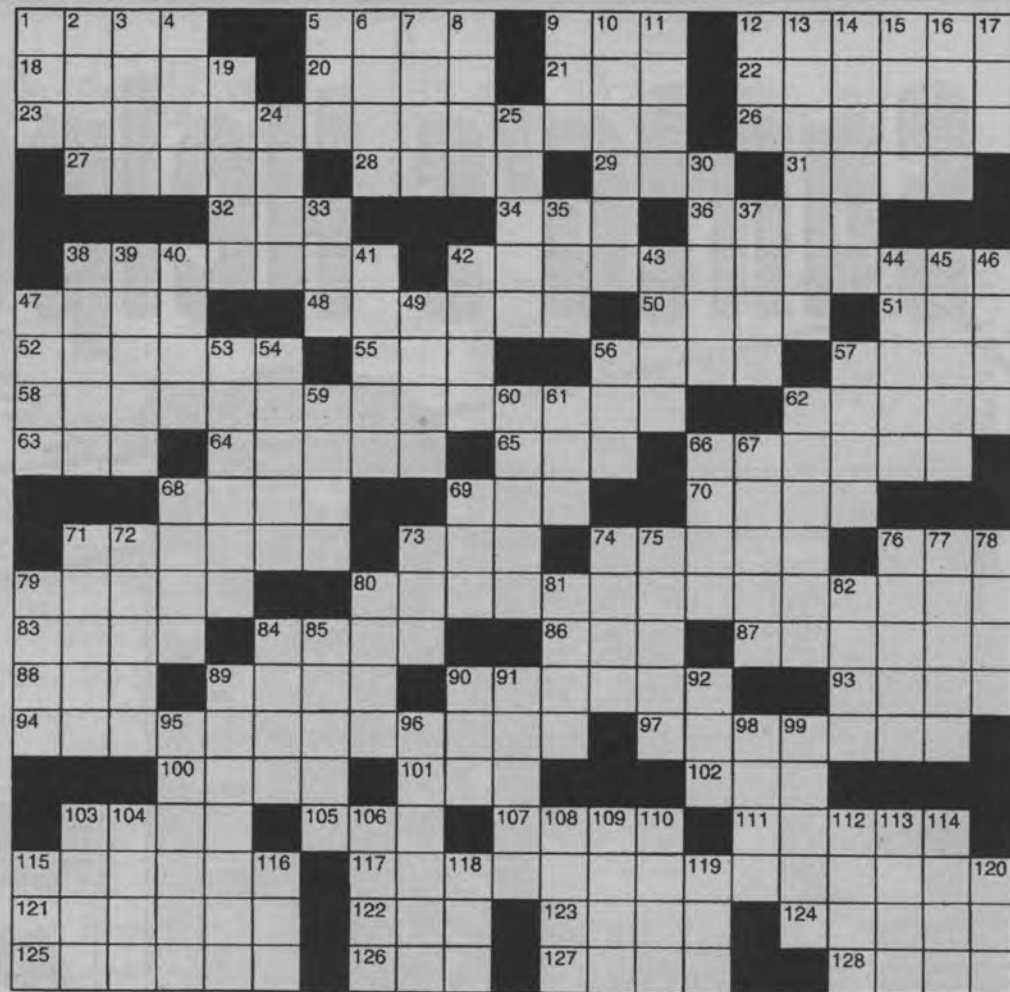
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What winter weather means to road projects

AS Old Man Winter arrives, the Delaware Department of Transportation has several major construction projects that will be placed on "winter shutdown" - a time when colder temperatures prevent the proper curing of pavement materials. This season traditionally begins in mid-December.

If it appears the daytime temperatures will remain 40 degrees or lower for a long period of time, many asphalt plants close (since contractors will not be able to use their product), thus immediately cutting off the supply of hotmix for DelDOT projects.

The plants reopen when temperatures rise above the 40 degree mark and work on DelDOT construction projects resumes.

Prior to a shutdown period, motorists may see construction crews working longer hours, weekends or during peak travel times to finish projects in time.

The following gives a quick overview of several current DelDOT projects and how they may be affected if cold weather comes our way:

Appleby Road from Route 273 to Route 40 - Old Forge Road will be paved and have sidewalks installed within the next two weeks.

Drainage, curbing and sidewalk installation still needs to occur on Appleby Road before

the end of December. If weather permits, Appleby Road will be milled and paved this year.

The project will then shut-down for the winter.

Once it commences in the spring, paving of Wilton Boulevard will be done.

Churchmans Road - Utility work (gas, water, electric) that is occurring now will continue though the winter months until completion.

Actual road pavement will begin next year.

Route 7 from Route 40 to Newtown Road - Work will progress through the winter months.

It will include drainage, roadway excavation, curbing and placement of the base of the roadway.

Paving will be done in the spring.

Paper Mill Road - Paper Mill Rd. from Milford Crossroads to Ebenezer Church Rd. is scheduled to be milled and paved.

The remainder of the project work involves curbing, sidewalks, and roadway widening, which will continue on schedule until weather will not permit work.

