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Mica Smith, 5, of Newark, rides her new adaptive bike around the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center on Saturday. The bikes were given to five local children during the halftime show of the Delaware 87ers game by Preston's March for Energy and three Newark Rotary clubs.

Kids with special needs receive adaptive bicycles

By KARI SIMMONS
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Ashley Smith's 5-year-old daughter, Mica, had been asking for a bike for months and was disappointed when she didn't see one under

her Christmas tree this year.

"I told her, 'Santa's going to work on it. Sometimes he has to get special elves to help him with his work,'" Smith said.

Those special elves came

through on Saturday when three local Rotary clubs – Newark Morning, Christina, and Newark – gave Mica and four other disabled children from Newark special bicycles specifically adapted to their size and needs.

The giveaway took place during the halftime show of the Delaware 87ers game at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center.

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Christina chooses Glasgow alumnus

Richard Gregg selected as district's new superintendent

By KARI SIMMONS
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The Christina School District Board of Education has chosen a former Christina student as the new superintendent for the school district.

Five of the seven board members voted on Tuesday to hire Richard L. Gregg – an assistant superintendent of the 3,400-student Penn-Delco School District in Delaware County, Pa. Gregg attended McVey



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Tonight at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at Roselle Center for the Arts, 110 Orchard Road. The University of Delaware's Resident Ensemble Players presents "The Bells," a play that is set during the great Yukon gold rush of the 1900s and tells the story of a stranger who rides into town and begins asking questions about the mysterious disappearance of a Chinese prospector. He quickly learns that it's every man for himself in this vast wilderness, where ghost stories are never taken lightly and nothing is quite what it seems. Tickets \$15-30. Call 302-831-2204 or visit www.rep.udel.edu.



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The University of Delaware's Serafin String Quartet will host several workshops and performances this weekend.

Serafin String Quartet workshop: Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Roselle Center for the Arts, 110 Orchard Road. A dozen string players have been selected by audition to participate in the all-scholarship weekend of master classes, chamber music coachings and performances. The participants include an undergraduate string quartet from the University of Oklahoma, as well as high school and college students from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Hampshire and China. Free.

Home energy program: Sunday, 6:30 p.m., at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Presenters will share tips, tools and financial resources to lower energy bills, reduce waste, increase home resale value and improve health and comfort, all while caring for creation. Free.

City council meeting: Monday, 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main Street. Council will vote on a proposal to increase water rates.

History Quiztory: Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Glasgow Park barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Historians will give a presentation about local history, and the session concludes with a fun mini-quiz and refreshments of s'mores and hot chocolate. Participants are encouraged to join teams and compete to win prizes. Free. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/history-quiztory-at-glasgow-bank-barn-tickets-30140569254.

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A new parking lot fee structure set to take effect Feb. 1 will raise an estimated \$100,000 in additional revenue for the city.

Municipal parking lot fee changes take effect Feb. 1

Switch to dollar increments expected to generate extra \$100,000 in revenue

By JOSH SHANNON

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Starting Feb. 1, drivers who park in city of Newark lots could find themselves paying a bit more.

In an effort to increase revenue, the city will implement a new parking lot fee structure that, in essence, will round parking fees up to the nearest dollar.

Currently, the fee to park in one of the city's three pay-to-park lots is 50 cents per half hour. Starting next month, officials will eliminate the half-hour increment and make the rate \$1 per hour.

Though the hourly rate is staying the same, those who park for a portion of an hour could see an increased fee. For example, a driver who parks for 20 minutes will pay \$1 instead of 50 cents, and a driver who parks for an hour and 15 minutes will pay \$2 instead of \$1.50.

Officials predict the extra quarters will add up to an additional \$100,000 per year, which will go toward hiring an additional employee

to handle residential parking permits, a duty that is switching from the police department to the parking department later this year. The money will also help offset an increase in credit card transaction fees as more people use credit cards to pay for parking.

In August, when the idea was first discussed publicly, Parking Supervisor Courtney Mulvanity estimated that approximately 35 percent of parking transactions will increase by 50 cents. He noted that the 10-minute grace period will remain, meaning that people who are just grabbing a cup of coffee or picking up a food order can still do so without incurring a charge.

He said that that rounding up to the nearest dollar is a way to increase revenue without having to raise the base parking fee, which hasn't been changed since 1999.

"The most any person will ever pay extra is 50 cents," Mulvanity said.

Businesses that validate their customers' parking will still be able to validate in 50-cent increments. However, a 50-cent validation will no longer cover a customer's entire parking fee, even if that customer parks for less than 30 minutes.

The new policy does not affect the parking meter fee, which remains 25 cents per 12 minutes. However, the city recently increased the penalty for an expired parking meter from \$15 to \$20.



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Developers pitch garage ideas

Bob McGuirk, owner of Integrated Infrastructure LLC, tells city council about his plan for a parking garage behind the Main Street Galleria. The firm was one of five that pitched ideas for a mixed-use parking facility during a workshop on Wednesday. The meeting ended after presstime, but for complete coverage, go to newarkpostonline.com or pick up next week's print edition.

Resident group: Add restaurant to Lidl project

Grocery store planned for Vince's Sports Center site

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The German grocery store chain Lidl has been pursuing plans to build a store on the site of Vince's Sports Center in Brookside, but now an advisory group made up of residents from the surrounding neighborhoods – Brookside, Scottfield and Breezewood – is asking the developer to add a restaurant to the project as well.

Gail Cahall, who lives in Brookside and is a member of the working group the developer put together to advise it on the project, said the suggestion came from a Scottfield resident who wanted a restaurant he and his family could walk to. The group discussed it at a recent meeting and agreed to suggest it to the developer.

"We want to make it a shopping experience. We don't want to make it just a place you just run in for eggs and milk," Cahall said.

The conceptual plan for Lidl calls for a 36,000-square-foot store on the front portion of the property, located at the corner of East Chestnut Hill and Gender roads. The back portion – approximately 70 percent of the 17.5-acre lot – was originally slated to be preserved as open space until the resident group asked for a restaurant, said Shawn Tucker, a Wilmington land-use lawyer representing the company.

The most recent version of the



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The German grocery store chain Lidl is proposing to build a store on the site of Vince's Sports Center on East Chestnut Hill Road.

plan now shows a 5,000-square-foot restaurant, resulting in slightly less open space.

"This certainly came from the community. This was not our idea," Tucker said. "As long as it doesn't turn the project upside down, my client is happy to work with the community. With all my clients, if it's something we think we can do, we do it."

Tucker said the size of the restaurant is just a placeholder for now and could change later.

"This is our first stab at it," he said. "It's a work in progress, but we showed it on the plan because it's a lot harder to ask for things later than just to take them off."

The Lidl chain began in Germa-

ny and has become a major player in the European grocery industry with approximately 10,000 stores across 27 countries. Its stores are about half the size of a traditional American supermarket and sell mostly the company's own private-label products.

Lidl is now entering the United States market and recently established a U.S. headquarters in Arlington, Va. It also announced plans to build three distribution centers on the East Coast, including one in Perryville, Md., approximately 20 miles west of Newark. It hopes to open its first U.S. stores by 2018, and is considering locations in Middletown, Dover and Elkton, Md.

