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The State Theater is shown at Christmastime in this undated photo.

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An old-time Christmas

Readers share memories of Newark at the holidays

The only constant in life is change. This is especially true for the city of Newark. When I arrived from Philadelphia in 1967, Newark was a small city with a university. Today, the city is dominated by the University of Delaware. This is good because it provides us with many cultural opportunities.

My husband came to Newark from Newark, New Jersey. His first job here was at Newark Farm and Home, where you could buy anything. We did our Christmas shopping at Newark Department Store, Le-roy's Style Shop, and Braunsteins. We bought records at Wonderland and Rainbow Records. We bought our television at Western Auto and our furniture at Miller Brothers, both on Main Street.

We went to see movies at Newark Cinema Center and the State Theater. Our favorite Christmas memories came in the early 2000s, when we saw Christmas classics on the big screen. The cost of admission was a canned good for the needy. We saw "It's a Wonderful Life," "White Christmas" and "The Polar Express." We followed the movies with lunch on Main Street.

— Ann Foster

For more Christmas memories, turn to page 11.



Newarkers sing Christmas carols on the steps of the Academy Building in 1993.

FILE PHOTO



Santa arrives at Newark Shopping Center by helicopter.

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Christina schedules tax vote

District will hold operating and capital referenda on June 9

By JOSH SHANNON

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Facing a continued budget shortfall, the Christina School District will ask voters to approve a tax hike next spring, the school board decided last week.

The June 9 vote will include both an operating referendum – in which voters will be asked to approve a tax hike to cover salaries, utility bills and other everyday costs – as well as a capital referendum, in which the district will seek authority to borrow money for large-scale renovations.

The new referenda come in the wake of Christina's failed referendum in April, which resulted in the elimination of dozens of teaching positions.

Under Delaware law, school districts cannot raise taxes without holding a referendum to seek approval from voters. Because of inflation, rising labor costs and other increases, school districts typically have to go to referendum every three to five years just to maintain the status quo.

The board has not yet decided how much of an increase to seek, but Chief Financial Officer Robert Silber said the bare minimum needed is an increase of 20 cents per \$100 of assessed property value in 2021, with additional 5-cent increases in 2022 and 2023.

That would equate to a total increase of approximately \$200 for the average homeowner, but a district spokeswoman would not provide an exact figure.

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The week ahead

The Nutcracker: Today, 7 p.m.; Saturday 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m., at UD's Mitchell Hall. Delaware Dance Company will perform the Christmas favorite. \$15-\$35. For tickets, visit www.tututix.com/delawaredancecompany.

8K race: Saturday, 10 a.m., 31 Academy Street. The I'm Dreaming of a White Claw-mas race will take runners on an 8-kilometer course throughout Newark. An after-party a Klondike Kate's will feature White Claw hard seltzer and adult hot chocolate. Benefits the Newark PAL. Registration \$40 at fusionracetiming.com.

Winter Solstice celebration for kids: Saturday, 1 p.m., at White Clay Creek State Park Nature Center, 1475 Creek Road. Join in on the celebration of the shortest day of the year. Kids will learn about animals in winter and celebrate the changing of the season with a lantern craft, winter stories and a sweet treat. \$5 per child.

Holiday market event: Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m., at Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St. As part of the arts alliance's month-long holiday art market, the organization will sponsor a Cookie and Cards event. Artists will be on hand to help participants create cards and gift tags. Free.

Chorale concert: Saturday, 3 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Ave. The New Ark Chorale will perform holiday favorites. Adults \$20; those under age 18 will be admitted free.

Windy Hills Luminary Night: Saturday, 6 to 9 p.m., in the Windy Hills neighborhood off Capitol Trail. As part of the community's unique annual tradition, the streets will be lined with luminaries (small candles in white paper bags), and many houses will be decorated with holiday lights. Rain date is Sunday.

Winter Solstice event: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. The Winter



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The streets of Windy Hills will be aglow Saturday night during the community's annual luminary night.

Solstice is a time of hibernation; a time of diving deep into our inner selves and taking time to rest and to dream. Celebrate the shortest day and the longest night of the year with songs, readings and candlelight. Please bring a plate of goodies to share for the reception immediately following if you so wish.

Sensory-friendly Santa brunch: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen, 270 E. Main St. Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy a hot chocolate bar and candy canes. Kids are free if families donate a gift worth at least \$5. The first hour will be sensory-friendly to give families that have children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities a chance to visit with Santa – minus the noise, crowds, sights and sounds common in most places or public areas.

Handbell concert: Sunday, 7 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, 215 E. Delaware Ave. The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble presents "A Colorful Christmas," featuring a number of seasonal classics.

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A vigil, held Saturday evening on the Academy Lawn, remembers the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Vigil marks anniversary of Sandy Hook shooting

By JOSH SHANNON

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Holding candles and bundled up against the cold, approximately 75 people gathered on the Academy Lawn on Saturday evening to remember the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and call for an end to gun violence.

"The mass murder in Newtown, Conn., one of the darkest events in U.S. history, happened in the middle of December, one of the darkest times of the year. Tonight, we answer that darkness, and the darkness of all the shootings that have happened before or since, with lights of hope and commitment," said Mara Gorman, of Newark Moms Demand Action.

The newly formed local chapter is a subset of the national organization Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, which was founded in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting. The group advocates for gun control legislation, runs gun safety programs and seeks to tackle issues like poverty, which Gorman said is often the root cause of gun violence.

Held on the seventh anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, Saturday's vigil was intended to honor the 26 people gunned down in Newtown as well as raise awareness of the upcoming Delaware legislative session. Speakers at the event encouraged attendees to participate in a rally in Do-

ver next month calling on legislators to pass gun control measures that did not advance last year.

"We must have the same clout and determination as has been demonstrated by the anti-gun-control groups," said Donna Shand, of Delaware United Action PAC.

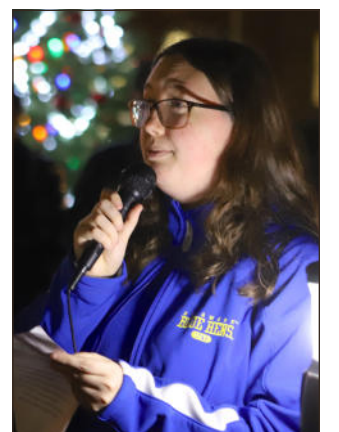
Megan O'Donnell Clements told the crowd that for many people, it's easy to forget about mass shootings like Sandy Hook once the initial shock wears off.