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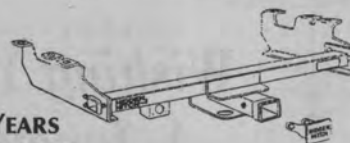


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Legislators get hands-on at Food Bank here

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instructor for the Food Bank, said. "So instead of sorting food, we're making sandwiches."

The sandwiches got paired up with chocolate milk, an apple and a little orange juice and was distributed at 12 youth programs in New Castle County, including ones at the Newark Boys and Girls Club and McCullough Elementary School.

While the volunteers in the kitchen were getting involved and doing some good for their community, the atmosphere was more like that of a party.

Two lines of volunteers, which included state senators and Food Bank board members, competed to see which group could make more lunches in the allotted two hours.

"The hardest part is trying to conquer the wrap!" a slightly frustrated Don Baker, vice president for the Food Bank, said after tearing off yet another sheet of tangled cling wrap.

His sandwich-wrapping counterpart for the other team, Dana Johnston, seemed to have the skill down. "I did have two and a half months of training," she admitted. Johnston spent the summer volunteering in the kitchen. "I have definitely found

the most efficient way of doing this."

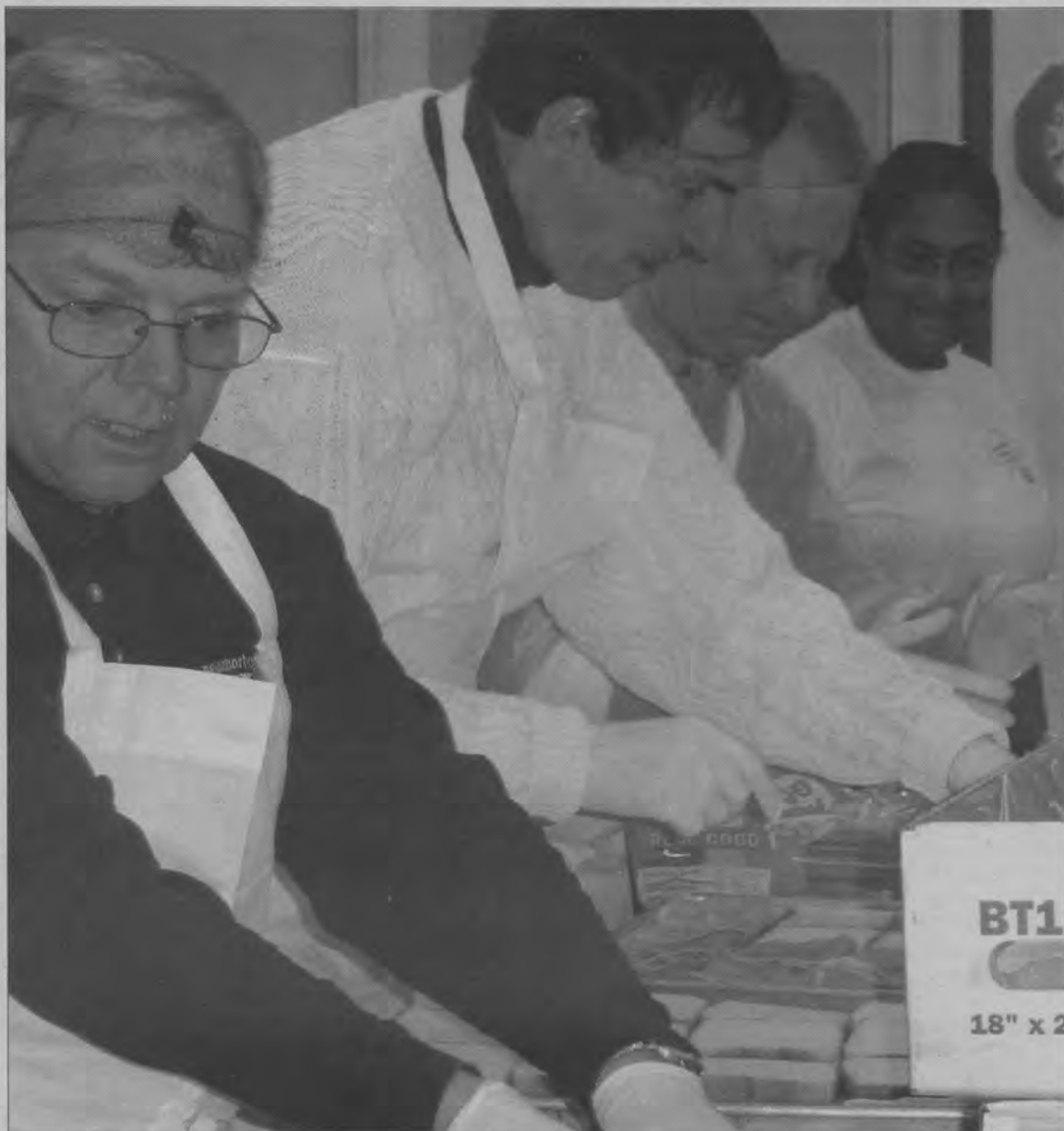
It's a good thing she had. The Food Bank's youth programs rely on dedication of its volunteers. With a customer list that easily reaches 6,000 per week, there is a significant demand on the kitchen. While that number may seem surprisingly high, it triples during the summer months.