The family-owned Vince's Sports Center, which features a mini-golf course, Par-3 golf course, baseball field, batting cages and an arcade, has been in operation since 1981, however, owner Phil Santucci said it has become difficult to sustain the large property. He is selling the land and plans to either relocate Vince's to a smaller site or open another sort of amusement facility somewhere in the area.

In order for the grocery store and restaurant to move forward there, Lidl must apply for a rezoning from the county, Tucker said.

The property is split into two parcels, and the front portion, which currently contains a mini-golf course and the building, is

zoned commercial. The back portion, which contains the Par-3 golf course, is zoned residential. While much of the property will continue to be zoned residential, Lidl needs county approval to change the boundary between the two zonings to accommodate the grocery store, Tucker said.

The company also needs the county to lift a deed restriction that limits the use of the property to indoor amusement facilities.

Cahall said it will be sad to see Vince's go, but claims the majority of nearby residents supports Lidl and is looking forward to more options for grocery shopping.

"We're sorry to see that a business that has been there so long feels the need to close or is in a position where they have to close," she said. "We hate to see them go and wish them the best. We wish the situation was different, but since it looks like it's not going to be different, those of us who are for it think it's a great idea."

Cahall is looking forward to seeing how the restaurant progresses with the project and hopes it is approved, as it could be a catalyst for more improvements to the area. She said Brookside, Breezewood and Scottfield need something that attracts millennials and younger families and is more upscale than fast food, "but not white glove."

"There is a need there in that section of town for development, and there are several residents that agree that we could use something else in that area that is a little more modern, that is a little more up to date and something that can give us more of a selection than we have now," she said.

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New Jersey man charged with theft at Newark car dealership

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Newark Police arrested a man from New Jersey on Wednesday on charges that he stole tires off a car at a Cleveland Avenue dealership, authorities said.

The defendant is identified as 20-year-old Anthony L. Gonzalez from Camden, N.J.

According to NPD spokesman Sgt. Gerald Bryda, the incident occurred at approximately 12:11 a.m. at Porter Nissan, located in the 200 block of Cleveland Avenue.

Bryda said a security guard working for the dealership noticed a man in the wood line behind the business with a flashlight. The man saw the security guard and ran toward a car parked on Creek

View Road, at which point the security guard called police.

When officers arrived, they found the man laying down in the back of a van and called out to him, but he did not respond. Bryda said officers eventually removed him from the car and took him into custody for questioning. The man gave police a fake name at first, but Bryda said officers were

eventually able to identify him as Gonzalez.

Police then canvassed the area and found four tires worth \$2,000 near where Gonzalez was first seen by the security guard. Bryda said the tires had been taken off a 2016 Honda Accord, which police also found jacked up in the dealership parking lot. The front passenger side window of the car

was smashed, resulting in roughly \$150 in damage.

Gonzalez was charged with possession of burglar tools, theft under \$1,500, criminal mischief under \$1,000, third-degree criminal trespass and criminal impersonation. He was arraigned in JP Court 11 and transported to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$3,100 secured bond.

Teen steals disabled woman's purse on South College Avenue

A teenager made off with a 42-year-old woman's purse Monday after she tripped and fell on the sidewalk on South College Avenue.

According to Newark Police spokesman Sgt. Gerald Bryda, the theft occurred at approximately 10:41 a.m. as the woman was walking in the area of Welsh Tract Road, South College Avenue and Old Coochs Bridge Road.

Bryda said the woman, who is disabled and walks with a cane, tripped and fell and dropped her change purse containing her debit card and an undisclosed amount of cash. As she was getting up, a skinny, white male in his mid-to-late teens ran up, grabbed the change purse off the ground and fled toward Edjil Drive.

He was last seen wearing jeans, a black or blue knit cap and possibly a hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with any additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Mike Gruszecki at 302-366-7100 ext. 3463.

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Newark Police is asking for the public's help to identify this man who was seen on camera stealing \$245 worth of vitamins from Walgreens in Suburban Plaza on Jan. 6.

Shoplifter stuffs vitamins down pants at Walgreens

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Police are trying to identify a man who stole hundreds of dollars worth of vitamins from a Newark Walgreens earlier this month by stuffing them down his pants.

According to Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the theft occurred at approximately 6:06 p.m. Jan. 6 at the store located in Suburban Plaza off Elkton Road.

Bryda said employees suspected the man stole items off the shelf, so they checked the store's secu-

rity footage. The man can be seen on camera stuffing \$245 worth of vitamins down his pants before leaving the store.

NPD has released the surveillance footage of the suspect and is asking for the public's help to identify him. He is described as a white man between 20 and 30 years old and was last seen wearing camouflage pants, a grey knit cap and a black sweatshirt.

Anyone with any additional information about this incident or the suspect should contact Pfc. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100 ext. 3474.

Newark man struck, killed on Old Baltimore Pike

A 25-year-old Newark man died after being hit by a car on Old Baltimore Pike last week.

The crash happened just after 4 a.m. Jan. 12 west of the intersection of Salem

Church Road and Salem Woods Road.

According to Delaware State Police Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale, James A. Gagnon "was reported to have been laying in the westbound lane of travel" when he was run over by a 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Maria Campos, 50, of

Bear. He was dragged for several feet before Campos was able to stop the vehicle.

Gagnon died at the scene. Police believe Gagnon was under the influence of alcohol, Hale said.

Campos was not hurt. DSP continues to investigate the crash.

Man makes off with baby formula, chips from Acme

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The Newark Police Department is looking for a man who took several items from Acme last week, including a shopping basket he used to carry the stolen goods.

According to NPD spokesman Sgt. Gerald Bryda, the theft occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the store located in Suburban Plaza off Elkton Road.

Bryda said employees suspected the man stole items, so they checked the store's security footage. The man can be seen on camera putting various forms of baby formula and a bag of chips into a shopping basket before leaving the store without paying. Bryda said he left the shopping center in a yellow two-door sedan.

The food items were worth \$190, and the shopping basket was worth \$40.

NPD has released the surveillance footage of the suspect and is asking for the public's



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Police are asking for the public's help to identify this man, who was seen on camera stealing baby formula and chips from Acme in Suburban Plaza on Jan. 12.

help to identify him. Anyone with any additional information about this incident or the suspect should contact Pfc. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100 ext. 3474.

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Women to march in Newark to protest Trump

Event coincides with larger rally in Washington, D.C.

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More than 200 people are expected to participate in a protest rally and march through Newark on Saturday, one day after Donald Trump is sworn in as president.

The Women's March on Delaware is planned to coincide with the Women's March on Washington, which organizers say will attract upward of 200,000 people to the nation's capital to protest Trump and show support for women's rights.

"There is concern globally that the next president and his followers want to undermine our government, eliminate environmental protections and roll back human rights," local organizer Donna Shand said in a statement. "We



Protesters rally at the University of Delaware shortly after the November election. On Saturday, more than 200 people are expected to participate in a march and rally in Newark to protest President-elect Donald Trump.

want to send the message to the next president and to members of Congress and the Senate, that we are organized, vigilant, and we will not allow them to destroy the government or the environment, or to take our rights away."

