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## UP FRONT

### What's good for Biden is good for Del.

By MARTY VALANIA

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Newsweek called and wanted old photos of Joe Biden. Another news outlet called and wanted information on the crash that killed the senator's first wife and daughter.

That was only the beginning of a week that brought intense media scrutiny — along with satellite trucks, reporters, photographers and talk show hosts — to Delaware. It all culminated Sunday morning with the now-famous text from Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama stating that Biden will be his running mate in November's presidential election — and then the cavalcade of vehicles leaving Biden's Greenville house as he headed to a rally in Springfield, Ill.

Biden, who has been in office for 36 years, now stands — if Obama wins — to be Delaware's highest-ranking political office holder ever.

What does this mean for Delaware?

Well, it means there will be a whole lot of attention on our state between now and Nov. 4. It doesn't matter what political party you're affiliated with — or how you're going to vote — it's a good thing for Delaware to have one of our own go through this process.

We live in a small state and, unlike most every other state, there's a good chance you've heard Biden talk, seen him at an event like Newark Nite, the Flower Market, the Memorial Day parade, Liberty Day or some other event and maybe even shaken his hand.

Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, you have to appreciate the

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## Newark v. 2008



### City has undergone major changes this summer with more to come

By SCOTT GOSS

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Newark's daily population will more than double over the next week as roughly 16,300 University of Delaware students take up residence here in time for the fall semester.

Quite a lot has changed since students left

town for the summer break, particularly in downtown Newark.

Some of those changes are complete. Some are still in progress, while a few are only now getting off the ground.

"When you think about summer being only three months, there really has been a lot of change," said Maureen Feeney Roser, the city's interim planning director. "There is a lot of

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## City electric rates jump by 17.5 percent

### August bills include extra 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour

By SCOTT GOSS

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The roughly 10,000 customers who purchase electricity from the City of Newark can expect to see a sizeable rate increase when their August power bills arrive in the mail early next week.

City officials announced on Monday that customers would be charged an additional 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour in their August bills — a 17.5-percent increase to the previous rate of 13.5 cents per kilowatt-hour.

That means even the smallest monthly electricity bill allowed by the city — a minimum charge of \$4.05 for 30 kilowatt hours — will jump by 72 cents.

No public hearings or official vote by city council was held on the rate increase, which was announced on Aug.

25 despite having been quietly imposed four weeks earlier.

City Finance Director Dennis McFarland said the city is permitted to authorize the rate change without prior public notice because the actual base rate of 13.5 cents per kilowatt-hour has not changed.

Instead, city officials have authorized a 2.4-cent increase in the Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (PPCA), a previously unbilled charge that

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## Lopata tells public why he's the best pick for city manager

### First of three job candidates meets the public

By SCOTT GOSS

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Roy H. Lopata Jr. said this week that he loves being Newark's interim city manager so much he would be willing to do the job for free.

"Whether I'm getting a phone call about low flying aircraft or tango lessons at the rail station, I love solving problems," Lopata, one of three candidates for the city manager job, said during an hour-long meet-and-greet session with about two dozen city residents on Aug. 26. "I never leave (the Newark Municipal Building) thinking that I don't like what I'm doing."

All three candidates for the city manager job will interact with the public this week as a part of the interview and hiring process established by city

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## First Responder school on its way

### Career high school exempt from moratorium on charter schools

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A proposed "First Responder" high school is on schedule to open as a charter school in Wilmington in 2010 despite strong opposition that began after a release announcing the school was published in May.

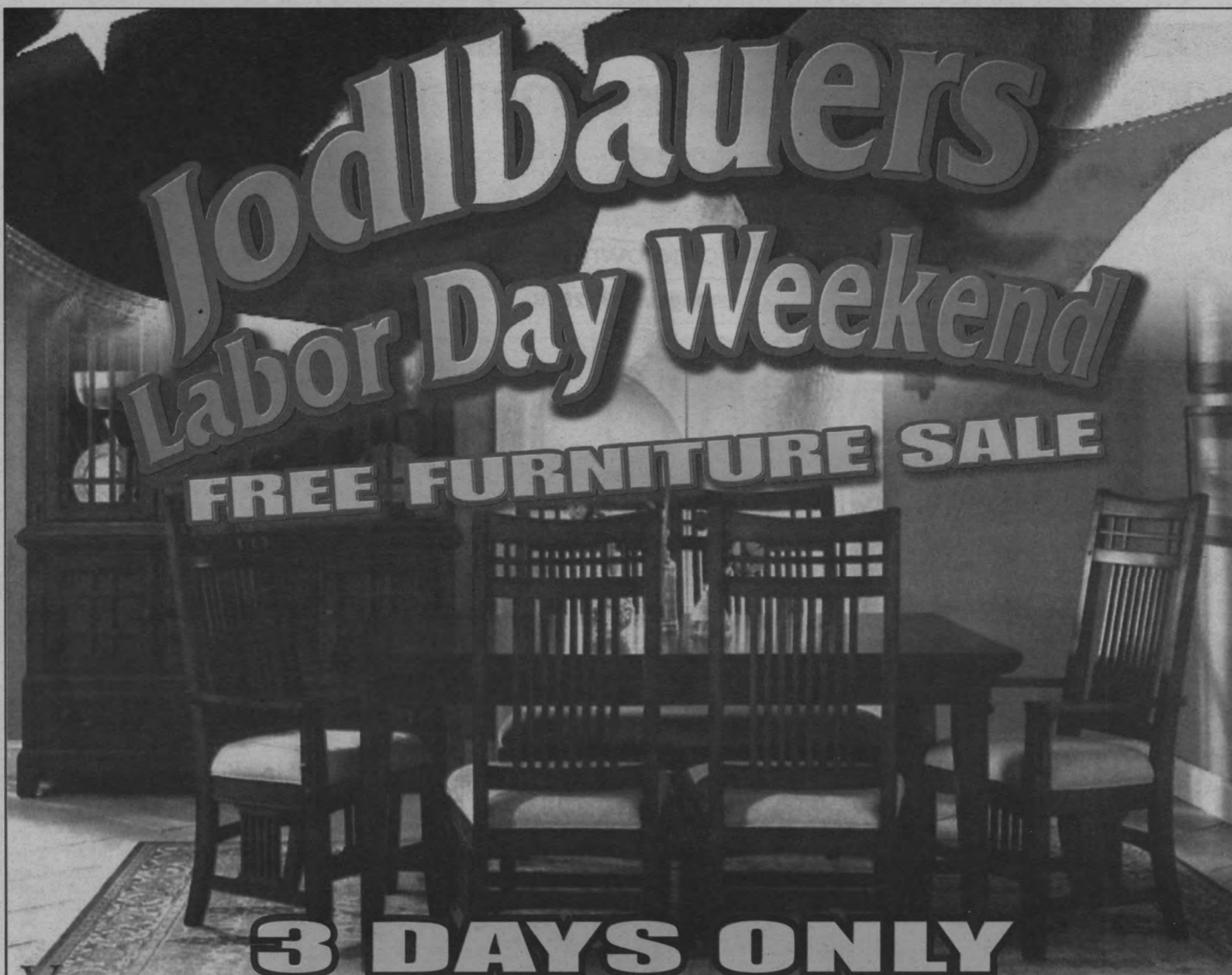
While the school has its defenders, including the Delaware General Assembly, many see the Delaware Academy for Public Safety and Security (DAPSS) as a sign of a post Sept. 11 environment that restricts civil liberties and expands police powers.

The public also has expressed concerns that at students at the school could become academically deficient as a result

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# Food Bank opens discount food market

By JOSH SHANNON

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**S**purred by the rising cost of food and the realization that many families are struggling to find affordable groceries, the Food Bank of Delaware has opened a discount food market in its Newark warehouse.

Food Bank officials said the market would sell food that has damaged packaging or is slightly past its expiration date at prices 75 percent below what a customer would pay at a supermarket. The food will be purchased from the salvage loads of stores that can no longer sell the products.

Nick Mirkay, chairman of the Food Bank of Delaware said there are more people requesting assistance with food than ever before.

"We're seeing people come for food who used to be on the other side of the fence, helping us collect food," Mirkay said.

Food Bank President Patricia Beebe said that although the discount market was designed for those in need who do not qualify for direct assistance, anyone is welcome to shop there.

"We'll take anybody's money," Beebe said. "You just have to have cash and you can't be talking on the cell phone at the checkout."

All proceeds from the Food Bank's discount market will go to support its other programs.

Beebe said the idea for the market came last summer when the Food Bank was operating mobile pantries in Wilmington.

"It brought home to us that there's no place you can buy affordable food in inner-city Wilmington," she said.

Beebe said she hopes to move the market to Wilmington once the Food Bank can find a suitable location. She said they also plan to find a second location near Sparrow Run.

Beebe said that once the discount store moves to a permanent location, she hopes to expand it to carry frozen and refrigerated foods. Currently, the store has only a small refrigerator for milk and eggs.

Most of the market's offerings are canned and boxed foods. The inventory also includes a considerable selection of cosmetics, as well as various children's toys and household goods.

Kim Kostas, community relations manager of the Food Bank, said the choice of products would vary widely from week to week, depending on what surplus items the Food Bank can purchase.

"It's really an adventure to come in here and see what all we have," Kostas said.

All food sold in the market will be purchased by the Food



PHOTO COURTESY OF

**State Treasurer Jack Markell (center left) and state Sen. Charlie Copeland (center right) join the Food Bank of Delaware's board of directors in cutting a ribbon to mark the opening of the Food Bank's new discount market.**

Bank. Donated food still goes to member agencies serving the poor.

While the discount store first opened three weeks ago, it was officially unveiled in an Aug. 21 ceremony that featured State Treasurer Jack Markell, a Democratic candidate for governor, and state Sen. Charlie Copeland, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

Both politicians praised Food Bank officials for their work to establish the market.

"This is about great people having the courage and the

vision to try really great ideas to help the people of Delaware," Markell said.

Kostas said she has already noticed the impact the market is having. Last week, a woman came in and bought an entire load of groceries for \$57.

"She started to cry, she was so overwhelmed," Kostas said.

The market, located at 14 Garfield Way, is open from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays; and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

## Markell's wife, mother visit Newark Senior Center

Family highlights candidate's plan to help seniors

By JOSH SHANNON

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**I**t was a family affair when Carla Markell visited the Newark Senior Center on Aug. 22 to promote her husband's gubernatorial campaign.

The wife of State Treasurer and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jack Markell, Carla was joined by her mother and her mother-in-law as she talked to seniors and passed out campaign literature.

The visit was part of Carla Markell's statewide tour of senior centers, which are meant to highlight her husband's



PHOTO COURTESY OF

**Carla Markell (center) and Leni Markell (right), the wife and mother of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jack Markell, talk to voters at the Newark Senior Center on Aug. 22.**

"Golden Year Guarantee," a set of three initiatives targeted toward older people.

Markell said senior issues are important to her and her husband because they see their parents facing the same health care and housing difficulties

that many seniors face.

"We both have parents who are seniors," she said. "So, we're living this every day."

Leni Markell, a permanent

member of the senior center who is well-known there for her ping pong skills, told seniors that her son would be a good advocate for them because he understands their needs in terms of the economy, health care and education for their grandchildren.

She said older people could make a difference in the election.

"Seniors are well informed these days because they pay attention to the issues," she said.

Carla Markell said she was amazed by the number of seniors she has met who told her that they moved to Delaware after they retired to

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## HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

Newark trash collection normally scheduled for Monday, Sept. 1 will be postponed one day due to the Labor Day holiday. Refuse normally collected on Mondays will instead be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Refuse normally collected on Tuesdays will instead be collected on Wednesday, Sept. 3. The city's usual trash collection schedule will resume on Thursday, Sept. 4.

## Fibromyalgia?

**NEWARK** - A new free report has recently been released that reveals the "untold story" behind fibromyalgia pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and leads to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural procedure that has given fibromyalgia sufferers their "lives back" - with "miraculous" results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia, you need this no B.S., "no gimmicks" free report that is giving hope to fibromyalgia sufferers everywhere. For your free copy, call the toll-free, 24 hour recorded message at 1-888-895-7481.

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# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### School bus safety

With buses and children crowding the streets again, we should all revive our school-zone safety knowledge. Remember:

- It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus while its lights are flashing and its STOP arm is extended.

- On undivided roadways, with no physical barrier or median, vehicles must stop on both sides of the roadway.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.

- Red flashing lights and extended STOP arms indicate that children are getting on or off. Motorists approaching from either direction must wait until the red lights stop flashing before proceeding.

### Junior Gardener classes

New Castle County Master Gardeners will come to school with environmental science and horticulture programs designed to complement Delaware State Science Education grades K-4 standards.

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Fall sessions are available and some offerings must be requested long in advance as this program books quickly. For more information, call 302-831-COOP (2667) or email to [ncc-ext@udel.edu](mailto:ncc-ext@udel.edu) or visit <http://ag.udel.edu/nccmg>.

### Parents like Charter Schools

According to a report published by the Center for Education Reform, Americans give Charter Schools, performance pay and school choice consistently high marks. "People want immediate opportunities for children that work, regardless of what it is called or if it is outside of what they have grown up to view as traditional public education," said CER president Jeanne Allen. To view the full report, "Americans' Real Attitudes On Education," visit [www.edreform.com](http://www.edreform.com).

## Keene students set up news bureau

Reading specialist Janet Salaki got an enthusiastic response when she proposed publishing a newspaper to one of her classes at Keene Elementary School last spring.

The students chose a name for their publication, "Koala Times," and developed assignments for writers, reporters, photographers and even cartoonists and illustrators.

They covered Family Night, Field Day, the 2008 Book Fair and the Talent Show. They interviewed teachers and other students. They even had a weather report!

One student confidently wrote a very articulate opinion piece about why she thinks Barack Obama should be president. Everyone in the Keene community should be proud of what these students were able to do.



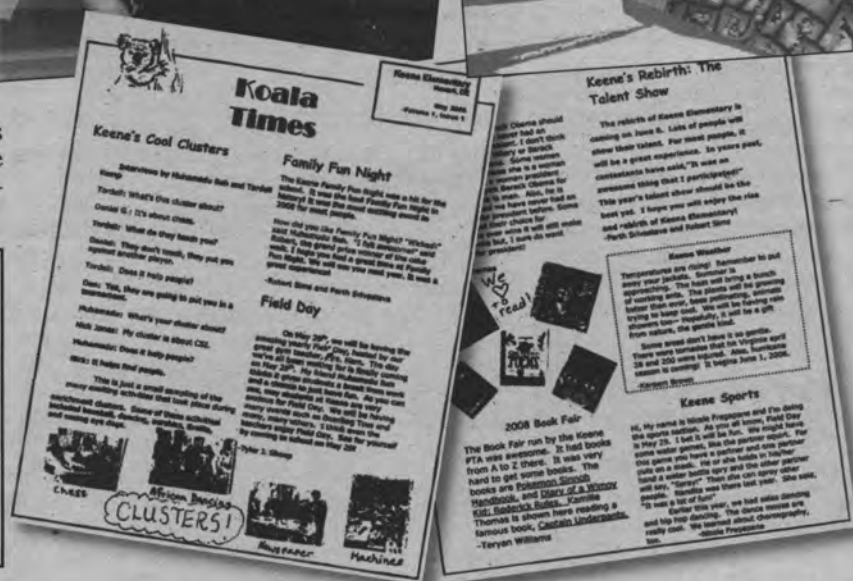
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## New policies for childcare meals

The Delaware Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), part of the state's Department of Education, announced changes to its nutrition policies that affects every licensed childcare center and after-school provider as well as more than 900 family childcare homes in the state.

The policies, which apply to more than 53,000 children in childcare and after-school programs, went into effect on July 1. The policies represent some of the most progressive nutrition mandates in the nation for childcare programs. Among the new policies are the following:

- No fruit juice for children under the age of 12 months and no more than four ounces of 100 percent juice per day for children over the age of one year. No fruit drink that is not 100 percent juice may be offered.

- Whole milk for children 1-2 years of age and 1 percent or fat-free milk for children older than age 2.

- Only real cheese may be served rather than cheese "food" or cheese "product."



- Each day, one whole grain product (where a whole grain is listed as the first ingredient) must be offered. All grain products must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar. Sweet grain products, such as cookies and donuts, may be served only once in a two-week cycle, though they are not recommended.

- Baked or pre-fried foods (tater tots, chicken nuggets) are not recommended and may be offered only if they contain less than 35 percent total fat.

- Processed meat products, such as hot dogs and baloney, may be served only once in a two-week cycle, although they are not recommended.

More than 1,000 childcare centers and family day care providers are affected and 500 home-based providers must comply when new family childcare regulations take effect later this year.

Beth Wetherbee, education specialist for CACFP said, "The new food policies are the result of a year-long collabo-

ration with sponsors of child care centers and family child care homes, local food vendors and Nemours Health and Prevention Services. Through the hard work of our food program partners, Delaware is a leader in the nation for providing healthy meals to children."

According to Elizabeth Walker, program and policy Analyst for Nemours, about 65 percent of Delaware's licensed childcare providers receive support from CACFP to pay for meals and snacks. "These new policies have the potential to both ensure adequate nutrition and instill healthy habits in young children, Walker added. "It's a major step forward, and one that few states have taken. I'm proud to say that Delaware is on the leading edge with its standards for nutrition in child care."

Child or adult day care centers, child care home providers, parents of children enrolled in daycare or caregivers for adult participants enrolled in daycare who want more information concerning CACFP or sites that currently participate should call 302-735-4060.



# Local teens earn Gold Awards, scholarships

Kiarra Cannon and Shannon Mossman of Newark, Jenna Allen and Rebecca Lowiza of Bear and Meagan Santangelo of Middletown were among 17 Girl Scouts Delmarva Power Foundation recently honored with a total of \$10,000 in post-secondary education scholarships for successfully completing their Girl Scout Gold Awards.

Mossman created and ran a cheerleading camp for girls with special needs to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. Her camp focused on team building skills through basic cheers, chants, crafts, and games. A final performance included everything the girls had learned throughout the week, allowing the girls to share with their families their hard work and accomplishments.

Allen and Cannon created and implemented a web page on MySpace.com to inform and educate teens about the risks of diabetes. Because the site was set up on MySpace, future Girl Scouts of Troop 1096 can continue to update the page

and provide information about diabetes risks and prevention to teens for years to come.

To earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, Santangelo increased environmental awareness with her Household Hazardous Waste Drive for the Middletown, Odessa and Townsend communities. She spread the word about household hazardous waste and her Drive through a website, flyers, bulletins and other marketing tools.

The Drive collected nearly 14,000 pounds of waste. Santangelo hopes her efforts will spread the word about dangerous household waste, such as household appliances, paint cans and many other items, and encourage people to properly dispose of those items.

Project info for Lowiza was not available.

#### Other winners included:

**Annamarie Brown** (Oceanview)  
**Kelsey Condron** (Viola)  
**Rita Crowley** (Wilmington)  
**Jennifer Fowler** (Dover)  
**Eve Hunter** (Hebron)  
**Jazmin Johnson** (Claymont)



Allen



Cannon



Santangelo



Mossman

**Kirstyn Kellam** (Wilmington)  
**Michelle Lessard** (Dover)  
**Emily Meadows** (Ocean Pines)  
**Elyse Messick** (Chesapeake City)  
**Kaitlyn Miller** (Salisbury)  
**Daphne Stubbolo** (Dover)

"Delmarva Power's generosity demonstrates a firm commitment to furthering the educations of girls in our community," said Anne T. Hogan, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council.

The Girl Scouts also received a total award of \$2,000 in scholarships from the

Council's Board of Directors, and a total of \$2,550 in scholarships from the Judy Taggart and Gloria Diodato Education Fund, named for the Council's retired CEO and Board chair, respectively.

A national award with high national standards, the Girl Scout Gold Award is recognized by colleges and universities, employers, and the military and is the highest award that a Girl Scout age 14-18 years may earn. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 70 hours towards a community service project that improves her local

community, the nation or the world. The service project encompasses organizational, leadership and networking skills, and ties in with the Girl Scout mission to "make the world a better place."

A leading advocate for and expert on girls, the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay builds girls of courage, confidence and character by providing personal leadership development and programs that teach skills for the real world.

To learn more about Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, visit [www.GSCB.org](http://www.GSCB.org) or call 1-800-341-4007.

## Seniors earn Burger King scholarships

Adrienne Miller of Glasgow High School was one of two Delaware students who received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Burger King Scholars Program. Kathryn Gichner of Indian River High School was also a winner.

The Have It Your Way Foundation awarded \$806,000 in Burger King Scholars Program in 2008. Delaware's two high school seniors were recognized for their out-



standing academic achievement, along with other academic and community involvement criteria.

Graduating seniors throughout the United States,

Puerto Rico and Canada are selected based on their grade point average, work experience, financial need, co-curricular activities and community service. Awards must be used for educational expenses, such as tuition or required fees and books, and must be used during

the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school.

For more information on the program, including instructions for obtaining scholarship applications for 2009, visit [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) or call 305.378.3186.

## Introduction to School Choice

The School Choice Law was enacted in Delaware in July 1995. Under the provisions of this law, parents/guardians of school age children may apply to enroll their child in any public school within the state of Delaware.

Procedures and guidelines apply for the application and consideration process. In most cases, the school district does not provide bus transportation to the Choice school from the home address.

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POST COLUMNIST

## A Changing of the Garments

By **MARVIN HUMMEL**

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

The note from the teacher was simple but clear, "Your son cannot return to school until he wears a decent shirt."

As any typical kid would, I rejoiced – but silently. (My parents believed in education and would have been dismayed at my pleasure in being expelled).

It had been a good shirt once, but I was its fourth wearer in five or six years, and it was a rag-with-buttons for at least a year before it got to me.

I had been embarrassed to wear it to school, but now it was my passport to freedom! I objected to my mother's cutting it up and making cleaning rags out of it – I wanted to keep that pathetic thing as a talisman of my release from the Witch who sent home the note. I lost.

A well-meaning lady, Mrs. Adams, somehow heard about the "situation" and hand-delivered her son Dean's old Boy Scout shirt. It had all kinds of awards, honors patches and initialed insignia on either side of the buttons. I didn't want it – but I got it and had to wear it.

My vacation was over.

After the first day of being mock-saluted by the other guys and being told by a sixth grade girl that she just "loved a man in a uniform," things calmed down and I almost got used to wearing it.

One afternoon, there was a big expensive car in front of our house. Before I could make an inquiry, my mother introduced me to its driver who was seated on our sofa, looking very official and grim. Had my Dad died? Were we being evicted? I KNEW there was something in his fancy leather briefcase that was bad news for us.

Nothing like that at all. He was a district representative of the Boy Scouts tracking down a "complaint." Somebody had seen me in the Boy

Scout shirt, and knowing I was too young to be a member, she had called the Pittsburgh office and reported me as a "desecrator" of the cloth.

He was now able to confirm her complaint, and he had to ask me to "surrender the garment" as soon as I changed into a "civilian" shirt!

I was thrilled! I was on academic leave again! I practically threw the shirt at him in my delight. He was taken aback – what had he expected? Weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth?

My mother, who had always been obsequious in the presence of men with briefcases, let the bureaucrat have it, "He doesn't HAVE another shirt, stupid!" (Previously, the word "stupid" had been reserved for me.)

He finished filling out his "report" and took his leave in precipitous fashion. I ran after him to give him the shirt, but he didn't want anything more to do with me, the shirt, and, especially, my mother. Vroom! He and the big expensive car were soon out of sight.

I went to my room and composed a letter in what I hoped was a reasonable facsimile of a woman's handwriting. The text was, "There is a certain boy, living at 906 Fawcett Ave., McKeesport, who is dishonoring your noble organization by illegally wearing one of your garments. Please investigate immediately. Also, contact his school, Fawcett Avenue Elementary. His teacher is Miss Lois Watson, and she will be happy to cooperate with your good work. Sincerely, Mrs. Betty Naugle, neighbor."

A week later, my parents met me at the door with the letter.

Apparently, "Boy Scouts of Pittsburgh" had not been enough of an address, so it had been "returned to sender." My mother called me "stupid" and my Dad kept calling me "Mrs. Naugle" while waving the envelope and its contents under my nose.

They made me take the money I had been secretly saving to get a baseball glove and buy myself a shirt instead. (Or should I say "garment"?)

Parents mean well, but sometimes they can be so insensitive!



Hummel

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's Out of the Attic features a postcard of Wolf Hall at the University of Delaware in Newark, published around 1918. The postcard is part of the University of Delaware Library Postcard Collection, which contains more than 2,000 postcards of Delaware and nearby areas. The cards date mainly from the very end of the 19th century to the mid 20th. The collection can be viewed online at [www.lib.udel.edu](http://www.lib.udel.edu). Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For more information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

### Aug. 31, 1933 Prospects good for Kindergarten in Newark

Those interested in having a kindergarten for this year met with the Newark School Board last night in the High School Auditorium at eight o'clock and discussed the situation. It is anticipated that there will be a kindergarten for this school year.

After an hour's discussion of the subject, a committee was appointed by the chairman to wait upon the School Board to see if it wasn't possible to legally finance the kindergarten out of the present school funds.

### Phillips Packing Company help lands in Newark Jail

Last Saturday night was one of the busiest Saturday nights that the local police force has had for some

time, making nine to ten arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Five or six male and female laborers, imported by the Phillips Packing Co., were arrested and lodged in jail for drunkenness.

It is inconceivable that a town has to put up with this type of imported help and it is anticipated that proper steps will be taken at the next session of Legislature for a law to prohibit importing this

type of labor from out of the state. We can readily understand a company importing this type of labor during and since the war for it was obtainable for 8 cents to 10 cents an hour, but with the present economic conditions for the past two years, local help has been anxious to work at anything, practically regardless of compensation. This class of labor started this year, we understand, at 12 ½ cents an hour and was raised to 20 cents and 22 ½ cents under the NRA code.

### Aug. 30, 1978 Connector start seen in spring

Construction on the Newark Connector Road, which will link Route 896 and Elkton Road, is scheduled to start in the spring of 1979.