"We make 20,000 lunches per week during the summer," Treese said. Those numbers soar with the June temperatures as program enrollment also increases. Lunches are distributed to sports teams, day care centers and even tutoring groups.

In addition to keeping the kids well fed, the program also encourages the tykes to get involved. "It gives them a reason to be indoors and studying and exercising," he said.

But what drives Treese back to the Food Bank every day is his hope to alleviate the stresses of poverty. "This is a program that needs to be here," he said. "I have had kids come up to me and say, 'I don't know if I would have eaten at all today if it weren't for you.' We're fighting the root causes of poverty. Kids who have food have energy for their brain, they drop out less."

"I think it's essential."



Volunteers make an assembly line to put together a lunch for local children at the Newark-based Food Bank of Delaware.

1929 letters to Santa

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Delaware wrestling improving

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It all happened within 10 minutes. It was a short time span during Saturday's third round of the championship bracket of the treacherous Beast of the East. But it was 10 minutes that defined how far Delaware wrestling has grown.

First, Sussex Central's Connor McDonald got a first-period pin. Then Caesar Rodney's Alex Meade earned a decision.

That win was followed by Ian Moser, also of CR, storming back from a 6-1 deficit to earn an 8-7 victory.



Valania

Caravel's Jarrod Garnett soon finished his 7-5 overtime thriller. St. Mark's Jeremy Shaw then capped the flurry with a decisive victory. All Delaware high school wrestlers beating seeded wrestlers from around the country.

Five other in-state wrestlers eventually joined those five in the quarterfinals. In all, nine Delaware high school wrestlers placed (finished in the top eight). That's up from one just two years ago. McDonald went on to win the state's first Beast title since Bobby Shaw in 1999.

McDonald's 103-pound title gave Delaware one more champion than Pennsylvania — the nation's top wrestling state.

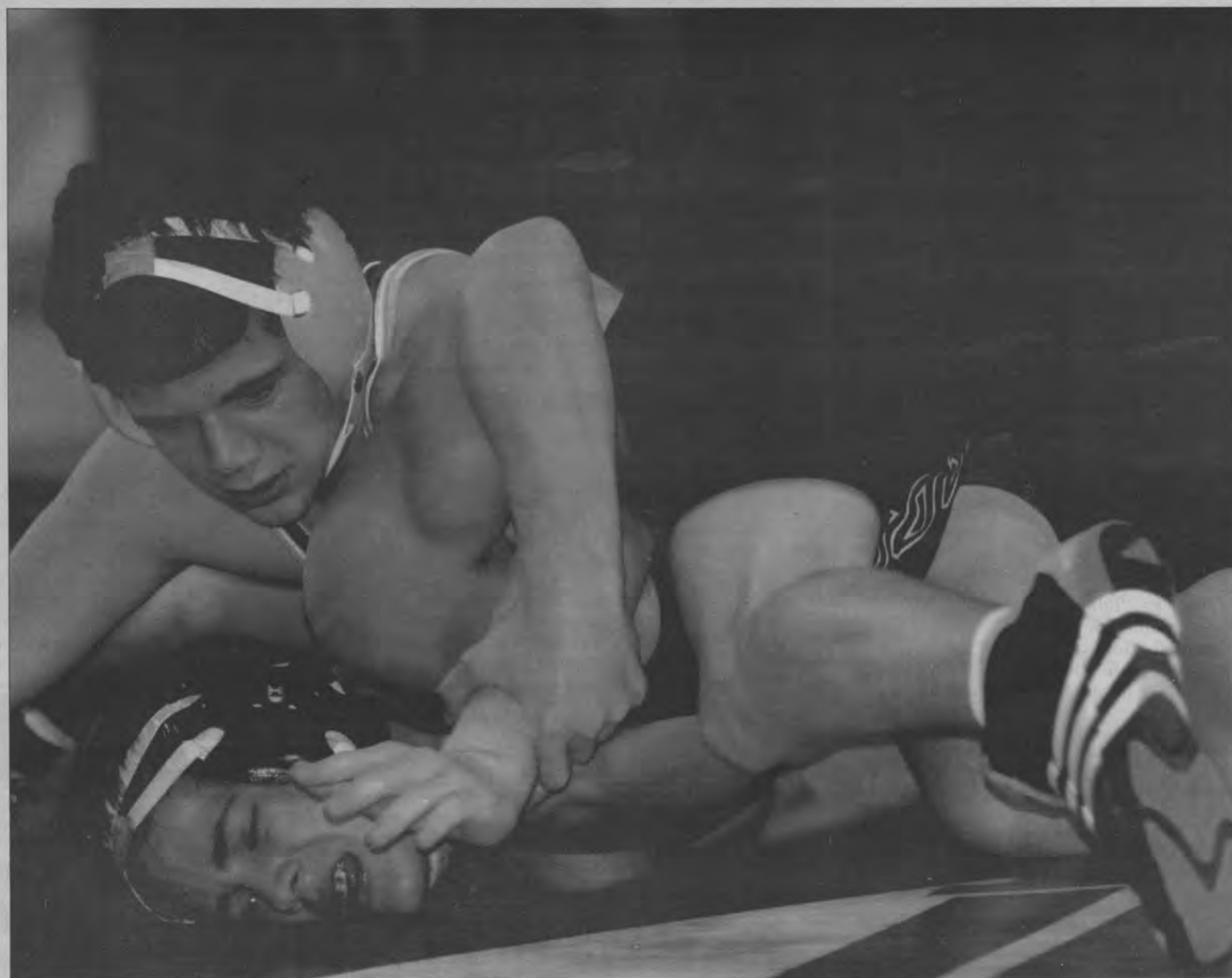
That success was the reason that Vic Leonard (now the A.I. Dupont High wrestling coach) started the Beast of the East. It's why he wanted Delaware wrestlers exposed to the best wrestling in the country.