"You send your best thoughts and you pray for those affected by yet another horrible tragedy," she said. "And then like you and I have done so many times before, you forget, you move on, and you go forward until the next time, and the cycle repeats once again."

However, that all changed for Clements on Oct. 1, 2017, when she was attending a country music festival in Las Vegas. A gunman opened fire on the crowd, killing 58 people and wounding more than 400. Clements made it back to Delaware safely, but now hearing the news of another mass shooting affects her in a much different way, she said.

"So tonight, if I could leave you with one piece of advice, it would be not to be like me," she said. "Don't do what I did. Don't wait until it becomes personal to act. Because then, let me tell you from experience, it might be too late."

Wyatt Patterson, a University of Delaware freshman and the leader of March for



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Wyatt Patterson, a University of Delaware freshman and the leader of March for Our Lives Delaware, speaks during a vigil remembering the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Our Lives Delaware, was 11 when the Sandy Hook shooting happened. She said she began advocating for gun control after the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

"On days like this, when we gather in sorrow and remember the gut-wrenching news of children and teachers killed, sometimes it's difficult to keep going. It's difficult to keep fighting, to keep saying 'never again,' each time tragedy strikes when the violence never seems to stop," Patterson said. "The challenge is to keep believing that the next one may be the last one, to keep believing that we can make change. In memory of those innocent children and brave teachers and principals, we pause to grieve, and we resolve to get back to work."

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Tax hike prompts questions about UD, Newark relations

University pushes back against suggestion of student fee

By JOSH SHANNON

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Newark City Council's decision last month to increase property taxes 13 percent resurfaced a common complaint among some Newarkers — that residents feel the brunt of the city's budget woes while the city's largest landowner, the University of Delaware, remains unscathed.

Like all nonprofits, UD pays no taxes, as dictated by state law. If UD's land was taxable, it would bring in \$5 million per year. [UD does pay the city approximately \$20 million in normal operational costs, like electric service, water service and building permits.]

"We have residents saying they want to move out of the city because of the recent budget issue," Councilman Chris Hamilton said. "Why are we having our residents move out? Why are they paying more?"

Earlier this month, Hamilton and Councilwoman Jen Wallace brought forward for discussion two ideas they said were suggested by constituents — implementing a wage tax or levying a yearly fee on UD students.

Both ideas would face significant legal and legislative hurdles, but Wallace said it was worth discussing whether to investigate them further.

"Councilman Hamilton and I both felt that in order to be responsive to our residents we wanted to bring these ideas forward," Wallace said.

The wage tax — which would be imposed on workers in Newark similar to what the city of Wilmington does — was dismissed quickly. While it would bring in revenue from UD's large workforce, Newark residents who work in the city would essentially be taxed twice, and a wage tax could discourage employers from locating in Newark, council members reasoned.

The UD student fee, however, sparked a more spirited debate, though council ultimately decided not to pursue it at this time.

"We have a fiduciary duty to our residents to ask for these things and to demonstrate to the state that we have a large population that comes in, uses our infrastructure, uses our police, uses everything else and then we have to tell our residents if you want police officers to help tamp down partying, that's going to fall on your taxes," Hamilton said.

It was not clear how the city would go about charging a student fee and if it would be levied on each student individually or on the university as a whole. Either way, it's unlikely the city would be able to pull it off without UD's approval or a mandate from the state legislature.

"I'm not willing to give you the addresses, so how will you know who the students are?" Caitlin Olsen, UD's liaison to council, said. "If you put a tax on the university, but you don't put it on other nonprofits, then you have a constitutional issue."

Olsen told the council that any attempt to levy a student fee would jeopardize the city's relationship with UD.

"I understand you have a hole in your budget, but I don't want the shots over the bow with the student fee to ruin everything else," Olsen said.

She added that she advocates to the UD trustees and administration on Newark's behalf.

"I can't get a foot in the door if we move forward with a student fee discussion," she said. "I hope you will heed my small warning."

Olsen said she believes the relationship between UD and Newark has improved significantly since Mayor Jerry Clifton was elected in April.

"I see it when I talk to the board, I see it when I talk to our VPs and I see it when I talk to the community," she said.

Olsen suggested that instead of a student fee, the city and the university could team up to petition the legislature for more assistance from the state, such as help funding infra-

structure on UD's STAR Campus.

"We need to have shovel-ready plots on the STAR Campus in order to put your electric through, your water through, and your sewer through," she said. "Businesses want to come to campus, they want to land in Newark, but we cannot offer that to them because it's not ready. There's a huge cost to that infrastructure that we can't provide right now."

She also floated the idea of UD helping lobby the state legislature for permission for the city to levy a tax on rental properties or for a share of PILOT funding. Newark officials have long sought PILOT, or payment in lieu of taxes, like the state provides to Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown to make up for property tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt property.

Clifton asked Olsen what she can commit to doing within the next few months.

"It doesn't have to be a half a million dollars...just something that is visibly beneficial to the community and we can say there is that good relationship," Clifton said.

Olsen replied that she's not in a position to make promises but said she can take the city's requests to UD's decision makers.

"We can talk about going to the legislature for PILOT. We can talk about going to the legislature for a rental fee," she said. "I can commit to talking about it. I commit to talking to the [executive vice president], I can commit to talking to the president."

She argued that UD's tax-free status benefits Newarkers and Delawareans through in-state tuition rates.

"We provide low tuition — almost no, most of the time, tuition — to Delawareans. We can't provide that if we're paying taxes," she said.

UD's tuition has increased nearly 80 percent over the last decade to a yearly cost of \$14,280 for in-state students, though that is often reduced through financial aid.

While council decided against pursuing a student fee, Wallace said the idea could resurface in the future.

"We need to figure out a way to communicate that we need more help. If it's not going to be through a student fee, what else is it

going to look like?" she said. "If I don't think those discussions are fruitful enough, then this is an issue I will bring forward again."

John Morgan, a UD professor and frequent commenter at city council meetings, pointed out that one of the difficulties is that the city primarily communicates with Olsen, rather than the board of trustees, which has the real power to make decisions.

"The real problem is that unlike every other prominent public university in the United States of America, the important decisions are made in closed secret meetings of the university's board of trustees," Morgan said. "Those should be opened up. Until they are opened up, you'll never have an equal partnership."

At the trustees' semi-annual meeting last week, Councilman Jason Lawhorn used the public comment portion to bring Newark's concerns directly to the trustees.

"The city and UD have challenges that sometimes seem to be at odds with one another, but that does not need to be the case," Lawhorn said. "With many of these challenges, there is opportunity. UD and Newark would both be better served to work together, presenting a unified front to our elected state officials that the entire community of Newark is a worthy investment of their attention and funding."