A study addressing the proposed road's

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# Markell's skills outshine apparent heir to governor

Lynn Adelman  
Newark

The Democratic Party of Delaware continues to spend Democratic dollars with the presumption that the party leadership has the right to suggest one Democrat over another in the governor's race.

What the party fails to address is that their criteria for the selection process may not reflect the criteria of the voters. For instance, my candidate of choice is someone who has taken the time to build a plan for a better Delaware and address issues vital to the economy and well being of this state.

From my observation, the party leadership's criteria are based on the time-honored tradition that the Lt. Governor is the heir apparent.

Presiding over the state senate for eight years does not

give Carney the skill set to lead Delaware through difficult times. The last time that plan was put into action we ended up with eight years of lackluster leadership from the Minner/Carney administration and a faltering economy.

Jack Markell has spent the last several years building a plan for Delaware's future and he has put that plan in writing for all of us to review. He is the kind of leader Delaware needs and I hope my fellow Democrats will join me in voting for Jack Markell on Sept.

## Markell is the way to go

Joe Horwitz  
Wilmington

During the Minner-Carney administration, I have been shocked at some of the things that have gone unseen.

In the past year alone, the



current administration has been plagued by one scandal after another. If it wasn't the Delaware Psychiatric Center, it was embezzlement in the Department of Finance, or having to slash a budget in the middle of the year due to wasteful spending.

It is clear that the Minner-Carney administration needs to be terminated all together. Jack Markell has the experience and leadership to turn Delaware around. I've been impressed with what I've seen from Markell — he's a straight talk-

er, genuine, smart and dynamic. To me, he represents everything that the Minner-Carney administration does not.

I'm looking for leadership that is more progressive and clear thinking than the murkiness the past eight years have failed to offer us.

I think Markell is the way to go.

## Markell far and away the best candidate

Jessica Riggelman  
Newark

Jack Markell is far and away the best person to be our next governor. He has the leadership experience we need and the new ideas that will make Delaware a national leader.

His energy plan will seek to make Delaware a leader in renewable energy in the United States while decreasing our

reliance on foreign oil and fossil fuels.

His plan for Delaware's schools and students is aimed to help improve our schools and make sure our children are prepared to go on to college and enter the workforce.

He created the Delaware Money School, which offers free classes to Delawareans throughout the year on topics such as saving for college and retirement planning.

Jack's record of cutting costs, saving money, creating jobs and being an effective leader is what we need in Dover.

With Jack Markell, we won't have to hang our heads in shame at the latest scandal erupting on the front page of newspaper every other month. He has the ideas and change we need, and the experience we can trust.

# Christiana Parkway begins as Newark Connector Road

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effect on the environment, the last pre-construction administrative requirement, has been completed by the State Division of Highways and now is being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's regional office in Baltimore.

The connector, designed to relieve traffic congestion on South College Avenue, will start slightly north of Park Drive in Silverbrook, cross Chrysler Corp. property, ascend over

the Christina Creek and the B & O Railroad tracks, and join Elkton Road 2,000 feet north of its intersection with Otts Chapel Road. Construction of the connector will cost an estimated \$13.2 million.

## Half-built tower irks Brookside

The "Brookside Tower" has again aroused the wrath of New Castle County officials.

The County complaints office has ordered the building's owner, Broad Management

Inc., of Great Neck, N.Y., to secure the building, after two teenagers reportedly climbed onto the four-story structure one night last week and began swinging from the rafters.

Meanwhile, the building's owner says a sale of the building may be in the offing, and the transaction could include

Towers Department Store and Burger King.

## Aug. 28, 1998

## NVF site to be developed by Lang

Jeffrey Lang of Commonwealth Management

said his company has the 20-plus acres of the former National Vulcanized Fibre site on paper Mill Road under agreement for development.

"We've already taken the plan through the city for technical comments and expect to go before the city planning commission in November," Lang said.

# Tobacco Prevention & Control Mini-Grants Available

Community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations in Delaware are eligible to apply for funding for programs that address at least one of the following goals of A Plan for a Tobacco-Free Delaware:

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- Decrease the social acceptability of tobacco use
- Maintain leadership position to sustain progress of tobacco prevention

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Additional information and grant applications are available on the American Lung Association website, [www.lunginfo.org](http://www.lunginfo.org), or by calling them at (302) 655-7258.



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# Lifestyle

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## OUTLOOK

### Cutting food costs now and in the future

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Most of us are feeling the financial crunch of skyrocketing fuel and food prices.

Many families are driving less to conserve gas, but no one wants to jeopardize good nutrition and health to save money. Through planning, budgeting and food selection, you can spend less but still eat well.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans spend more than 40 percent of their income on food away from home.

To identify areas where you can cut spending, keep a running tab of all the money you spend on fast food, restaurants or snacks and beverages from vending machines, convenience stores and concession stands. Then use the information to figure out ways to do the same thing at less cost.

If Friday night is pizza night, for example, purchase a frozen pizza rather than ordering out. Whatever the favorite meal is, do some planning to find a suitable, less expensive alternative that can be prepared at home.

If ease and convenience is the issue, look for heat-and-serve alternatives at the grocery store. Although they can be more expensive than preparing meals from scratch, these items are still usually less expensive than going out to eat.

If you find that your family members snack from the vending machines at work or school, purchase the same types of snacks at the supermarket, or better

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## Kids try to punt, pass and kick their way to victory

By JOSH SHANNON

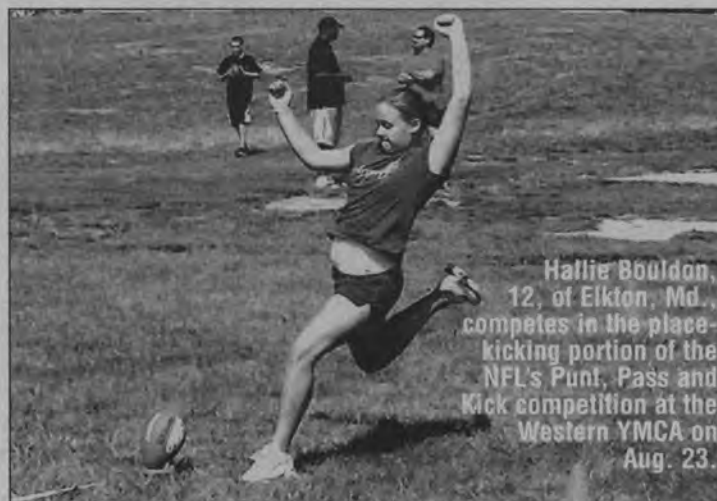
NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Approximately 60 kids put their football skills to the test in the National Football League's official Punt, Pass and Kick competition at the Western Family YMCA on Aug. 23.

Free and open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15, the event is one of the hundreds of Punt, Pass & Kick (PP&K) contests the National Football League sponsors across the country each year.

Winners of the local events move on to further rounds, with the competition culminating in the top performers competing during halftime of an NFL play-off game.

Joe Tortorella, of Bear, said he brought his son Ryan, 12, to the competition because it had a family atmosphere and gave Ryan a chance to play sports



Hallie Bouldon, 12, of Elkton, Md., competes in the place-kicking portion of the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick competition at the Western YMCA on Aug. 23.

with children of the same age.

"He's a very active kid," Tortorella said. "It's better than sitting home and watching cartoons."

The participants were split into groups by age and gender, and each child was given an opportunity to demonstrate a pass, a punt and a place kick. The

three distances were totaled and the participant with the greatest total distances in each group now move on to compete against winners from other local contests in Delaware and Pennsylvania in October.

The PP&K competition was established in 1961, but last Saturday was the first time the Western Family YMCA on Kirkwood Highway has hosted the event, said youth support director Brian Hamill.

Darryl Wade, of Middletown, said he brought his 12-year-old son Darius to the contest to give him a chance to demonstrate his football skills. Darius, who won first place in his age bracket, currently plays football for a youth

league and plans to pursue the sport in high school.

"He has a passion for it," Wade said.

Twelve-year-old Hallie Bouldon, of Elkton, Md., said she prefers softball and cheerleading, but learned to play football while playing in the backyard with her younger brother, Phillip, who also competed in the PP&K.

Because she was the only girl in her age bracket, Hallie automatically advanced to the next level of the contest. She said she wished more girls had signed up.

"They definitely should have — to show up the boys," she said.

Ryan Tortorella, a three-year veteran of the PP&K, said he enjoys the event, especially the passing portion.

"It's fun, and I like to show other people what I can do," he said.

Ryan, who also plays soccer and baseball, said he wants to be a professional athlete and possibly play in the NFL.

"I can sort of imagine it," he said.

Ryan said his father taught him how to play sports.

When asked if he thought he could best his father in a passing contest, Ryan thought about it, smile and replied, "Maybe it would be a tie."

### Punt, Pass and Kick Winners

<b>8-9 year old boys:</b>	<b>10-11 year old boys:</b>	<b>12-13 year old boys:</b>	<b>14-15 year old girls:</b>
1. Cole Sisofo	1. Joe Otto	1. Darius Wade	1. Kelsey O'Donnell
2. Gabriel Gonzalez	2. Joshua Aegerter	2. Jackson Phillips	2. Taylor Marando
3. Vaughn Wood	3. Aaron Cappicillo	3. Ryan Tortorella	
<b>8-9 year old girls:</b>	<b>10-11 year old girls:</b>	<b>12-13 year old girls:</b>	
1. Karina Teamont	1. Kira Mathis	1. Hallie Bouldon	

## Eight Newark organizations receive grants from state

By PATRICIA E. LANG

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Eight Newark-based organizations are among the 88 community, education and art groups across the state to share \$1.65 million in annual grants recently dispersed by the Delaware Division of the Arts.

The Newark Arts Alliance received a grant for nearly \$16,000, which alliance director Terry Foreman said would be used to cover operating costs such as rent, utilities and insurance.

Foreman said about \$5,000 of the total grant amount was awarded to the alliance for its work with low-income families through projects like "Camp Imagine" or "Art to Go", which bring free art projects to area parks, schools and community centers.

"We're very fortunate to

get that money, since it's very competitive," Foreman said.

Roxanne Stanulis, communications coordinator for the state division of the arts, said volunteer review panels judge the grant applications. The panels, which are made up of artists and community members, then make recommendations to the state arts council.

Delmarva Discussions, which has been facilitating scholar-led book discussions since 1984, was awarded a grant of \$3,250 for its "Reading the Arts" program.

"Reading the Arts" combines three to five reading and discussion sessions with writing exercises, so participants can learn to write in the style of literature they have read and discussed.

Project Director Bethany Hacker said the division of the arts' grant would help Delmarva Discussions expand its programs to more sites throughout the state. She said

some of the money also would be used to purchase books for a new program on writing mysteries.

The Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band, a 12-year-old group that performs a varied repertoire of contemporary and traditional brass band music throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, received a grant for \$2,500.

According to band president Larry Cole, the grant money will be used to help cover the cost of transportation, music purchases, CD production and hall rentals, as well as instrument purchases and repairs.

Cole said the band's largest expense in 2009 would be travel costs for the North American Brass Band Association competition in Louisville, Ky.

The City of Newark also received a grant from the division of the arts this year totaling \$4,500.

Assistant City Parks and Recreation Director Joe

Spadafino said Newark Nite, Liberty Day, Winterfest, the city's spring concert series and Community Day all benefit from the grant award, which helps cover the cost of hiring performers and renting a sound system.

Other grant award winners from the Newark area include Mid-Atlantic Ballet, which received \$17,150 to help hire faculty and guest instructors; Newark Symphony Orchestra, which received \$6,910 to help pay the salaries of a conductor, a business manager and a handful of soloists, as well as cover the cost of renting performance and rehearsal space; the Chapel Street Players, which received \$6,700; and the Delaware Dance Company, which received grants totaling \$40,310.

Funding for the division of the arts' grant awards is provided by the state legislature and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.



### Marketing conference in Newark this month

The Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association will host a marketing technology education conference, "Marketing in the Changing Media Landscape," on Sept. 12 at the Courtyard Newark, 400 Pencader Way.

A morning sessions will be followed by lunch with Mark Lomanno, president of Smith Travel Research. For more information about speakers, sessions and registration, please visit the Web site [www.delawarelodging.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.delawarelodging.org/calendar.aspx).

### Massage center accepting students into licensing course

The Alternative Therapy Massage Center on Ogletown-Stanton Road is accepting new students for a 10-month therapy licensure course, beginning this fall.

The state-approved training facility is offering the 600-hour course through day and evening classes. Coursework involves required technique, theory and application of massage, as well as anatomy, physiology, kinesiology. Electives include chair massage, pregnancy massage and

other Eastern practices.

Alternative Therapy massage instructors are nationally certified and licensed massage therapists with experience in their own private practices and as instructors at other massage schools and continuing education programs.

Anyone 18 years or older with a high school diploma or equivalency degree is eligible to apply.

For more information and course registration forms,

please call Alternative Therapy at 368-0800.

### Del Tech offers continuing education courses

Del Tech is offering a range of career-based continuing education courses starting next month.

The courses include a nursing refresher class designed to update expired nursing licenses or nursing skills. The class will include lectures and clinical hours.

A paralegal certification course will meet on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Del Tech's Stanton campus. The

twelve-week course will provide training in legal documents, terminology, ethics and hands-on legal research. Classes begin Sept. 6.

For those looking at a different side of the employment market, Del Tech is offering a wedding planner certification course that will covers topics such as fashion, tradition, design, budgeting, contracts and working with vendors. The course begins Sept. 15.

For more information about these or any continuing education classes at Del Tech, please call 454-3956 or visit their Web site at [www.dttc.edu/ccpsw](http://www.dttc.edu/ccpsw).

## Plan now for cheaper grocery bills

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yet, pack healthier snacks.

To cut costs even further, try purchasing bulk items and

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then prepare smaller portions in grab-and-go sized containers.

To save time, prepare sandwiches or lunch food ahead of time and then freeze them. Make enough for a week or so, and then in the morning when you pack lunches, just pull them out of the freezer.

Everyone has items in the back of their freezer, fridge or pantry that have been there a while. Take an inventory and think about what meals you could make using what you already have. Be inventive and create a "pantry surprise" meal.

Check grocery store ads for specials and plan meals for a week at a time around the best bargains. Save your meal plans and rotate them throughout the month.

Make a shopping list and shop only once a week. The more you frequent supermarkets, the more likely you are to spend on impulse purchases.

Check out local farmers' markets or produce stands for fresh fruits and vegetables. Buying local produce stretches your dollar and lowers food safety risks.

You can freeze or preserve fresh fruits and vegetables for later. This will allow you to add variety to your future meal planning. To learn how to freeze or can food properly, visit the New Castle County Cooperative Extension's Web site [www.ag.udel.edu/extension](http://www.ag.udel.edu/extension).

Do not waste food. Store food right away to preserve freshness or freeze to prevent spoiling. Serve children small-

er portions to prevent waste. Plan to incorporate leftovers in future meals or bag lunches, or just freeze them for later use.

It's not too late to plant fall crops like spinach, lettuces, arugula, leeks and radishes. These vegetables prefer cooler weather and can be planted in containers.

The University of Delaware's publication "101 Ways to Cut Grocery Costs" is available online at [www.ag.udel.edu/extension/fcs/moneymanagement.htm](http://www.ag.udel.edu/extension/fcs/moneymanagement.htm) and provides practical suggestions for cutting costs.

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FRIDAY

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**DANCE PARTY** 9:30 p.m. Awesome 80's. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**COMEDY WEEKEND** 8 p.m. Featuring Delaware Comedy Theatre and Todd Chappelle. \$10. Premier Centre for the Arts, 27 Anderson St., Middletown. Info, 378-1384.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**

**LIVE MUSIC** 9:30 p.m. Featuring "HyJinx." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**COMEDY WEEKEND** 8 p.m. Featuring area comedians. \$10. Premier Centre for the Arts, 27 Anderson St., Middletown. Info, 378-1384.

**NATURE HIKE** 9 a.m. Hike the complete Charles Bailey and Boundary Line Trails. White Clay Creek Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31**

**BUS TRIP** 8 a.m. Newark Parks & Recreation sponsors a trip to see the New York Yankees take on the Blue Jays. Last chance to see them play at historic Yankee Stadium. \$69, Newark resident \$64. Bus departs: City Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

**HISTORY HIKE** 1 p.m. Explore the historic sites and structures within the White Clay Creek Preserve. Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 1**

**HALF PRICE PIZZA** Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**ART EXHIBIT** Through Sept. 21. Features 52 one-of-a kind sculptural chairs created by Garry Knox Bennett, one of the foremost contemporary studio furniture makers in America. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Info, 571-9590.

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**TUESDAY, SEPT. 2**

**AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB** Performing art classes for students 5

– 15 to explore a wide variety of art media. Center for the Creative Arts, Yorklyn, Pa. Info, 239-2434.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3**

**HALF PRICE NACHOS & QUESADILLAS** Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**PASTURE WALK** 5 – 7:30 p.m. Learn about pasture management and rotation for beef cattle and sheep. UD Webb Farm, Newark. Info, 831-2506.

**FOLK DANCE** 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. With Jerry Schiffer. \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Road, Wilmington. Info, 478-7257.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 4**

**FILM FESTIVAL** Through Sept. 11. More than 30 films will be featured under the theme, "Movies that Matter." Cinema Center 3, Newark Shopping Center. Info, 690-5555.

**RELIGIOUS CLASSES** 7 p.m. Orientation for "Introduction to Judaism." Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. Info, 427-2100, ext. 27.

**MUG NIGHT** Featuring Burnt Sienna. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**BASEBALL INSTRUCTION** 6 – 8 p.m. Thursdays in September. The Sports and Athletics Section of the New Castle County Department of Community Services sponsors baseball instructional program for grades 9 – 12. \$64. Banning Park, New Castle. Info, 395-5890.

**DEPRESSION SEMINAR** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 20. New Directions Delaware sponsors 12-week seminar offering support and education for persons with depression and bipolar disorder and their families. \$50. Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 500 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington. Info, 286-1161.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** 7:30 a.m.

Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otis Chapel Road. Info, 738-1530.

**MUSEUM DOLLAR DAYS** Saturdays in August. One dollar admission. Free to members. Hagley Museum, Route 141, Wilmington. Info, 658-2400.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 1**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, please call ahead for the various scheduled meetings.

**MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT**

**GROUP** 7 – 9 p.m. Mondays. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Timothy's, 100 Creek View Road, Newark. Info, 453-8853.

**SCOTTISH DANCING** 7:30 p.m.

Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-2318.

**ENGLISH CLASSES** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays. English Conversational Classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774 or esl-numc@hotmail.com.

**TAI CHI** 3 – 4 p.m. Monday (Advanced); or Wednesday, 4 – 5 p.m. (Beg/Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

**TAI CHI** 10 – 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

**JAZZERCISE LITE** 9 – 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Fridays. Low Impact,

modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

**JAZZERCISE** 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.

**PILATES** 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mondays, 9 – 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Thursdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.

**STRENGTH TRAINING** 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Monday, Wed. and Fri.; 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

**STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY**

**CLASS** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. \$4 per session/\$50 for six weeks. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-5644.

**KUNG FU** 6 – 7 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

**KUNG FU** 6:30 p.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays; 10 a.m. Saturdays. \$100/month unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-4696.

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**DIVORCECARE** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Mondays. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239.

## MEETINGS

**DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS** 6:30 p.m.

Mondays. For children ages 5 – 12 of families experiencing divorce and separation. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 2**

**NEWARK MUSEUM** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday. Free. Exhibits celebrate Newark's 250 years as a chartered community. Info, 224-2408.

**HEALTHY HIKE** 8 a.m. Tuesdays. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Road, Newark. Info, 368-6900.

**CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST** 7 – 8

a.m. Tuesdays. Join State Rep. John Kowalko for coffee and conversation. Friendly's Restaurant, 1115 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 577-8342.

**NEWARK DELTONES** 7:45 p.m.

Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 376-8934.

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**MOMS CLUB/NEWARK** 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesday. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 454-1431.

**COPING WITH LIFE & MS** 4 – 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Road, Wilmington. Info, 478-3135.

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200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

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**DIVORCECARE** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road. Info, 737-2300.

**GRIEF SHARE** 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info, 737-5040.

**RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 – 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Current events and religious discussions led by Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.

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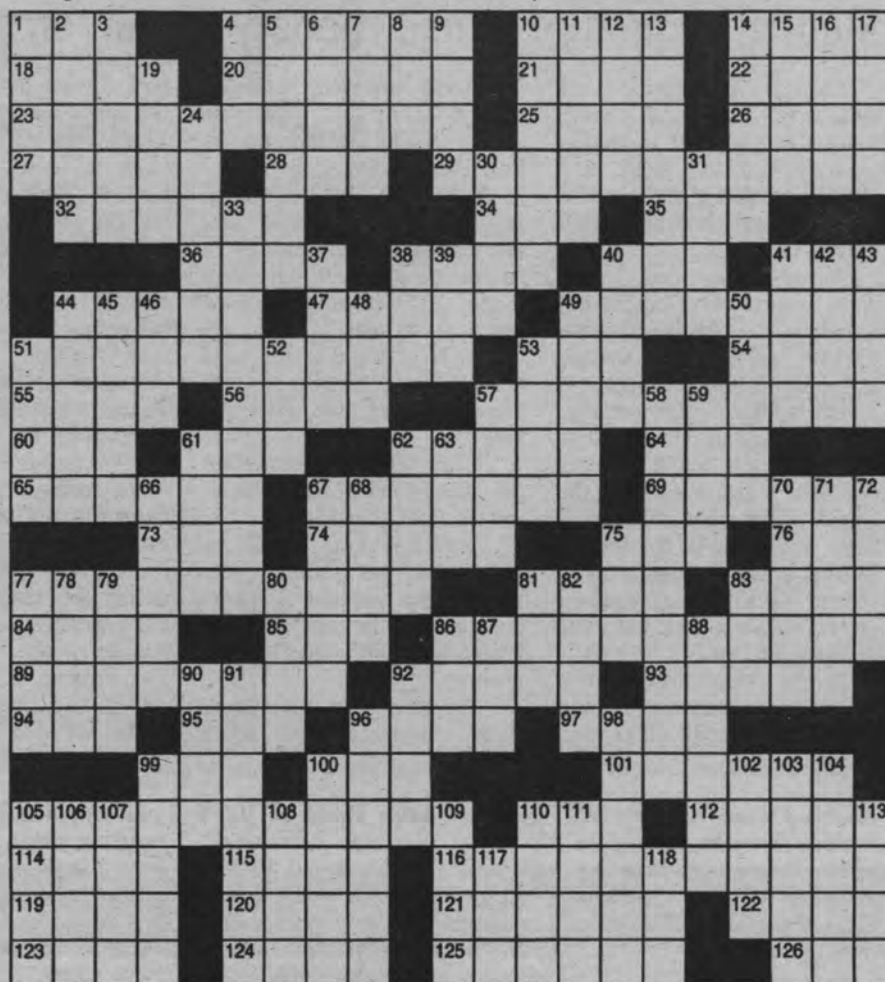
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## Student victims of armed robbery beaten on street

Three University of Delaware students were robbed at gunpoint in downtown Newark last week in a vicious attack that included the stomping and choking of two female victims.

According to police, the students were robbed on Haines Street as they walked to the 7-11 on East Delaware Avenue at approximately 1:15 a.m.

During the assault, a heavy-set black woman, described as being between 17 and 20 years old with a tattoo running the length of her right arm, reportedly threw one of the female victims to the ground, while a second black woman stomped on the victim's back until she released her purse.

A black man, also described as being between 17 and 20 years old, with short hair,

reportedly produced a handgun and pointed it at a male victim while demanding he turn over money.

A second female victim was reportedly choked and thrown to the ground by a fourth black female who then made off with the victim's purse, police said.

All four suspects ran to a vehicle in a parking lot on Haines Street and fled the area.

Police said the victims did not sustain injuries that required medical attention.

Newark Police Lt. Brian Henry said the victims reported that they and their attackers had attended the same party on East Main Street earlier in the evening.

"We do see an increase in these types of crimes when

college students start returning for fall classes," Henry said. "This time of year, there's a large increase in the victim base, for lack of a better term, and the suspects know it."

Henry said the department is bolstering its nighttime patrols to deter strong-arm robberies and other crimes that frequently occur on the streets of Newark once the University of Delaware is back in session.

"We take the same initiative in the spring when the weather warms up and the students are out later," he said.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to contact Detective Scott Rieger of the Newark Police Department at 366-7110 ext. 133 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-333.

■ *Police Blotter is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police by the newspaper staff.*

### Other Incidents

Police charged a 17-year-old Maryland resident with underage consumption and resisting arrest at 3:16 a.m. on Aug. 16. An officer reportedly suspected the teen of being publicly intoxicated while walking in the **200 block of East Cleveland Avenue**. The teen, a resident of Elkton, Md., later attempted to run from officer, police said.

Police charged a trio of Maryland residents with various crimes after stopping their vehi-

cle on **Elkton Road** at 10:54 p.m. on Aug. 16. Maurice C. Helton, an 18-year-old Elkton, Md. resident, was charged with underage consumption, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and criminal impersonation. Eric E. Allen, a 25-year-old resident of North East, Md., was charged with possession of an open container, while Moses J. Williams, a 25-year-old resident of Elkton, Md., was charged with criminal impersonation.

Police charged three 17-year-olds with resisting arrest and other crimes after the teens reportedly fled from the scene of a fistfight in the **Newark Shopping Center** at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 17. One of the teens, a resident of Newark, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. A teenager from New Castle was charged with underage consumption, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, while a second teenager from New Castle was charged with underage consumption, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. All three teens were later turned over to the custody of their parents.

A man driving a red Jeep Wrangler with Delaware plates ran over an 18-year-old Newark man's leg after the two strangers had an argument in the **College Square Shopping Center** at approximately 7:40 p.m. on Aug. 19, police said. The injured man later refused medical treatment.

An unknown suspect entered the garage of a home in the **unit**

## Lee, Copeland propose joint healthcare plan



PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW BASHAM

Republican state Sen. Charles L. Copeland (front), a candidate for lieutenant governor, joined Republican gubernatorial candidate and former Superior Court judge William S. Lee (back) at the Glasgow Medical Center on Aug. 25 to release their joint plan for improving healthcare access and affordability in Delaware.