He figured that it could only bring up the level of Delaware high school wrestling. Well, it has.

St. Mark's and William

See **WRESTLE, 17** ▶

Local wrestlers shine in Beast



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Jeremy Shaw of St. Mark's came from behind to earn a 7-5 overtime victory in his second round match Saturday at the Beast of the East.

Caravel's Garnett places sixth while Shaw advances to quarterfinals

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Jarrod Garnett wrestled over 60 matches this past summer in preparation for his freshman season at Caravel Academy. If he ever wondered whether it was worth it or not, his sixth place finish in the toughest high school tournament in the country should have dispelled any doubts.

Garnett, wrestling at 103 pounds in the Beast of the East, ticked off one upset after another on his way to the semifinal of the prestigious tournament. In the quarterfinals, he knocked off sec-

ond-seeded Jayk Cobbs of powerful Great Bridge, Va.

"He just believes he can win every time he steps on the mat," said Caravel coach Matt Zambanini. "You can't overestimate what that means. There might be 10 or 12 kids in the weight class that are more talented than him, but he believes he's going to win."

"He's worked extremely hard and just keeps getting better. And he's going to keep getting better."

Garnett, who battled the flu throughout the weekend, ran out of gas in the semis. He was pinned there and in between, coughing and throwing up lost

two more close matches to fall to sixth place. Despite the ending, it was an outstanding tournament for the freshman.

"It's unbelievable to make the semifinals here," Zambanini said. "It's a great accomplishment."

Luke Rebertus, also of Caravel, fell one match short of placing after he suffered a knee injury that could keep him out of the rest of the season.

Jeremy Shaw of St. Mark's also had a terrific tournament. Shaw won his first three matches to reach the quarterfinals. Twice he battled from behind to win early round matches.

"Jeremy had a good tourna-

ment," said St. Mark's coach Jason Bastianelli. "He's getting better all the time. I think it helps that he gets to work out with (coach and former state champion) Pat Atkinson in the room every day. He's benefited from that."

St. Mark's wasn't so fortunate otherwise. Three of its other top wrestlers didn't even participate in the tournament. Andrew Bradley and Tommy Abbott — both of whom were seeded — missed the tournament because of illness and weight problems. Kenny Zell also missed the tour-

See **BEAST, 17** ▶

Cotton leads local players on All-State football team

Newark's star running back Sam Cotton leads an impressive assortment of Yellowjackets and other players from the Christina School district on this year's All-State team.

This year's team was selected by the Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association.

Cotton who ran for over 3,000 yards the past two seasons, and led Newark to back-to-back state titles, is joined by guard Jon Senkus and defensive back Chet Turner as first team selections.

Three Yellowjackets selected to the second team are tight end Austin Becker, linebacker Scott Gardner and defensive end Kimphus Daniels. Christiana's defensive tackle Pete Tarabicos was also a second team selection.

Glasgow's Brandon Bailey made the third team as a running back.

The Offensive Player of the Year and top quarterback is Salesianum's Gene DelleDonne.

Three Middletown Cavaliers are included on the first team offense: fullback Adam Shrewsbury, guard Griff Randle,

and center P.J. Digati.

The rest of the first team is comprised of running back Dan Meaney from Archmere; tackle Matt Hesseltine, Smyrna; tight end Will Croner, McKean; wide receiver Blair Newman, Caesar Rodney; wide receiver Bob Sabol, Salesianum and place kicker Kyle Dilella, also from Salesianum.

Middletown's Sam Scott was chosen as the Defensive Player of the Year.

Caesar Rodney placed three on the first team defense.

That list includes defensive end Bernie Hanna, defensive tackle Joe Balcerak, and defensive back Greg McCulley.

The three William Penn players on first team defense are: defensive back Darin Henry, punter Steve Alexander and linebacker Sean Sullivan.

Rounding out the first team defense are: DT Tom Methvin, Charter; LB Mike Clay, Middletown; LB D.J. Singletary, Indian River and LB Greg Cox, St. Mark's.

C. Rodney top in state team

► BEAST, from 16

nament for the Spartans.

"It was a little rough," Bastianelli said. "We showed what we can do in state last week with four champions at Milford — and that was with Bradley out. Abbott beat Alex Meade, who came here and finished fourth. Hopefully, we'll have everybody back as the season goes along."