He also called on the trustees to work with the city to find solutions to the issue of rental housing, a problem exacerbated by UD's recent decision to close the Christiana Towers while simultaneously delaying the new dorm that was supposed to replace them.

"Newark's ability to develop housing that will retain university graduates or invite young families to pick this community as a place to raise their family is crippled by a student housing demand that drives up the cost of rent, prevents development targeting this market and creates a poor experience for university students who may be forced to take a bus from Pike Creek or be housed in a dorm room beyond its intended capacity," Lawhorn said. "There is opportunity for us all in addressing this challenge together."

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Cops charge man with harassing UD students

By JOSH SHANNON

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A man accused of sending harassing text messages to two University of Delaware students was arrested on stalking charges last week, police said.

The alleged harassment began in August, when one of the students began receiving text messages via a web-based messaging service that allows texts to be sent anonymously.

"The messages contained vulgar language and derogatory remarks," said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The student reported the

messages to police in October and told detectives that a possible suspect was Kyle Stevens. She knew Stevens through the university but had not spoken to him in months, Rubin said.

NPD learned that the UD Police Department was investigating similar harassment involving a different victim. Detectives found a link between Stevens and that victim, as well, Rubin said.



STEVENS

Additionally, they linked Stevens to the messages through the computer he used, Rubin said.

Stevens, 25, was arrested Dec. 13 at his Newark home and charged with two counts of stalking and one count of harassment. He was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 secured bail.

Stevens is a senior at UD, according to university spokesman Andrea Boyle. Students who are arrested are referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to call Det. William Anderson at 302-366-7100 ext. 3469 or wanderson@newark.de.us.

Newark woman struck, killed by car

A Newark woman was struck and killed by a car east of the city last week.

The crash happened just before 9 p.m. Dec. 10 near the intersection of Del. 273 and Harmony Road, according to Master Cpl. Michael Austin, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

Sherry White, 31, was attempting to cross the westbound lanes of Del. 273 when she stepped into the path of a 2018 Mazda 3, Austin said. The car struck White, throwing her into the eastbound lanes.

White was taken to nearby Christiana Hospital, where she died.

"The investigation determined that at the time of the incident she was wearing dark clothing with no reflect-

ive material, not carrying a light and not utilizing a marked crosswalk," Austin said.

A 31-year-old man who was crossing with White was not hurt. The driver of the Mazda, identified only as a 21-year-old man from Bear, was also uninjured.

Guns stolen during rash of vehicle burglaries in Newark

Two guns were stolen during a rash of vehicle burglaries in Newark over the weekend, police said.

The thief or thieves snatched a handgun from an unlocked vehicle on Briar Lane and also took a shotgun from a vehicle on West Main Street.

The burglaries happened during the overnight hours of Saturday and Sun-

day in Nottingham Manor and the area surrounding West Main Street. Other streets hit included Old Oak Road, Hullihen Drive, Corbit Street, Dallam Road and Cheltenham Road.

"Most of the vehicles were unlocked," said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. "Some were rifled through with nothing taken, while others had personal property removed from within the vehicles."

Rubin urged motorists to park in a well-lit area, keep valuables out of sight in the trunk, report suspicious activity and avoid keeping a spare key in the vehicle.

"Please help us to help you: Lock your doors when your vehicle is unattended," he added.



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A large portrait of fallen firefighter Jerry Fickes adorns the stage during an October 2016 memorial service at the Chase Center on the Riverfront.

Woman gets 30 years in arson that killed three firefighters

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A Wilmington woman who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for an arson that left three firefighters dead has been sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Beatriz Fana-Ruiz, 30, was sentenced Dec. 13 after pleading guilty in August to one count each of second-degree murder, arson and assault.

"This horrific tragedy reminds us of the danger Delaware's first responders knowingly and willingly put themselves in every day to protect us," Attorney General Kathleen Jennings said in a prepared statement. "I thank our prosecution team and those who investigated the case, but most importantly I continue to extend my and DOJ's sympathies to the families and friends of the firefighters who were killed and injured, as well as to the still grieving Wilmington Fire Department."

Prosecutors say the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has filed a detainer against Fana-Ruiz, seeking her deportation to her home country of the Do-

minican Republic when she is released from custody.

Fana-Ruiz had been charged with six counts of first-degree murder,

which carries a mandatory life sentence, as well as assault, three counts of arson, and nine counts of reckless endangering.

Her guilty plea came just days after a judge set restrictions on expert testimony regarding whether a confession Fana-Ruiz gave investigators was false or coerced. The judge also noted in his ruling that there was no basis to conclude that authorities violated her Miranda rights.

Lt. Christopher Leach and Senior Firefighter Jerry Fickes of the Wilmington Fire Department died at the scene of the September 2016 row house fire. Senior Firefighter Ardythe Hope was hospitalized in critical condition for



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several weeks before she died.

Fickes was a Newark resident and was also a volunteer with Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company, where he was a former assistant chief.

Authorities have said Fana-Ruiz was angry about her living situation and unhappy with her life when she set a fire in the basement of the home where she was staying.

The fire quickly spread into the ceiling and weakened the floor joists. Leach and Hope died as a result of injuries they sustained when the first floor collapsed, causing them to fall into the burning basement. Fickes was killed as he tried to pull Leach from the fire and another portion of the ceiling collapsed onto him. Firefighter Brad Speakman was seriously injured when he also fell into the basement.

Relatives of several firefighters who battled the blaze have filed a federal lawsuit against the city claiming that cost-cutting policies and understaffing at the fire department contributed to their deaths and injuries.

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Newark Charter senior surprised with \$25K scholarship

Nicole Gill has overcome health challenges to rank near the top of her class

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Born with cystic fibrosis, Nicole Gill has faced medical challenges her whole life.

The disease affects her lungs and digestive system, and between hospital stays and other treatments, it's sometimes hard for the Newark Charter School senior to focus on her schoolwork.

"It's very time-consuming, and there's some days where you just don't feel like doing it, and school becomes hard because you don't feel well," Gill said. "The last thing you want to do is go into school and take a test."

However, Gill hasn't allowed that adversity to keep her from succeeding at NCS, where she is in the top 5 percent of her class.

"I would consider myself a perfectionist. I always like to be at the top," Gill said. "I value academics and I put school first a lot of the times and I try really hard. I've never gotten less than an A, and I hope not to."