The Newark march is one of

nearly 400 women's marches planned throughout the country. Men, too, are welcome to join the march, organizers said.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a candlelight vigil at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark on Willa Road. Then, march-

ers will set out on a 2.4-mile route to Main Street and back. The event will conclude with a rally at UUFN.

Among those scheduled to speak are Darlene Battle, director of the Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement; Matthew Pillischer,

director of racial justice & social advocacy for YWCA-DE; Stephanie Hansen, a candidate for the 10th state senate district; Pamela Price, a board member of Planned Parenthood; the Rev. Cynthia Robinson, of New Ark United Church of Christ; Newark Councilwoman Jen Wallace; and UUFN pastor the Rev. Andrew Weber.

"Now is the time for all to be the change we want to see in the world and make a difference in our communities and our world," Wallace said in a statement. "Marchers are sending a message that social and economic inequality and intolerance will not stand and they are championing democracy and human rights. Their march is a call to action for each of us."

Saturday's march will be at least the fourth anti-Trump demonstration held in Newark since the November election. The week after the election, groups from UUFN and the University of Delaware held protests. In December, several church groups joined together for a march down Main Street.

Newark man charged with armed robbery of Wawa in Bear

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark man has been charged with robbing a business at gunpoint and attempting to rob another in Bear, according to Delaware State Police.

The first incident happened just before 1 p.m.

Jan. 9 at the Wawa at 1605 Pulaski Highway.

According to DSP spokesman Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale,

Joseph L. Potter, 33, de-



POTTER

manded money from a clerk while displaying "what appeared to be the handle of a handgun that was in his waistband." The clerk complied, handing over an undisclosed amount of cash, and Potter drove away in a dark minivan.

Six hours later, Potter allegedly struck again, this

time about two miles away at the Taco Bell in Governor's Square Shopping Center.

Hale said Potter approached the drive-thru window, handed employees a note demanding money and pointed a handgun at the workers. However, the workers ran to the back of the restaurant, and Potter

eventually drove away empty-handed.

The suspect and vehicle descriptions in both incidents matched, and police later found the minivan in the parking lot of Airport Liquors on Churchman's Road. Troopers arrested Potter without incident and found unspecified evidence

linking him to the crimes, Hale said.

Potter was charged with first-degree robbery, first-degree attempted robbery and wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$63,000 cash bail.

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Rayanne Luke was the top female finisher in Sunday's 5K honoring local running icon John Schultz.



Many race participants wore John Schultz's signature running outfit – red shorts and no shirt.

Hundreds pay tribute to local running icon John Schultz

By JOSH SHANNON

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More than 200 people turned out Sunday afternoon for a race paying tribute to a legend of the Delaware running community.

Most wore red shorts, and many ran shirtless despite the chilly weather, in a nod to John Schultz's signature running outfit.

"It shows what he meant to the community. They could be anywhere else on

a Sunday, but they chose to be here to honor John," said Nic DeCaire, who helped organize the memorial 5K. "It's an individual sport, but it's still a community at the end of the day."

Schultz, 84, died in November after being hit by a car while crossing Philadelphia Pike in Wilmington. His death prompted an outpouring of grief from fellow runners.

"He's an icon to the running community in this

area. He did 100-plus races a year. You would always see John at those races," said David Berger, who also helped organize the race. "It didn't matter what his pace was, he would go out and just run."

Berger said he first met Schultz 15 years ago when Berger was running his first race.

"Your first race, all you want to do is finish and not die," he said. "I'm at the start line, it's freezing cold

and here's this old guy next to me wearing nothing but red shorts. Wow, if this guy can do it, I'm probably not going to die today."

Berger, who runs a race timing company, said Schultz remains an inspiration to him, particularly for how he got into running. A longtime DuPont employee who held a doctorate in chemistry, Schultz discovered running at age 59.

"I worked downtown in Wilmington, and I lived about four miles away," Schultz told Philadelphia Magazine in 2014. "The bus didn't come and I was walking home and the thought occurred to me, 'I wonder if I could run home without stopping.' So I did."

Schultz had been scheduled to run Newark's Turkey Trot the weekend after he died, and several participants in that race wore red and held a moment of silence for him. Soon, though, Berger and DeCaire began planning a bigger remembrance.

Sunday's race, which used the Pomeroy Trail and Creek Road, was free to enter, but participants contributed nearly \$2,500, which will be donated to Catholic Relief Services in Schultz's name.

DeCaire said that, like many people, he didn't know Schultz personally but regularly saw him at races and recognized the effect he had on other people.

"He was just a good, humble man, and everybody wanted to be around him and they were inspired by him," DeCaire said. "He just



Alejandro Carrillo runs Sunday afternoon in a 5K honoring local running icon John Schultz.



Dave McSherry runs Sunday afternoon in a 5K honoring local running icon John Schultz.

gave people that motivation and that inspiration that if they're walking, maybe to run. This guy's out here, he's 80 years old, he's got his shirt off, he's in these red shorts. If this guy can do it, then I can do it, too."



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Newark planning director to retire after 32 years

Feeney Roser now 'a planner without a plan'

By KARIE SIMMONS

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It was the coldest day in what felt like a decade, and Maureen Feeney Roser's car wouldn't start. Neither would her husband's car or her mother's. She was desperate to make it to her interview for the associate planner position at the city of Newark, so she got a ride across town and borrowed her sister's car.

By the time Feeney Roser arrived at city hall, she was 45 minutes late.

"I thought, 'Who would hire someone that is 45 minutes late for an interview?' So I was really relaxed through the whole thing," she said last week. "I thought, 'This is practice.'"

To her own disbelief, she ended up getting the job and said she has loved every day since, which is why it was so difficult for her to decide to retire. Last week, Feeney Roser announced she would be stepping down as planning and development director at the end of the month, officially closing the book on 32 years with the city.

She said she didn't want to leave her coworkers and there are still several projects she wants to see through, but now is a good time for her to leave, personally, and she couldn't pass up the opportunity.

"If I'm going to do something different, now is the time, and I can feel good about what I've accomplished here and take on some new challenges," she said.

Feeney Roser, 60, who lives in Pike Creek with her husband, Gary, has a 25-year-old daughter, Jaci, and granddaughter named Jordan. She said her path to becoming Newark's planning director was winding in the beginning.

Growing up, Feeney Roser wanted to be an attorney and graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in criminal justice. However, she said the field itself never really sparked her passion, so she got a job as an office manager at Delaware Park. She later became assistant to the wine steward for Churchill Downs before deciding to go to graduate school to get her masters in sociology with a concentration in criminology.

After graduating, she became a paralegal for a divorce attorney, but wasn't happy doing that either, and decided to apply for a job as a state planner for Delaware's Division of Aging, where she developed a state directory of services for senior citizens. It wasn't until 1985 that she came across a newspaper ad for Newark's associate planner position and began her 32-year-long career with the city.

When she started, Feeney Roser was responsible for managing the Community Development Block Grant program and helping with transportation planning. She was also staff liaison to the Newark Business Association and was later



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Planning Director Maureen Feeney Roser will retire on Jan. 31 after 32 years working with the city.

staff liaison to the Newark Parking Authority before parking eventually transitioned into the city.