In all nine Delaware wrestlers placed with 103-pounder Connor McDonald leading the way. McDonald, of Sussex Central, became the first Delawarean to

win a Beast title since Bobby Shaw of St. Mark's did it back in 1999. Mike Miller, Brandywine's 171 pounder, reached the finals before falling to the top-ranked wrestler in country in the weight class.

The nation's No. 1 ranked team Blair Academy won the tournament, which featured over 80 teams from across the country. Great Bridge was second, followed by St. Paris Graham of Ohio and Brandon, Fla. Caesar Rodney was the highest finishing Delaware team at No. 11. The Riders placed four wrestlers.

Better times could be ahead

► WRESTLE, from 16

Penn have had great teams in the past. Caesar Rodney, who placed four wrestlers on its own and finished 11th in the Beast, is that type of team now.

More than that, though, there is starting to be some depth — a little bit anyway.

Who could've ever imagined that a wrestler from Caravel Academy would pin a wrestler from Northampton (Pa.) in the first period? But that's what happened in the second round as Garnett started his run.

Wrestlers from CR, St. Mark's, William Penn, Brandywine, Salesianum, Caravel, Sussex Central and Milford all placed or were a match away from placing. It was

an impressive performance.

Many of the wrestlers excelling now are freshmen or sophomores. Even more encouraging is the fact that the pipeline is still full of youth wrestlers that are succeeding on a regional and national level.

There are a lot of reasons for the success. There are more opportunities now for young wrestlers than there ever was before. Many who broke out of Delaware and succeeded have come back to coach (Sheldon Thomas, Kurt Howell, Dickey Howell, Stan Spoor and more).

There's been a concerted effort by many within the state and it's paying off. There was no better evidence than those 10 minutes on Saturday at the Beast.

Glasgow wins Kappa crown

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Senior Cory Lemons scored 14 points to lead Glasgow to a hard-fought 46-42 victory over St. Mark's Saturday evening in the title game of the 16th annual Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament at the Newark High gymnasium.

The Dragons won the early-season tournament for the third consecutive year. Glasgow raised its record to 3-0, winning all of their games in the Kappa Klassic.

The Spartans deliberate offense and stingy defense cause the Dragons some major problems in the early stages. St. Mark's built a 10-4 lead after one quarter on the shooting of seniors Casey Husfelt, James Durstein

and Matt Romanczuk.

In the second quarter, Glasgow's offense got untracked, as Rakee Anderson, Khyle Nelson and Lemons began to find their range, but the Dragons still trailed 22-20 at halftime.

Glasgow got its first lead, 32-30, late in the third quarter with 1:20 left, when Julian Kirkland hit a jumper. Kirkland added a three-pointer moments later, but the Spartans' John Dischert added a layup to close the gap to 35-32 with one period left to play.

The two teams stayed close through the fourth quarter, until Glasgow's Mike Ingram nailed a three to put the Dragons ahead to stay. Ingram's free throw with nine seconds remains sealed the victory.

"I told my team to be more

aggressive on offense and defense," said Glasgow coach Shahid Perkins. "I think we came out a little too lax early on, so I told them to pick up their intensity," he said.

The Kappa Klassic's All-Tournament Team was comprised of Steve Copper, from Glasgow; Rashad Williams from Christiana; Ty Harper from Sanford; Vernon DuPree, Jr., from Concord and Matt Romanczuk from St. Mark's. Glasgow's Rakee Anderson was named the Most Valuable Player.

In the third-place consolation game, Sanford beat Christiana 77-43 behind Leon Wilson's 19 points. Concord's Brandon Tunnell netted 29 points to pace the Raiders 66-52 victory over Howard in the fifth place consolation match.

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Band director Lloyd Ross, right, enjoys one more joke with his band students. Ross directed his final concert Tuesday after teaching 34 years at Newark High School.

NHS sings 'farewell' to Mr. Ross

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Twas the night of the concert,
All through Newark High,
There was a hustle and bustle,
And everyone knew why.

For 34 years,
Lloyd Ross waved his baton,
Over thousands of band mem-
bers,
They would not let him down.

He taught them to march,
He taught them to play,
They traveled and rehearsed,
Loving music everyday.

All year the students pleaded,
Now the time had come.
"You must stay," they said.
But this concert, his final one.

Band members were busy,
They adjusted bow ties.
Sheet music was folded.
They prepared their good-byes.

Musicians took their places.
The stage was packed tight.
They reached high ranges.
This was a special night.

The horns, how they glistened,
The flutes, oh so cheery,
The bells, how they tingled,
The saxes were merry.

The auditorium was packed,
Joy and sadness filled the air,
Their beloved band director
Would no longer be there.

The choir sang "Farewell,"
Took their memories as they go,
"You mean more to me
Than you will ever know."

His cap said "retired,"
But he had one song to do,
Horns blared from the rear
To a symphonic prelude.

When the concert had ended,
And the memories relived,
Music boosters and students
Noted his last gig.

Lloyd's eyes, how they twin-
kled,
His humor so funny,
They're sending him on a cruise
To a place very sunny.

When you see him in town,
Traveling near and far,
He'll have "NHS 34"
On the back of his car.

And they heard Lloyd exclaim,
As he walked out of sight,
"Farewell to all,
And to all a good night."