The centerpiece of the plan is a provision that would allow Delaware residents to purchase a health care plan from any state in the nation, provided the plan has been approved by the state in which it is offered.

The plan also includes proposals previously introduced in the state legislature, including requiring health insurers to offer a policy stripped of all state mandates and the creation of a tax credit for small business owners who offer health insurance to their employees.

block of Macduff Court and stole three fishing poles with a collective estimated value of \$300, sometime between 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 19 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 20, police said.

of South College Avenue and stole a CD player valued at \$80, sometime between 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 19 and 7:06 a.m. on Aug. 20, police said. Damages were estimated at \$350.

### Vehicles Targeted

An unknown suspect broke into a 2001 Ford F350 pick-up truck that was parked outside of a motel in the **600 block**

### Noise and Alcohol

Phillip G. Bonarigo, 19, Wilmington, underage consumption, unit block of North Street at 3:27 a.m. on Aug. 17.

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## Charles B. Cooper Jr., former UD physics professor

Charles Burleigh Cooper Jr., 88, formerly of Newark, died at his home in Cheshire, Conn., on Aug. 15 from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Cooper was born on April 18, 1920, in Parkesburg, Pa.,

the son of the late Charles and Lettie (Book) Cooper.

He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. and received his master's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. and his doctorate from

the University of Maryland in College Park, Md. He was a professor of physics at the University of Delaware for 35 years.

Cooper was predeceased by a daughter, Barbara Hope Cooper, of Ithaca, N.Y. He

is survived by his wife of 63 years, Hope (Ferguson) Cooper; daughter Jane Cooper and her husband, Ian Meakin, of Cheshire, Conn.; son Charles Burleigh Cooper III and his wife, Janice McOmber, of Emerald Hills, Calif.; and his grandchildren Sarah, Julia and Karl Meakin of Cheshire, Conn., Katherine Myers-Cooper of Ithaca, N.Y., Ryan Cooper of Emerald Hills, Calif. and Burleigh Sabin of Santa Cruz, Calif.

A funeral service and burial were held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Adirondack Mountain Club Memorial Fund, 814 Goggins Road, Lake George, NY 12845.

## Clarence A. Christiansen

Clarence A. Christiansen, 81, of Newark, died at home on Aug. 15.

He was born in Washington Court House, Ohio, the son of the late Sigurd and Mary (Tucker) Christiansen.

Christiansen had been employed as a senior laboratory technician with the DuPont Co. at its experimental station in Wilmington. He retired from that post after 35 years of dedicated service.

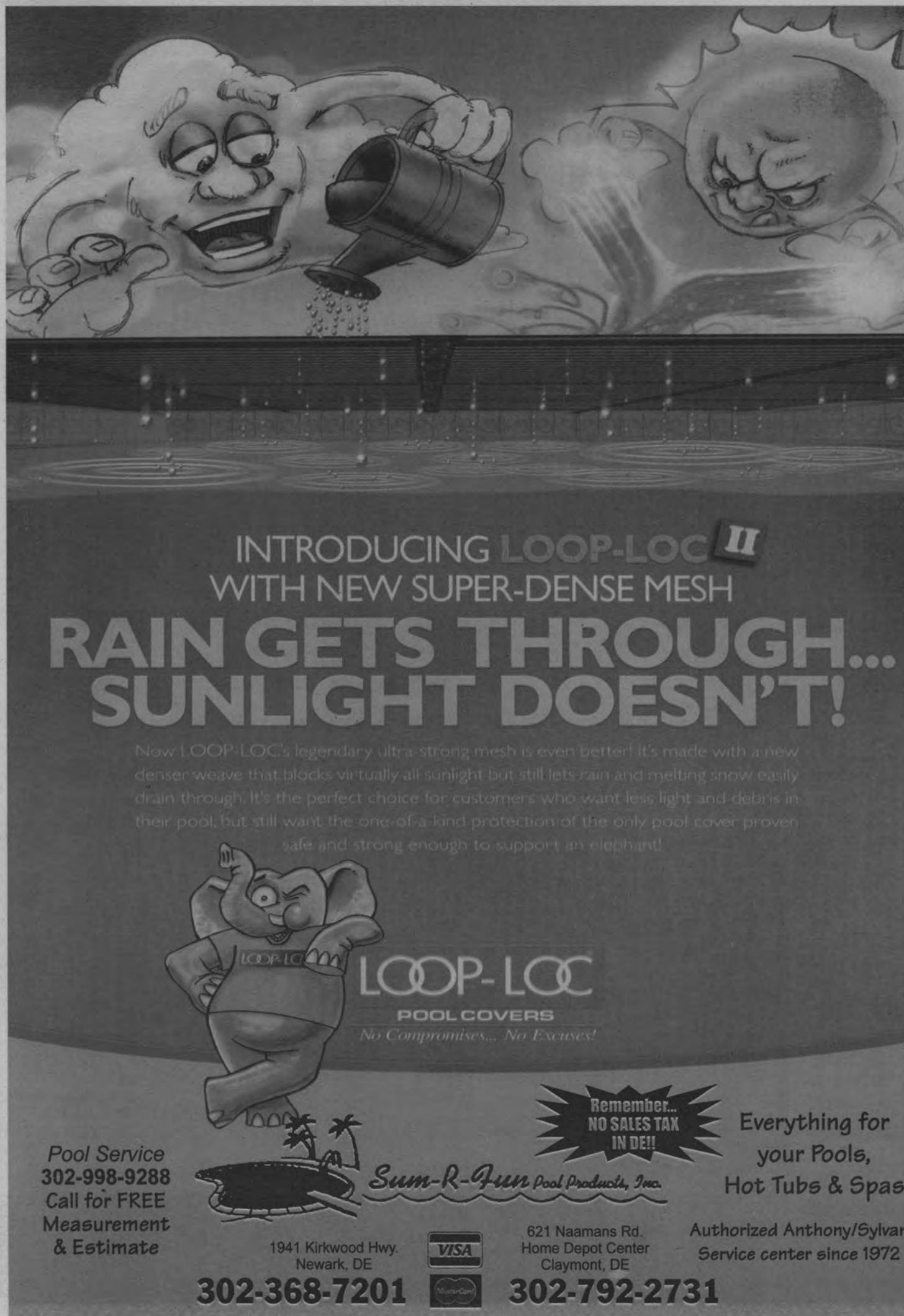
Christiansen served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He received the American Theatre Ribbon, the Victory Medal, the Pacific Theatre Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

He is survived by his wife

■ Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears on the side of every page. Obituaries of the following persons will be posted this week on the web:

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Karen Elizabeth Hallett  
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of 60 years, Mary (Betty) Christiansen; and sons, Robert A. Christiansen of Utah and David J. Christiansen of Newark. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings.

A funeral service was held on Aug. 20 at the Beeson Funeral Home, 2053 Pulaski Highway in Newark. Burial followed in the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Donations may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808.

### Mary Lou Davis

Mary Lou Davis, 75, of Newark, died on Aug. 18.

She was born in Wilmington on Aug. 20, 1932, to the late John H. and Pauline Knotts.

After graduating from Wilmington High School in 1950, she went to work at

Bell Telephone as an operator, leaving there in 1955 to become a wife, mother and homemaker. In 1974, she began working at Red Mill Nursery. Davis retired in 1989 as the purchaser for the Red Mill Nursery Gift and Flower Shop.

Davis was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, George C. Davis Jr., who died in 2007. She is survived by her son Mark Davis and his wife, Debbie, of Earleville, Md.; her daughter, Nancy Van Gorder and husband, John, of Newark; her grandchildren, Jessica, Michael and Thomas Van Gorder and Gary and Stephanie Sutch; her brother John H. Knotts; and her sisters Elizabeth Sobieski and Margaret Covelli, all of Wilmington.

A funeral service was held at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Road in Pike Creek on Aug. 22. Burial was held privately in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Contributions may be sent to the Heartland Hospice, 261 Chapman Road, Suite 100, Newark, DE 19702.

### Karen Elizabeth Hallett

Karen Elizabeth Hallett, 46, of Newark and Ocean Park, Maine, died on Aug. 16 after a brief battle with breast cancer.

Hallett was born in Wilmington and graduated from Brandywine High School in 1980. She graduated from Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., receiving a bachelor's degree in fashion and retail merchandising. She then went on to attend Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington.

An employee of Boscov's department store since 1991, she worked at both the Concord Mall and Christiana Town Center stores.

Hallett is survived by her parents Richard and

Lois Hallett of Newark; sister Meredith and husband, Kevin Szczepanik, of Laval, Quebec; sister Libby and husband, Joseph Donahue, and their children Andrew, Emily and Grace, of Bear; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration service was held on Aug. 23, at Peninsula-McCabe United Methodist Church, 2200 Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington.

Donations may be made to the Helen Graham Cancer Center, 4701 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19713, or to the Ocean Park Association, c/o the Karen Hallett Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 7296, Ocean Park, ME 04063.

### Dan E. Harding

Dan E. Harding, 65, of Newark, died on Aug. 19.

Harding was born in Provo, Utah, moving to Delaware and marrying in 1965. He retired from Chrysler LLC in

2001 after 36 years.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 43 years Imogene (Jeannie) Harding; his children Tina Raymond (John), Terrie Brannock (Jeff), Laura Trunkenbolz (Dave), Dan M. Harding (Melissa), Thomas Harding and Rebecca Harding; his grandchildren Brian, Kevin, Tim, Jeffrey, Zach, Peyton, Colton and Madison; and his brother, Gaydon Harding (Faye), as well as extended family.

A funeral service was held on Aug. 26 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 500 W. Chestnut Hill Road in Newark. Interment followed in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway in New Castle.

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# Sports

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## Senior laden Jackets have high hopes

By JON BUZBY

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Newark High School boasts 10 state championships, nine of them under head coach Butch Simpson, who is entering his 32nd season at the helm of the Yellowjacket football program. Delaware's all-time winningest coach (244) has 31 seniors returning for the 2008 season, which is creating a familiar buzz at The Hive.

"If we reach our potential, and it's my job to get us there, this season we will be very competitive," Simpson said. "These seniors have big goals."

According to Simpson, most of the key losses from last year's 6-5 team that lost to Glasgow in the first round of the state tournament were on the offensive side of the ball.

"The core of the 12 seniors we lost was pretty significant," Simpson said.

The good news is that Rutgers-bound Malcolm Bunche (6-6, 315) returns for his senior season to anchor both the offensive and defensive lines. Bunche is a return-

ing starter and will try to fill the role left by two-way All-State lineman, Chad Davis, who is now wearing a Blue Hen uniform.

Simpson will call on quarterback Austin Bartley (6-2, 186) to make the transition from wide receiver to signal-caller and run the Yellowjackets' spread offense, a strategy Simpson is incorporating due to the team's depth and experience at the running back position.

"Most of our depth and playing experience is at running back," Simpson said, "so we want to incorporate those fine



PHOTO BY MATT BASHAM

**Newark senior Malcolm Bunche chose Rutgers over several other major college programs – including Boston College, Miami and West Virginia – and also turned down a full scholarship to play at the University of Delaware.**

athletes into the offense as much as we can."

Bartley's receiving corps

Senior Brandon Norwood (5-9, 175) will start in Newark's backfield for the third-consecutive season. In addition, Shaun Thomas (6-1, 171), Kendall Daniels (5-8, 163), and Aaron Tyson (5-10, 175) all return for their senior season touting plenty of experience carrying the ball. Glasgow transfer Brandon Lately (5-9, 173) hopes to finish his playing career seeing some time in the backfield as well.

will be led by senior Kendall Poole (6-2, 198), who will also see action at defensive end. Others competing for playing time are WR/DE Ryan Johnson (Sr., 6-6, 193) and WR/DB Micah Thomas (Soph., 5-8, 132). WR/DB John May (Sr., 5-11, 170), a transfer from Pencader Charter, hopes to see significant playing time.

Defensively, senior Laro Washington (5-6, 155), who led the team in tackles last season, returns at linebacker alongside senior Kenny Chandler (6-2, 210), a third-year starter. The Yellowjackets will also count on several of their offensive skill-position players to shine on the defensive side of the ball.

"My coaching staff has been with me for a long time to build the continuity in this program," Simpson said. "When kids play here, they know what to expect."

If you are game experienced, which we are this season, expectations are higher."

Newark will find out early if their senior-laden team can compete with the best when they open at home against Salesianum Sept. 5.

## Blue Hens set to open at Maryland Saturday

By TOM TOMASHEK

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Last fall when Appalachian State defeated nationally-ranked Michigan, major colleges throughout the nation were placed on alert. If it could happen in Ann Arbor, it could happen anywhere.

Certainly, University of Delaware football coach K.C. Keeler is conceding nothing to the University of Maryland when his Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) Blue Hens travel to College Park Saturday, but he also doesn't expect to surprise the Terrapins, members of the Bowl Championship Series (I-A) Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I'd be surprised if we don't get Maryland's 'A' game," Keeler said earlier this week. "What Appalachian State did last year for I-AA football was good in some ways, but it also limited the opportunity for any of us [in I-AA] to sneak up on I-A schools."

Logic tells you that when FCS schools step up, they are at a disadvantage for a couple reasons. They have 63 scholarships compared to 85 allocated to BCS schools. And in the vast majority of cases, the lower-division school is playing on the road, just as Division II West Chester always plays the Blue Hens in Delaware Stadium.

But it is fair to say that Appalachian State did a great deal for its peers in terms of image and confidence. Once a sacrificial means for I-AA coaches to pad their budgets by allowing big-time schools to pound on their young men for a couple hundred thousand dollars, many I-AA coaches actually expect to be at least competitive when they step up in class.

"It's still a case of 63 scholarships [for Division I-AA] versus 85 [for I-A]," said Keeler who might have added that major-college teams have fashioned a 56-15 record in inter-divisional play since 1997, "but

Appalachian State showed that if the circumstances are right that even the best major college teams can be beaten."

Lest anyone forget, the Colonial Athletic Association – the 12-team fold of which Delaware is a member – has fared respectably in recent season against major college programs. Examples of recent CAA success include last year's Delaware victory over bowl-bound Navy, while New Hampshire, Villanova, and Richmond each have at least one victory against higher-division schools in the last several seasons.

"We've got some pretty good players at this level," Keeler said "Our conference is ranked ahead of the [major college] Mid-American Conference in the Sagarin ratings and anybody in this league can beat anyone."

Delaware finished behind James Madison and Richmond in the CAA South last season, but reached the FCS championship game. Four other CAA

teams qualified for the FCS Tournament.

This week, Delaware is one of seven CAA teams playing major college opponents. In addition to Delaware versus Maryland, the CAA schedule includes James Madison at Duke, Villanova at West Virginia, Hofstra at Connecticut, Maine at Iowa, Northeastern at Ball State, and Towson at Navy. Next week, Richmond will be at Virginia, New Hampshire at Army, and William & Mary will travel to North Carolina State.

"I'd be surprised if James Madison doesn't beat Duke," Keeler said discussing the league's preseason favorite. "James Madison is a very physically-talented team. They have been using [Coach Mickey Matthews] system for a long time."

Looking at Delaware's 3:45 p.m. engagement Saturday in Byrd Stadium, the Blue Hens own a 5-3-1 series advantage over the Terps, but the two UD victories and the tie occurred

more than 100 years ago. Maryland has won the last three games – the last one played in 1948 – and in 1947 Maryland snapped Delaware's 32-game winning streak. Maryland is not ranked in any BCS Top 25 while Delaware has been consistently ranked in this season's various national polls, including ninth in the Sports Network poll.

Maryland is coming off a 6-7 season, with the Terps hindered by a series of injuries. They did, however, defeat Villanova in their opener, 31-14, and qualified for a bowl game in which they lost to Oregon State 21-14.

"They have 30 seniors and a large number of their starters back," Keeler said of Maryland. "We're obviously aren't the same team we were a year ago, but as you can see we have some pretty good players."

The Delaware-Maryland game will be televised live on ESPN and broadcast by two area stations, WDSB, 94.7 FM and WVUD, 91.3 FM.





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# Free MS assessments to be offered at UD this fall

By **AMY WILLIAMS**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This fall, the University of Delaware's physical therapy department will be offering another series of free Multiple Sclerosis assessments to help those suffering from the life-altering disease.

"Multiple Sclerosis is considered a neurological degenerative disease," Cathy Ciolek, the new director of the university's

MS clinic explained. "Multi-disciplinary assessments help people to understand the disease's progression and recognize when they may need additional services, equipment or an update to their exercise program to keep them functioning at the optimal level."

The University of Delaware, in partnership with the Delaware Multiple Sclerosis Society, has been offering the free assessment clinics for the past five years. The MS assessment pro-

gram is designed for Delaware clients who have noticed some level of functional loss and those who have not had an MS assessment in the last couple of years.

Experts and professionals in counseling, home medical equipment, vision, nutrition and several other fields conduct the assessments and then make recommendations for improvement.

"The assessments may include an exercise program,

suggestions for changes in their diet to more healthy foods, changes in their visual aids, adaptive equipment, and so on," Ciolek said. "If the individual participants need skilled services, they are referred to the appropriate professionals for follow up."

Multiple Sclerosis affects more than 400,000 people in the United States, including more than 1,350 Delaware residents.

All members of the Delaware MS Society are eligible for the free assessments and are encouraged to attend.

The assessments will be held on Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21.

There are a limited number of appointments available and the slots will fill up quickly, Ciolek said.

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## Little Sisters' senior home receives big check from Maryland foundation

By **SCOTT GOSS**

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A Roman Catholic women's order that assists impoverished seniors in New Castle County received a major contribution this week from one of the largest charitable foundations in the country.

On Aug. 27, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation of Owings Mills, Md. — one of the 22 largest charitable foundations in the nation — signed over a \$422,000 check to the Jeanne Jugan Residence, an 80-bed senior care facility on Salem Church Road operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Duke Doblick, the director of development for the Little Sisters, said the foundation's gift is the single largest donation the organization has received in its drive to raise \$10 million for capital improvements at the 30-year-old facility.

"It's really a tremendous donation and we're thrilled to have the foundation's support," Doblick said.

The fundraising effort is intended to help cover the cost of upgrading the residence with more cost-effective utilities, including the replacement of more than 600 windows, Doblick said.

The Jeanne Jugan Residence, which is named after the founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor, provides long-term care to about 80 low-income New Castle County residents over the age of 60.

The facility is run by 10 members of the Little Sisters of the Poor, as well as a full- and

part-time staff of about 115 people, Doblick said.

The Jeanne Jugan Residence is one of 33 senior care facilities in the country and one of 250 in the world operated by the order.

"It's a great place that is really way ahead of other residence care facilities in the country," said Michael Marcus, program director of older adult services for the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

"The residence offers a continuum of services under one roof to people living independently and those in need of intermediate care," he said. "The home offers its residents lots of engagement, from religious to social to volunteer activities, which represents a culture change from the stereotypical residential care facility."

Doblick said the donation from the Weinberg foundation brings the Jeanne Jugan Residence to within 20 percent of its overall fundraising goal.

Harry Weinberg, who founded the Weinberg Foundation in 1959, immigrated to the United States at the age of four and received no education beyond the sixth grade, yet managed to assist Jews reach a safe haven here in the 1930s on his way earning a small fortune. At one point, Weinberg was the largest landowner in Hawaii, according to the foundation.

Today, the foundation has assets of approximately \$2 billion, of which it donates roughly \$120 million a year, including \$40 million specifically targeted to organizations that serve older adults and the poor.

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## RATES, from 1

allows Newark to pass the cost of spikes in the wholesale electricity market on to its customers.

McFarland said the city held off on adding the PPCA to customer's bills when wholesale electricity prices first started to spike in May and June in the hopes that the market would become less volatile, thereby making a rate increase unnecessary.

"We try not to jerk the rate around excessively," he said. "But in July we were told the spike is persisting and we realized that we would have to raise the rate fairly quickly in order to meet our budget projections for the year."

McFarland said that without the rate adjustment, the rising cost of purchasing electricity wholesale could have resulted in a \$2 million shortfall in this year's anticipated revenue from electricity sale of about \$50 million.

"Because the purchase cost can vary considerably from month to month, the city charter allows us to pass the increased cost onto our customers dollar for dollar each month," he said.

City officials said factors that have increased the city's wholesale purchase and delivery costs include higher oil costs, high congestion and higher consumption among members of the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DMEC), which sells electricity to the city.

Newark community affairs officer Dana Johnston said all the members of DMEC are expected to respond to the higher cost of wholesale electricity by raising rates.

"Despite the increase in rates for the City of Newark, the city is reasonably confident that its electric rates will still compare favorably to those of other providers in the state," she said. "Before this rate increase, the City of Newark's electric rates were 7 percent lower than Delmarva's rate and 10 to 18 percent lower than other towns in the state."

Prior this month, the city had last increased its electricity rates since July 2006.

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# DAPSS students required to meet DSTP standards

## SCHOOL, from 1

of a narrow curriculum focusing on security jobs.

However, a study released by the Manpower Demonstration Research Corp. in June showed that students from career schools earn \$2,088 more per year than students from other schools eight years after students from both schools have graduated. Male at-risk students reportedly earned 17 percent more than other students.

The study, which began in 1993, also showed that twelfth grade students in schools that combine academics, career studies, mentoring and work experience were more likely to remain in school, attend more regularly and earn more credits toward graduation. Participants in the study were mostly black and Hispanic students.

Delaware's legislature made DAPSS one of four exemptions

from a resolution establishing a moratorium on new charter school applications in the final days of their 2008 session.

New Castle Attorney Thomas Little, project manager for the academy, told legislators that planning for the charter school had been underway for a year-and-a-half and that the school was ready to begin a one-year certification process.

Little signed a contract in March with Innovative Schools, a professional firm that will coordinate the process of finding and funding a DAPSS site for as many as 600 students in Wilmington's inner city.

Innovative Schools began operating in 2002 to assist charter schools with the purchase, construction, or renovation of school facilities. It already counts other local charter schools among its clients, including Maurice J. Moyer Academy, Newark Charter School and Gateway

Lab School.

In June, the academy's founding board announced the hiring of a school leader, Orval L. Foraker Jr., to work with DAPSS as they complete their charter application, which is to be submitted to the Delaware Department of Education in December.

Foraker, a native of Delaware, has worked in the state's public school system for 31 years and said he is excited about the opportunity to lead the DAPSS school concept.

"I believe that DAPSS's desire to provide real-life, first responder career training, combined with high academic standards and educational motivation through the use of mentors for Delaware's students is admirable and will be a huge success," he said. "DAPSS is in a unique position as the first career academy in the state of Delaware, as well as the first high school in the nation preparing students for careers as First Responders. I'm pleased to join the DAPSS board in their efforts to make this school a reality."

Charter schools in Delaware receive operating funds from the state and the local school district based on the number of students they enroll.

Although public charter

schools have individual academic programs, their curriculum must align with the Delaware Content Standards and their students still participate in the Delaware Student Testing Program.

Curriculum choices for students at the academy, who are to be called cadets, range from SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) to prison guard, water rescue, paramedic, fireman, professional demolition and emergency response operator, according to a statement by its founding board.

Parents must agree to attend a monthly meeting at the campus for progress conferences. To meet personal curriculum goals, all physically capable cadets are to attend a daily after-school exercise program.

In addition, two hours of after-school sports or homeland security training will be available for cadet volunteers.

Fred Fitzgerald, a retired Marine captain who has been teaching English, speech and debate at New Castle Christian Academy, was named the school's first principal. Fitzgerald is also a former executive for Coca Cola in Jacksonville, Fla., and a former director of operations for the Port of Wilmington.

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# Biden's selection as VP good for Del.

## ► UPFRONT, from 1

access we have to our elected officials. It certainly makes them more real to us and maybe even helps us relate to them more.

From all accounts - local and national - Biden lobbied hard for his selection. He beat out Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, who appeared to be the last two that Obama considered. Sen. Hillary Clinton's name was

also bandied about.

But in his 90-minute secret meeting with Obama Aug. 6 in Minneapolis, Biden presented all of his benefits.

Those benefits became even greater a few days later when war broke out between Georgia and Russia and Biden was asked by the Georgian president to visit and give some advice.

That certainly makes an impression on a candidate who's been criticized for a lack of experience in foreign

affairs.

The race will begin for real after the Democratic and Republican conventions are completed. Then for eight or nine weeks we'll see Biden and Obama - along with Republican Sen. John McCain and his running mate - take center stage.

Part of that stage will include Delaware. It's a stage that the state's never been on and it will be nice to see how we hold up.

Now, if I can only find some old pictures of Sen. Biden, we'll be off to a good start.

# Mrs. Markell stumps at senior center

## ► MARKELL, from 3

take advantage of the state's low taxes and lower cost of living.

"This shows that these are issues we really need to face," she said. "By 2030, our population of seniors will increase by 134 percent."

During the hour-long visit, Markell briefly addressed the few dozen people gathered in the cafeteria and then toured the center to visit with other members.

She emphasized that one of her husband's main issues is health care.

"He wants health care to be a right, not a privilege, for everyone," she said.

Jack Markell's plan would

require those who can afford it to purchase minimum coverage and would use state funds to subsidize coverage for the poor.

During her visit, Carla Markell referred most questions about her husband's policies to "Blueprint for a Better Delaware," a book of campaign platforms he published in June.

According to the book, Markell would lower the cost of prescription drugs by encouraging employers and insurance companies to pool their drug purchases in order to get a lower price, and by urging doctors to submit prescriptions electronically, which would decrease the extra costs incurred from prescription errors.

He also has pledged to cre-

ate policies based on a "new view of aging" that values the experience of seniors and encourages them to volunteer and mentor others.

Joyce Baumann, a member and volunteer at the senior center, said she appreciated Carla Markell's visit, although she remained a bit skeptical.

"Being the wife, of course she's going to say he's wonderful," she said.

Baumann said she is most concerned with the economy. She said high gas prices are limiting the amount of volunteer work she can do for the center.

She said she has not yet decided who will get her vote for governor.

"Whoever is going to help me is who I help," she said.

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# Lopata is first city manager candidate to meet the public

## MANAGER, from 1

council.

Richard M. Finn, who most recently worked as the city manager for Takoma Park, Md. met with city residents after the Newark Post's deadline on Wednesday.