In 1998, she was promoted to assistant director of planning and development and administrator of the newly-established Downtown Newark Partnership – a role she held for 14 years before being promoted to planning director in 2012, when then-director Roy Lopata stepped down. She said some of her best years with the city were while working under Lopata, who she described as "brilliant, funny and family-oriented."

Feeney Roser has been involved with the DNP from the start and is credited with bringing together the city, university and business and residential communities to foster positive change downtown, resulting in the formation of the DNP. However, she said last week she wasn't sure back in 1998 that the umbrella organization, which was recommended by a consulting firm to unite the downtown district, would even be successful.

"It was a risk," she said, adding that the formation of the DNP also dissolved the Newark Business Association and the Newark Parking Authority. "But I think it paid off."

Through the DNP, Feeney Roser helped create a full calendar of downtown special events, including the first Food and Brew Fest, Restaurant Week and Wine and Dine, and is responsible for establishing the downtown gift certificate program that has since turned into the popular downtown gift cards.

She was also involved in the creation of the mural on the CSX railroad bridge over Capitol Trail. She said the city was having a lot of trouble with graffiti there in the 1990s, and the DNP design committee suggested a mural be painted on the bridge to improve the look and deter vandalism, but the project was easier said than done.



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Maureen Feeney Roser (second from left) poses with former Planning Director Roy Lopata, former Councilwoman Louise Brothers, former Planning Secretary Mary Conway, developers Tony Fusco and Frank Vassallo III, former Mayor Bill Redd, former City Secretary Sue Lamblack and former Public Works Director Art Friedl during the ground breaking of College Square Shopping Center in 1985.

"I was told, 'You'll never get it done,'" she said.

It took the DNP several years of planning and fundraising through T-shirt sales, silent auctions, soliciting donations and sponsorships to pay for the expensive project, which was eventually completed in 2005, with the mural on the abutments finished a few years later.

"It took awhile. It was worth it though," Feeney Roser said. "Every time I drive into town that way I look at it and think, 'We did really good.' It's been a real asset."

Over the years, Feeney Roser championed the expansion of the downtown district to include South Main Street – formerly Elkton Road – and was instrumental in many of the city's parking improvements, such as increased inventory and the installation of smart parking meters and state-of-the-art fee collection equipment, which enhanced customer service.

She also advocated for mixed-use development downtown to increase the economic vitality, streamlined the development process and implemented long-term

planning policies regarding aesthetic appeal, quality of materials and pedestrian scale of buildings for new construction.

Her crowning achievement, however, was when Newark won the coveted National Trust for Historic Preservation's Great American Main Street Award in 2011. She said the award brought interest from new businesses and tourism to the city.

"It put us on the map," she said. "It legitimized what we were doing, and we knew we were doing the right thing."

But just as there were great times, there were also difficult times.

Feeney Roser came under fire in 2014 for her decision to issue The Data Centers, LLC, the zoning verification it needed to apply for an air permit through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, a decision which was based on the notion that the power plant was a permitted accessory use to the data center. The zoning verification would have allowed TDC to build a 279-megawatt power plant alongside a proposed data cen-

ter on the University of Delaware's STAR Campus, but UD eventually killed the controversial project.

Opponents of the plan sued the city, arguing Feeney Roser's letter should be revoked. The city hired an attorney to defend the letter in front of the city's Board of Adjustment, which ultimately upheld Feeney Roser's decision. Opponents appealed to Delaware Superior Court, which eventually dismissed the case as moot after UD canceled the project.

"That was a difficult time. I was told, 'You're going to get sued either way so you just have to make sure you're right,'" she said. "To this day, I know I was right based on how the code was written at the time."

She said she is proud she stayed strong through the legal process and that council and City Manager Carol Houck stood by her. She said the city had good legal advice and is better for having gone through the data center debacle, as there are now new definitions for "accessory use" and "neighborhood" in Newark's code and new rules for how they impact development.

"So that situation will never happen again," Feeney Roser said.

She admitted that it was sometimes difficult to deal with negative feedback from residents over the years, but she tried not to take it personally and still believes public input is valuable to the development process. She said the best thing about working in local government is affecting change.

"You can really make a difference. Those that don't know what you do don't think that you do much and that you're not helpful. That bothers me," she said. "I come to work every day ready for the next challenge and to do good for the city of Newark and that's what drives me. I don't want to be thought of as a bureaucrat."

After 32 years, she said she doesn't have a single regret.

"I was lucky enough to stumble upon this place, and it's a unique and wonderful place to work and live and I don't have any regrets," Feeney Roser said. "I feel like I grew up here. I became the person I am today while working for the city, so all in all, I would do it again exactly the way I did. Maybe I would have come here earlier."

"I just hope I left the city a better place than when I came and that'll be enough for me," she added.

Code Enforcement Manager Dave Culver will take over as interim director in February while the city conducts a national search for a permanent replacement.

In the meantime, Feeney Roser said she is excited for retirement and looking forward to spending time with her family. She and her husband are planning to build a house down at the beach, but as for work, she doesn't know what's next.

"I'm walking around and people are saying, 'Will you stop smiling?' and I'm like, 'I can't!'" she said. "It's a brand new start. I'm a planner without a plan."

Newark Charter enjoying success on the court

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What a difference a year makes.

Eleven games into last year's first varsity season, Newark Charter's boys basketball team had won just two games and were in the midst of a five-game losing streak.

Eleven games into this season, the Patriots are 8-3 and have already won two more games than they did all of last season.

"This year is the school's first graduating class at Newark Charter," head coach Casey Husfelt said. "Having seniors has helped with the growth and maturity of our program, both mentally and physically, ultimately resulting in our overall improvement."

Unlike last year when Newark Charter lost several close games, this year's squad has managed to turn those tight games into wins. While three of the Patriots' wins have been by double-digits, five of them were by six points or less.

"Last year, losing a lot of close games still helped give our players the experience of playing at the varsity level," Husfelt explained. "That experience has helped tremendously this season with our 8-3 start as they have more confidence in themselves and their teammates."

Husfelt has used several start-



The Newark Charter boys basketball team enters the second half of the season with state tournament aspirations following an 8-3 start.

ing lineups that have included players from each class who have experience from last year's inaugural varsity season. Seniors Chris Simpson, Zach Leshner and David Gyan are joined in the rotation by juniors Justin Thomas, Trey Rogers and Kevin White, and sophomore Perren Gyan.

"Last year we knew we would

have everyone back, which has been a key factor to our overall competitiveness and drive to win," Husfelt said.

The Patriots' goals coming into the season were to win the Diamond State Conference title and qualify for the state tournament. Newark Charter is 3-0 in the conference but still has five games

remaining to reach its first goal of a conference title.

"We still have a long way to go with nine games remaining on our schedule," Husfelt said. "The key will be for us to continue to get better each and every practice and game."

Thomas leads the Patriots in scoring with 16 points per game

and Rogers is chipping in with 10. But it's been the balanced contributions throughout the lineup that has pleased Husfelt the most.

"We have used some different starting lineups throughout the season and have had different players lead us in scoring on a game-to-game basis," he said.

Husfelt is emphasizing to the players the importance of putting the team first, knowing that it could be the difference between reaching their goals or not as they enter the second half of the season.

"[I'm focusing on] staying together as a team, having five guys play as one," Husfelt said. "We must continue to learn from our mistakes and capitalize on each and every opportunity that gives us the best chance to win."