Second graders experience pilgrim life firsthand

THE children dipped their quills into homemade black walnut ink and drew pictures. Then they played hide-the-thimble and handcrafted poppets or dolls.

Finally, they learned to do counted cross-stitch and danced an English folk dance.

These are just a few of the activities, common to Pilgrim or Colonial children in the 17th and 18th centuries, that were performed last month by the second grade students in the classroom of Nancy Brock, teacher at Albert Einstein Academy.

With the support of a grant from the Newark-based company, MBNA, Nancy Brock took her class on a month-long journey studying, observing and reenacting the lives of Pilgrim children.

The unit began with the reading of stories about Pilgrim children, followed by a classroom activity comparing the typical jobs and activities performed by children years ago with those done today.

On Oct. 27, the class took a field trip to Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, a restored and working 18th Century plantation in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, where they dipped candles, sawed logs with a two-person hand saw, and drew water from a well.

While at the well, second-grader Jordan Taub had a realization. "Whoa! There's holes in the bucket," he said, wondering how the water stayed in the bucket. The well bucket was designed with holes to allow it to be immersed in the water as it is lowered.

As it is immersed, water forces down an attached flap of leather which creates a barrier to

keep the water in the bucket.

Brock said the program was important for her students to try something new. "I believe providing the children with hands-on experiences is the best way for children to learn how people lived centuries ago," she said. "The generosity of MBNA helped to make this learning experience a reality."

Jenny Brown, an international folk dance instructor visited the classroom multiple times to teach the children traditional English Country Dances popular among Pilgrim children, and the Indian Snake Dance.

Interim Head of School Mike Brassloff noted, "Each time I visited the classroom this past month, I was energized to see the children enthusiastically participating in many creative Pilgrim-related projects," Brown said. "These activities have helped them to gain a richer understanding of the how the Pilgrims lived."

The Albert Einstein Academy is an elementary Jewish day school serving New Castle County.

— Judi Feinson

Vehicles hit

► **BLOTTER, from 2**

window shattered. Damages were \$150;

230 E. Main St., Newark Shopping Center, on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:20 a.m., 96 Ford Ranger pickup truck had the rear slider vent window broken out. Damages were \$250;

Unit block of Fremont Rd., on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:13 p.m., 2004 Honda Accord and 2000 Ford Crown Victoria police car, owned by the Delaware State Police, were spray painted. Damages were \$300 to each vehicle;

400 block of Wharton Dr., on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m., 91 Nissan had its rear window shattered. A Timex watch, MP3 player and a radar detector were stolen. Total value of stolen items was \$500. Damages were \$50;

Unit block of Fremont Rd., on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10:22 a.m., 2004 Honda Civic and 99 Nissan Pathfinder were spray painted. Damages were \$20;

Unit block of Choate St., on Friday, Dec. 17, 90 Ford Aerostar, had its rear drivers side brake light broken. Damages were \$30; and

Unit block of E. Cleveland Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5:11 a.m., someone walked over a 2004 Toyota Corolla, denting roof and hood. Damages were \$800.

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Arts alliance drive nets half of lost funding

► FUNDS, from 1

said. "But when \$50,000 of that has to go to just [maintaining a property], then that \$7,000 has to come from the budget set aside for classes." That means the budget cut could represent as much as 14 percent slash in funding for community programs.

"This means a lot of classes are going to have to be cut come fall," she said.

Mike Fortner, a representative for the City of Newark's Planning Department, said that the cuts were a long time coming.

"We've been funding the NAA just about since they started," he said. "The idea is that it was intended as start-up funds. We didn't want this to be ongoing funding. We were hoping that they could become more community dependent, so we've started weaning them off."

In past years, the NAA received \$10,000 from the Revenue Sharing grants, a program designed to help Newark residents. The money not spent on the NAA will go towards other projects, like those spearheaded by the Newark Welfare Committee, Meals on Wheels and the Hope Dining Room.

"We wanted to give the money to programs that really helped Newarkers," Fortner said.

In the past month, the NAA has made some great efforts at regaining the money from other avenues. Members and local businesses have received letters asking for donations in recent weeks. So far, those letters have collected \$3,500, half of the budget cut.

Foreman remains hopeful that the NAA will be able to raise the rest of the money throughout the rest of the year. "We have to," she said, "or else all of the other things that we do, like Mommy and Me workshops and adult classes, will be cut."

Holiday trash pickup schedule

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, refuse normally collected by the City of Newark on Thursday, Dec. 30 will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Refuse normally collected on Friday, Dec. 31 will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 30.

NPD, Aetna support Marines' Toys For Tots

► SANTA, from 1

Santa was a tall order. Boys worked off a little extra excitement by walking on their hands and doing cartwheels, a task made all the more difficult with numb fingers. But as Santa's arrival time neared, a line started forming, almost by magic.

Newark Police Corporal Tracy Simpson, who was Santa's head helper, said she could see the line forming from across the park. "Even before we pulled in, you could see everyone lined up already," she said. "He's been coming for years, so most of the families know what the proce-

cedure is. Things are always chaotic, but it helps."