All that perseverance paid off Friday when Gill was surprised with a \$25,000 scholarship from the student loan company Sallie Mae. She was

one of nine students nationwide to receive the Bridging the Dream Scholarship, which recognizes students who excel in academics, athletics, community service, or school activities but face personal or financial challenges when looking to fulfill their college dreams.

Gill was nominated by NCS college counselor Ryan Mitchell, who called her an "all-around awesome human being." She is the vice president of the school's Technology Student Association, the dance captain of the school's musical and a member of the National Honor Society.

"I can't think of a kid who has overcome so much yet achieved so much," Mitchell said.

Gill knew she was a finalist but had no idea she won the scholarship when she entered the cafeteria last Friday afternoon with 320 of her classmates for a motivational assembly about succeeding in college.

The assembly featured an appearance by hip-hop artist Dee-1, whose song about paying off his student loans — called "Sallie Mae Back" — went viral in 2016.

In a speech punctuated with humor and music, Dee-1 talked about his own efforts to overcome obstacles in college. During his freshman year at Louisiana State University, his roommate was arrested for drugs, his girlfriend cheated on him, he was cut from the

basketball team and a friend back home was murdered.

"I had every excuse if I wanted to quit. Nobody would have blamed me," he said. "Those are the ingredients that make a lot of people drop out."

He didn't let those disappointments get in his way of a getting a degree, and he worked as a math teacher before starting his rap career.

At the close of the assembly, told the students, "How about I give some money out today to help you out," before throwing a few dollar bills off the stage into the audience. Then, he said he could do even better than that — by giving out \$25,000.

"This particular student is a champion, like I talked about. They're not a quitter. They overcame amazing obstacles and they kept going," he said, before calling Gill to the stage amidst thunderous applause from her classmates.

After the assembly concluded, Gill was still trying to process the exciting news.

"It was a relief, because I thought was going to be announced as a finalist and then part of me was like, wait, so what if I don't win and then my whole school knows that I was a finalist for this," she said.

Gill plans to major in chemical engineering at the University of Delaware.

"I'd love to work in research. I love math, science, chemistry and biology, so I'd love to do bimolecular engineer-



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From left: counselor Ryan Mitchell, hip-hop artist Dee-1, Sallie Mae Executive Vice President Donna Vieira and Newark Charter student Nicole Gill.

ing and hopefully work for a pharmaceutical company and develop medications like so many people do for me," she said.

Her parents and her younger brothers, Andre and Landon, were on hand to witness the surprise.

"It's definitely a huge help and a huge relief," her mom, Leslie, said. "She deserves it. She's worked her whole life for this. I think school is the one thing she has control over and health isn't, and it's always been her No. 1 thing."



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Hip-hop artist Dee-1 performs with students during an assembly at Newark Charter School.

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Cub Scouts spread Christmas cheer with video

By JOSH SHANNON

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A local Cub Scout pack was able to learn a new skill and spread some Christmas cheer – all with one festive trip down Main Street last week.

Scouts Maceo Clark, Ryan DeRienzo, Preston Emmons and Jason Mode, of the Arrow of Light Den in Pack 255 based at Newark United Methodist Church, participated in the effort.

Pack leader Louis DeRienzo said the boys were trying to earn a moviemaking elective pin and decided to use their cellphones and iMovie to shoot and edit a Christmas video.

"The boys hit the streets with a bag full of holiday treats, Santa caps and love in their hearts promoting some key points in the scout law: kind, friendly and cheerful," Louis DeRienzo said. "They had a

lot of fun and made a bunch of people in the community smile, bringing Christmas cheer to the busy shoppers, workers and students during the holidays."

The boys stopped passersby and offered them candy canes, stuffed animals and other gifts in exchange for doing a challenge on camera – such as singing a Christmas carol or doing a dance from the "Fortnite" video game. They even cajoled a Newark Police officer into singing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" while sitting in his patrol car.

They edited the video clips, added a Christmas soundtrack and posted the finished product on YouTube.

"Bringing a smile to others makes you feel good," Ryan DeRienzo said. "Especially around the holidays. Everyone needs a little Christmas cheer."

To watch the video, visit <https://youtu.be/t6W2VJpwmOU>.



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Cub Scout Pack 255 films a Christmas cheer video.

Holiday season can be tough for those grieving a loved one

By TARA SMYTH

Special to the Post

The cold months surrounding the holidays are a joyous time for families and friends to come together to celebrate and create lasting memories. However, what many refer to as the "most wonderful time of the year" can also be the most difficult for those who have suffered the death of a loved one, as an empty seat at the dinner table can be a painful reminder of their loss.

This special time of year emphasizes reuniting with family and building lasting traditions together, making it an especially devastating time for those grieving the loss of a loved one. As the holidays approach, carrying on can seem impossible when one can't escape the feeling that there is someone missing, local grief support leaders said.

Last month, a local chapter of GriefShare held a seminar for local residents called "Surviving the Holidays" at Ebenezer United Methodist Church near Newark. GriefShare is a national system of support groups, and this

session was designed to specifically address grieving a loved one around the holiday season.

Community members of various ages met in a small room in the church, and shared their experiences of getting through the holidays after the loss of a loved one. There was a somber feel in the room, as those in attendance spoke about loved ones who they have lost. Additionally, the seminar included a video and a guide designed by GriefShare, which could be taken home afterward and used to navigate the coming holiday.

Community members shared stories of their loved ones and voiced potential concerns that they have felt entering the holiday season with a family member missing. However, the meeting ended on a positive note as those in attendance shared baked goods that they had brought, laughing as they ate.

According to the survival guide, grief varies from person to person, and no two people deal with loss in the same way. The length of time that it takes

for someone to heal is different for everyone, and the most difficult holiday season for someone may not necessarily be the first. For many, it can be the second, third, or even 10th, as grief has no statute of limitations.

Similarly, according to GriefShare, how one copes with pain is equally as individualized. While some may want to be surrounded by loved ones, recalling memories and stories of those they have lost, others may wish to be alone. It is important to respect the wishes of those who are grieving and give them space if this is what they so desire.

Susan Katzmire, of Cecilton, Md., is now approaching her 10th Christmas since the loss of her husband. As a GriefShare group leader, she now shares her experiences and advice with those who have also suffered the loss of a loved one.

"It's important to know you're not alone," Katzmire told the Newark group. "A helpful thing to know is that you're not the only ones experiencing losses and the pain that comes along with it,

especially around this time of year."

Although pain and grief are unavoidable in the wake of loss, there are little things one can do to that will make the holidays more manageable, she said. Planning for the holiday season or setting small goals for oneself can be a great way to avoid some of the emotional ambushes that may arise navigating the holidays.