UD field hockey is DSBA Team of the Year

The NCAA champion University of Delaware field hockey team has been selected as the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Team of the Year, as voted on by members of the media.

The team will be honored at a 12 p.m. luncheon on Feb. 20 at the Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.delasports.org.

Out of the Past

Editor's note: Volunteers at the Pencader Heritage Museum have been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes. They share excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column.

August-September 1931: Council wanted a warning sign at the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing on South College Avenue.

Because Farmers' Trust owned the property, it was approached about repairing a hole in the pavement fronting Cook's store on Main Street. A payment of \$200 on the sewer construction loan was made.

The board of health had

acquired use of a room in the Academy Building for town welfare purposes and asked council for a donation toward renovations. Council decided to await renovation totals then decide what to do.

George Casho complained that due to bad grade on Lovett Avenue curbing, his pavement was too low. He considered it the town's error and argued he should not have to pay for repairs.

For fencing around the disposal plant, two gates, six "Danger" signs, and barbed wire for top of fence were needed. Dis-

posal plant operator Homer VanSant was willing to buy a used Ford, thereby increasing his efficiency, if council would give him \$10 a month for gas, and council agreed. The grounds of the plant needed a great deal of work done.

The red light at Elkton Road and Main Street often tied up traffic, so it would be changed to an amber globe with "Caution" on it. White lines delineating crossings on Main Street would be painted in place.

A drainage ditch near the Kandy Kitchen would be covered. Two new wells at the waterworks were complete and work on a third progressing.

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Out of the Attic

Brookside Elementary School playground — 1988

This week's Out of the Attic item is a May 1988 photo of children playing on the new Brookside Elementary School playground on Marrows Road.

The unique, wooden, castle-like structure had been built the previous fall in a five-day building spree by hundreds of volunteers. Brookside students helped design the playground, which included an outdoor classroom and handicapped play area.

The project cost \$110,000 and was funded by donations, including \$350 the students raised by recycling aluminum cans.

A few years ago, the playground was torn down and replaced with a more modern play structure.

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Five Newark children received adaptive bikes during the halftime show of the Delaware 87ers game Saturday at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center. The bikes were purchased by three Newark Rotary clubs through Preston's March for Energy.

BIKES

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Mica was all smiles as she went for a quick ride around the basketball court Saturday. She said the best thing about the bike is that it's her favorite color – red.

"She's really ecstatic to have something that's hers and red and fabulous," her mother added.

Working through Preston's March for Energy, a nonprofit that provides adaptive bikes to children with special needs, the Rotary clubs purchased the bikes using donations and grant funding. Each bike cost between \$1,800 and \$2,500 and was adapted to each child's specific needs.

Smith, who lives in the Christiana Farms neighborhood off Old Baltimore Pike, said Mica has Sotos syndrome, which is a rare genetic disorder characterized by excessive physical growth, meaning Mica is much taller than a typical 5-year-old. Smith said her daughter struggles with balance due to her height and low muscle tone, and regular bikes with training wheels were not only too difficult for her to ride, but also too small.

"Her knees were up to her nose," Smith said.

Mica needed three wheels for stability, which is why the special tricycle the Rotary clubs bought for her is perfect. Smith said the bike is equipped with several unique features, including velcro straps on the pedals that will keep Mica's feet in as she's riding.

"Because of her low muscle tone, she has a hard time pedaling on a regular bike, but now she doesn't have to worry about her feet coming off the pedals because they're strapped in," she said.

There is also a push bar



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Jamie Wagner, 18, of Newark, rides her new adaptive bike across the basketball court.

attached to the back in case Mica needs a little help and a chest strap to keep her in place. Probably the best feature, however, is that the seat can be raised as Mica grows, meaning she won't outgrow the bike anytime soon.

Deb Buenaga, whose 18-year-old son, Preston, has mitochondrial disease, started Preston's March for Energy in 2011 after receiving donations to buy Preston his own adaptive bike. She said the bike gave Preston a sense of independence and freedom and he enjoyed it so much he refused to get off.

"My husband and I looked at each other and said, 'We have to pay it forward,'" Buenaga said.

Over the last five years, Preston's March for Energy has given away 174 adaptive bikes to children across the country. Buenaga said there are currently 86 children on the waiting list.

Saturday marked the third time the organization has done the giveaway during

a Delaware 87ers game. In addition to Mica, Gabriel Torres, 7; Jamie Wagner, 18; Regan Prado, 11; and Michaela Watson, 17, also received bikes.

"When we give a child a bike, it's not only a dream for the kids. It's a dream for the parents too," Buenaga said. "It's just something that we take for granted – riding a bike – and these kids never thought they would be able to. Now they can."

Robin Broomall, president of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, said the mission of Rotary clubs is humanitarian projects and humanitarian service, with the club mottoes being "service above self." She said the clubs decided to direct their grant funding toward Preston's March for Energy because the nonprofit would be buying a specific round of bikes for Newark children with special needs.

"It was heartwarming to know we were doing something very special for them. It wasn't just giving them a

coat or pair of shoes like we do for some in the community. They are going to have these bikes for many, many years," Broomall said.

She said Saturday's giveaway almost brought her to tears.

"These children have disabilities that make life difficult. It just makes us feel good to know they can have a little bit of happiness somewhere along the way," she said.

A single mom on a fixed income, Smith is thankful the Rotary clubs worked with Preston's March for Energy to give Mica an adaptive bike because she wouldn't have been able to afford it on her own. Thanks to the effort, she can now watch her child ride a bike, which she said is a huge milestone for any parent.

"Mica never really had a bike of her own, so you can't miss what you don't have, but she saw other kids on bikes," Smith said. "She may not have really seen it, but I did. I wanted this for her."



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Michaela Watson, 17, of Newark, rides across the basketball court on her new adaptive bike.

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GREGG

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Elementary and Gauger-Cobbs Middle School and graduated from Glasgow High School.

Board members George Evans and Harrie Ellen Minnehan voted for Samuel L. Golder, who was another finalist in the district's superintendent search. The third finalist, Gerald "Jerry" B. Wilson, did not receive any votes.

The decision comes less than a week after each of the three candidates presented their plans for the future of the district during a public meeting Jan. 11 at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School. Board members privately interviewed the three finalists last week and discussed the selection in executive session Tuesday before taking a public vote.

A University of Delaware graduate, Gregg received a master's degree in school leadership and instruction from Wilmington University. He began his career teaching social studies before moving into administration, where he served stints at Christiana High School, Brandywine High School and Concord High School.

During his presentation Jan. 11, he said it's time to give back.

"I'm a product of this district and I'm proud to be a product of this district," he said, adding that he was drawn to the job because, although he lives in Pennsylvania now, he is a Delawarean at heart. "I think we can do good things together."

But the district has some "tight times coming," according to Gregg.

Last year, voters narrowly approved a referendum that raised taxes an average of \$192 per year and will bring in about \$16 million to the district. The approval came months after two earlier referendums failed.

District officials said the money generated from the tax increase will go toward reducing class sizes, improving school climate, restoring school budgets, designing new programs, paying for increased operating expenses and eliminating the structural deficit.