This year marks the 10-year anniversary that Santa, the Newark Police Department and Toys for Tots have joined forces to make holiday miracles happen.

Simpson estimated that nearly 130 children got a one-on-one visit with the portly elf, who was sure to pass on a little Christmas spirit and an early present.

Whispers of Christmas wishes and rumors of what presents Santa had in his sack circulated the line of waiting youngsters. Some of the favorite hopeful presents were Game Cube games, Yu-Gi-Oh cards and a Spiderman Web Slinger - a toy that shoots

web from the wrist, just like the real Spidey.

While the other kids wondered about what was in their presents, one little girl already knew what was under her wrapping paper. The brown eyes of Amaya Lockette sparkled just a little more when she got her present. "I know what's in here," she whispered. "It's a Barbie Computer."

Lockette will have to wait a few more days to find out what's inside that present. But Barbie Computer or not, she caught a little bit of the holiday spirit, and her grin passed it on to those around her.

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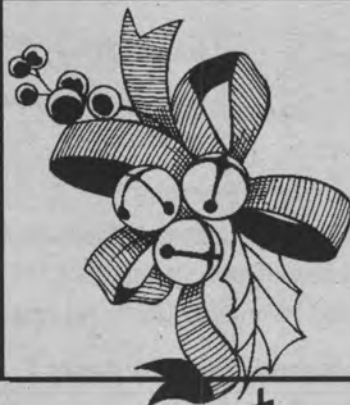


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The learn to skate program, a four-level series broken down into eight weeks of instructional group lessons per level, is designed for skaters from age 3 to adult with little or no ice skating

experience. Each lesson lasts one hour, with 30 minutes of group lessons and 30 minutes of practice time.

"Classes are broken down by age and ability," Kaden said, adding that the student-to-instructor is 10 to one and "a lot of the instructors are either coaches, part of the University of Delaware training program or competitive skaters themselves." A helper is also provided for younger children.

After completing all four levels, skaters advance to the basic badge skating class and then can progress to the freestyle and ice dance program, which builds on established fundamental skills and advances into instruction on jumps, spins, footwork and ice dances.

For information on the Learn to Skate Programs, call Lorien Peer at 302-831-8628.

Learn to Play Hockey

Hockey instructors at UD believe the foundation for a strong hockey player is the proper learning of fundamental skills. To establish these skills and prepare players for in-house, cross ice or travel league play, Learn to Play Hockey is offered for players of all ages.

Junior Blue Hen in-house hockey leagues provide players with a way to have fun while further developing their skills. The Community Hockey Program offers two age divisions, 8-10 and 11-14. All games are played at the University of Delaware Ice Arenas on Sundays, while team practices take place on Saturdays. The winter in-house league begins in January. Evaluations for the 8-10 league are at 6:50 p.m., Jan. 4, 2005, and evaluations for the 11-14 leagues are at 7:50 p.m., the same day. Everyone at evaluations is placed on a team.

For kids who want to play hockey but are under the age of 8, UD offers a cross ice hockey program. In Cross Ice Hockey, skaters play the game along one-third of the width of the rink rather than full length. The

reduced playing area increases their need to move faster and gain better control of the puck. Low player-to-coach ratios further guarantee instruction from the dedicated coaching staff. Team practices take place on

Saturdays, and games are on Sunday mornings.

For information on hockey programs, call Jeff Cousin, Hockey Director, at 302-831-1350, and a hockey brochure can be mailed.

Special Public Skating Sessions

From September through June, on every Friday and Saturday from 8-10 p.m., and every Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 p.m., the public is invited to attend open skating sessions at UD. The arena has special promotions during public skating times, including Family Fun Sundays, which will take place in January and February.

During the holidays, the University of Delaware Ice Arenas will have special public sessions: on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, from 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 26-30, from 1-3 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.; Jan. 1 from 1-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.; and Jan. 2 from 1-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, and skates can be rented for \$3 per pair.

Call the arena at (302) 831-2868 to have an Ice Arenas guide mailed to you, or visit them on the web at [www.udel.edu/icearena].



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NEWARK POST ❖ OBITUARIES

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Patricia A. Leahy MacAllister, 53

Newark area resident Patricia A. Leahy MacAllister died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at Christiana Hospital after succumbing to cancer.

Mrs. MacAllister, 53, was a graduate of Newark High School and attended Marymount College before completing her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Delaware.

She was employed for a number of years with Core States and its successor companies, but in recent years had been a substitute teacher in New Castle County elementary schools.

She is survived by her husband, Paul MacAllister; her mother and step-father, Prudence W. and Elbert Chance of Newark; two sisters, Margaret Leahy of Springfield, Mass.; and Christine Leahy of Wilmington, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Joan Brockell and Mary MacAllister, both of Elkton, Md.; and two brothers-in-law, James MacAllister of Elkton; and Steve MacAllister of Newark.

A service was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, Newark.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), P.O. Box 6067, Stanton, DE 19804.

Anna Rumaks, 86

Former Newark resident Anna Rumaks died Dec. 16, 2004.

Mrs. Rumaks, 86, was born in Riga, Latvia and fled from Latvia when the Russians invaded during W.W.II.