Kyle R. Sonnenberg, the assistant city manager for Fayetteville, N.C., will introduce himself to residents during a meet-and-greet session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 28.

City council has asked residents who attend the meet-and-greet sessions to e-mail council members with their input by Sept. 1.

Council is slated to meet behind closed doors to discuss the job candidates and their performance during this week's public meetings on Sept. 2.

Lopata is widely considered to be the front-runner in the city manager search. A 33-year employee of the city, he served as Newark's planning director for 31 years before being tapped to serve as the interim city manager after the previous jobholder, Carl Luft, retired in February.

A native of the Bronx in New York City, Lopata grew up in a five-story walk-up and was the first member of his family to attend college.

Lopata said he first came to Newark in 1972 as a graduate student studying history at the University of Delaware.

"I actually got started (in city government) by accident because I took a job here while I was trying to get a real job teaching history," he said. "After the first few days, I fell in love with the city."

During the public session, Lopata repeatedly stressed his experience with and intimate knowledge of the city's laws, zoning code, policies and history.

"I wrote all the rules on inspections and zoning," he said. "I also have spent a big part of my career working on reinvigorating Main Street and the downtown area."

Lopata also discussed the positives and negatives associated with running a city that encompasses the University of Delaware, which he said has both positive and negative influences on the city.

He said the city has partnered with the university whenever possible and specifically referenced his personal involvement in joint efforts

such as the Unicity bus service, a refuse transfer station and the city's use of experts from the university community.

But, he also said the university has had some negative effects on the community, including tensions that have resulted from off-campus housing.

"We have 1,200 single family rentals and they are not necessarily kept up as well as owner-occupied homes," he said. "The university also has meant that the housing market tends to skew upward, which means your houses are more valuable, but it also makes it

difficult for young families to afford a home here."

In response to questions from city residents, Lopata said he believes the city can do more to preserve its aging housing stock, improve its environmental sustainability, create a legitimate public transportation system and enhance its code enforcement.

"I am intimately familiar with the intractable issues this city is facing," Lopata said. "You need a lot of experience to deal with these issues and I've been dealing with them for over a generation. This is really my life's blood."



Interim city manager Roy H. Lopata Jr. is one of three candidates for the permanent job.

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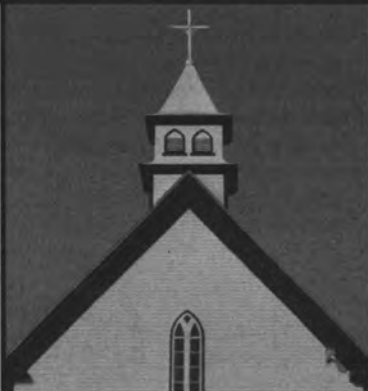


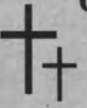
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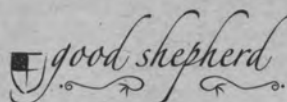
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# Students return to a much-changed Newark

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interest in our downtown out there and I think it's gaining a reputation as a place where people want to open their business."

The following is a partial list of some of the most visible new projects that have come to town since university students departed last spring:

### • Newark Natural Foods

Downtown Newark's only grocery store has completed a six-month, \$500,000 expansion that has nearly doubled the floor space, extended the width of the aisles, replaced the 23-year-old floor and added a new produce cooler and a 20-foot freezer, among other changes. The project also added a community room that will be used for classes and workshops.

### • Newark Shopping Center

While students are unlikely to notice anything new at the downtown strip mall, the retail hub is expected to undergo a dramatic transformation over

the next five years, according to Spectrum Properties LLC, a Maryland-based firm that purchased the property from Florida-based Regency Centers in a \$108.2 million deal that also included six other shopping centers on the east coast.

### • Bing's Bakery apartment proposal

Like the shopping center across the street, no visible alterations have occurred at Bing's Bakery, yet a construction proposal unveiled this summer could change that very soon. Newark developer Jeffrey Lang has teamed up with the owners of Bing's to propose a three-story, 20-unit apartment building with commercial space in what is now a vacant, wooded lot next to the bakery. As part of the project, the bakery owners also are hoping to add two apartments on top of their building. The proposal received an unfavorable review from the city planning commission but could still come up for a final vote before city council as early as next month.

### • Newark Transit Hub

A \$1.2 million project funded by the state and the federal government, the Hub is a new, centralized transfer point for six Delaware Transit Corporation buses and the Newark Trolley. The Hub is located on a new road that connects Delaware Avenue with East Main Street and includes new traffic lights, a new bus shelter and convenient access to Pomeroy Trail, a city bike path that runs through White Clay Creek State Park.

### • Bela Place

Located on the site of a former gas station, the construction of this new 2,400-square foot, three-story building, now known as Bela Place, is nearly complete. Owners Gahunia LLC are expected to soon begin renting the building's commercial space on the first floor and its three, two-story apartments.

### • Cereal Bowl

This unique new restaurant is expected to begin offering customers a choice of 35 hot and cold cereals with more than 40 toppings, as well as oatmeal smoothies, frozen yogurt, baked

goods and coffee some time this fall. The Cereal Bowl is part of four-year-old chain based in Miami, Fla.

### • Korner Diner apartments

This summer, diner owner Gus Tsionas won city council approval to tear down the rear portion of Newark's landmark diner so he can construct a three-story building with six, three-bedroom apartments and parking on the first floor. The project also will include new bathrooms and handicapped access to the diner, which is expected to remain open during much of the six to eight-month construction project, which could begin as early as this fall.

### • Washington House Condos

Built on the site of the former Stone Balloon, the Washington House's 54 condominiums are nearly complete. It is unknown how many of the condos, which run from \$350,000 to \$600,000, have been sold, but an open house is planned for Sept. 14. The owners have advertised that a Cusi restaurant will soon open on the first floor and city offi-

cials say the establishment has applied for a special use permit to allow alcohol sales.

### • 102 E. Main St.

This three-story building owned by Newark developer Jeff Lang is currently undergoing renovations that will allow it to accommodate a 100-seat restaurant on the first floor and a portion of the second floor, as well as 10 apartments occupying the balance of the second and third floors. While the apartments will reportedly be ready for students this fall, there has been no word regarding a tenant to fill the restaurant space.

### • The Mill Yard

An 8,700-square-foot, three-story building currently under construction on Elkton Road near the Rodney dormitories, the Mill Yard will include nine loft-style apartments and a restaurant. City officials say Buffalo Wild Wings has requested a special use permit to sell alcohol at the Mill Yard.

### • Amstel Square

A 6,000-square-foot building currently under construction on the site of the former Crab Trap restaurant, Amstel Square will house a 60-seat restaurant with an outdoor café and six apartments. No word yet on what type of restaurant plans to locate there.

### • Louviers Federal Credit Union

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## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Local residents earn dean's list**

Katherine Elizabeth Reeves was named to the dean's list at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. for the spring 2008 semester. Reeves, a resident of Newark, is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in German.

Kathryn H. Tolbert was named to the Undergraduate Dean's Honor List at Arcadia University for the spring 2008 semester.

**Haynes completes Air Force basic training**

U.S. Air Force Airman

Dawn Haynes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Haynes is the daughter of Cleotha Powell of Detroit, Mich., and Anthony Haynes of Newark. She is a 2007 graduate of Clintondale High School in Michigan.

**Girl Scouts awarded scholarships**

The Delmarva Power Foundation recently awarded 17 Girl Scouts a total of \$10,000 in post-secondary education scholarships for successfully completing their Girl Scout Gold Awards.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout between the ages of 14 and 18 years may earn. To receive the award, a Girl Scout

must complete a minimum of 70 hours towards a community service project that improves her local community, the nation or the world.

The Girl Scouts also received a total of \$2,000 in scholarships from the Delmarva Council's board of directors and a total of \$2,500 in scholarships from the Judy Taggart and Gloria Diodato Education Fund, which named for the council's retired chief executive officer and its retired board chairwoman, respectively.

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# Program Guide

*Fall 2008*





## SPECIAL FALL EVENTS

Educational Programs  
Recreational Programs  
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# How to use this guide-

**Title** → **Owl Prowl**  
**Date** → *Sunday, June 24*  
**Time** → *7:30 p.m.*  
**Description** → The night is filled with scary creatures, but after this program, you'll know that those creatures really are very interesting! We'll travel the Pondside Trail in search of the silent hunters of the sky... the owls. After a short hike, we'll try our luck calling them in and listening for a response.  
**Cost** → \$3. Registration Required. Meet at the Nature Center.  
**Registration** → **All** 

↑ **Age Level**    ↑ **Activity Level**    ↑ **Location** (unless otherwise listed, most programs meet at the park's nature center)



## Registration-





Many park programs require advanced registration. To register for a program, call the park office. Phone numbers are listed on each park's page.

Please note that programs may be subject to change. Call the park office or visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) for the most current information.

### Age Level:

- All** = Suitable for all ages  
**C** = Geared toward children  
**NT** = Not suitable for toddlers or young children

### Activity Level:

-  = Least active (sit and look/listen)  
 = Somewhat active (level walking, etc.)  
 = Active (uneven terrain, more skill)  
 = Most active (challenging)

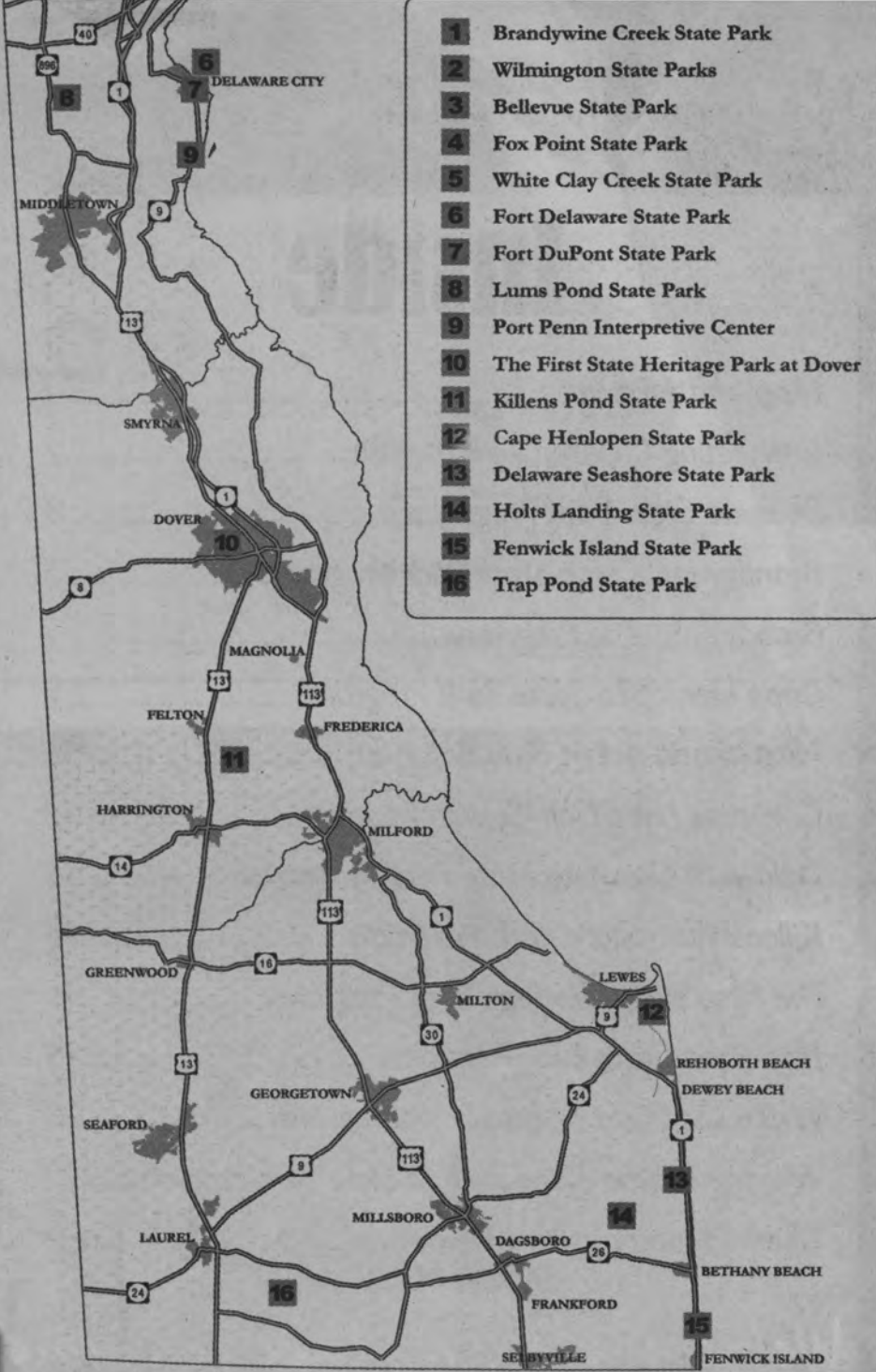
# Locating each park and its amenities



This locator map is for your information and is intended as an aid in planning. Please call the park office for details and current conditions. Phone numbers and addresses are listed on each park's page.

The symbols below are listed on each park's page below the name of the park and indicate amenities found at that location.





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|--|---------------------|--|------------------|
|  | = nature center     |  | = bike trails    |
|  | = nature store      |  | = nature trails  |
|  | = arts center       |  | = horse trail    |
|  | = restrooms         |  | = off leash area |
|  | = drinking water    |  | = game court     |
|  | = refreshments      |  | = ball field     |
|  | = laundry           |  | = disc golf      |
|  | = shower facilities |  | = tennis court   |
|  | = picnicking        |  | = playground     |
|  | = pavilions         |  | = boat rentals   |
|  | = tent camping      |  | = boat ramp      |
|  | = group camping     |  | = marina         |
|  | = cabins            |  | = fishing        |
|  | = trailer camping   |  | = swimming       |
|  | = dump station      |  | = museum         |
|  |                     |  | = monument       |

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# Connecting Children With Nature in Delaware's State Parks



Imagine never seeing a robin build her nest, never rolling down the side of the biggest hill in the valley, never building stone dams in the rain-washed gutter or tiptoeing over a blistering sandy beach. Would your life be any different? Could these simple joys make a difference in your child's life?

Well, as it turns out, they probably can. Research has confirmed that our lifestyles keep us indoors. The result is that people are not getting enough nature, free play and time outdoors. Referred to as "nature-deficit disorder," this trend is impacting the lives of children and families each day.

Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods* states that,

*"Nature-deficit disorder is not an official diagnosis but a way of viewing the problem, and describes the human costs of alienation from nature, among them: diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, and higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses. The disorder can be detected in individuals, families, and communities."*

How does connecting children with nature benefit you and your family?

Studies have shown that spending time in nature can make children smarter, stronger, healthier, more creative, happier and more focused. It builds community, creates family memories and instills a sense of stewardship that encourages the next generation to protect open spaces for the future.

## Delaware State Parks Can Help You Connect with Nature!

We preserve critical natural areas for future generations and thoughtfully maintain open spaces such as woodlands, meadows, beaches, wetlands, trails and urban parks.

We have trained staff to assist park visitors with safety, security and awareness.

Delaware State Parks has teamed up with Nemours Health Prevention Services to promote the Delaware State Parks Trail Challenge. This is another great reason for children to get healthy and win prizes!

We enhance and enrich visitors' experiences in our parks through education and special programs. Here are just a few examples of opportunities that you will find throughout Delaware State Parks this fall and winter:

- Special Events such as Boo at the Zoo, Halloween Haunted Trail, Ghost Tours and Mansion Mysteries.
- Night time programs such as owl prowls, full moon hikes, hayrides and campfires.
- Recreational opportunities such as kayaking, canoeing, pontoon boat tours, hiking, camping, fishing, surfing, swimming, disc golf, field sports, horseback riding, tennis, rock climbing, play grounds, historic reenactments, sledding and cross country skiing.

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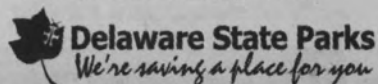
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for your Trail Challenge Card.



Entries must be  
received by  
December 31, 2008

Join us at your favorite Delaware State Park. The programs in this guide will provide you with opportunities to connect with nature, history, culture and fun.



For more information about activities that help connect children and nature, visit the following websites:

#### Delaware State Parks:

[www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com)

#### Nemours Health and Prevention Services:

[www.nemours.org](http://www.nemours.org)

#### Children & Nature Network:

[www.cnaturenet.org](http://www.cnaturenet.org)

#### No Child Left Inside Coalition:

[www.nochildleftinside.org](http://www.nochildleftinside.org)

#### National Parks Service:

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

#### National Wildlife Federation:

[www.nwf.org/kidsoutdoors](http://www.nwf.org/kidsoutdoors)

## Boating available



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Enjoy the beautiful freshwater ponds of Delaware in a boat rented from Delaware State Parks.

Canoes, kayaks and paddle boats are available for rent at Lums Pond State Park in the northern part of the state, Killens Pond State Park in central Delaware or Trap Pond State Park in Sussex County. Boat rentals are available on weekends in the fall. Renters must be 18 or older. For more information on boat rentals, call (302) 739-9220



# Bellevue State Park

## Fall Programs

800 Carr Road  
Wilmington, DE, 19809

Bellevue State Park Office: (302) 761-6963

Bellevue Arts Center: (302) 793-3046

Delaware Tennis Center: (302) 798-6686

Wellspring Farms: (302) 798-2407



Bellevue State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Please note that many programs require pre-registration by calling the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046. Programs meet at the Arts Center unless otherwise stated in the description.

### Join us for the Grand Opening Celebration of the new Beautiful View Garden for Children, Plants, and Animals

Saturday, October 25  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



It's a Playground. It's a Garden for Children. It's a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Help out in the Potting Shed. Watch the birds, bees, butterflies, and bunnies from the Wildlife Observatory. Wear a costume and join in a Halloween Parade. Make a nature craft. Bring home a special gift for your own backyard and enjoy the family entertainment. FREE with paid park entrance. Rain date is Sunday, October 26.

All ages

### STEAMIN' DAYS *at* AUBURN HEIGHTS



Sunday, September 28  
Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26  
Friday and Saturday, November 28-29  
1-4:30 p.m.

Fun at Auburn Heights Preserve! Ride trains pulled by the 1/8-size real coal-burning Steam Locomotives of the Auburn Valley Railroad, visit the world's largest operating collection of Stanley Steam Cars and see our live "firing-up demonstration" daily, ride in vintage Stanley Steamer and electric cars around a grand Victorian estate, see the toys great-grandpa grew up with and watch the 1930s Lionel electric trains race around their layout, sample fresh steam-popped popcorn from our 1920s Cretors popcorn wagon. Admission includes all of the above: \$10 for Adults, \$7 Kids age 2-12, 2 and under free. Auburn Heights Preserve is located 8 miles north west of Wilmington on Rt. 82 in Yorklyn. For more information, visit [www.AuburnHeights.org](http://www.AuburnHeights.org)

All ages

### Bee Sting? Bug Bite? Meadow Medicinals

Sunday, September 14  
1-2:30 p.m.

### Pumpkin Painting

Friday, October 10  
6:30 p.m.



Be part of this initiative to provide an inspiring space where children can connect with nature. We are seeking funding for garden features, furniture and ornaments, toys, native plants, birdhouses, and other wildlife amenities. In-kind donations are gratefully accepted. Helping to create and maintain this new garden is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers of all ages. For more information, please contact Denise Magnani, Bellevue Volunteer Coordinator, at (302) 761-6963.



## Fox Point State Park

Even if you are a regular visitor to Bellevue State Park, you may not be aware of all that nearby Fox Point State Park has to offer! Picnic pavilions, volleyball and horseshoe pits; paved trails for walking and rollerblading; as well as a beautiful overlook of the Delaware River offering opportunities for bird and ship watching make this another great state park to visit.

## Lunchtime Concert Series

Noon – 1 p.m.

Bring your lunch and a blanket and join us on the Arts Center patio or the grass while you relax and enjoy our free noontime concerts! For more information, call the Concert Hotline at (302) 761-6965 or the Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.



9/3	John Pollard	Original Folk Rock
9/17	Javier O'Keefe	Instrumental Jazz, Classical, Folk and Originals



remedies through legend and lore and some facts! Come dressed for a romp in the fields. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 12. Fee: \$4 per person.



## Full Moon Hike

Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.

Join a Park Naturalist and a member of the Delaware Astronomical Society for a night hike by the light of the full moon. Afterward enjoy a question and answer session, and see the moon through scopes and binoculars. This program is appropriate for all ages, so bring the whole family! Visitors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$3 per person. Please pre-register.



## Beauty By Nature

Saturday, September 27

1-2 p.m.

Cleopatra, Queen Elizabeth I and Burt's Bees have some things in common when it comes to cosmetics. Learn how cosmetics have changed through the years, and create lip balm from beeswax and almond oil. Fee: \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 26.



## Bellevue Historical Grounds Tour

Sunday, September 28

1 – 3 p.m.

Take a walking tour through the park and learn the story behind this beautiful historic estate. Once the home of William duPont Jr., the park reflects his love of sports and the simplicity of country living.

Fee: \$6 per person. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, September 26. This program will meet at the Arts Center. Private tours may be arranged for groups of 10 or more.



it glow, then paint it to create a colorful Halloween decoration. The fee for this program is \$5 per pumpkin. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 9. Parents! Stay after and join us for the 8 p.m. hayride (see next page for hayrides).



## Sunday Brunch at Bellevue Hall catered by Feastivities Events

Sunday, October 19

10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Enjoy brunch in the elegant Bellevue Hall. Seating for groups of 10 or more available in the Trophy Room. For information or to make a reservation, call the Bellevue Special Events Office at (302) 761-6952.



## Adventure Race Series Returns for 2008!



These races are designed for the average athlete of any age. Each race features different events—some for teams, some for individuals. For more information, call (302) 739-9191 or visit [www.destateparks.com/adventurerace](http://www.destateparks.com/adventurerace).

**NEW!**

September 20

**Bring It On at Bellevue** (Team Event)

Bellevue State  
Pre-Race Meeting at 8:30 a.m.  
Race begins at 9 a.m.

October 11

**Kickin' It at Killens**

(Team or Individual Event)  
Killens Pond State Park





## Fall Hayrides

Experience an old-fashioned hayride through Bellevue State Park! Hayrides last approximately 50 minutes and are followed by a one-hour campfire.



## Volunteers!

We are looking for people to dress up and help out with our Halloween Hayrides. Please call Denise Magnani, Volunteer Coordinator, at (302) 761-6963 for more details.

## Cauffiel House Tour

*Sunday, October 19*

*2-3 p.m.*

Join our Park Naturalists to learn about the Cauffiel House and its history. A walking tour of the home will highlight the measures that were taken to make this a simple, yet beautiful place to live. Fee: \$5 per person. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, October 17. Meet at the Cauffiel House. Private tours may be arranged for groups of 10 or more.



## Raptors: Powerful and Adaptive

*Wednesday, October 22*

*7 p.m.*

This program will explain how these remarkable birds of prey have adapted to human encroachment upon their territory. This program is intended for older children and adults. Fee: \$2 per person. Please pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. Meet at the Arts Center.

**Ed Okonowicz presents America's Monsters: Bigfoot, the Snallygaster, the Jersey Devil, Mothman and More**

## Group Hayrides

*September 27 through November 15*

Reserve a wagon for your party, family reunion, scout group or just a crowd of friends! Two hayride wagons leave every hour, on the hour during the times listed below:

*Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays,*

*10 a.m. - Noon and 5 - 8 p.m.*

*Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

*Sundays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.*

The fee for one wagon is \$80. Skewers are provided at the campfire; you supply your own food and beverages. Each wagon holds approximately 20 adults. For more information or to schedule a hayride, call the Park Office at (302) 761-6963.

## Beginner Candle Making

*Saturday, November 8*

*2-3:30 p.m.*

Join us at the Bellevue Arts Center to make your candles. Bring small non-flammable items to make your candle unique. We will make taper candles, votives, and drip candles. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$6 per person. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, November 7.



## Jewelry Making for Beginners

*Wednesday, November 12*

*7-9 p.m.*

Learn the basics of creating professional-quality jewelry right in your own home! This is a great hobby for anyone who likes to accessorize, and is a nice way to make gifts for friends and family. This class is appropriate for all ages; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$8 per person. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11.



## Bellevue Hall Tour

## Public Hayrides

*Friday, October 10, 8 p.m.*

Kids! Come early and join us for Pumpkin Painting (pg. 3) at 6:30 p.m.

*Friday, October 24, 8 p.m.* Halloween Hayride, don't forget your costume and trick or treat bag! Make your own Candied Apples (below) at the Arts Center at 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, November 1, 7 p.m.* Go Stargazing (pg. 4) with the Delaware Astronomical Society at 6 p.m.

\*Details are located later in this program guide.

Evening hayrides followed by s'mores and beverages by the campfire. Fee: \$6 per person. Group reservations are limited to six people. Space is limited; pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday by calling the Arts Center at (302) 793-3046. Hayrides meet at the Percheron Barn.

## Attention School Teachers! Scout Leaders! Homeschool Parents!

The interpreters at Bellevue State Park offer a variety of educational and enrichment opportunities for children. Choose from our standard offerings, or we'll design a program to suit your group's needs! There are also plenty of opportunities for service projects within the park. Call the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046 for more information.

## Have a birthday coming up?

The Bellevue Arts Center may be the perfect setting for your child's birthday party! The interpreters at Bellevue State Park can provide hands-on activities related to a wide variety of nature topics for your child's birthday. For information and pricing, call the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.

## Join our mailing list to stay informed.

Stay informed about park news and upcoming programs and events! You may receive updates via email or through U.S. mail. If you'd like to subscribe to the Bellevue Arts Center mailing list, call the Arts Center at (302) 793-3046, or email [Dorothy.Payton@state.de.us](mailto:Dorothy.Payton@state.de.us)



Thursday, October 23

7 p.m.

Join us in Bellevue Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited; reservations are recommended. Walk-ins will be accepted based on available space. Because these performances take place after the park closes, enter the park from the Philadelphia Pike entrance and park behind Bellevue Hall. For more information on Ed or his publications, visit [www.mystandlace.com](http://www.mystandlace.com). Fee: \$8 per person.