In order to improve the district's financial situation, Gregg wants to identify time-wasting programs and initiatives through classroom observations, teacher surveys and other means and then get rid of those programs.

"Our tax dollars should be concentrated on what



Richard L. Gregg was named superintendent of Christina School District on Tuesday.

is working, not what isn't working," he said.

He described himself as frugal, but realistic, and promised that as superintendent he will be fiscally responsible while doing what's best for the students.

"We need to make sure that if we're doing cuts, that we do it with a scalpel, and not wholesale programs that are devastating to students," he said.

Gregg wants to improve Christina's graduation rate, which is currently at 75 percent. He said he plans to work with the board to expand early education opportunities and believes more could be done to monitor benchmarks so that kids are on track to graduate even before they reach high school. He also wants to institute a formal curriculum review cycle.

He said the future of Christina is "vibrant and alive" and there are many things the district does great. Those programs, Gregg believes, should be expanded. He said Christina could be among the top 10 school district in the state within the next three to five years, but it needs strong and consistent leadership to succeed.

He said he plans to stay long-term because Newark was, and always will be, his home.

"It would be an honor for me to return home and it would be an honor for me to return to Newark and serve as this district's superintendent, and I hope to see you again soon in that role," Gregg said.

Board President Elizabeth Paige said Tuesday she chose Gregg because he has the right balance of experience within Delaware and outside Delaware and was more fiscally responsible and the most student-focused of all the candidates.

It also helped that he is familiar with the district, she said.

"He has the sense of Christina pride, and that really spoke to me," Paige said. "He's a product of this district, so he's coming home."

The board's decision marks the end of a lengthy process to find the district's next leader.

The district has been without a permanent superintendent since Freeman Williams took a leave of absence due to health concerns in August 2015, before ultimately retiring in February. Robert Andrzejewski served as interim superintendent from October 2015 until his contract was up at the end of 2016. Assistant Superintendent Noreen LaSorsa is currently at the helm until a permanent successor is in place.

According to district spokeswoman Wendy Lapham, a task force made up of teachers, district staff members, community members and a student reviewed eight semifinalists and narrowed the list down to five candidates. The board, using recommendations from the task force and various "subject matter experts," then chose the three to interview.

Paige said she's glad the search is over.

"We're all exhausted and relieved at the same time, but we're not done yet," she said.

She said the next steps will be contract negotiations and figuring out how soon Gregg can start.

Candidates make their case to board, public

Gregg was one of three superintendent candidates who attended the Jan. 11 to

publicly state their case for why they should be selected to lead the Christina School District.

Golder said he believes Christina can reach the top 10 in two years and said Wednesday there is no doubt in his mind the district can be as great as it once was.

"There was a time, folks, when we ruled the roost here in Delaware," he said.

Golder has served as director of secondary school operations for the Red Clay Consolidated School District since 2009. He holds a master's degree in education administration from Loyola College and has also served as principal of A.I. DuPont High School in Wilmington. Before coming to Delaware, he was an English teacher and administrator in Maryland.

He called Christina's superintendent search an "opportunity for a Renaissance."

If chosen, he said, he would make sure the district has a consistent instructional brand and that all students are at the same starting line by the time they enter kindergarten. He praised the Christina Early Education Center, which teaches preschool and kindergarten, and said one of his priorities as superintendent will be to expand the center.

"This is where our bread is buttered," he said.

Other changes Golder would make include a stronger focus on literacy – public speaking, writing and reading – and allocating more funding toward improving and addressing students' social-emotional health. He doesn't think teachers should be required to help students who are having issues in the classroom when they don't have the skills or support from the administration.



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Samuel L. Golder, one of three finalists for the Christina School District superintendent position, answers a question from the audience during a public meeting last week at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School.

He also said he wanted to create themed secondary schools, so that each school in the district is known for something specific. He said Christina needs more selling points to entice not only choice families, but also families who live in the district and are considering charter schools.

"My main goal is to keep families home in the Christina School District," he said. "That is goal number one."

When it comes to professional development, Golder believes it should be exciting and engaging. He said teachers feel valued when they know what they're supposed to do and announced his plans for Christina University – a four-course training program faculty would have to complete over two years.

"Courses on the Christina way," he said. "The way we do business in our school district."

Golder said he would spend his first 100 days as superintendent building relationships with the board, examining student achievement data, establishing credibility within the community and diagnosing the financial health of district. He promised longevity, energy, spirit and honesty.

"I want to walk with you. I want to battle with you for the things that are important for our kids and I want to do right by the students in the Christina School District," Golder said.

The third finalist, Wilson, holds a doctorate in education from the University of Wyoming and most recently served four years as superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools in Maryland before stepping down earlier this year. He spent 13 years teaching English and has also served as superintendent of school districts in Colorado, Oregon and Wyoming. Last month, he was named a finalist for a superintendent position in Orlando, Fla., but

was ultimately passed over for the job, according to a report in the Orlando Sentinel.

He focused most of his presentation on his idea for the district's new brand: We Are Your Christina.

"In this particular time, the moment we are in education, we need to be our communities. We are community schools, and as community schools we need to celebrate our schools, celebrate our children," Wilson said.

He said the school system needs to be seen through fresh eyes and is looking forward to analyzing student achievement data and reviewing existing programs and strategies to find out what Christina does best, and then do it even better.

Some of his ideas included developing a parent involvement task force and using metrics like the Gallup Student Poll, which measures four dimensions of student success: engagement, hope, entrepreneurial aspiration and financial and career literacy.

Wilson said he is intrigued by some of the challenges Christina is currently facing and can offer stability to the district, as he plans to devote the remainder of his career here.

"In public education, there is a world of work to do. And it is good work, and it is great work and it is work that I aspire to do, and I want to help and inspire others to do," Wilson said.

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UD students uncover history at Maryland historical society

By JESSICA IANNETTA

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Putting together a 10-piece Quaker wedding dress, identifying a women's World War I uniform and checking old military weapons for live ammo – it's all in a day's work for a group of University of Delaware students.

These students, who are all pursuing museum studies certificates, have spent the last two weeks doing all that and more as part of a service program known as SWAT, which this year takes place at the Historical Society of Cecil County in Elkton, Md. Now in its eighth year, the students in the program visit a different museum or historical archive for eight days every January to volunteer and work with the organization's collection.

"This is something they're not going to get in a classroom," said Tracy Jentzsch, program coordinator.

The program not only gives students real-world experience in their major, it also helps the organizations, who often don't have a good inventory of all the items in their collection. Much of the students' work at the HSCC these past two weeks has focused on the museum's textiles collection, but students also helped clear out a space for a curator's room and did an assessment of the items in the society's military museum.

Organizations nominate themselves for participation in the program and Lisa Dollar, HSCC curator, said the help from the UD students was perfect timing as the society prepares for an exhibit of World War I items in April to mark 100 years since the United States entered the war.

As part of the identifying and researching process, all the items will also be entered



University of Delaware museum studies students and museum studies director Kasey Grier examine some textiles at the Historical Society of Cecil County.

into PassPerfect, an internal database used by many museums to keep track of their inventory.

So far, the students have uncovered a variety of items the society either didn't know it had or didn't know were from the World War I era, including a women's World War I uniform, various other military uniforms and quite a few items of women's clothing from that era, including women's dresses and undergarments, said Cara Tortorice, a second year fashion and apparel studies masters student.