Something as simple as making a list of holiday traditions that involved the person who died and crossing out the things that can no longer be done is one of these options. In doing this, those who are grieving can decide for themselves what they can handle and go from there.

Newark resident Barbara Weaver, who leads the GriefShare group along with Katzmire, still finds the holidays to be difficult since the loss of her parents.

"The pain can be so profound," she said. "There is a lot you have to navigate, and you can't always prepare yourself. But it's worth trying."

GriefShare also recommends creating some

new traditions, as it may be painful to continue on with old ones and pretend that things are the same when they are not. This creates room to find new joys in the holidays with one's family and friends. It may also be helpful to plan an escape route from a social gathering just in case it becomes overwhelming.

It is also common during the holidays that friends and family are hesitant to talk about the loved one who has been lost. It is important that, if someone has lost a loved one, family and friends let the person know that it is okay to talk about the one he/she is grieving. One way to accomplish this is to light a candle at a family gathering under their picture, which honors the person's memory and can give a sense that their presence and impact is still felt.

"Remember that there's a difference between reliving their loss or the event that took their life, and honoring their life and memory," Katzmire said.

At the end of the day, the simplest way to ease

the pain of loss is remembering the things you still have and the time spent together. Whether that comes from looking around the room at a holiday party, or simply writing down all of the blessings in one's life and looking at them before bed. Each night, it helps in the healing process.

Whether this is someone's first holiday spent in grief or if one has been trudging through years of missing a lost loved one, the holiday season is a time meant to bring people together, the GriefShare leaders said. Remember fondly those who are gone and embrace lovingly those who still remain.

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Several Newark athletes honored with sports awards

By JON BUZBY

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National, state and local sports award designees included several Newark residents.

After leading Hodgson to the Division I state championship, junior quarterback C.J. Henry was named the Gatorade Delaware Football Player of the Year.

Henry, a first-team all-state selection and offensive player of the year as selected by the Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association, passed for 2,351 yards and 31 touchdowns. He also rushed for 362 yards and six touchdowns.

“What makes C.J. special is the way he stays calm in any situation,” offensive coordinator Dave Collins explained. “No matter what a defense throws at us in the form of blitzes or coverages he doesn’t panic, reads it, and takes what they give us. He is a true student of the game and understands the X’s and O’s part of it better than any other quarterback I have coached. It also helps he is a tremendous athlete with incredible arm strength and can turn a broken play into a touchdown at any moment.”

The award includes a \$1,000 grant through Gatorade’s “Play it Forward” program that can be donated to Henry’s charity of choice. Henry has chosen the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, an organization he has been part of for years.

“Growing up, I’ve always been involved at the club, whether it was for basketball, working, volunteering, working out, or just going there to relax,” Henry said. “It has been a place I can go whenever and know that I am welcomed, safe and at home. The Boys and Girls Club of Newark is really a big family. They treat you like their own and it’s really a great feeling for me being able to be a part of that. I’m proud to say that I am a ‘Club Kid.’”

Hamilton in Hall of Fame

Newark resident Cheryl Hamilton was recently inducted into the National Association of Women’s Gymnastics Judges Hall of Fame.

Her resume includes serving as a judge at four



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Hodgson quarterback C.J. Henry was named the Delaware Gatorade Player of the Year.

Summer Olympics in Los Angeles (1984), Atlanta (1996), London (2012) and Rio de Janeiro (2016). She has also judged several world championships along with other national and international meets. She has chaired the USA Gymnastics women’s technical committee and served on numerous other ones.

A native of Mays Landing, N.J., after competing at Fairmont State University (W.Va.), Hamilton opened First State Gymnastics in Wilmington in 1976.

Mini Max award winners announced

High school football coaches across the state nominated one player from their team to be the recipient of the Mini Max award, a state-level award sponsored by the Maxwell Football Club.

Players were evaluated based on several criteria in addition to their football performance, including community service and academics.

Local winners are Ethan Potter (Caravel Acad-

emy), Ryan Gui Dibo (Christiana), Tariq Lawler (Glasgow), Erik Shimko (Hodgson), Alex Aviles (Newark), Collin Pargoe (Red Lion) and Patrick Palm (St. Mark’s).

One player will be selected as the Maxwell Football Club Delaware High School Player of the Year. Delaware’s winner, who will be announced at the annual Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association banquet, automatically becomes eligible as one of three candidates – along with the winners from New Jersey and Pennsylvania – for the Jim Henry Award, which is announced at the Maxwell Club National Awards Gala on March 6.

Volleyball honors

Newark Charter seniors Chloe Rogers and Emma Ueltzhoffer were second-team all-state selections as voted on by the Delaware Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association. The duo helped lead the Patriots to a 14-1 regular season and a win in the state tournament.

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Gold Star Families are honored at a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Glasgow High School.



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The Wreaths Across America convoy arrives at Glasgow High School Dec. 12.

Wreaths Across America convoy stops at Glasgow High

By JOSH SHANNON

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Eleven tractor-trailers rolled into the parking lot of Glasgow High School last week as they made the journey from Maine to Virginia to deliver thousands of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery.

The trucks were part of the annual Wreaths Across America convoy, which was made up of veterans, Gold Star Families, police officers and motorcyclists from the Patriot Guard Riders and other organizations.

The convoy left Maine on Dec. 7 and arrived at Arlington on Saturday, stopping in dozens of towns along the way. This year's Delaware

stop was at Glasgow High, where the participants went into the auditorium for a ceremony attended by Glasgow students.

"I have had the honor of traveling in the escort to Arlington several times now and look forward to the opportunity each year to join my fellow Americans in saying not only my son Cherone's name out loud, but that of so many of our heroes," said Mona Gunn, president of American Gold Star Mothers. "Wreaths Across America provides opportunities for us to carry out our mission — finding strength in the fellowship of other Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of our sons and daughters alive

by working to help veterans, those currently serving, their families and our communities."

Wreaths Across America began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had a surplus of wreaths and arranged to have them laid on graves at Arlington National Cemetery. The tradition continued largely unnoticed until 2005, when a photo of the wreaths went viral online.

The attention led to an influx of funds and volunteers, and the project expanded. Today, the project distributes more than 1.5 million wreaths at 2,000 locations across the country and overseas.

During the Glasgow High ceremony on Dec. 13, the school band performed patriotic songs, ROTC cadets presented the colors, and local veteran advocates honored the families of several fallen service members from Delaware and the surrounding area. Each Gold Star Family was called up on stage and presented with a wreath while Judy Campbell, chair of Gold Star Families of Delaware, described their loved one's sacrifice.