## Make Your Own Candied Apples

Friday, October 24

6:30 p.m.

We will use caramel, chocolate, and cookie crumbs to make this seasonal treat, and decorate them with candy. This program is appropriate for all ages. Fee: \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 23. Parents! Stay after and join us for our 8 p.m. hayride (see description in hayride section)



Sunday, November 10

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a tour of elegant Bellevue Hall, the former home of William duPont Jr. Hear about how Mr. duPont transformed the home from a gothic revival castle to a replica of Montpelier, the national historic site and former home of James and Dolley Madison. Interesting details of the tour include a "secret" passageway to duPont's billiards room, and an underground tunnel leading to his indoor sporting complex. Fee: \$6 per person. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, November 14. Private tours may be arranged for groups of 10 or more.



## Dried Herbal Crafts and Gift Ideas

Sunday, December 7

1-3 p.m.

Just in time for holiday giving, these dried herbal crafts are the perfect gift. We'll be making sachets for the car, purse and locker, and moth bags for your closet! All materials will be provided. Pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, December 5. Fee: \$5 per person. Meet at the Arts Center.



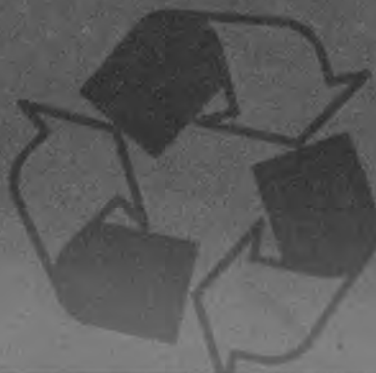
## Bellevue Arts Center Earth Day Poster Contest

The Arts Center at Bellevue State Park is sponsoring its fourth annual Earth Day Poster Contest! The theme for this year's contest is, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle".

Posters will be judged in three age categories: 6 through 8, 9 through 11 and 12 through 15. All artwork must be original. Posters should be standard poster board size of 22" by 28" and can be created using any medium. Entries may be dropped off in person at the park or mailed to: Earth Day Poster Contest, 800 Carr Road, Wilmington, DE 19809. All submissions must be received by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Each submission should include the artist's name, age, school, phone number and mailing address.



Finalists' posters will be displayed in the Bellevue Arts Center. The Contest Winners will be announced at our Earth Day Concert on Saturday, April 24. First place prizes include a free week of summer camp! For information, call the Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.



forward to hearing from you!

## Bellevue State Park is looking for more Friends!

The Friends of Bellevue State Park is a non-profit organization of park users dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the natural and historic features of the park through volunteering, education and fundraising. The Friends' activities include evaluating park needs and raising funds for projects, offering feedback on park use and maintenance, contributing volunteer hours, and maintaining a section of Marsh Road and the Northern Delaware Greenway as part of the Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Trail programs. The Friends of Bellevue State Park are always looking for active new members! For information on the group or to join, pick up a brochure in the park office, email [FriendsBellevue@aol.com](mailto:FriendsBellevue@aol.com), or call Carter Carlton at (302) 764-8482.

## Free bike rentals available at the Park Office

Free bike rentals are available through the Bellevue Park Office. The bikes may be rented on a first-come, first-served basis between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., seven days a week. Rentals are for two-hour increments. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Special thanks to the Delaware Bike Council for purchasing bikes for the park!

## Pets in Delaware State Parks

All pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet. Owners are required to clean up after their pets. For your convenience, mutt mitts are available throughout the park.



# Bellevue State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Ongoing Programs



### Stargazing with the Delaware Astronomical Society

Wednesday, September 3,  
7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 1,  
6 p.m.

Join members of the Delaware Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing. Learn constellations and how to observe the night sky. This program is appropriate for beginners through advanced stargazers of all ages. No fee or pre-registration required. Equipment will be available, or bring your own binoculars or telescope. No white flashlights please; red-filtered lights only. Meet in the field behind the Arts Center.

**All**

### Walk It Off!

Mondays, beginning September 8  
10 a.m.

Picked up a few extra pounds over the summer, or just want to get outside and enjoy the fall weather? Start your week off right with our Monday morning walks. Walking two 20-minute miles will burn 154 calories! We'll provide information and charts to track your progress. No fee or pre-registration. This program may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Meet at the track. For information, call the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.

**All**

### Stroller Rollers

Every Monday, beginning September 8  
11 a.m.

Bellevue is a haven with paved paths and lots of areas to explore nature with your toddlers, perfect for strollers! This program, designed for children 12 months to 3 years, will introduce families to the wonders of nature. Fee: \$3 per family. Meet at the children's train. Pre-registration not required. This program may be cancelled due to inclement weather. For more information, call the Bellevue Arts Center at (302) 793-3046.

**All**

### Pick-Up Volleyball League

Wednesdays through early fall  
6 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for an impromptu volleyball game. People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. No fee or preregistration. Meet at the Volleyball field near Pavilion 3.

**All**

### Birding in Bellevue

Saturdays, October 11 and November 15  
8 a.m.

What kinds of birds inhabit Bellevue State Park? Join us for these bird walks through the park to find out. Be sure to bring binoculars, comfortable hiking shoes, and sharp eyes! We'll have extra binoculars to lend, and coffee and donuts to keep you on your toes! Please pre-register no later than noon on the day before the program. Fee: \$2 per person. Meet at the Arts Center.

**All**

### Wee Have Fun Club

Ages 3-5

Offered weekly on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nature discoveries, stories and art projects are all part of the fun! Whenever possible, we will venture outside, so please dress accordingly. Fee: \$3 per child. Pre-registration recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. These programs meet at the Arts Center, with the exception of our Fall Colors Hayride, which meets at the Percheron Barn.

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Thursday, September 11 .....	Who's Making That Noise? Crickets, Etc.
Wednesday, September 17 .....	Tale of a Tadpole
Thursday, September 25 .....	Hear, See, Smell, Hike
Wednesday, October 1 .....	What Lives Here? Habitat Hike
Thursday, October 9 .....	Woolly Bears!
Wednesday, October 15 .....	Spiders are Cool!
Thursday, October 23 .....	Whooo Are You? Owls
Wednesday, October 29 .....	Squirrels
Thursday, November 6 .....	Fall Colors Hayride

*\*\*because of space limitations on our hayrides, the \$3 program fee will apply to all family members*

Wednesday, November 12 .....	Are You My Mother?
Thursday, November 20 .....	Pilgrim Craft
Wednesday, November 26 .....	Thanksgiving for Animals
Thursday, December 4 .....	Animals in Winter
Wednesday, December 10 .....	Let It Snow! Snowman Craft
Thursday, December 17 .....	Holiday Nature Craft



# Brandywine Creek State Park

Fall Programs

P.O. Box 3782  
Greenville, DE 19807

Park Office: (302) 577-3534  
Nature Center: (302) 655-5740



Brandywine Creek State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. To pre-register for a program, please contact the Nature Center at (302) 655-5740.

## Special Events at Brandywine Creek!

### 17th Annual Brandywine Creek State Park Haunted Trail

Friday, October 17, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 7-10 p.m.

Creepy crawlers, ghoulish delights, blazing jack o' lanterns, scary surprises and unbelievable mazes are a few of the scenes you'll find at Brandywine Creek State Park's annual Haunted Trail. Recommended for ages 12 and older, \$10 per person. No pre-registration required.



### Haunted Trail Volunteers Needed!

Join our "Scream Team" and help plan, set up, clean up and scare the wits out of our haunted trail visitors. Call (302) 655-5740 or e-mail [Claire.Earnhart@state.de.us](mailto:Claire.Earnhart@state.de.us) to sign-up.



### Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, October 15

7 p.m.

Bring your skills and creativity and help us carve up some pumpkins for our fantastic jack o' lantern display. These amazing pumpkins will remain at the park for our Haunted Trail! We supply the pumpkins and carving tools. Pre-registration required. Free program.



### Wildlife and Outdoor Adventures: Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout Day

Saturday, November 15

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This is a day of nature discovery! Events include a hayride, animal investigations, "Leave No Trace" activities and a hike! Girl Scouts will work on two "Try-Its": Watching Wildlife and Outdoor Adventures. Register before November 7. \$8 per scout.



### Amazing Plant Adaptations

Saturday, October 11

2 p.m.

Learn some plant folklore and how plants change over time. Program includes a hike through Tulip Tree Nature Preserve and then back to the Nature Center to make a fall craft to take home. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Program fee is \$4 per person.



### Fireside History

Saturday, November 22

10 a.m.

Join us around the fire to hear stories about the history of Brandywine Creek State Park. This program will include a walk to the historic stone walls located throughout the park. \$3 per person.



### Christmas Crafts

Saturday, December 6

2 p.m.

Join us at the Nature Center to create some winter ornaments out of natural items. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. \$5 per person.



## Fall Fun for Families!

### Autumn Hayrides

Fridays, September 12, 19 and 26, October 10 and 24 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20 at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Saturdays, September 27, October 11 and 25 at 5 and 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 1 at 4 and 5 p.m.

Saturdays, November 8 and 15 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Join the crew for good old-fashioned fun as we take a hayride around the park followed by a campfire and s'mores. Bring a blanket and settle in for a 45-minute trip; rides leave on time. Pre-registration and pre-payment required and group hayrides are available. \$5 per person.



### Moonlight Hayrides

Saturdays, September 27, October 11 and 25 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 1 at 6 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to see the nocturnal wonders of Brandywine Creek State Park and help our wildlife biologists gather data. Bundle up and take a night hayride to see how many animals we can spot. Collected data on the deer population will be used in Delaware's statewide Quality Deer Management initiative. Space is limited. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$7 per person.



### Become a Member of the Friends of Brandywine Creek State Park!

Your membership will help the Friends' group in their mission. The Friends support special projects and ongoing initiatives such as

### Friends Concert at the Amphitheatre

Saturday, September 13

3 p.m.

The Friends sponsor a free concert performed by Chapel Street Junction, a Newark-based group. Although rooted in Bluegrass, the band offers many traditional Country and Irish songs, as well as some Ragtime and cover tunes.



### Some Enchanted Evening

Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in our Flint Woods Nature Preserve

Saturday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m.

How good is your night vision? Join our naturalist for a unique opportunity to explore nature at night! We will listen and look for the many creatures that come out after dark. Please, no flashlights! This program will last approximately two hours. The program fee is \$4 per person and pre-registration is required.



### Canoe Trip: A Farewell to Summer

Saturday, September 6

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for our last trip down the beautiful Brandywine in 2008 and watch birds and squirrels as they prepare for winter weather. Instructions on canoe safety will be covered at the start of the trip. Beginners are welcome, but paddlers should be aware that these trips can be strenuous. Participants aged 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced registration and payment required. All trips meet at the Thompson's Bridge Parking Lot, and are limited to 12 participants. A light snack will be provided, but bring plenty of water. Fee: \$45 per canoe with a maximum of three people per canoe (800 lb. max. capacity).



### Friends Tire Clean up

Sunday, September 14

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Help the Friends of Brandywine Creek clean up the river by canoe. Pre-registration is required, and participation is limited to 18.



### Salesianum Cross Country Invitational

Saturday, October 4

### Annual Haunted Trail

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18



### Get Ready for Delaware State Parks' Trail Challenge!

Saturday, September 20

8 a.m.

Have you heard about the Trail Challenge? Delaware State Parks and Nemours Health Prevention Services have teamed up to support Nemours 5-2-1 *Almost None* program to help fight childhood obesity. Complete the Delaware State Parks Trail Challenge and be entered to win fabulous prizes! Join our naturalist for a trail "primer" and get started on the Trail Challenge! To find out more, visit [www.destateparks.com/trailchallenge](http://www.destateparks.com/trailchallenge).



### Marvelous Monarchs: Sending Them Off to Mexico!

Sunday, October 5

2 p.m.

Enjoy the festival feeling as we say "adios" to our monarch butterflies for the winter. Join butterfly enthusiast and volunteer Peg Baseden for a fun-filled program. Refreshments will be provided. \$2 per person.



### Campfire Cuisine- Cook the Leave No Trace Way

Sunday, October 12

Noon

*Leave No Trace* is a set of seven simple outdoor ethics created to enhance your outdoor experience while minimizing your impact on the environment. In this program, we'll show you how to make some scrumptious low-impact recipes and a few simple things you can do to *Leave No Trace*. Bring your appetite and dress for the weather! \$2 per person.



### Introduction to Backyard Composting

Saturday, November 1

9:30 a.m.

Join Master Composter and Master Gardener Hetty Francke to learn how to build and care for an environmentally-friendly compost pile, as well as how to begin your own vermi-composting bin. Compost bins will be available for sale at a reduced price of \$10 each. This program is intended for an adult audience and families.



The band performs a set concert performance by Chapel Street Junction, a Newark-based group. Although rooted in Bluegrass, the band offers many traditional Country and Irish songs, as well as some Ragtime and cover tunes.



## Children's Programs

Calling all two- to six-year-olds! Bring your adult to a fun-filled program designed especially for you. Children ages two and three can join us for our Terrific Toddler programs. Four- to six-year-olds can join our Nature Explorers Club. Activities, crafts, short hikes, and informal lessons are part of the fun. Pre-registration and pre-payment for these popular programs is encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. The program fee is \$5 per child.



### Terrific Toddlers

Nature Programs for children ages two and three. Programs are held from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m., and the fee is \$5 per child. Pre-registration is encouraged! Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. These programs are limited to ten children per session.



### Animal Hootin'-n-Hollerin'

Thursday, September 18

What is that noise? Make some noise in this program and learn what animals are talking about!

### Wonderful Fall Changes

Thursday, October 9

Fall's beautiful colors are a sign of change! We will get out and explore the changes to trees, grass and animals as the new season approaches!

### Nutty About Trees!

Thursday, November 13

What do the animals eat to get ready for the cold winter? Lots of them eat nuts and seeds from the park. Join us as we get "nutty" and learn about trees.

### Which Way is Home?

Thursday, December 11

Who lives in a cave? Who lives in a nest? Join us as we discover what animals live where and how they go about building their homes as we play fun games!

## Annual Haunted Trail

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18



### Nature Explorers Club

Nature Programs for children ages four to six. Programs are held from 1:30 until 2:15 p.m., and the fee is \$5 per child. Pre-registration is encouraged! Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. These programs are limited to 12 children per session.



### Crazy Calls of the Wild

Thursday, September 18

We know what people say, but what about animals? We will explore some crazy animal calls and make some of our own.

### Changes Are All Around

Thursday, October 9

The wind is blowing in the change from fall to winter. Why are the leaves turning colors? Why is the grass no longer green? What are animals doing to get ready for winter? We'll answer these questions and more as we discover the changes all around us!

### Acorns, Beechnuts and Pignuts!

Thursday, November 13

Many of our animals count on the nuts from trees to fatten up for the winter. Wild turkeys, deer, chipmunks and birds all spend time munching on nutrition-packed nuggets. We'll search for signs of animals snacking and grab a nutty snack of our own!



### Home for the Holidays

Thursday, December 11

Just like our homes, animals' homes are places where they can be safe, secure and happy. In this program, we'll learn about animal homes and celebrate our wild friends.

Join Master Composter and Master Gardener Hetty Francke to learn how to build and care for an environmentally-friendly compost pile, as well as how to begin your own vermi-composting bin. Compost bins will be available for sale at a reduced price of \$10 each. This program is intended for an adult audience and families; there is no fee. Pre-registration required.



## Programs at Flint Woods Nature Preserve

Flint Woods Nature Preserve is a satellite area of Brandywine Creek State Park composed of a mature stand of hardwood trees and rolling terrain. The Preserve remains uncrowded, making a visit to this area a special occasion for the regular park visitor. Programs at Flint Woods require transportation from the Nature Center in the park's van, limiting participation to 12 people. All programs cost \$4 per person unless otherwise noted.

### Salamander Sleuths

Sunday, September 7

2 - 4 p.m.

Get down and dirty in search of salamanders, arthropods, and other things dwelling in the soil.



### National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 27

1 - 3 pm

Join our naturalist for a hike in Flint Woods and learn about trail maintenance, *Leave No Trace* and how YOU can help keep our trails looking beautiful.



### Forest Nightlife

Sunday, October 12

6:30 p.m.

How good is your night vision? Join our naturalist for a unique opportunity to explore Flint Woods at night! We will listen and look for owls, salamanders, spiders, bats and other amazing animals that come out after dark. Please, no flashlights!



# Brandywine Creek State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Birding in Beautiful Brandywine Creek

### Hawk Watch Series

Saturday, September 13

8 a.m.

Sundays, September 21 and October 26

3 p.m.

Hawk Watch Hill is the perfect place to watch different species of hawks migrate. This series of programs is open to anyone interested in our wild raptor population. Pre-registration is suggested. Meet at the Nature Center. \$2 per participant.

**All** 

### Birdwalk with Delmarva Ornithological Society

Saturdays, September 27, October 25, November 29 and December 27

8 a.m.

Bring your eyes, ears and a comfortable pair of hiking boots. Our expert birders from the Delaware Ornithological Society (DOS) will lead the group, and provide tips and advice to all interested bird watchers. Free with paid admission to the park.

**All** 

### Birding Basics

Saturdays, September 27, October 25 and November 29

10 a.m.

Start your day with a hot "cup of joe" and a cool look at some of Brandywine Creek's beautiful birds in this family-friendly birding program. Binoculars are provided, or you may bring your own. \$3 per person.

**All** 

### Owl Prowl

Saturday, September 13

7:30 p.m.

Discover the fascinating world of these nighttime winged predators. Following an introduction to the owls of northern Delaware, we will venture into the park to listen for some of our resident wild owls. Bring your sense of adventure, but no flashlights please! Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$4 per person.

**All** 

### Attention Scout Troops and Homeschoolers:

Working on a badge? Looking for a science or nature program? Let us help! We offer environmental education and many different programs designed for scouts. Call (302) 655-5740 for details.



# Brandywine Zoo

Fall Programs

1001 North Park Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Zoo Office: (302) 571-7788  
[www.brandywinezoo.org](http://www.brandywinezoo.org)





The Brandywine Zoo is open from  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Admission is charged as follows:

### September

\$3 per child 3-11 years

\$4 for senior citizens

\$5 for children 12 years and older  
and adults

### October 1 - May 31

\$2 per child 3-11 years

\$2 for senior citizens

\$4 for children 12 years and older  
and adults

Children under 3 admitted free

### EdZOOcation for Everyone!

We've got an Edventurous FALL planned for animal lovers of all ages and backgrounds! To register for one or more of our ZOOpendous programs, visit our website at [www.brandywinezoo.org](http://www.brandywinezoo.org), or call 302-571-7850 ext. 208 or 209 for more information.

### Jitterbugs Music Movement & Story Time

Wednesday, September 3

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning in the Zoo of songs, dancing and stories by local artist, Amy Vitsorek. Free with paid admission to the Zoo. For children ages 18 months to six years.

### Thursday Story Time in the Zoo

Thursdays, September

4, 11, 18 and 25

10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a Zoo-related story. Story time is held near the otter exhibit, so dress for the weather. No pre-registration required. Free with paid admission to the Zoo. Story time may be cancelled due to extreme weather. For children ages 18 months to six years.



### Zippity Zoo Days at Brandywine Zoo

Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Enjoy art and animals in one place...at the Brandywine Zoo! Held in conjunction with the Brandywine Arts Festival, the Zoo will be hosting a weekend devoted to WILD art for all ages. On Saturday, enjoy the musical talent of the Erik Mitchell Band from 1 to 3 p.m., and on Sunday, local steel drummer Colvin Fields performs from 1 to 3 p.m. FREE, there is NO admission fee charged on September 6 or 7!

### Pint-Sized Planeteers

Tuesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 10

10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Sunday, September 14

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Focus: Shapes. Don't be "obtuse," come to this "acute" program all about animal shapes...leave the Zoo well "rounded!" The program fee is \$8 per child, or \$6 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members. One adult is admitted free for each paid participant. Registration is strongly suggested, walk-ins are welcome if space is available. For children ages 18 months to six years.

### Close Encounters of the WILD Kind!

Saturday, September 13 and 27

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

10 a.m. - Noon

Sundays, September 21 and 28

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Watch, listen, learn, and EXPERIENCE wildlife up close as Zoo staff share information about your favorite animals and Zoo-related themes! Free with paid admission to the Zoo.

### Keeper Watching

Saturdays, September 13, and 27

Sundays, September 21 and 28

11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

11:30 a.m.

Get up close and personal with a Zoo Keeper and the animals they care for! Free with paid admission to the Zoo.

### ¡Zoo Fiesta!

Saturday, September 20

Noon - 4 p.m.

The Brandywine Zoo and the Latin American Community Center are working together to provide a WILD Fiesta for all ages! Learn about endangered species from Latin countries, and more importantly, learn how YOU can make a difference! This bilingual event will include: animal maraca craft, face painting, music, crafts, and more...all in Spanish and English! What's a fiesta without a piñata? Observe several Zoo animals, including our tiger, play with their own special piñatas! Free with paid admission to the Zoo.

¡El Zoológico Brandywine y el Centro Comunitario Latinoamericano le invitan a nuestra Fiesta Silvestre! Aprenda acerca de animales bajo riesgo de extinción que derivan de países Latinos, pero mas importante aprenda como hacer una diferencia. ¡Este evento bilingüe incluirá: un taller de maracas silvestres, artes y artesanías, música, concurso de dibujos y mucho más! Todo será en español e Ingles. ¿Y que es una fiesta sin una piñata? ¡Venga y observe a nuestros animales, incluyendo nuestro tigre, jugar con sus propias piñatas especiales! Todo gratis con admisión pagado al Zoológico.



## Volunteer Open House

Sunday, September 21

1 - 3 p.m.

Calling all animal lovers! The Brandywine Zoo is looking for volunteers (ages 13 and up) to help in the Education Department. The Zoo's unique programs offer volunteers the ability to support special events, family programs, and special projects after a required training session (to be held on September 26 and 27). The Open House will be held in the Education Building.

## Book Review: "Chosen By A Horse" by Susan Richards

Thursday, September 25

6 - 8:30 p.m.

For Delaware Zoological Society Members only, ages 14 and up. Join Zoo staff and volunteers for an evening of good food, great company, and wonderful discussion about this fascinating book. Bring a dish to share. The book review is free, and meets in the Education Building; pre-registration is required.

## Homeschool Program: Animal Rehabilitation!

Friday, September 26

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Bring your Homeschool to the Zoo and explore with naturalists as you learn about animal care. Dual programs for younger and older kids will focus on topics that are fun and age-specific. Hear Hilary Taylor, a wildlife rehabilitator, share cool stories about this unique job! The fee is \$8 per person, or \$6 per person for Delaware Zoological Society members. One adult is admitted free per family. For Kindergarten through Grade 12.



## Pint-Sized Planeteers

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1

Saturday, October 4

10 - 11 a.m.

Focus: Numbers. One, Zoo, Three... Come



## Grandparents Day at Brandywine Zoo

Sunday, October 12

1 - 3 p.m.

Kids of all ages, bring your grandparents to the Brandywine Zoo this afternoon to celebrate those very special people in your life. The event will include games, activities, live animal presentations, and the fabulous "Story Lady," Diane Ippoldo! Free with paid admission to the Zoo.



## Columbus Day Camp: Animal Explorers!

Monday, October 13

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (with aftercare until 5 p.m.)

For ages 4-13. Come explore the wilds of the Brandywine Zoo. Spend the day like Columbus did, discovering new worlds as we learn about the different habitats from around the globe. Campers must be potty-trained. Camp fee is \$25 per participant or \$20 per participant for Delaware Zoological Society Members. Pre-registration is required.

## Home School Program: Animal Adaptations & Animal Classification

Thursday, October 16

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Ever wonder why a monkey has a long tail? Or what "King Philip Came Over For Good Spaghetti" really means? Discover this and much more as you investigate our WILD world. Programs will be held simultaneously for older and younger grades. The fee is \$8 per person, or \$6 per person for Delaware Zoological Society members. One adult is admitted free per family. For Kindergarten through Grade 12.

## Jr. Zoo Naturalists: Much Ado About Zoo Doo!

Saturday, October 18

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

I do, you do, the animals at the Zoo do, because we all poo. Come spend the day at the Zoo learning about poo, because when it comes to scat, the Zoo is where it's at! We'll

## Scout Day at Brandywine Zoo: An Event for Girl and Boy Scouts

Saturday, November 8 (Rain date is November 15)

9 a.m. - Noon

Boys and girls, scouts one and all... Enjoy a morning at the Zoo designed just for scouts and their families. Registered participants for this program get to enjoy special early admission to the Zoo before it opens to the public! Enjoy a morning of games, crafts, and activities all geared toward scout requirements. Brandywine Zoo patches will be available for purchase in the gift shop. This is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather. The program fee is \$7 per person. Space is limited, please register early! Call the Zoo at (302) 571-7850, ext. 209 for registration information for this particular program.

## Pint-Sized Planeteers

Tuesday, November 11

Wednesday, November 12

10 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, November 16

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Focus: Letters! Andean Condor, Binturong, Capybara, and Ducks... learn about the Brandywine Zoo animals from A-Z! The program fee is \$8 per child, or \$6 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members. One adult is admitted free for each paid participant. Registration is strongly suggested; walk-ins are welcome if space is available. For children ages 18 months to six years.

## Black Friday Blast

Friday, November 28

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For ages 4-13. Turkey isn't the only animal you will be seeing this Thanksgiving! Enjoy a post-turkey day at the Zoo visiting the animals and enjoying WILD games, crafts, and activities. Participants must be potty-trained. The program takes place in the Education Building, and the fee is \$25 per participant, or \$20 per participant for Delaware Zoological Society Members. Pre-registration is required.

## Pint-Sized Planeteers

Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, December 3

Sunday, December 7



with me! The program fee is \$8 per child, or \$6 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members. One adult is admitted free for each paid participant. Registrations are strongly suggested, walk-ins are welcome if space is available. For children ages 18 months to six years.