But some of Tortorice's favorite finds aren't from the World War I era at all, including an 1880s dress from the bustle era with an actual hoop skirt and a 10-piece wedding dress from the 1870s that had never been put together before this week. That wedding dress was worn by Caroline Kirk of Calvert when she married John Greer of Philadelphia at Brick Meeting House on Feb. 2, 1870, Tortorice said.

"This is the first time I've gotten to use all the knowl-

edge I learned in my undergraduate and graduate studies because the collection covers so many different periods," she said, adding that the group has found items ranging from the 1800s to the 1960s.

Outside of textiles, several students also did an assessment for preservation report of the items in the HSCC's Sheriff John F. DeWitt Military Museum, said Sam Christensen, a second year history masters student. As part of the assessment, the students looked for mold and other safety concerns, including checking all the weapons for any live ammo, which Christensen said was his favorite part.

"We get to apply everything we've learned and apply our skill set to solve problems," he said.

And for some of the students participating in SWAT, that learning process starts even before college. For the second year in a row, the museum studies students were joined by Jeffrey Ricketts, a sophomore at Rising Sun High School and self-

described antiques collector focusing on pre-1850s All-American antiques.

Ricketts, who traces his love of antiques back to the fact that he grew up in a house from the 1730s, got involved with the program for the first time last year after his father heard about SWAT and asked if his son could participate. For Ricketts, he's enjoyed every part of participating in SWAT the last two years but especially likes this year's local angle.

"I like that it's at the Historical Society of Cecil County because then you get to handle everything local," he said.



This wedding dress from the 1870s was put together by University of Delaware students during SWAT 2017 at the Historical Society of Cecil County.



UD students focused on the Historical Society of Cecil County's textile collection during their eight-day service program at the society.

OBITUARY

Hugh Marion "Butch" Greene Jr.

Hugh Marion "Butch" Greene Jr., 60, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the CarePartners Solace Center in Asheville, North Carolina.

Butch was born on May 26, 1956 in Middle River, MD, to Hugh Marion Greene Sr. and Joyce Balamontis. He is preceded in death by his father, Hugh Marion Greene Sr., and a sister, Brenda Scheu.

Butch was a carpenter by trade and a man of many

talents. He loved children, working with his hands, and lived his life to the fullest.

Butch is survived by his mother, Joyce Balamontis; siblings: Jerry Greene and wife, Yvonne, of Rising Sun, MD; Donald Greene and wife Toni, of Newark, DE; Dale Greene and wife Celeste, of Conowingo, MD; Elizabeth Greene of Reading, PA; numerous nieces, nephews and family, as well as, his extended family of friends in North Carolina.

A memorial service to celebrate Butch's life will be

held at 6 p.m. Friday, January 20 at the Calvert Grange Hall, 2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.ashevillearealternative.com.

Correction

The Jan. 13 article "A lifetime of law" incorrectly spelled the name of Vance Funk's wife, Elaine. The Post regrets the error.

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A recently completed trail along the C&D Canal links Delaware City with Chesapeake City, Md.

Officials celebrate C&D Canal trail completion

By JACOB OWENS

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Officials gathered last Friday to celebrate the total completion of recreational trails along the C&D Canal, from Delaware City to Chesapeake City, Md.

It was not surprising that Gov. Jack Markell, who is an avid bicyclist and a visible proponent of the growth of cycling amenities throughout Delaware, chose this grand opening as his last public appearance while in office.

"The opening of the recreational trails along the C&D Canal marks another great milestone in expanding Delaware's trail network of more than 571 miles of trails," Markell said. "Building the trails linking two historic cities was a tremendous collaboration among state, federal and city partners. With the trails now completed, more residents and visitors will be drawn to the wonderful amenities that Delaware City and Chesapeake City have to offer, expanding tourism and boosting the local economies. As a cyclist, the Michael Castle Trail with its natural, scenic beauty along the C&D Canal is one of my favorite trails to ride."

While Markell is planning for life after the governorship, he is reportedly mulling a cross-country bicycle ride, but DNREC Secretary David Small suggested something closer to home instead: riding the canal trail more than 2,000 times to simulate the distance.

Markell's vision for the canal trail will span beyond his tenure, as his administration previously announced the planned expansion of a trail system from the riverfront in Wilmington to New Castle, which will link

into the segment opened in Delaware City.

The property along the north and south banks of the C&D Canal is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and leased under a long-term agreement to the states of Delaware and Maryland.

In Maryland, the property is managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. In Delaware, most of the 5,178 acres is managed by DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife as the C&D Canal Conservation Area. A small portion, including Fort DuPont, is administered by DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation, which also operates nearby Fort Delaware and Lums Pond State Parks.

"As the federal agency entrusted with stewardship of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, we are glad for the recreational opportunities this trail provides for the canal's ultimate owners — the American people," said Lt. Col. Michael Bliss, Philadelphia District commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which owns and operates the canal as a shipping channel.

The Michael N. Castle Trail, a 12.1-mile span, was named in October 2013 for the politician who served Delaware for nearly 40 years as state legislator, lieutenant governor, governor and U.S. congressman. While serving in Congress, Castle helped initiate a trail project along the canal in 2004, when constituents came to him with better ways to use the area around the canal. While the project was approved in 2005, construction did not begin until mid-2012. Today, the trail includes 12.1 miles of paved surface with three trailheads located at Biddle's Point, St. Georges and South

Lums Pond, which more than 100,000 people use annually.

The 1.8-mile Ben Cardin Recreational Trail along the C&D Canal in Maryland was named for U.S. Sen. Cardin who has served the State of Maryland for nearly 50 years and assisted the town of Chesapeake City with many initiatives throughout the years. Visitors can access the trail in Chesapeake City at the trailhead by the town dock, located at the base of Lock Street. Parking is located under the Chesapeake City Bridge.

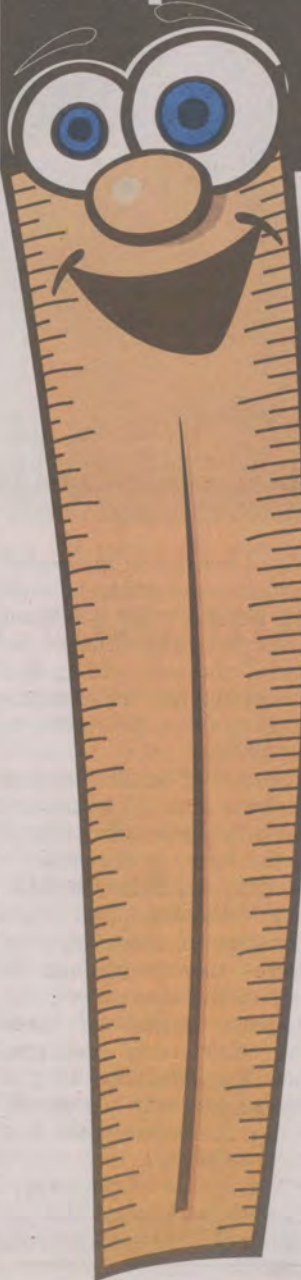
The total cost of the C&D Canal trail system was upwards of \$15 million, with much of that funding coming from federal programs.