Campbell, who lost both her brother and her boyfriend in Vietnam, told the Glasgow students about the pain of losing a loved one in war.

"I try to tell the Gold Star

Families it gets easier in time, But actually it doesn't," Campbell said. "The only thing time does is help the Gold Star Families control the outward emotions. You forever miss people that were so much a part of your life."

Larence Kirby, executive director of the Delaware Office of Veterans Services, told the students that it might seem hard to relate to older veterans but he reminded them that many Americans not much older than them have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He told the story of Senior Airman Elizabeth Loncki, a New Castle native who served as an explosive ordnance disposal expert in the U.S. Army. In 2007, at the age of 23, she became the first Delaware woman killed in Iraq.

"She disarmed bombs. She saved hundreds of lives, dare I say thousands," Kirby said, noting that Loncki is now buried at the Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Bear. "This hero is 10 minutes from your school."

On Saturday, there were two wreath-laying ceremonies in the Newark area. One was held at the Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery.

The other was at Pencader Heritage Museum, the site of the Cooch's Bridge Battlefield. The wreaths honored



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Larence Kirby, executive director of the Delaware Office of Veterans Services, speaks at a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Glasgow High School.



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A Glasgow High School student plays "Taps" at a Wreaths Across America ceremony.



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Erin McGowan, the niece of fallen Newark soldier Cpl. Stephen McGowan, peeks out from behind a wreath during the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

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AG: Newark woman admits stealing \$50K from mother

By JOSH SHANNON
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A Newark woman is awaiting sentencing after admitting to stealing from her mother, officials said.

Karen Warrington, 50,

impersonated her mother and stole more than \$50,000 from her mother's investment accounts, according to Carl Kanefsky, a spokesman for the Delaware Attorney General's office. The thefts happened over an 18-month period beginning in

July 2017.

After an investigation by the New Castle County Police Department, Warrington pleaded guilty to theft of more than \$50,000 and identity theft and will be sentenced in March. Each charge carries a maximum

sentence of eight years in prison.

Kanefsky said Warrington is the first person to be convicted as a result of a new law that requires financial institutions to report suspected exploitation of a senior or vulnerable adult.

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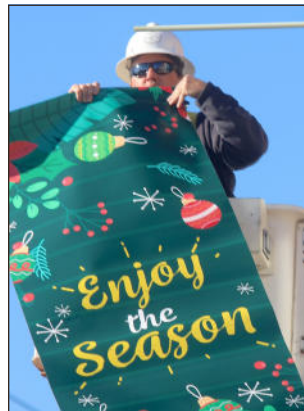
Santa greets Winterfest attendees.



The city of Newark's Christmas tree is aglow on the Academy Lawn.



Mayor Jerry Clifton welcomes Santa Claus to Winterfest.



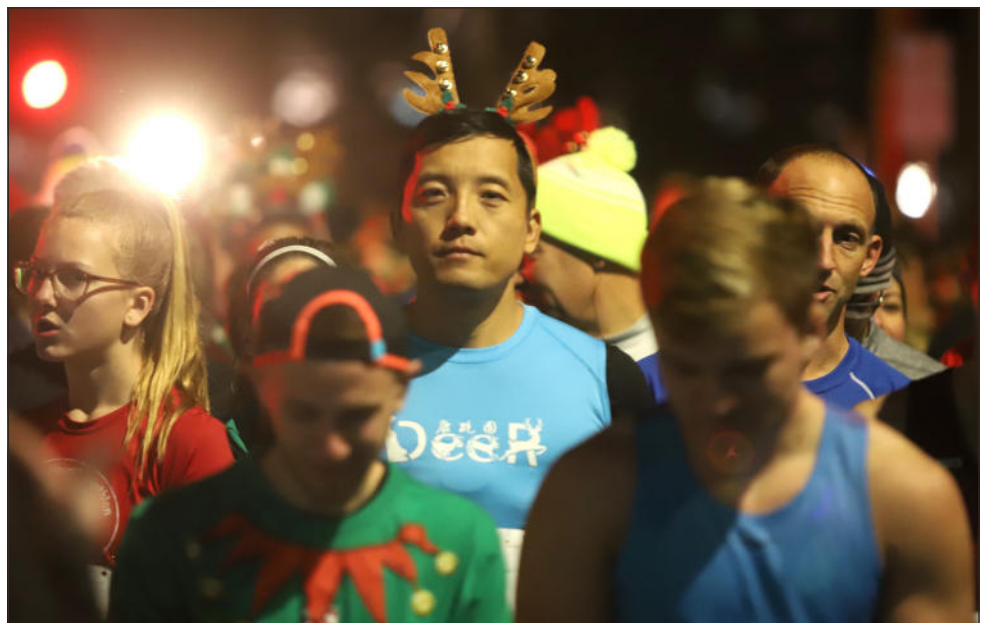
A city of Newark worker hangs up Christmas banners along Main Street.



The Newark Community Band performs at Winterfest.



Santa greeted kids at the George Wilson Center.



Runners prepare at the starting line of the Reindeer Run.

Readers share their Christmas memories

Newark Shopping Center's Santa House

One of my fondest memories of Christmas-time in Newark was in the 1990s at the Santa House in the Newark Shopping Center.

My daughters were small and too shy to deal with the mall Santa. The Santa House was the opposite of the hustle of the mall. There was no line, and the girls felt special being able to walk into that little house while Dad had to bend over and crawl in to see.

Santa spent all the time the girls needed as he coaxed from them their Christmas wishes. At the end, he gave each a gift which they were so excited to receive. They emerged feeling happy and proud of themselves about successfully meeting the Big Man.

I still go to the Newark Shopping Center, but at this time of year, I am grateful but wistful about the simple pleasures Santa gave my family.

— Brent Thompson



Kids line up at the Santa House in Newark Shopping Center.

FILE PHOTO

Winning an RCA color TV

I was about 10 or 12 years old (circa 1956-1958). We had no TV. We'd go to my grandparent's house, and it would be a treat to watch TV shows there.

My mother shopped in downtown Newark at Christmastime. There was a merchants sweepstakes of some kind, and she won a necktie for my Dad and became a finalist for the grand prize — a new RCA COLOR TV. She won, just in time for Christmas!

My dad set it up and adjusted all the various knobs for hue and tone, etc. Only a few NBC shows were broadcast in color at that time. We watched the Perry Como show and my Dad was disappointed that Como wore a drab brown suit.

We went from nothing all the way to leading edge in one fell swoop.

— Kennard R. Wiggins, Jr.