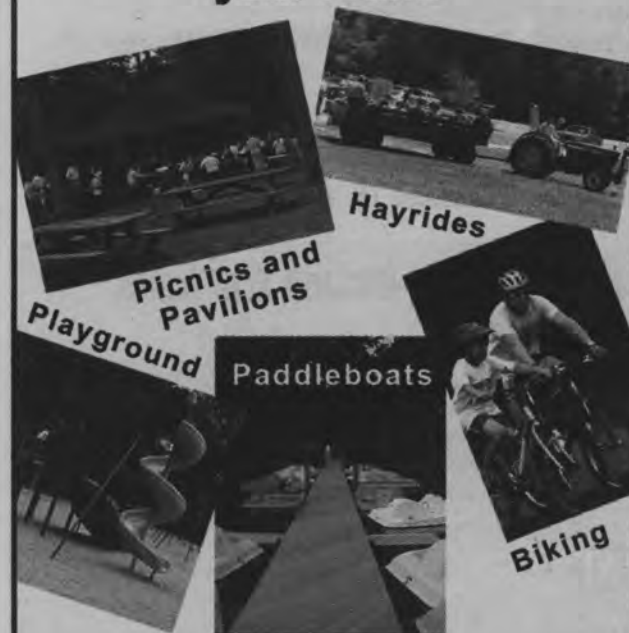
## Teacher In-Service (All Public and Private School Teachers)

Friday, October 10

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to register contact the Delaware Teacher Center at (800) 282-8770.

## Trap Pond State Park Your own special place, year-round



Trap Pond State Park  
33587 BaldCypress Lane, Laurel, DE 19956  
(302) 875-5153



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program fee is \$20 per participant, or \$15 per participant for Delaware Zoological Society Members. Pre-registration is required. For ages 7 - 13.

## Pint-Sized Planeteers

Tuesday, October 21

Wednesday, October 22

10 - 11 a.m.

Focus: Creepy Critters. BOO! Don't be haunted by snakes, toads, bugs, and spiders. These cool critters are not so creepy after all...find out why at this program! The program fee is \$8 per child, or \$6 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members. One adult is admitted free for each paid participant. Registration is strongly suggested; walk-ins are welcome if space is available. For children ages 18 months to six years.



## BOO at the ZOO 2008!

October 25 and 26

1 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate another Halloween at Brandywine Zoo's merry, not scary, event. This event is for all ages and includes fun games, face painting, a "spooky" scavenger hunt critters that creep, and special treats. Children and their grown-ups are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes! Free with paid admission to the Zoo!

## Election Day EDventure!

Tuesday, November 4

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (with aftercare until 5 p.m.)

For ages 4 -13. The donkey and the elephant aren't the only animals of the day! Spend the day getting wild with our animals, learning how the animal kingdom chooses their leaders. Campers must be potty-trained. The program takes place in the Education Building, and the fee is \$25 per participant or \$20 per participant for Delaware Zoological Society Members. Pre-registration is required.

Focus: Colors! Orange you going to be blue if you don't come to this terrific program about animal colors! The program fee is \$8 per child, or \$6 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members. One adult is admitted free for each paid participant. Registration is strongly suggested; walk-ins are welcome if space is available. For children ages 18 months to six years.

## Holi-Zoo Day Camp

Thursday, December 6

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For ages 4-13. Kids, enjoy a day at the Zoo while your parents are out shopping! Enjoy meeting some wild animals up close and personal. The day will be festive, filled with crafts, games, activities, videos and a pizza lunch! Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Campers must be potty-trained. The program takes place in the Education Building, and the fee is \$20 per child, or \$15 per child for Delaware Zoological Society Members.

## Deck the Zoo

Sunday, December 14

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Come one, come all to the Brandywine Zoo to celebrate the holidays! Help Zoo staff and volunteers decorate our Zoo wildlife trees with edible treats for wild Zoo guests. Enjoy the wintry sites, a winter snack, holiday music and time with friends and family. This program will be held outdoors, so dress for the weather! Free with paid admission to the Zoo.

## Noon Year's Eve Celebration at Brandywine Zoo!

Wednesday, December 31

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visitors of all ages are invited to celebrate the New Year Zoo-style by ringing in the New Year at Noon! We'll have games, crafts, and a celebratory atmosphere...and of course a sparkling apple cider toast as the clock strikes 12 (Noon that is.) The program fee is \$3 per person, or \$2 per person for Delaware Zoological Society Members. This program will be held outside in the Zoo, so dress for the weather! Pre-registration is suggested; walk-ins are welcome.

# Cape Henlopen State Park

## Fall Programs

42 Cape Henlopen Drive  
Lewes, DE 19958

Park Office: (302) 645-8983

Nature Center:  
(302)645-6852



Cape Henlopen State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).

*All programs meet at the Seaside Nature Center unless otherwise stated. The Seaside Nature Center is open year-round. Beginning September 2, the center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Nature Center will be closed from October 20 to 27, November 27, December 25 and January 1.*

Public programs are designed for individuals and families. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call the Nature Center at (302) 645-6852 to make reservations or for more information. Programs are available for schools and other organized groups. Check our website at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) for a list of environmental and historical education programs.

## Special Event

## Second Annual Fish Hawk Paddling Festival at Cape Henlopen State Park

September 5-7, 2008

Come to the Delaware shore and paddle our beautiful waterways. Kayak with dolphins, canoe scenic swamps, and catch a sunset from the water. This is a perfect opportunity to improve your skills in one of the workshops or get your feet wet for the first time. Take part in paddling races, fun events, and check out the latest gear and gadgets during the Saturday Demo event. Bring your own boat or rent one.

For more information, call (302) 645-6852 or visit [www.destateparkscom/paddle](http://www.destateparkscom/paddle).

## Visit Cape Henlopen State Park's Fishing Pier!

The fishing pier at Cape Henlopen is open 24 hours and positioned at the mouth of Delaware Bay. While you're there, be sure to stop in at A&R Bait and Tackle, located at the base of the pier, for a selection of bait, tackle, apparel and snacks!

Call (302) 645-8983 for more  
information and hours of operation.





## Lunch and Learn

### First Thursday of Each Month

Noon - 1 p.m.

Learn about an interesting topic relating to the natural or cultural history of Cape Henlopen in enlightening, thought-provoking presentations by park staff or guest speakers. Bring your lunch and we'll provide coffee and dessert. Pre-registration is required. \$3 per person.

**NT** 



October 2

November 6

December 4

Join Ed Hale of the University Of Delaware College Of Marine Studies to learn about his current research in the Delaware Bay.

### Insects and Spiders

Forget the creepy crawlies and let us fascinate you with these creatures.

### Great Migrations

Discover what it takes to migrate, who does it, and why it is so beneficial.

### Shifting Sands

Find out how wind, waves, and current shape our shores.

Bring your three- to five-year-old to the Seaside Nature Center for learning fun! We'll discover secrets of nature through games, crafts, and stories. Children must be accompanied by an adult and dressed to go outside. Pre-registration is required. Limited to 12. Program fee is \$2 per child.

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## Ocean Waves

Wednesday, September 17, 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Spiders and Webs

Wednesday, October 15, 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, October 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Pinecones and Berries

November 19, 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Stormy Weather

Wednesday, December 17, 2 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Fall Campground Programs

### Hayrides through the Park

Saturdays, September 13 and October 4

6 p.m.

See the many wonders of Cape Henlopen from our hay wagon. We will end at the campground amphitheatre for a campfire, so be sure to bring your marshmallows for toasting. Tickets go on sale at the Seaside Nature Center each Saturday morning on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Maximum of six tickets per person. Hayrides are limited to 18. \$4 per person.

**All** 

### Night Hikes: Animal Sights and Sounds

Saturdays, September 20 and October 11

7 p.m.

Enjoy the nightlife on this guided hike with a naturalist. Look and listen for nocturnal animals like foxes, owls, and much more! Meet at the campground amphitheater. No fee.

**NT** 

### Hayride Lantern Tours of Fort Miles

Saturdays, September 27 and October 18

6 and 7 p.m.

Enjoy a hayride from the campground to the Fort Miles Historical Site, then take a guided tour of Battery 519 by lantern light. \$5 per person. Tours are limited to 18 participants and are designed for children ages eight and up. Children must be accompanied by paying adult. Maximum of six tickets per person. Pre-registration is required by calling the Seaside Nature Center.

**NT** 

### Owl Prowl

Friday, November 7

7 p.m.

Search the pine forests of Cape Henlopen for our native owls and listen for their screeches, hoots, and hollers. Meet at the campground amphitheater. No fee.

**NT** 

## Birds Abound--Birding Trip Series

Saturdays

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Each month, join a naturalist on a journey to local parks and birding hot spots. Beginners are welcome. Some binoculars and field guides are available, but bring your own if you have them. Each trip is limited to 12, and transportation is provided. \$2 per person

**NT** 

September 20

Migrating Birds throughout Cape Henlopen

October 18

Angola Neck Hideaway

November 22

Birding Gordons Pond

# Cape Henlopen State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Life Between the Pilings

Saturday, September 13

1 p.m.

The fishing pier of Cape Henlopen is rich in history, both cultural and natural. Discover the underworld of the pier, explore what's living on the pilings, and learn about the history of the fishing pier. Fun for the whole family! No fee.

**NT** 

## Magnificent Monarchs

Saturday, September 20

2 p.m.

Monarchs are moving through our area on their long and amazing journey to Mexico. Learn about their travels, and how to tag them as part of a long-term migration research project. \$2 per person.

**ALL** 

## Tiny Creatures of the Bay

Saturday, October 4

11 a.m.

A microscopic world of plankton floats through the water. We'll use scientific equipment to collect and view these tiny plants and animals while learning how vital they are to our environment.

**NT** 

## Introduction to Surf Fishing

Saturday, October 11

9 a.m.

Learn the basics of surf fishing with Ranger Steve Savidge and Joe Dibatista of the Friends of Cape Henlopen. We'll start at the Seaside Nature Center and then travel down to the beach. \$5 per person.

**NT** 

## Hike the Point!

Saturday, November 1

## Trail Challenge

### Hike the Trail Challenge at Cape Henlopen

Join a naturalist on a guided hike and get your card punched to complete the Cape Henlopen portion of the Trail Challenge. Hike distances range from 1.2 to 3.6 miles.

**NT** 

### Junction and Breakwater Trail

Sunday, November 16

1 p.m.

Hike this trail nestled in the woods and remove yourself from the bustling Route 1 corridor. Meet at the trailhead behind the Seaside Outlets.

### Dune Overlook Trail

Sunday, November 30

1 p.m.

Follow old military roads and trails through mature pine forest and forested wetlands along the edge of a salt marsh.

### Pinelands Trail

Sunday, December 14

1 p.m.

Experience the beauty of the maritime forest along the base of the Great Dune.

## SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

### Tales of Poe

Friday, October 17

7 p.m.

Learn about the life of one of America's first literary artists and enjoy a reading of some of Edgar Allen Poe's best-known gothic poems and short stories. Refreshments provided. Pre-registration required. \$3 per person.

**NT** 

### Scarecrow Stuffing Contest

Saturday, October 18

11 a.m.

Stuff your scariest scarecrow in this fun contest. Everyone's entry will be displayed at the Fantasy Trail, October 26-28. No fee, but pre-registration is required. Please bring old clothes, gloves, hats, etc. for your entry. We provide the straw.

**ALL** 



### Arachnophobia

Saturday, October 18

2 p.m.

Get caught in a web of discovery while learning about our local spiders. We'll teach you which ones to avoid and give you some great tips for sneaking up on them in the wild. No fee.

**ALL** 

### Great Pumpkin Carving Contest

Saturday, October 25

11 a.m.



We provide the pumpkins and tools, you bring your imagination and skill. Pumpkins will be judged by Fantasy Trail participants on Saturday and Sunday evenings. First prize is a weekend stay at one of Trap Pond State Park's cabins; second prize is a 2009 Annual Park Pass. Call

20th Anniversary

Special



The Point is open! Join a naturalist to hike this protected area and discuss why it was closed for the summer and spring season. Be one of the first to search for shells and beach wrack.



## Full Moon Hikes

Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12 at 5 p.m.

Watch the moon rise and take a guided walk through Cape Henlopen to discover the nocturnal life of the park, including deer and night birds. Limited to 25. Pre-registration is required. \$2 per person.



## Changing Colors of Fall

Saturday, November 15

11 a.m.

Join a naturalist on a hike to learn about the different types of leaves and why they are turning red, orange yellow, and brown. Then return to the Nature Center to make your own leaf craft. No fee.



## Thanks to Reptiles

Saturday, November 29

2 p.m.

Meet some of the reptiles of Cape Henlopen State Park up close and personal, and learn why we should thank these creatures. Limited to 30. \$2 per person, pre-registration required.



The family campground at Cape Henlopen State Park is open from March 1-November 30. Nestled among pine-covered dunes, you will find over 150 spacious sites, most with a water hookup. For reservations, call the toll-free Campground Reservation System at 1-877-98 PARKS.

## Children's Fantasy Trail

Friday, October 24 and Saturday,

October 25

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 26

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Bring the kids to our 20<sup>th</sup> Fantasy Trail. Trick-or-treat for candy and toys with your favorite storybook characters on our best trail ever. Entertainment under the tent each evening will include singing, juggling, magic and more. \$5 per person, adults and children. Costumes are appreciated.



## Delaware Breakwater Kayak Trips

Saturdays, September 13-October 11

10 a.m. - Noon

Paddle a sit-on-top kayak inside the Delaware Breakwater. Trips are lead by informed and experienced naturalists who will provide basic instruction before heading out. These trips are designed for beginner paddlers, but can be strenuous depending on wind and water conditions. All equipment is provided. Bring plenty of drinking water and sunscreen, and be prepared to get wet. Limited to 10, pre-registration is required. Solo paddlers must be at least 13 years or older. Solo and tandem kayaks are available. \$25/solo-kayaker, \$35/tandem.



## Kayak Rentals at the Fishing Pier

Saturdays, September 13-October 11

12:30 - 4 p.m.

Sundays, September 14 to October 12

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rentals include PFD, seat, and paddle. Participants must have paddling experience. For more information, call (302) 644-6720 or (302) 645-6852. Single and tandem sit-on-top: \$15 per person, per hour.



for meeting location.  
\$20 per team.



## Calling all Volunteers

We need your help to make this year's Fantasy Trail bigger and better than ever. If you are interested in being a character or carving the many pumpkins that line our trail, please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 644-5005 or the Seaside Nature Center at (302) 645-6852.

## Winter Wonderland: Winter Vacation Nature Programs for Children

Daily, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Monday, December 29: Hibernating Animals

Tuesday, December 30: Evergreen Trees

Wednesday December 31: Winter Tracks

Looking for something fun, hands-on and educational to do over the holiday break? Enroll your six- to nine-year-old for these engaging programs about nature and exploration. Dress to go outside. \$15 per child, per program. Limited to 15. Pre-registration required.



## Volunteer Trail Day

First Saturday of Each Month

9 a.m. - Noon

Join the Friends of Cape Henlopen as they work to maintain the park's trails or take on some other light maintenance project. For further details, please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 644-5005.

## Fort Miles Programs

### Battery 519 Museum Tours

Saturdays, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6

1400 - 1530 (2 - 3:30 p.m.)

Travel with a guide dressed in WWII-period clothing to a Fort Miles gun battery to learn about the history of this site and plans to restore this important part of our nation's coastal defenses. Meet at the Fort Miles Orientation Building. Limited to 40, pre-registration required. \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 or under.

**NT** 

### Hayride Lantern Tours of Fort Miles

Saturday, September 27 and October 18

1800 and 1900 (6 and 7 p.m.)

Enjoy a hayride from the campground to the Fort Miles Historical Site, and then take a guided tour of Battery 519 by lantern light. \$5 per person. Children must be accompanied by paying adult. Maximum of six tickets per person. Limited to 18. Pre-registration required.

**All** 

### Mission: Uncovering Fort Miles

Saturday, September 20

1400 - 1530 (2 - 3:30 p.m.)

Much of what was once Fort Miles is now gone or buried. Join in a guided scavenger hunt using GPS units to seek out the missing aspects of the Fort. Limited to 15, pre-registration required. \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 and under.

**NT** 

### World War II Games for Kids

Saturday, October 11

1100 - 1230 (11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Children ages 8 to 12 are encouraged to join the historical interpreters from Fort Miles for fun and learning games about WWII. Carry out hand signals, concealment exercises, break codes, make firing trajectories, and much more! Limited to 12, pre-registration required. \$3 per child.

### Fire Power Tours

Saturday, October 11

1400-1530 (2 - 3:30 p.m.)

Tour Fort Miles and see the artillery pieces that protected our coast during World War II. Discover where and why different guns were placed, participate in a gun drill, and discover why Cape Henlopen was so heavily fortified. Limited to 20, pre-registration is required. \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 and under.

**NT** 

### The Fort Next Door: Holidays at Fort Miles

Saturday, November 29

1100 - 1200 (11 a.m. - Noon)

Learn how the soldiers of Fort Miles celebrated holidays and special events during the war years. Meet at the Fort Miles Orientation Building.

**NT** 

### Fort Miles: Remembering Our Veterans Special Event

Saturday, November 10

1000-1600 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Honor those who served during World War II and witness history come to life. Interact with historical re-enactors in period uniforms who will discuss the gear, duties and life of the soldiers during World War II. Witness gun drills on the 3" artillery piece. Special tours of the Battery 519 Museum will be conducted. Tours cost \$3 per person.

### Fort Miles Historical Association (FMHA)

Monthly Board Meetings for members are held at 8:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Books By the Bay in Lewes. For information about membership, future events and volunteering, visit the

Volunteer opportunities are plentiful at Cape Henlopen State Park. You can provide valuable individual or group service for projects like trail maintenance, building refurbishments, the Halloween Fantasy Trail, beach clean-up and more. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (302) 644-5005 for more information.

## Friends of Cape Henlopen Events

For more information about the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park events, volunteer projects or membership, please call (302) 644-4923 or visit [www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org](http://www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org).

### 3rd Annual Chocolate Tasting

Saturday, September 13

1 - 4 p.m. at the Biden Center

Admission \$4

### 3rd Wine and Cheese and Beer Tasting

Saturday, October 18

4 - 6 p.m. at the Officers Club

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$24 at the door. Advance tickets are available for purchase at the Biden Center, or by calling (302) 644-4923.

### Birdseed and Book Sale

Saturday, November 8

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at the Seaside Nature Center

Pick-up your advance seed orders, browse the used books and enjoy food and homemade baked goods. Clean books may be dropped off at the Nature Center on Friday, November 9 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For order forms or more information, call (302) 644-4923 or visit [www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org](http://www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org).

### Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 22

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Seaside Nature Center

Check items off your holiday list with nature related t-shirts, hats, bags and more. All proceeds benefit Cape Henlopen State Park.





# Experience the Resort Cottages at the Indian River Marina

Delaware State Parks offers 12 lovely resort cottages tucked away along the Indian River Inlet at Delaware Seashore State Park, just waiting for the fall visitor. Each cottage is fully equipped with a kitchenette, gas fireplace, living and dining areas, screened porch, heat and air conditioning, TV with DVD-player, and accommodations to comfortably sleep six. With the beach crowds gone, this resort living is the perfect relaxing getaway.

For fishing enthusiasts, the Indian River Marina features charter boats and a head boat, or fishermen can simply drop a line from the banks of the inlet. Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the nearby retail outlets. Tax-free shopping and lower shoulder season and off-season rates for your cottage stay bring you bargains galore. And after a full day, returning to your resort cottage and relaxing on your screened porch with a magnificent view of the inlet will recharge you for tomorrow's adventure.

**For more information,**  
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up the phone and call  
1-877-98-PARKS (1-877-987-2757)  
to make your reservation today!

# Surround Yourself with Art and History at the Blue Ball Barn

Originally built in 1914 by Alfred I. DuPont, this extraordinary barn is named after the Blue Ball Tavern, an inn and meeting house that once stood near the property. The tavern got its name from the practice during the 18th and early 19th centuries of raising a blue ball attached to a pole out front to signal illiterate stagecoach drivers that passengers were waiting inside to board.

There are several exhibits on display at the Blue Ball Barn, the most prominent of which is the Delaware Folk Art Collection. The works in the collection reflect the local cultures of Delaware. Visitors can tour the exhibit and use the interactive touchscreens to learn about the collection, the artists and their work. The collection currently contains over 120 works from 50 artists. Interpretive displays and Dairy Farm exhibits explore the history of the Blue Ball Barn and surrounding properties.

The beautifully-restored stone building includes modern-day technological features to create the perfect setting for meetings, weddings, and special gatherings. Multifunctional rental space is available for both indoor and outdoor events. The Blue Ball Barn holds the distinction of being Delaware's first public building to be LEED-certified. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design (LEED) rating system has been widely embraced as the environmentally-friendly building design standard. "Green" building practices save money and resources and provide healthier environments for employees and visitors.

The Blue Ball Barn is situated in Alapocas Run State Park, which also features the 27,000 square foot "Can-Do Playground" one of 60 "boundless playgrounds" in the United States and the first in Delaware. Designed to be accessible to every child, regardless of physical, mental and sensory abilities, the playground was made possible with the help of six Wilmington-area Rotary Clubs. Other park features include a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail that runs from Talley Road via the Blue Ball Barn to the Brandywine River, sports fields, and the ruins of the 18th-century Weldin Plantation with historic markers.



*For more information about the park or the Blue Ball Barn, call (302) 577-1164 or visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).*

*To find out how to reserve the building for your next meeting or gathering, call our Special Events Office at (302) 761-6952.*





# Garrisons Lake Golf Course To Reopen This Fall

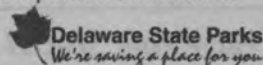
Garrisons Lake Golf course, a popular 160-acre privately operated country club that opened in the 1960s, closed in 2003 after a developer bought the property and announced plans to build 450 homes. Dedicated government officials and the local community persuaded the General Assembly to purchase the property to protect the open space from development.

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Prior to the purchase, the course had been neglected, was overgrown, and many of the buildings were in poor condition. The Division of Parks and Recreation retained the Professional Services of Davis, Bowen and Friedel, Architects, and Brian Ault of Ault, Clark and Associates, Golf Course Architects, to complete a renovation design for the course and develop plans to construct support amenities such as utilities, parking, temporary clubhouse/administrative space/food service and a maintenance/cart storage facility. Interestingly enough, Brian Ault is the son of Ed Ault, who designed the original course in the 1960s.

The Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation invested significant resources to renovate the 18-hole course, remodeling the greens and fairways, installing an irrigation system, removing buildings, and building a new clubhouse and roads. The driving range and practice facilities have also been

renovated. Selected trees have been removed to improve playability and to promote good air circulation. The Delaware State Golf Association, a private non-profit organization, has entered into a ten-year agreement with the Division to operate and maintain the course.

The reopening of Garrisons Lake as a public golf course will add yet another exciting place where all Delawareans and visitors can enjoy outdoors and recreation in a natural setting without concern that the land will one day be developed.

**Garrisons Lake Golf Course**  
101 Fairways Circle  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 234-3365  
(Delaware State Golf Association)

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# Delaware Seashore State Park

## Fall Programs

130 Coastal Highway  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Life-Saving Station: (302) 227-6991  
Park Office: (302) 227-2800



Delaware Seashore State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com). Call (302) 227-6991 to register for programs.

### Indian River Life-Saving Station Programs

TOURS SELL  
OUT QUICKLY.  
SIGN UP TODAY.

#### Lantern Tours

Friday, October 24 and  
Saturdays, October 25, November 15, 22 at 7 p.m.  
Enjoy a unique, guided lantern tour of the museum led by an interpreter in turn-of-the-century Life-Saving Service patrol garb. Walk the same beach where the surfmen performed their nightly patrols over 100 years ago, scanning the waters for signs of ships in distress. Dress for the weather! The program fee is \$5 per person. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required by calling (302) 227-6991.



#### Turks-Head Knot Bracelets

Saturday, October 11  
Sunday, October 5,  
November 16  
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to make your own rope bracelet! Also known as "sailor bracelets" or "surfers' bracelets," these woven rope bracelets have been worn by mariners for ages, including the surfmen of the U.S. Life-Saving Service. We'll provide the rope and instruction for you to make your own! Once you learn how, you can make them for friends and sweethearts as a one-of-a-kind handmade gift. The cost of the program is \$5 and includes materials and instruction. Space is limited, so please pre-register by calling (302) 227-6991.



### Beachcombing

Saturdays, September 20 and October 4  
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Stroll along Delaware Seashore State Park's famous undeveloped beach looking for seashells, egg cases, and other signs of marine and beach life. A naturalist will display beachcombing items from the park's collection before the group ventures onto the strand. Wear sunscreen and footwear that can get wet. Pre-registration is suggested. \$3 per person; participants will meet at the Indian River Life-Saving Station.

### Stargazing at Holts Landing

Wednesday,  
September 10  
8 - 9:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, September  
27 and October 4  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

Join us at the Holts Landing State Park parking lot and learn how to navigate around the night sky. Not only will you be able to identify constellations, but you will also learn some of the ancient stories behind them.



### CAMPING

Reserve a campsite in our modern family campground, located just a short walk from the beach, by calling 1-877-98-PARKS (1-877-987-2757). *Construction*







of the new Indian River Inlet Bridge has limited the number of campsites available, so reservations are strongly recommended!

Please do not bring a flashlight, as participants' eyes will need to adjust to the dark. \$3 per person; space is limited, so please pre-register by calling (302) 227-6991 no later than 4 p.m. on the day of the program you would like to attend.

## DELAWARE SEASHORE STATE PARK PROGRAMS

### Introduction to Surf Fishing

Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 21, Noon - 2 p.m.

In response to popular demand, Delaware Seashore State Park staff is now offering a beginner class in one of the most popular pastimes on our coast. These classes will provide a foundation in the art and practice of this relaxing sport as well as a refresher for fishermen who want to dust off their old equipment. The program will cover tackle and baits to use, current rules and regulations, and fish identification, as well as provide the opportunity to catch (and release) a big one. Participants must be at least 10 years old, and those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost is \$15 and includes the use of spinning rod and reel combos, tackle, and bait. This class will meet at the Indian River Life-Saving Station. Size is limited, so please pre-register by calling (302) 227-6991. *Unless exempt under Delaware law, participants must have a valid Delaware fishing license to fish as part of this program.*

### Beach Driving Clinics

Saturday, September 6

10 a.m. - Noon

This program will cover the basics of safe and courteous driving on Delaware State Parks' surf fishing beaches. If you're new to the sport or interested in learning more about surf fishing vehicle operations, this class will cover park rules, licensing and equipment requirements, as well as tips and tricks from veteran surf fishermen and Delaware State Park staff to maximize your enjoyment of this fast-growing sport. Afterward, participants with a valid Delaware State Parks surf fishing tag on their vehicle can head out to the beach with guidance to practice the day's lessons. This program is free and meets at the picnic pavilion at Savages Ditch Road.