Chesapeake City Mayor Dean Geracimos announced that his town recently signed a contract for ferry service with DJ Fasick as well as its planned system of south-side trails.

"The completion of the last section of the canal trail provides vital recreational opportunities for hikers, joggers, bicyclists and birders and ultimately transforms the region into a destination for recreation enthusiasts," he said. "However, it's more than just a recreational trail, it's an economic development driver that has already created new businesses in Chesapeake City. We're extremely excited about the new ferry service that starts up in mid-April and will transport pedestrians and bicycles from the ferry dock along the trail to the south side of town and vice versa."

"Chesapeake City feels like we hit the lottery with this project," he added. "We're so grateful and thankful for the people here, because without you we wouldn't of had the vision and opportunity to tag onto this."

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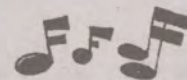
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ELECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 24, 2017 - 6:00 PM
Mayor's Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Swearing In of New and Reappointed Board Members
3. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2016 Election Board Meeting
4. Election of Election Board President For 2017
5. Committee Update Regarding Dates for the 2017 City Election
 - A. Tuesday, April 11, 2017 - Election
 - B. Monday, February 6, 2017 - Candidate Filing Deadline
 - C. Monday, March 20, 2017 - Voter Registration Deadline
 - D. Thursday, April 13, 2017 - Election Board Certification Meeting
 - E. Thursday, April 20, 2017 - Organizational Meeting/Swearing In
6. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Assignment of Pre-Election Duties
 - B. Discussion and Assignment of Recruitment of Absentee Election Judges
 - C. Discussion of Election Day Preparation Duties
 - D. Discussion and Potential Vote on Election Worker Stipends
 - E. Report on 12/1 Election Training by Delaware State Board of Elections
 - F. Other New Business
7. Adjournment

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David Jeffrey Baker
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Gregory Jay Gayle
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Amy Lynn Witmer
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James Earle Aikenhead
1/16/17
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Anne Yvonne Koiv
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np 1/20 2686791

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Michael Paul McNulty, Jr.
1/17/17
np 1/20 2686928

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Leon Stanley Kukulka
1/18/17
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**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING REVISED AGENDA**

January 23, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. – CC

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(2) for the purpose of preliminary discussions on site acquisitions for publicly funded capital improvements – 103 Hillside Road

(Executive Session to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Executive Session after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- *1. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** None

2. **ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Public (3 minutes per speaker)
B. Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers
C. University
 (1) Administration (5 minutes per speaker)
 (2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)
D. Lobbyist
E. City Manager
F. Council Members

3. **ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:** None

*4. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

- A. Reappointment of Sheila Smith to the District 4 Position on the Conservation Advisory Commission for a Three-Year Term to Expire March 15, 2020
B. Reappointment of Michael Keough to the District 3 Position on the Community Development/Revenue Sharing Advisory Committee for a Three-Year Term to Expire March 15, 2020
C. Reappointment of Sharon Smith to the Newark Housing Authority to the Mayoral Appointment for a Three-Year Term to Expire January 15, 2020
D. Appointment of Stacy McNatt to the Vacant District 3 Position on the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire September 15, 2019
E. Appointment of Dean Moore to the Vacant District 2 Position on the Election Board for a Term to Expire January 15, 2018

*5. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:
 1. 2017 New Full-Time Positions – Deputy City Manager
 a. IT Network Administrator III
 b. IT Desktop Support Technician
 c. Evidence Custodian
 2. Net Metering Discussion – City Manager

*6. **RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:**

- A. Recommendation to Purchase Property Management Software from Tyler Technologies, Field Use Computer Equipment from Dell and to Approve Costs Related to Data Conversion

*7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (Ending November 30, 2016)

*8. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. **Bill 16-39** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Water, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Increasing the Water Rates Effective January 1, 2017 *(Postponed by Council from the December 12, 2016 Meeting)*
B. **Bill 17-01** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Designating Indian Road as "No Parking Anytime" *(See Item 10-A-1)*

*9. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:** None

*10. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. **Council Members:**
 1. **Resolution 17-__**: A Resolution Designating the West Side of Indian Road as a Special Residential Parking District *(See Item 8-B)*
B. **Others:** None

11. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Council Minutes – December 19, 2016
B. Approval of Council Minutes – January 9, 2017
C. Receipt of Alderman's Report – January 9, 2017
D. Resignation of Dawn Calzada from the Downtown Newark Partnership
E. Resignation of Janet Yoder from the Election Board
F. **First Reading – Bill 17-04** – An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Development Plan by Changing the Designation of Property Located at 40 East Cleveland Avenue – **Second Reading – February 27, 2017**
G. **First Reading – Bill 17-05** – An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning from RD (One Family Semi-Detached Residential) to RM (Multi-Family Residential – Garden Apartments) 0.237 Acres Located at 40 East Cleveland Avenue – **Second Reading – February 27, 2017**
H. **First Reading – Bill 17-06** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Housing and Property Maintenance, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Updating Code Sections to Allow Private Certified Rental Property Maintenance Inspectors, to Allow Financial Credits if Such Inspectors are Used and to Clarify Certain Aspects of the City of Newark's Annual Rental Inspection Program – **Second Reading – February 27, 2017**
I. Receipt of Real Estate Tax Assessment Quarterly Supplemental Roll – Fourth Quarter 2016

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- B. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(9) for the purpose of the discussion of personnel matters in which the names, competency and abilities of individual employees are discussed – City Manager

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION***OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Agenda Posted – January 13, 2017
Revised Agenda Posted – January 17, 2017

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

ITTIPOL CHUA
Petitioner
Dated: 1/3/2017
2684019

np 1/6,13,20

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ALEXA JANINE WILDMAN
Petitioner(s)
TO
ALEXA JANINE SPENCER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALEXA JANINE WILDMAN 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 ALEXA JANINE SPENCER.

ALEXA JANINE WILDMAN
Petitioner
Dated: 1/3/2017
2684027

np 1/6,13,20

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
CAREY ANN LAFFERTY
Petitioner(s)
TO
CAREY ANN LAFFERTY FISHER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CAREY ANN LAFFERTY 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 CAREY ANN LAFFERTY FISHER.

CAREY ANN LAFFERTY
Petitioner
Dated: 1/6/2017
2684915

np 1/13,20,27

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
PAIGE MARIE JOHNSON
Petitioner(s)
TO
PAIGE MARIE TRAYLOR
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SAMRIA BROWN and THERON TRAYLOR intend to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change their minor child's name to PAIGE MARIE TRAYLOR.

SAMRIA BROWN
THERON TRAYLOR
Petitioner
Dated: 11/9/2016
2683568

np 1/13,20,27

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES NOTICE**

The City of Newark will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The offices for which an election will be held are the office of Council Member for Districts 1, 2 and 4. Council Members serve two-year terms.

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

All nominations for Council Member shall be declared by petition which can be obtained in the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each nominating petition for Council Member shall be signed by the candidate and, in addition, shall bear the signatures of 10 qualified voters residing in the district from which the candidate seeks election. Petitions with all requisite signatures must be filed with the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m., EDT, on Monday, February 6, 2017 in order to be eligible for candidacy in the April 11, 2017 election.

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

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