FILE PHOTO

An RCA television is shown this 1958 Newark Post ad for Scott's Appliance Store in Newark Shopping Center.

Out of the Attic

A Newark Christmas poem — 1993

This week's Out of the Attic item is a Christmas poem originally published in the Newark Post in 1993. It was written by Shirley M. Tarrant, a Newark Post columnist and civic advocate who helped lead the effort to establish Christiana Hospital.

While references to VCRs and the "new" Trabant student center date the column, today's Newarkers can certainly sympathize with Tarrant's concerns about road construction, traffic and parking.

Dear Santa:

I don't need cars or VCRs, or rings or things

Or dining with Kings;

Money and stocks and bonds by the ton

Are not my idea of having much fun;

Please listen, dear Santa, and lend me your ear;

Now, don't go to Deer Park and drown in your beer;

It's that time of year, so give me a listen —

'Cause here are some things that Newark is missin':

Please find a road not under construction;

We're tired of delays at every other junction!

Do you think you could leave us some spots for our parking?

And keep those dogs quiet who are all out there barking?

And please give directions to those trucks that we meet —

Show them a way that is NOT West Main Street!

Be sure to leave us some business downtown;

That new student center is the work of a clown;

As you head back up North, with that huge empty sleigh,

You could still help us out in one other way;

Take all our traffic congestion and crime

Recycle it all and improve it with time;

You may need some help from your reindeer and such;

Here's hoping I haven't requested too much!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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TARRANT

Christmas Eve at Holy Family Church

I think my favorite memory of Christmas was mass at Holy Family Church.

It was late '80s, Christmas Eve. Church was packed and my husband and two little girls were standing along a wall. Impulsively, I took off my coat and spread it open on the floor. We sat the girls down and then knelt beside them.

In that moment, I felt so close to God and my family, I was near tears. It was the happiest Christmas in my heart and memory.

— Melissa Scott

Don's Billiards, Newark Mini Mall and Woolworth's

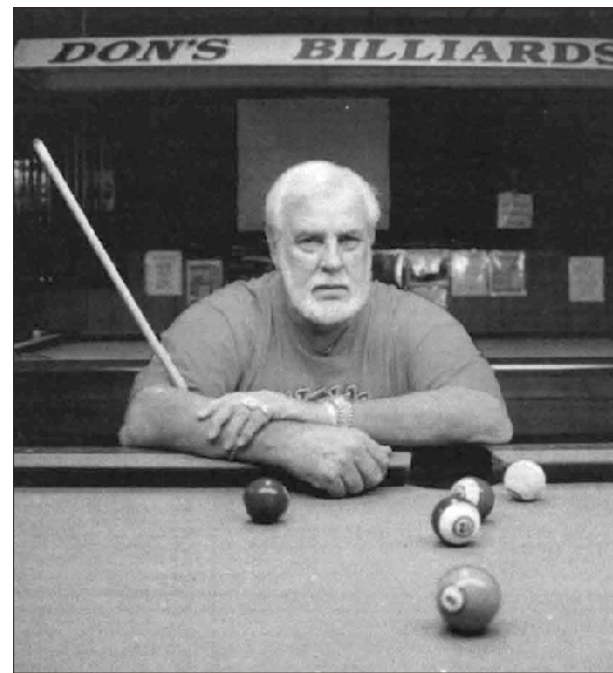
As a child of the '80s, it was a special experience growing up in Newark.

The buildings were shorter. The decorations were "vintage," and Main Street was an adventure land for a group of 12-year-olds on mountain bikes during UD's winter break.

Jolt Colas for breakfast at 7-Eleven. A round of pool at Don's Billiards, a few slices at Margarita's for lunch. Some arcade action at the Newark Mini Mall. Some last minute Christmas shopping at Woolworth's and a quick stop at Roy Rogers for a roast beef sandwich before racing home down Elkton Road trying to beat the street lights.

A lot of those places and some of those friends are gone. But those memories are crystal clear.

—Joel Swanson



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Don McClain owned Don's Billiards for 25 years.

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"This should be viewed as a starting point for your conversation, and not 'this is what I'm going to vote on,'" Silber told the board. "Because there has not been dialogue with the community around what is it that you would like to see and what is it that you're willing to prioritize"

That proposed increase does not restore the cuts made this year or fund any new initiatives.

"This is the minimum increase it takes to keep us where we are for three years before we have to go out for another operating referendum," board member Fred Polaski said.

"This is the keep lights on, keep the doors open number," board member Elizabeth Paige added.

Silber advised the board to think about the district's strategic plan and consider if it wants to ask for more than the minimum increase in order to fund other initiatives.

Meanwhile, the board also has a decision to make about which projects to include in the capital referendum.

Under state law, capital expenses are funded 60 per-



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cent by the state and 40 percent by bonds taken out by the district. If approved by voters, taxes would go up to cover the cost of paying off the bonds.

Earlier this year, Christina identified \$113 million in needed upgrades to several

schools, but the state only approved projects worth \$11.4 million: renovations to mechanical and electrical systems at the Christina Early Education Center and HVAC upgrades at Marshall and Leasure Elementary schools.

If voters approve the capital referendum, the average homeowner would pay an additional \$3.85 per year to pay off the bonds.

The district can choose to do other capital projects, but 100 percent of the debt payments would fall on local tax-

payers. For each additional \$10 million borrowed, the average resident would pay an extra \$7.69 per year.

"It is not unusual for districts to ask for the community to provide support that the state is not providing, and it has been the practice of this

district, at least for the last two referenda," Silber said.

Notable projects included in the original list but not approved by the state include \$730,000 for auditorium upgrades for Newark High School, \$750,000 for science lab renovations at Christiana High School and \$1.3 million for a four-classroom addition to Downes Elementary School.

The board will discuss more details about the referendum Jan. 7. Members are aiming to get the details solidified soon so that officials have time to meet with parents, civic groups and others to discuss the reasons for why the referendum is needed.

April's referendum happened on a more compressed schedule, and some board members said the district's communication effort was lacking.

"We need an all-out, full-court press," Polaski said earlier this fall.

Complicating things this time is the fact that the board will be searching for a new superintendent at the same time it is planning for referendum. Last week, Superintendent Richard Gregg announced he will step down when his contract expires June 30, just three weeks after the referendum.