### Hike the Sea Hawk Trail

Saturdays, September 13 and October 11

10 a.m.

Join us at the Holt's Landing parking lot to hike this 1.7-mile trail. Along the way, learn the history of this unique park, and find out about the Indian River Bay and the Assawoman Canal. Look for raptors, sea life that has washed ashore, and search for wildlife. There is no fee for this program.

Are you the leader of an organization looking for an exciting program for your youth or adult group? If so, contact our park interpretative staff at (302) 227-6991 to schedule a special program at the Indian River Life-Saving Station, Delaware Seashore State Park, Fenwick Island State Park, or Holts Landing State Park.

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# Killens Pond State Park

## Fall Programs

5025 Killens Pond Road  
Felton, DE 19943

Nature Center Office: (302) 284-4299

Park Office: (302) 284-4526



Killens Pond State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).

Call (302) 284-4299 to register for all programs. Programs will meet at the new Killens Pond Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

### Killens Kick-Off Paddle (Kayak or Canoe)

Friday, September 5

Noon - 2 p.m.

Paddle the picturesque millpond and surrounding pine woods on your way to "slower" lower Delaware. Wildlife abounds, be sure to bring your binoculars and camera. For more information or a registration form, call the Seaside Nature Center at (302) 645-6852 or visit [www.destateparks.com/paddle](http://www.destateparks.com/paddle)  
\$25 per paddler



PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND  
PAYMENT TO:

Fish Hawk Paddling Festival  
Cape Henlopen State Park  
42 Cape Henlopen Drive  
Lewes, DE 19958  
Make checks payable to  
Cape Henlopen State Park

### Corn Husk Dolls

Saturday, October 4

1 p.m.

The fields are cleared but the remaining husks can still be used. We will turn the corn field's remnants into a Native American craft. Meet at the Sports Complex Area



### Fall Foliage Hike

Saturday, October 11

1 p.m.

The changing fall foliage makes for a beautiful hike through the park. Join our naturalist for a relaxing stroll along our trails. Meet at the Sports Complex Area



### Bats in the Attic

Saturday, October 18

1 p.m.

The weather is changing and the bats are looking for a warm place to roost. Learn the secret lives of bats and what



### Fall Hayrides

### Girl Scout Fall Foliage Day

Saturday, November 8

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Calling all Girl Scouts! Head out to the park and enjoy a day in the countryside. Bring your family, friends, or even the entire troop to this event. Participants will join in a corn husk craft, cook and taste some campfire cooking, learn about the park's *Leave No Trace* ethics, enjoy hayrides and finish the day with fun-filled games and activities. Cost is \$10 per participant. Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299, and remember to pack a lunch.





September 27)

6 and 7 p.m.

Saturdays, November 8-22

5 p.m.

Join us for an old-fashioned hayride through the beautiful fall foliage of the park. Afterward, we'll roast marshmallows around the campfire. Public hayrides are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child under 12. Private hayrides are available for \$80 an hour and can be arranged by calling (302) 284-4299. Meet at the Campground Amphitheater.



## Bring in the Night Hike

Saturday, September 6

8 p.m.

Come explore our pond and woods and discover the mysteries of the night and all the animals that come out after dark. We will travel the trails and try to call in some of our silent hunters of the sky.

Meet at the Campground Amphitheater.

## Monarch Mania

Saturday, September 20

1 - 3:30 p.m.

Autumn is a great time to travel the fields searching for monarchs as they make their journey south. Cost is \$3 per participant.

- 1 p.m. .... The Madness of the Monarch
- 1:30 p.m. .... Monarch Collecting and Tagging
- 2:30 p.m. .... Crafty Caterpillars
- 3 p.m. .... Hayride



## Fun in the Outdoors Day

Saturday, November 15

Noon - 7 p.m.

It's time to recall your childhood and share those fun times in the outdoors with the next generation. Meet at the campground amphitheater. Cost is \$15 per participant (includes paddling trip, or \$5 per participant without paddling trip).

- Noon ..... Outdoor Cooking
- 2 p.m. .... Paddling the Pond (meet at the Killens Pond Boat Rental Area)
- 5 p.m. .... Fall Hayride
- 6 p.m. .... Owl Prowl



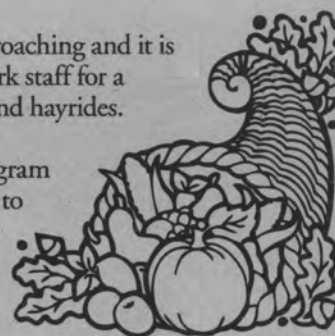
## Celebration of Thanks

Saturday, November 22

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and it is time to celebrate. Join the park staff for a day of crafts, games, hikes, and hayrides.

Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299. Cost of program is \$5 per participant. Be sure to pack a snack or lunch.



## Pumpkins Galore!

Saturdays, October 4, 11, and 18

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The pumpkin patch is full and ready to go. Come enjoy the fun of harvest hayrides, pumpkin carving, face painting, and even pumpkins to purchase. Warm apple cider will also be available. Stop in any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All activities will take place in the Sports Complex Area. Cost is \$6 per participant and includes a pumpkin to carve.



will also make a bat craft to take home. Meet at the Sports Complex Area.



## Friends of Killens Pond Special Events

### Lake Forest Invitational 5K Run/Walk to Benefit the Friends of Killens Pond

Saturday, September 13

8 a.m.

Walkers and runners alike will enjoy the exercise and fun-filled competition along Killens Pond's scenic Cross Country Trail. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded by age group. All entrants will receive a t-shirt for participating. Proceeds will benefit park improvements and programs of the Friends of Killens Pond. Registration forms will be available at the park office. Meet at the Sports Complex Area.



### Killens Pond 3rd Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The park is excited to host the Third Annual Fall Festival. Bring your family and friends to the country and enjoy a day filled with crafts, activities, farm animals, straw mazes, hayrides, pumpkin patches, face painting, archery trailer, live performances, magic shows, inflatables, and lots of food. Join us for a truly memorable day and be a part of the magic. There is a special event fee of \$3 that includes all activities and entrance into the park. Pumpkins sold separately. Call (302) 284-4299 for more information.



# Killens Pond State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Halloween Celebration

*Fridays and Saturdays, October 24 and 25, and October 31 and November 1*

What better place to celebrate All Hallows Eve than in the brisk air at Killens Pond State Park? Fun and entertaining activities are scheduled throughout the day. Spend the entire afternoon, or just pop by for an activity or two!



## Pumpkin Carving

*Fridays, October 24 and 31  
7 p.m.*

First, learn how to create great jack o' lanterns for Halloween. Then try out your new skills on a pumpkin and take it home with you. Pumpkins, directions, tools and carving templates will be provided. Meet at the Campground Pavilion. Cost is \$4 per person and includes pumpkin. Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299.



## Pumpkin Carving

*Saturdays, October 25 and November 1  
1 p.m.*

First, learn how to create great jack o' lanterns for Halloween. Then try out your new skills on a pumpkin to take home with you. Pumpkins, directions, tools and carving templates will be provided. Meet at the Campground Pavilion. \$4 per person, includes pumpkin. Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299.



## Trick or Treat

*Saturdays, October 25 and November 1  
2 - 4 p.m.*

Time to dress up in your favorite costume and test out your trick-or-treating skills. Walk the campground and see how many treats you can get to enjoy for the rest of the weekend. Be sure to stay dressed for the costume contest.

## Costume and Campsite Decorating Contest

*Saturdays, October 25 and November 1  
4 p.m.*

Dress in your favorite Halloween costume and see how you compare. There will be prizes for best costume and scariest. There will also be a prize for the "Best Decorated Campsite." Meet at the Campground Pavilion.



## Halloween Hayrides and Campfire

*Fridays, October 24 and 31 at 6 p.m.  
Saturdays, October 25 and November 1  
at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.*



Children of all ages are welcome to test their costumes and scary stories as we travel throughout the park on our hay wagon and then end up around the campfire for some spooky tales. \$4 for adult and \$2 for children under 12. Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299. Meet at the Campground Amphitheater.



## Things that Go Bump in the Night

*Fridays, October 24 and 31*

*8:30 p.m.*

No need to be scared. This night hike will help explain the sounds of the night and take away a little of the scare when you learn how amazing the night life can be. \$2 per participant. Meet at the Campground Pavilion. Please pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299.



## Halloween Havoc

*Saturdays, October 25 and November 1*

*11 a.m.*

Bring the family and friends to a fun free-for-all program filled with crafts and activities. Meet at the Campground

## Paddling Killens Pond

Take a guided kayak trip along the waterways around Killens Pond. Pre-register by calling (302) 284-4299. All programs meet at the Killens Pond Boat Rental Area unless otherwise stated. Cost is \$15 per person. Please park at the Nature Center and walk to the Boat Rental Area.



## Paddling Pondsides

*Saturday, September 13  
3 p.m.*

Take a relaxing paddle through the pond and up the Murderkill. Enjoy the serenity of the pond as we view the variety of wildlife the park has to offer.

## Fall Foliage Paddle

*Saturday, October 17  
6 p.m.*

The leaves are changing colors and we are traveling upstream to enjoy the sights and sounds of fall. Be sure to dress warmly for these



**Question:** What kind of fishing is available in Delaware State Parks?

**Answer:** What kind do you want?

Fresh water? Yes

Salt water? Yes

Charter services? Yes

Catch and release? Yes

Fishing Licenses are now required to fish, crab or clam in Delaware tidal waters.

For more information on obtaining a Delaware Fishing license please call 302-739-9914.

# The First State Heritage Park at Dover

Fall Programs



102 South State Street  
Dover, DE 19901

Park Office: (302) 739-9194

[www.destateparks.com/heritagepark](http://www.destateparks.com/heritagepark)

Established by Governor Ruth Ann Minner in 2004, The First State Heritage Park at Dover is a partnership of state agencies, under the leadership of Delaware State Parks, working in collaboration with city and county government nonprofit organizations and the private sector to create Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries," linking historic and cultural sites in the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777.

## Daily Programs

**Guided Walking Tours of The Green**  
**Self-Guided Audio Tours of Historic Dover**

## Tours and Exhibits at First State Heritage Park Sites

Park sites open on a regular basis include Legislative Hall Delaware Public Archives, Biggs Museum of American Art, Delaware Visitor Center and Galleries, Old State House, Delaware Archaeology Museum, Museum of Small Town Life, and Johnson Victrola Museum. Admission to all sites is free. Centrally-located free parking is available at the Delaware Public Archives, 121 Duke of York Street.

## Group Tours



Group tours of Legislative Hall and Historic Dover are available at no charge with advance reservation. Call

## Legislative Hall: The State Capitol

411 Legislative Avenue  
(302) 739-9194

Tours may be scheduled during the following times:

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (when not in session)

9 a.m. - Noon (when in session)

*\* When in session, access to certain areas may not be possible.*

*\* Photo ID is required for all adults entering Legislative Hall.*

## Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

Saturdays,

September 6,

October 4,

November 1, December 6

Mondays, September 1 (Labor Day), October 13 (Columbus Day)

Tuesdays, November 4 (Election Day), November 11 (Veterans Day)

Friday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Friday)

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Hall has been the seat of Delaware's General



## Bring out the family for special programming at the First State Heritage Park

### Family Sundays at the Heritage Park

Sundays

2 p.m.

The Dover Green

Costumed interpreters will be available on Sundays at the First State Heritage Park to offer a variety of interactive programs that are fun for the whole family. Programming may include such activities as colonial dancing and colonial kid's games.

### Geocaching Scavenger Hunt

The First State Heritage Park has unveiled its first geocaching scavenger hunt! Bring the family and decipher clues throughout the Historic District that will lead you to your prize. Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to begin your hunt.

## Walking Tours





group tours for these and other sites within the First State Heritage Park.

1933. Tour the House and Senate Chambers as you learn about the legislature and Delaware history.

2 p.m.

All tours begin at the Delaware Visitor Center except Victorian Dover. No reservations are needed. Admission is free.

## Cemetery Tours

Explore the mystery, history and lore of Dover and its cemeteries by lantern light. Space is limited, so please call (302) 739-9194 for reservations.

### Old Methodist Cemetery

Friday, September 5

8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Museum Square Parking Lot  
375 S. New Street

Varied, interesting, and even bizarre funerary customs of the Victorian era will be revealed as you are guided through the cemetery. \$5

### Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery

Friday, September 12

8:30 pm

Meet at the Museum Square Parking Lot  
375 S. New Street

Uncover the symbolism of funerary art, while hearing stories of statesmen, military heroes, and even the victims of a most heinous murder. \$5

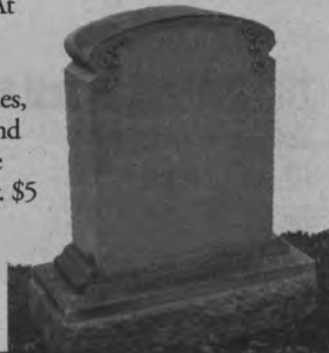
### Christ Church Cemetery

Fridays, October 10 and 24

7 p.m.

Meet at Christ Church – At the corner of S. State and Water Streets.

Hear tales of the tombstones, as well as the tales of joy and sorrow from those who are laid to rest in the cemetery. \$5



### Dark Dover

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

7 and 8 p.m.

Meet at the Delaware Visitor Center  
Witness first hand the chilling true stories of gruesome murders, whippings, and spirits that have left their sinister imprint on The Green. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited, so please call (302) 739-9194 for reservations. \$10

### A Walk Through Time

Tuesday - Friday and Saturdays

September 13, October 11, November 1 and 29, and December 6

Hear stories of the people and events that left their mark on Dover's 300-year history.

### Revolutionary Dover

Saturdays, September 20 and November 8

Hear how Dover was a hotbed of Revolutionary and Loyalist activity during the struggle for American Independence.

### Dover Divided – The Civil War

Saturdays, September 27, October 25, and November 15

This special tour focuses on the people and events that shaped the city's history during a time of turmoil.

### Victorian Dover

Saturdays, September 6, October 18, and November 22

Meet at Rose Cottage -- 102 S. State Street  
Stroll past beautiful homes and hear the stories of men and women who made their mark on Dover during this age of prosperity, expansion, and transformation.

### Audio Tours of the Dover National Register Historic District

Wands for self-guided audio walking tours of nearly 30 sites located in Dover's Historic District can be rented at the Delaware Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. \$5

# The First State Heritage Park at Dover

Fall Programs continued

## Delaware Public Archives

121 Duke of York Street  
(302) 744-5000

[www.archives.state.de.us](http://www.archives.state.de.us)

*Exhibits open Tuesday - Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

## The American Revolution: Delaware Leads the Way

*Through December 31, 2008*

In recognition of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the American Revolution, this exhibit focuses on the sacrifices and contributions of Delaware's citizens both at home and on the battlefield during our struggle for independence.

## Constitution Week Celebration

*September 15 - September 20*

See a special exhibition of original documents celebrating our state's important role in the drafting and approval of our Federal Constitution. The centerpiece will be Delaware's Ratification Document signed by 30 delegates on December 7, 1787.

## Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society Meetings

*Saturdays, September 27 and November 15  
2 p.m.*

Each meeting includes a guest speaker and time for sharing genealogical information.

## October is Archives Month!

Visit the Delaware Public Archives online at [www.archives.state.de.us](http://www.archives.state.de.us) for more information.

## Dedication of the Delaware Continental Wall

*Saturday, November 15  
11 a.m.*



## Biggs Museum of American Art

406 Federal Street

(302) 674-2111

[www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org)

*Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.*

## Exhibitions at the Biggs Museum of American Art

### Award Winners VIII

*Through October 26, 2008*

Features painters, photographers, writers, musicians and craft artisans who are currently Individual Artist Fellows of the Delaware Division of the Arts.

### Young at Art

*September 20 - October 19*

In partnership with the Child HELP Foundation, this exhibition features artwork created by children in Delaware who are supported by the Child HELP Foundation and VSA Arts of Delaware.

## Special Programs at the Biggs Museum of American Art

### Martini Tasting

*Friday, September 12*

*5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

This popular event offers a unique opportunity to sample a variety of martinis while enjoying the treasures of the collection. \$40 per person, \$35 for members

### Summer Art Series: Poetry Workshop for

## Forgotten Dreams: The Paintings of Edward Grant

*November 5, 2008 - February 22, 2009*

Grant's earliest works exhibit social realism of the late 1920s and 1930s, while his war-period works experimented with the contemporary trends of Cubism and Abstraction. His later works are among his most highly regarded for their distinctive interpretations of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

## Forgotten Dreams: The Paintings of Edward Grant Exhibition Opening Reception

*Wednesday, November 5*

*5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

\$12 per person, \$10 for members

## Forgotten Dreams: The Paintings of Edward Grant

*Wednesday, November 19*

*5:30 p.m.*

*An additional lecture in November  
will be announced.*

Learn about Edward Grant at this lecture and gallery tour. \$10 per person, \$8 for members



## Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Phone number for all museum sites: (302) 739 - 4266

Hours for all museum sites:

Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

[www.history.delaware.gov/museums](http://www.history.delaware.gov/museums)

## Delaware Visitor Center and Galleries

406 Federal Street

## Delaware Women Leaders: Past, Present, and Future

*Through December 31, 2008*

Women throughout Delaware are featured for their influence in the fields of education, science, technology and more.

## Old State House

### The Dover Green

Guided tours through the newly-restored Old State House focus on struggles and perseverance of women in Delaware during the last 200 years.

## Museum Square

316 S. Governor's Avenue

- Delaware Archaeology Museum
- Museum of Small Town Life
- Johnson Victrola Museum

## History Takes a Holiday

*December 6 - December 31*

Museum of Small Town Life

Be the first to view the museum and its exhibits decorated with holiday flair.

## Beginners

*Saturday, September 13*

Noon - 2 p.m.

Delaware Artist Fellowship recipient Annette Opalczynski will lead this workshop on the basics of poetry and techniques for staying active when the "trail goes cold." Notebook, pen, and nine copies of an original poem are required. \$15

## Summer Art Series: Classical Portrait Painting in Oil

*Saturday, September 20*

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Portrait painter Neilson Carlin will lead participants in exploring the intricacies of this elusive material in the form of the portrait. Oil paints, brushes, canvas, and easel are all required. It is recommended participants wear old clothing and bring lunch. \$50

## Young at Art Exhibition Opening Reception

*Saturday, September 20*

2 - 4 p.m.

Catered, opening reception in celebration of the Young at Art exhibition and the participating artists.

## Sealed in Glass, Stone, and Tin

*Through December 31, 2008*

Museum of Small Town Life

See containers dating from before the turn of the last century.

## Special First Saturday Programs at Museum Square

September 6 - Labor and Progress

October 4 - Harvest Time at Museum Square

November 1 - As it is Written

## Pumpkin Decorating at the Biggs

*Saturday, October 25*

2 p.m.

Children 12 and under are invited to decorate a pumpkin, with supplies provided by the Museum. All those pre-registered by October 22 will receive a free pumpkin to decorate.

## Art at Lunch with Jann Haynes Gilmore

*Wednesday, December 3*

Noon - 1 p.m.

Enjoy a catered lunch while attending a lecture by Jann Haynes Gilmore, co-author of the *Greetings from Delaware* exhibition catalogue, discussing the Rehoboth Beach Art Colony and the making of a Mid-Atlantic Regional style of art. \$20 per person, \$18 for members

## Biggs Kids

Biggs Kids is a free program for children ages 5 to 10 on the first Saturday of every month in the Museum's program gallery from 2 to 3 p.m. This program is designed to enrich children's understanding of art in the world around them. Pre-registration is required.

## Woodburn - The Governor's House

151 Kings Highway

(302) 739-5656

[www.woodburn.delaware.gov](http://www.woodburn.delaware.gov)

Guided tours by appointment and during special annual events.

## The Governor's Fall Festival

*Saturday, October 4*

10 a.m. - 4 pm

## First Saturdays in the First State

A variety of special programs and events are developed for the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. First Saturday events are highlighted by guided tours of Delaware's state capitol building – Legislative Hall. All First State Heritage Park partner sites are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on First Saturdays.

### Saturday, September 6

#### Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Document and Photograph Preservation Workshop

10:30 a.m.

Delaware Public Archives

This workshop will include basic information and instruction on proper handling and storage of family papers, photographs and other media to ensure long-term preservation.

#### Labor and Progress

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Museum Square

Celebrate early America's workforce by examining the demanding trades and proficient skills of early American pharmacists, machinists, printers, and others.

#### Strength and Perseverance: The Saga of the Summers Family

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Old State House

Special tours highlight one family's journey from struggles along the Underground Railroad through today.

#### Violent Resistance on a Delaware Plantation – 1792-1800

12:30 p.m.

Legislative Hall

Phillip Seitz, Curator of History at Cliveden of the National Trust, will describe newly-uncovered research concerning the interactions of slaves and their keepers on the Whitehall plantation of Benjamin Chew in Kent County. This research provides startling new insights into a complex relationship.

### Saturday, October 4

#### 32nd Annual Governors Fall Festival 5K

8:30 a.m.

You may register the day of the race or visit [www.trisportevents.com](http://www.trisportevents.com) to pre-register.

#### Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Special tours of the Hall of Governors throughout the day will showcase a mixture of fun and little-known facts such as: Which governor was kidnapped? What governor was exiled from our country? Learn the answers to these questions and many more!

#### The Governor's Fall Festival

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Woodburn – The Governor's Residence

Special guided tours of Woodburn as well as food, vendors, and entertainment throughout the day.

#### Biggs Kids: Percussion Puppets with Guillermo Silveira

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art

Award-winning composer Guillermo Silveira of Buenos Aires is one of the most prolific and fascinating composers of his generation. He will help the children create their own puppets and original songs to be performed at the conclusion of the program.

#### Harvest Time at Museum Square

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Museum Square

Enjoy a host of autumn activities from apple prints to corn husk dolls and more.

#### Elizabeth Battell: Woman of Distinction

Noon - 2 p.m.

### Saturday, November 1

#### The 3rd Annual Delaware Book Festival

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Presented by the Delaware Division of Libraries, Delaware Center for the Book. Meet more than 35 nationally-recognized authors and illustrators, enjoy a wide range of workshops, see favorite storybook characters, and create fun crafts. All events are free! For more information, visit [www.debookfestival.lib.de.us](http://www.debookfestival.lib.de.us).

*In conjunction with the Delaware Book Festival, the First State Heritage Park and its partner sites will be offering a variety of special programs throughout the day.*

#### Guided Tours of Legislative Hall

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### As it is Written 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Museum Square

Learn how to make paper, see printing demonstrations, and gather materials to create your own book.

#### Biggs Kids: Cutaway Illustrations 2 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art

Award-winning author and illustrator Nancy Carol Willis will read a children's story with cutaway illustrations of animal homes. Each child will then color a cutaway illustration for display in the Biggs Museum.

#### A Walk Through Time 2 p.m.

Meet at Delaware Visitor Center

### Saturday, December 6





12:30 - 2 p.m. and 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art

Students will bring drawings and objects to life while learning about animation. Animations will be made for a zoetrope, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century animation device.

### **Victorian Dover**

2 p.m.

Meet at Rose Cottage – 102 S. State Street

Old State House  
Special tours highlighting the life of the tavern owner and the role she played to help Delaware become the First State.

### **Governors of the Green**

Noon and 2 p.m.

Meet at the Delaware Visitor Center

As the location of the Old State House and town center, the Dover Green has a rich history of governors living and working around the square. Hear some of their stories and learn about their lasting impact on the state.

### **Genealogical Summit**

Delaware Public Archives

Visit the Delaware Public Archives online at [www.archives.state.de.us](http://www.archives.state.de.us) for more information.

### **Celebrate Delaware Day**

Mark your calendars! This year the First State Heritage Park will be celebrating Delaware Day in a big way! More information coming soon ...

### **Guided Tours of Legislative Hall**

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Delaware Day Contest Award Winners**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Delaware Public Archives

### **History Takes a Holiday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Museum of Small Town Life

Be the first to view the museum and its exhibits decorated with holiday flair.

### **Biggs Kids: Paper Dolls 2 p.m.**

Each child will create paper costumes to dress and accessorize his or her favorite character in the museum.

### **A Walk Through Time 2 p.m.**

Meet at Delaware Visitor Center

## **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

### **Special Labor Day Activities**

Monday, September 1

All park sites are open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Guided Tours of Legislative Hall**

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Labor and Progress**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Museum Square

### **Reminiscences of Victorian Dover**

12:30 p.m.

Rose Cottage – 102 S. State Street

In this living history performance, based upon selections from the diary of J. Alexander Fulton, two friends reunite after an extended time apart. Through their remembrances, you will get a flavor of what life was like in Dover during the Victorian age.

### **Victorian Dover Walking Tour**

2 p.m.

Meet at Rose Cottage – 102 S. State Street

### **Special Veterans Day Activities**

Tuesday, November 11

All park sites are open 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Guided Tours of Legislative Hall**

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Military Heroes of Delaware**

12:30 p.m.

Legislative Hall

This special Legislative Hall tour will focus on its Gallery of Military Heroes. Learn who these men were and remember their sacrifices. Program lasts 30 minutes.

### **Dover's Military Heroes of the Revolution**

### **Walking Tour**

2 p.m.

Meet at Christ Church

Stroll from the monuments of Christ Church to those of the Old Presbyterian Churchyard, visiting the graves and former residences of Dover's Revolutionary heroes. Hear their stories and remember their sacrifices.

## **Delaware State Parks Says**

# *"Thank You"*

## **to Our Friends Groups**

Our Friends Groups are dedicated individuals who care about the parks. Without their help, many of the programs on these pages might not be possible. Find out how you can be a friend, too.