She previously resided in Newark, from 1993-2001, and formerly lived in Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y.

She then lived in Germany, where she met her husband in the displaced persons camp in Wurzburg, Germany and began working for the U.S. military.

She immigrated to the U.S. in 1956 and took a job with Doubleday & Company in Garden City, N.Y., where she worked for 30 years in data processing, retiring in 1986.

Mrs. Rumaks taught at a Latvian school in Melville, N.Y.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Al and Jan Rumaks of Wilmington.

A service was scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the Pagano Funeral Home, Boothwyn, Pa.

Burial is private.

Donations may be made to the Delaware Humane Association, 701 A St., Wilmington, DE 19081.

Lewis W. Edwards, retired DuPont engineer

Newark resident Lewis William Edwards of Millcroft Retirement Community, formerly of Lancaster, Pa. and West Chester, Pa. was a 1938 graduate of the University of Maine. He began his engineering career in research and development with the Eaton Corporation in King of

Prussia, Pa. and Lukens Steel Company in Coatesville, Pa. before joining the DuPont Company in 1960.

As a senior consultant at DuPont's former Louviers site in Newark, Mr. Edwards worked in the mechanical group of the engineering service division.

His early assignments involved consulting on the "Detacalad" (explosion bonded metal) and "Silicide" development programs. He would later advance to developing specialized mechanization in material handling before retiring from DuPont in 1982.

Mr. Edwards was a member of DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Coatesville Lodge 564 Free & Accepted Masons, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity (University of Maine), and St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Wilmington.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carolyn (Von Stetten) Edwards; two daughters, Carole Edwards Evans and her husband, Robert, of Newark and Christine Edwards Altizer and her husband, James, of Eads, Tenn.; granddaughter, Dr. Sonia Altizer and her husband, Andrew Davis, of Clarkston, Ga.; and grandson, James C. Altizer and his wife, Karen, of Durham, N.C.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Newark.

Contributions may be made to Columbia Presbyterian Church, 360 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512; or to St. Mark's U.M. Church, 1700 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804.

Eugene F. Houghton

Newark resident Eugene F. Houghton died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004.

Mr. Houghton, 85, started his career as an electrician at Pusey & Jones before joining the City of Wilmington Fire Department in 1945 and retired in 1965.

He then worked for Hercules and Rollins Truck Leasing.

He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Eugene W. and his wife, MaryLou, and Thomas F. and his wife, Marti; his grandchildren, Dennis E., Dina M., Steven M. and Joseph M. Houghton; and his four great grandchildren, Samantha, Sarah, Kayla and Matthew Houghton.

He is also survived by his niece, Marie Fleming, who helped with his care; and by a very special and devoted friend, Margaret Holahan.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17 at the Doherty Funeral Home, Pike Creek.

Burial is in Cathedral Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Rd., Suite 100 Clayton Bldg., Wilmington, DE 19810.

Vera G. Lumis Fegley

Newark resident Vera G. Lumis Fegley died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004.

Mrs. Fegley, 94, She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark and an associate member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Chester Springs, Pa.

She was a 1934 graduate of West Chester State Teachers' College (now West Chester University), with a BS degree in public school music.

Mrs. Fegley began teaching elementary music in rural schools in 5 Pa. townships, where she would travel to a different school each day of the week.

In 1955, she became an elementary music teacher for the Twin Valley School District in Morgantown, Pa., where she retired in 1974.

Mrs. Fegley was a past member of the Reading Chapter of Sweet Adelines, the West Vincent Housewives League, the Uwchland Township Women's Club and the Morgantown Senior Citizens Group.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda L., wife of Gene Gallatin of Newark; a son, C. Edward Lumis of

Lakeland, Fla.; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

A service was scheduled for Monday, Dec. 20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark.

Josephine B. Dyer

Newark resident Josephine B. Dyer died at home, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004.

Mrs. Dyer, 70, is survived by her

daughters, Barbarann Blaquiére and her husband, Michael, Mary Ann Blumm and her husband, Tony, and Betty Brice Tucker and her husband, Steven; her sons, Herman F. Dyer and Joseph W. Dyer and his wife, Linda; her sisters, Delores Pearson and Loretta Ham; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Holy Family Church, Newark.

Burial is private with the family.

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Santa visits McDonald's



Breanna Neal, right, giggles as Santa Claus tells her a secret at the McDonalds on South College Avenue. On Friday, Dec. 17, Neal and her classmates from the nearby McVey Elementary School visited the fast-food restaurant for breakfast and the opportunity to tell the man in red what they wanted for Christmas.

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Dental hygienist wins national award

Nancy Brohawn, a Registered Dental Hygienist and Newark resident, has been named a recipient of this year's Award of Distinction along with seven others nationwide.

The award was presented by RDH magazine — a leading publication of dental professionals — at its annual conference in Virginia.

She was also recently named the Hygienist of the Year by the Delaware Dental Hygienists' Association.

Brohawn, who has worked for Newark Dental Associates since 1972, was honored for making a difference in the lives of patients and for serving her community through charitable efforts.

Brohawn has been in the business for 32 years. She received her BS degree in Dental Hygiene from West Virginia University.



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