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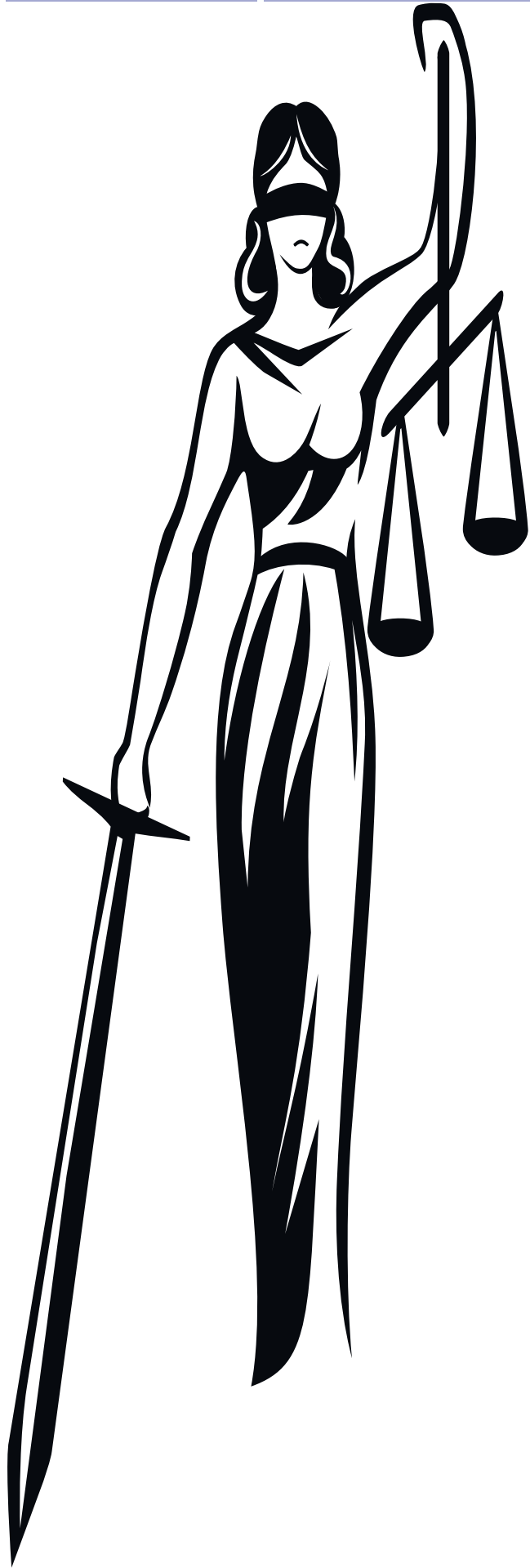
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Minggong Jin,
12/09/19

np 12/20 2884422

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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Yan Lu,
12/09/19

np 12/20 2885480

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
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Petitioner(s)

TO
LEESA DECEMBER SADIEUX
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DARNEISHA LYNELL MAYNARD
Petitioner
Dated: 12/4/2019

np 12/13,20,27

2883674

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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James Matthew DeLisle,
12/11/19

np 12/20 2884579

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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Michael Anthony Jewell,
12/17/19

np 12/20 2885474

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ALYSSIA JULEIGHETTE NICKERSON
Petitioner(s)

TO
JULES ALEXANDER NICKERSON
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ALYSSIA JULEIGHETTE NICKERSON
Petitioner
Dated: 12/10/2019

np 12/20,27,1/3

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Christina Welch,
12/16/19

np 12/20 2885343

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
DANIELLE LYNN WEAVER
Petitioner(s)

TO
DANIELLE LYNN ADAMS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DANIELLE LYNN WEAVER intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to DANIELLE LYNN ADAMS.

DANIELLE LYNN WEAVER
Petitioner
Dated: 12/17/2019

np 12/20,27,1/3

2885627

Revised Public Notice

Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Plan Public Notice
Public Hearing Scheduled for
Friday, December 27th at 5:00 pm

The Newark Housing Authority's 2020 Annual Plan and Supporting Documents are available for review by the Public. The Plan can be reviewed at the Newark Housing Authority located at 313 E. Main Street by contacting Marene Jordan, Executive Director, during normal business hours from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday, from Friday, November 8th – Friday, December 27th or by calling (302) 366-0826.

All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review period specified. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, December 27th at 5:00 pm at the Newark Housing Authority.

np 11/8,15,22,29,12/6,13,20,27

2878978

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Tommas Welch,
12/16/19

np 12/20

2885348

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
FEMALE WOODLEY
Petitioner(s)

TO
LA'TISHA MONIQUE WOODLEY
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FEMALE WOODLEY
Petitioner
Dated: 11/26/2019

np 12/6,13,20

2882367

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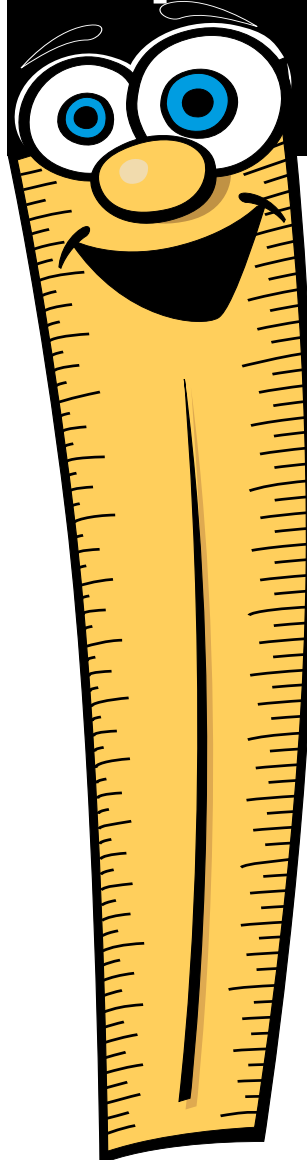


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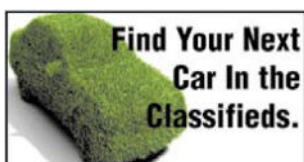
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Big House
All Types
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Coors
Light
\$16.99 cs
2/12pack bottles

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Pinnacle
Vodka
\$12.99
1.75L

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Moshin Westside Crossing
Chardonnay
\$17.99
750ml

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Stone
IPA & Delicious
\$15.99 12pk cans
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Stolichnaya
Vodka
\$22.99
1.75L

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Moshin Westside Crossing
Pinot Noir
\$17.99
750ml

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Celebration, Pale, IPA
\$25.99 cs
2/12pack bottles

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New Amsterdam
Gin
\$16.99
1.75L

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Hess Select
Pinot Grigio
\$7.99
750ml

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Flying Dog
All Types
\$2 off any pack
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Gin
\$29.99
1.75L

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Brut & Blanc de Noir
\$14.99
750ml

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Victory
All Monkeys 12oz
\$9.99 6pack
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