Call the Volunteer Office at (302) 739-1960 or visit [www.destateparks.com/volunteers](http://www.destateparks.com/volunteers).

# Trap Pond State Park

## Fall Programs

33587 Baldcypress Lane  
Laurel, DE 19956

Park Office: (302) 875-5153  
Nature Center: (302) 875-5163



Trap Pond State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).

### Baldcypress Nature Center

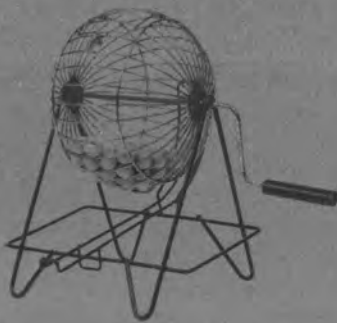
Come in and take a look at displays of some of Trap Pond's reptiles, fish, and amphibians, or relax and read a nature book from our library. The Baldcypress Nature Center is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. If you would like to register for a program or if you have questions about the park or our programs, please call the Baldcypress Nature Center at (302) 875-5163.

### Bingo

Saturdays, September 6 - October 18

7 p.m.

Come to the Campground Pavilion for a brief orientation to the park's facilities, activities, and programs. Then join a BINGO game with prizes for all ages. BINGO cards are 25¢ each.



All

### Hayrides

A park interpreter will discuss the natural and cultural history of Trap Pond as you travel through the forest and

### Pontoon Boat Tours

Enjoy a relaxing and informative one-hour boat tour of Trap Pond while viewing its natural beauty and learning about its inhabitants. Space is limited. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under unless otherwise specified. Trips will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis at the boathouse, except where noted. Call the Nature Center to make special arrangements for large groups.

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### Evening Pontoon Tour

Fridays, September 5 - October 17

5 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the Baldcypress Swamp on our leisurely boat tour of Trap Pond. We will talk about one of our most famous residents, the baldcypress.

### Park History Boat Tours

Saturdays, September 6 - October 18

10 a.m.

The Trap Pond area has a rich history. Find out about the people that have made their home here and how Trap Pond became the first state park in Delaware, all while enjoying a scenic tour of the cypress swamp.

### Aquatic Mammals

Saturdays, September 6 - October 18

2 p.m.

Come to the pond and discover some of our furry residents. We will be looking for beaver, otter, muskrats, and other mammals that call Trap Pond home.



### Wildlife from the Water

Sundays, September 7 - October 19

10 a.m.

One of the best places to see wildlife is right along the water's edge. We will explore the pond in search of animals feeding and drinking, and some just wading around.

### Foliage from Afloat

Thursday-Saturday, October 23 - 26

3 p.m.

This is the time of year when our trees like to show off. Take this hour-long pontoon tour and enjoy snacks and beverages, while taking in the breathtaking fall scenery. Foliage tours cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call the Nature Center to schedule a group foliage tour.



tickets of Trap Pond State Park in true farm fashion. Please pre-register by calling (302) 875-5153. \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under. Call the Nature Center to make special arrangements for large groups.

## Picnic Hayrides

*Sundays in September*

*2 – 3 p.m.*

Meet at the Nature Center

Bring your own picnic lunch, enjoy the scenery of Trap Pond, and then go for a ride on our haywagon through the west side of the park. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome. Please register at the Nature Center at least one hour before the hayride.



## Owl Prowl Hayrides

*Sundays, October 4, 11, and 18*

*4:30 p.m.*

Meet at the Campground

We will be looking for our friends of the night. Binoculars and owl calls will be provided.

## Forest Colors

*Fridays and Saturdays, November 7, 8, 14 and 15*

*3 p.m.*

Meet at the Campground

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors from our rustic haywagon. The park interpreter will explain some of the mystery behind why the trees are so vibrant this time of year.

## History Hayride

*Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22*

*3 p.m.*

Meet at the Campground

Trap Pond wasn't always a park. Come out for a ride in our haywagon and find out about the Native Americans, pioneers, and farmers who were here before us.

## Trap Pond Outdoor Skills Series

Join park staff to learn practical outdoor skills. All programs in this series require pre-registration. Please call the Nature Center at (302) 875-5163 to reserve your spot. \$3 per person.

## Backyard Birds

*Friday September 19*

*3:30 pm*

Learn how to provide for our resident winter birds. Foods and the type of bird they attract will be discussed. Trap Pond staff will show you how to build your own backyard bird feeders.

**All**



## Fall Otter Hike

*Friday, September 26*

*3:30 p.m.*

Autumn is one of the best times to spot our reclusive, playful Trap Pond friends. Join the park naturalist as we hike the Island Trail looking for signs of the River Otters.

**All**

## Finding Your Way

*Friday, October 3*

*3:30 p.m.*

Come to the Baldcypress Nature Center to get a primer on map and compass skills. We will learn how to read a map and operate a compass, then practice our skills on an orientation course. Dress for the weather and bring comfortable shoes, we will provide the maps and compasses.

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## The Outer Animals

*Friday October 10*

*3:30 p.m.*

Learn some of the common birds and animals that you will encounter while stalking larger game. Knowledge of non-game species and an understanding of their habitat make the hunt even more enjoyable.

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## Getting Out of the Woods \*

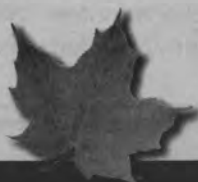
*Friday, October 17*

*3:30 p.m.*

This program will cover basic woodcraft and safety. Learn the ten essentials to have with you while traveling in the woods. Find your way out of the woods without a compass and even learn how to comfortably spend a winter's night outside, if it ever comes to that.

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\* Geared for beginning hunters, but all are welcome to attend.



# Trap Pond State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Canoe and Kayak Tours

Participants aged 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up at the Nature Center, or call (302) 875-5163 to register. The cost is \$14 per person and trips will last approximately two hours.

**All** 

### Evening Canoe Tours

Thursdays, September 4, 18 and 25  
5 – 7 p.m.

Take an evening paddle with the park naturalist in search of wildlife. Learn about the unique habitat Trap Pond offers to beavers, otters, and other animals.

### Reptile Paddle

Saturday, September 13  
Noon – 2 p.m.

Come out with a park staff member as we paddle Trap Pond in search of turtles, snakes, and lizards. Find out about the variety of cold-blooded species that inhabit the park.

### History Paddle

Saturday, September 20  
Noon – 2 p.m.

The best way to see Trap Pond is from a canoe. Learn about the park's past and take in the pond's present beauty in this two-hour trip to the back of the pond.

### Birding by Canoe

Saturday, September 27  
Noon – 2 p.m.

Experience the birds of Trap Pond while paddling through the baldcypress. Bring your bird guides and binoculars.



## Fall Favorites

Come out and enjoy the leaves and the cool crisp air during these fall programs.



### Labor Day Pontoon Tours

Monday, September 1  
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Take our guided pontoon boat tour and find out about the hard work and effort that the Civilian Conservation Corps put into Trap Pond State Park.

### Guided Stream Hikes

Sundays, October 5 and 12



### Foliage from Afloat

Thursday-Saturday, October 23 - 26  
3 p.m.

Take this hour-long pontoon tour and enjoy snacks and beverages, while taking in the breathtaking fall scenery. Foliage tours cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call the Nature Center to make your reservation.

### Barnes Woods Fall Hike

Saturday, November 15  
10 a.m.

Fall is an excellent time to check out the trees at Barnes Woods. Bring comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Pre-Registration is required. The program will last about 2-1/2 hours.

### Bicycle Tours

Saturdays, November 8 and 22  
10 a.m.

## Teachers, Homeschoolers, and Educators

Fall is a great time for field trips. Trap Pond has numerous educational programs for all ages and grade levels. Don't have enough time to take a half-day or full-day trip? Our traveling naturalists will bring educational programs right to your class. Prices vary according to program. E-mail [william.koth@state.de.us](mailto:william.koth@state.de.us) for more information.

## Custom Programming Available

We can provide customized educational programs, hayrides, pontoon tours, and canoe or kayak tours for your group. Enjoy the park on your own schedule. Cost is dependent on program and number of people. Call the Baldcypress Nature Center for more details and to schedule your group.

## Calling All Volunteers

Are you interested in helping your local park, participating in fun get-togethers, or promoting interesting programs in the community? This is your chance. Join the Trap Pond Partners, our Friends organization, on the second



Follow a tributary of the Nanticoke River on this easy one-hour hike. Find out about Trap Pond's connection to the Chesapeake, and learn things you can do to help preserve the Bay. Meet at the Nature Center and bring shoes that can get muddy.

Take a guided tour of Trap Pond State Park on our new bicycle path. Discover the beauty of the park during the fall. Bring your own bike or borrow one of ours. Meet at the Nature Center. Pre-Registration is required if you want to use one of our bikes.

Wednesday of each month. Help develop programs, help with landscaping projects, participate in trail maintenance, and help organize the annual Bike Rally and other events. We need your energy and help! Join all the fun and show your pride in our beautiful park. For more information, please call the Nature Center at (302) 875-5163.

# White Clay Creek State Park

## Fall Programs

Rt. 896, 3 miles northwest of Newark

Mailing Address:

425 Wedgewood Road

Newark, DE 19711

Park Office: (302) 368-6900

Nature Center: (302) 368-6560



White Clay Creek State Park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset, all year. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. For convenient access to all state parks, annual passes are available at each park office, or online at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com).

The Chambers House Nature Center is located on Creek Road, north of Hopkins Road. Programs are for visitors of all ages and meet at the Nature Center, unless otherwise noted in the program description. Pre-registration is required. Call the Park Office to register for programs, or the Nature Center for more information.



## WCCSP Monthly Program E-Mailer

To get more details on programs at White Clay Creek State Park, consider joining the White Clay Creek State Park program e-mailer! You'll receive monthly announcements and updates on programs in addition to last-minute changes and weather cancellations. Your e-mail address will be used for this purpose only and will not be shared. To get on the e-listing, send a blank message with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject box to [Angel.Burns@state.de.us](mailto:Angel.Burns@state.de.us).



## Chambers House Nature Center

Open Saturdays and Sundays

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Stop by the Nature Center to meet a member of the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park. The Friends staff the Nature Center on weekends from May 1 through October 31. Open on selected days in November, The Chambers House Nature Center has a resource library available to park visitors – you can check field guides, nature activity guides, and read books about local natural resources. On the first floor, there is an exhibit room complete with a hollow tree to crawl in, a perfect spot to read a nature story book from our resource library.



# White Clay Creek State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Nature and Animal Art Classes

September 13, October 11, November 15,

December 13

9 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 7-12

\$11 per class, or \$35 for all four

Your art instructor and a park naturalist will work together on this program where you will learn about nature and how to draw or make fun collages about the animals!

There will be a different animal topic each month. There is a minimum of five participants, and a maximum of 15. Participants must pre-register and complete a short form. Please pack a water bottle and snack.

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## Hawk Count at Carpenter

Saturdays, September 20 and October 4

1 - 3 p.m.

Hawks can appear at White Clay Creek State Park at any time of year, but in fall and spring the skies fill with migrating hawks making long-distance trips between their breeding grounds and winter residences. Join us at the Carpenter Recreation Area to learn how to spot these beauties and get tips on identifying them. No fee.

**NT** 

## Dog First Aid

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m.

Learn the basics of first aid for your dog in this American Red Cross class. Each participant will receive a copy of The American Red Cross Pet First Aid for Dogs. Please do not bring your dog. Cost is \$25 per person.

**NT** 

## Fall Mushroom Hike: How Fungi Save the



## Full Moon Fridays

Programs are held on the Friday on or before the full moon. Space is limited; pre-registration guarantees you a spot until start-time. Program topics vary each season.

### Owl Prowls!

Fridays, September 12, October 10 and November 14

7 p.m.

Begin in the Nature Center with a lesson on local owls. Then we will venture out and try our luck at calling in owls. Since this program will run as weather permits, and may be postponed or cancelled due to rain or wind, pre-registration is required. \$4 per person.

**All** 

### Hot Chocolate Hike

Fridays, December 12, January 9 and February 6  
7 p.m.

As evening cools the air and darkens the sky, experience the magic of Mother Nature while you snuggle up on the arm of a loved one for an enchanting full moon hike. Howling winds, rustling leaves, and the distant calls of mating owls are among the sounds we will be listening for. Tasty hot chocolate will help keep you warm! \$4 per person.

**All** 

## At the Judge Morris Estate

The Judge Morris Estate is a beautiful place for a hike, leisurely stroll, small private event, house tour, or special program! The estate became part of White Clay Creek State Park in 1998 and includes an exquisite mansion built in the 1790s. Currently, the mansion is decorated as it may have looked in 1939 when Judge Hugh M. Morris completed renovations to his newly-purchased farm house. Below are the public programs at the estate or you can arrange for a private tour of the house for a fee. For more information on private tours, please call the Nature Center.



### Mystery at the Mansion:

An interactive murder mystery evening at the Judge Morris Estate

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25  
7:30 p.m.

A new and intriguing mystery full of deceit, scandal and most importantly, MURDER! Put on your detective cap and figure out the "who" in this Whodunit! Coffee and dessert will be served. To register, call the park office. Ticket price is \$18 per person or \$35 per couple. Participants must be 18 years or older.

### WWII Storytelling and Apple Pie Social

Sunday, November 9

2 p.m.

Bring friends and family for an inspiring, entertaining and educational afternoon of living history. Meet some extraordinary men and women and hear stories of their experiences overseas and on the home front. Light refreshments will be served. There is a program fee of \$8 per person which must be prepaid to reserve your spot. Veterans may attend at no charge. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Call the Park Office.



**Earth****Saturday, September 27****2 p.m.**

Call the Nature Center for this year's meeting location. You will be joined by Glenn Cote, a local mushroom enthusiast and "funguy" for an exciting hike in search of the fruits of fall!

**NT** **Walk White Clay! Boundary Line Hike****Saturday, October 18****1 p.m.**

The Boundary Line Trail, built by the Friends of White Clay Creek, connects Thompson Station Road to the upper part of the preserve in Pennsylvania and stretches along three small but beautiful stream valleys. Along the way we'll visit an 1892 stone boundary monument on Delaware's 12-mile circular border with Pennsylvania. The return portion of the hike will be along the seldom-used east side of White Clay Creek. This trek is approximately five miles long with a slow climb of over 200 feet, and will take at least 2.5 hours. Please pack water and a snack. This program is led by Mike Ott of the Friends of White Clay Creek, and will be held as weather permits. Meet at the Park Office.

**NT** **Earth Explorers Homeschool Open House – One Day Only****Wednesday, September 10****1 - 2:30 p.m.**

Attention homeschoolers! Whether you are new to our program or returning, come to the Nature Center on Wednesday to learn about programs, meet the instructors, and participate in fun activities! Open House events are free of charge.

**All** **21****NT** **On the Home Front for Girl Scouts****Saturday, November 8****Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.****10 a.m. - 2 p.m.****\$18 per child**

Send your kids back in time to the days of World War II, when dads were in the service and moms ran the factories. Your scout will tour the house, try to stretch meager ration points over a week of meals, bake a snack with rationed ingredients and create her own unique scrapbook of WWII memorabilia. Please make sure you pack lunch and water for the day. Call the Park Office to register your scout. This program will run rain or shine.

**C** **NT** **Decorating with Natural Materials Workshop****Saturday, December 6****10 a.m.**

Join us for a cup of coffee and our annual holiday craft workshop. Learn some of the history of the property and the Morris family while creating an all-natural holiday decoration for your home! We will use fresh greens cut from local trees, vines and shrubs. \$10 per person; includes greens, bases and accents for your decoration. Please bring clippers and gloves.

**NT** **Earth Explorers****Every other Wednesday, beginning September 17****Every other Thursday, beginning September 25****Junior Explorers (ages 6-8)****1 - 2 p.m.****\$4 per class plus material fee if needed****Senior Explorers (ages 9-15)****2:30 - 4 p.m.****\$5 per class plus material fee if needed**

Get ready for hikes, identification, microscope work, experiments and games designed to explore the natural and physical world around us! Each week we will study a different topic. This season's topics include Monarchs and Metamorphosis, Natural Winterization, Nature Journaling, Mason & Dixon, Apple Cidering, Ecosystems, and more, including our second annual White Clay Flotilla! This program is a popular addition to homeschooling, but it fills quickly, especially the microscope classes, so advanced registration is required. Prices vary according to the program. For a detailed list, join the park's e-mail listing or stop by the Nature Center.

**C** **Storybook Explorers (ages 5 and under)****1 p.m.****\$3 per child.**

These programs will excite your child about reading and nature at the same time! Kids will have a ball exploring a nature topic from the day's storybook. Storybook Explorers meets on the same day as Earth Explorers and last approximately 45 minutes. A parent or guardian must remain during the program. Fall and winter topics include beavers, mammals, amphibians, leaves, animal homes, hibernation and more!

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# White Clay Creek State Park

Fall Programs continued

## Autumn Hayrides Through White Clay Creek State Park



### Private Group Hayrides

Saturdays and Sundays in October  
4, 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

Bundle up with friends and family while enjoying a 50-minute old-fashioned hayride through golden, autumn fields, then spend an hour of quality time around a blazing campfire. Groups must pre-register by calling the Park Office. Fee is \$80 for a wagon that seats 25. Refreshments are not provided.

**All**

### Sunday Afternoon Hayride

Sundays, October 19

3 p.m.

Enjoy a 50-minute hayride and approximately 50 minutes around the campfire to enjoy marshmallows and apple juice! \$5 per person Pre-registration guarantees a spot. Meet at the 9-Foot Road entrance to the park (off of Thompson's Station Road across from Deerfield).

**All**

## Intro to Mountain Biking and Trail Etiquette in White Clay Creek

Saturdays, October 18, 25 and November 1  
9 a.m. - Noon

Registration Fee: \$35 for all three days

This three-day course will cover trail etiquette, basic equipment, bike set-up, minor repairs, safety, and riding skills. Participants must be 16 or older, and may register by calling the Park Office. Space is limited to 12 participants. All rides are held weather permitting; we reserve the right to cancel rides due to muddy trail conditions. In case of cancellation, the registration fee will be applied to future mountain bike programs or returned in the form of a credit good towards any park program for up to one year. Meeting locations will vary each session.

Pre-registration is required.

**NT**

# Wilmington State Parks

Fall Programs

1021 W. 18th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19802

Park Office: (302) 577-7020



Wilmington State Parks is a cluster of parks along the quiet Brandywine Creek. These parks include Rockford Park, Brandywine Park, Brandywine Zoo, Baynard Stadium and H. Fletcher Brown Park. For information and program registration call the Wilmington State Parks office at (302) 577-7020.

Walk and Talk Series

National Public Lands Day

Brandywine Park: Signs of the Beaver



Join a park naturalist or guest speaker for these moderately-challenging hikes full of fun and information. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

## Walking Tours Sponsored by Friends of Wilmington Parks

Join Historian Dr. Susan Mulchahey Chase on a fun and informative walk, focusing on familiar Brandywine Park sights.

**Downstream Bridges Tour, Millrace Tour  
Memorials in the Park  
Upstream Bridges Tour**

Fee Charged. For information, call the Friends of Wilmington Parks office at (302) 656-3665.

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**Rockford Tower: A Climb Back through Time**

**Saturday, September 27**  
2 p.m.

**Alapocas Run: One Ugly Fruit -  
The Pawpaw in Fall**  
Wednesday, October 15  
3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 1**  
2 p.m.

**Wild About Winter in the Park**  
Saturday, December 20  
1 p.m.



# Alapocas Run State Park

1914 West Park Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19803

*Alapocas Run State Park, featuring The Blue Ball Barn, is Delaware State Parks' newest park. Park entrance fees are charged from March 1 through November 30. Visit our website at [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) for more information. Park Office: (302) 577-7020, Alapocas Run State Park:*

## No Child Left Inside Family Fun Festival

**Saturday, September 27**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come to the newest Delaware State Park on September 27 to kick off the Delaware No Child Left Inside campaign. Enjoy live music, food vendors, geocaching, guided hikes, and more outdoor fun. Delaware Greenways, Nemours Health and Prevention Services and Delaware State Parks are partnering to spread the word about the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle. For more information, visit [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com), [www.delawaregreenways.org](http://www.delawaregreenways.org) or [www.growuphealthy.org](http://www.growuphealthy.org).

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# Ghost Hunters Investigate Fort Delaware

When the cast and crew of Sci-Fi Channel's *Ghost Hunters* proposed spending a week at Fort Delaware State Park last spring, there wasn't much doubt that they'd find plenty to keep them busy: from spooky noises to actual ghostly encounters, the former Civil War prison has a long history of the kind of weird occurrences that fascinate fans of the paranormal. *Ghost Hunters* fans had recommended Fort Delaware as a paranormal hotspot, and Fort Delaware's isolated location, on Pea Patch Island in the middle of the Delaware River, was also a plus, offering the advantage of greater security during the shoot. All of this led the show's producers to contact Delaware State Parks and arrange a taping at the Fort for the third week of April.



Lee Jennings, Delaware State Parks Chief of Cultural Resources, gets wired for sound

The *Ghost Hunters* television show follows members of The Atlantic Paranormal Society (TAPS), a group of paranormal investigators from Warwick, Rhode Island, who visit sites reported to be haunted. Their goal during each investigation is to debunk those claims by finding a normal explanation for the unusual phenomena experienced there; if they can't, their conclusion is that the site is probably haunted.

Led by TAPS founders Jason Hawes and Grant

dock, alerted by the presence of the TAPS vans; cast members Wilson and Hawes, along with Steve Gonsalves, Dave Tango, and Kris Williams, were happy to chat with fans and sign autographs just before everyone boarded the boats to the island.

Parks staff quickly learned that shooting a TV show involves a lot of standing around waiting: making the crossing in the lead boat, they arrived at the island and trooped up to the dock, only to look back and see that the second boat carrying most of the cast and crew continued to circle around out in the river. After several minutes, the answer came through over the walkie-talkie – a decision had been made to tape cast members' reactions to Fort Delaware while they were still out on the water. Their boat continued to circle around for close to an hour; once they finally made land and began to unload, TAPS member Tango was noticeably green.

As members of the crew unpacked and set up equipment, Lee Jennings took lead investigators Hawes and Wilson around to various locations where people claimed to have experienced possible paranormal events. These locations would receive special attention throughout the investigation. Although on television it would appear that only Hawes, Wilson and Jennings were in each room, they were in fact accompanied by a small army of park staffers who wanted to watch, and crew members holding lights, cameras and mikes. At each location, Jennings related the stories about unusual events that had been reported there, the ghost hunters asked questions, the camera crew filmed, and the park staff tried not to breathe.

The team spent several nights on the island, from sundown to just before dawn; they also visited the Fort Delaware Society for background information. After the main part of the investigation, while the cast holed up in their hotel rooms to analyze the audio



*Ghost Hunters* crew sets up at Fort Delaware

From a startling "boom" sounding eerily like a cannon shot that echoed through the Fort one night, to an unexplained "visitor" caught on thermal camera, the week spent at Fort Delaware afforded the TAPS team some of the most interesting footage they'd filmed all season. In fact, the results were so exciting that the powers-that-be at Sci-Fi Channel decided to expand the episode from the 20 minutes originally planned into a full hour, focusing solely on the Fort, and to bill the airing as the show's "mid-season finale." Delaware State Parks staff recently learned that the *Ghost Hunters* enjoyed their stay at Fort Delaware so much that they're already making plans to come back.





Wilson, the cast and crew drove their signature black vans up to the dock in Delaware City at sunset on April 14<sup>th</sup>. They were met there by Fort Delaware State Park Superintendent Becky Webb, Chief of Cultural Resources Lee Jennings, and other park staff who would assist them with the shoot during the course of the week. After introductions were made, everyone pitched in to load the supplies and equipment that would be needed for the week – everything from cameras, mikes and booms, to snacks, sodas, hotdogs and a portable grill went onto two workboats for the trip out to the island. By this time, a small crowd had gathered on the

in their hotel rooms to analyze the audio and video material they'd taped during the investigation, several members of the camera crew spent a long night out on the island shooting the "B-roll," or "beauty roll" – exterior shots of just the grounds and buildings that would be used in snippets throughout the show when it aired. At the end of the week, Hawes and Wilson wrapped up with a final taping where they presented their findings to Jennings. This "reveal," as it is called, was actually not shot at Fort Delaware, but in an old bunker at nearby Fort Dupont -- it was easier to shoot there than to haul all the equipment back out to the island.

TAPS founders Grant Wilson (left) and Jason Hawes (center) with Fort Delaware superintendent Becky Webb

So, is the Fort haunted? According to the Ghost Hunters, yes it is, but why don't you come to the Fort and make up your own mind? Fort Delaware State Park offers opportunities throughout the fall for you to have your own spooky experiences – make your reservations now for a haunt-filled evening out on Pea Patch Island, because these programs fill up fast!

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**Delaware State Parks**  
*We're saving a place for you!*

## Programs at Fort Delaware

### Candlelight Ghost Tours

Fridays, September 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Fridays, October 3, 10 and 17 and  
Saturday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.  
and 7:30 p.m.

Join our favorite Ghost Host, author Ed Okonowicz, and our staff for a lantern-lit tour of the old fort. Visit the most haunted areas of the fort, and maybe meet a ghost or two. These special programs are filled by reservation only. Tours cost \$16 per person, and are limited to groups of 65 or fewer. All departures are from Delaware City.

Reserve your ferry ticket for evening programs by calling our reservation system at 1-877-987-2757 or visiting [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) to make your online reservation. In addition to our evening programs, Fort Delaware State Park is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays through September 28; visit our website or call the park office at (302) 834-7941 for more information.

### Historic Hauntings at Pea Patch Island

Friday, October 24 and Sunday,  
October 25  
8 p.m.

Join Delaware State Parks Chief of Cultural Resources, Lee Jennings, who recently appeared on the Sci-Fi Channel's *Ghost Hunters*, for a candlelight tour of Fort Delaware. Visit the supposedly haunted areas featured in the show and hear about the filming and odd occurrences that happened along the way.

Go "photowalking" through the spookier areas of the fort with your digital camera in the hopes of "capturing" an apparition! \$25 per person

