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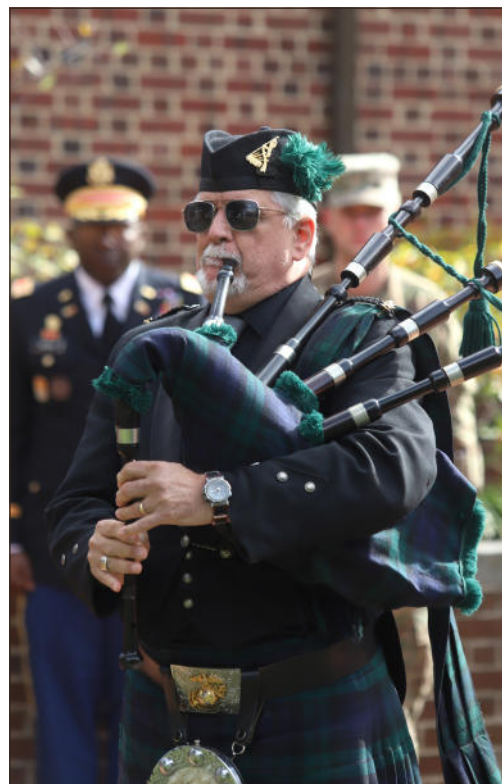
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A salute to service

Newarkers paid tribute to the sacrifices of local service members with Veterans Day ceremonies over the weekend, including one on the University of Delaware Green and one at city hall. **Top:** Newark Morning Rotary Club members Mark Sisk and Laura DelPercio look at the names of local veterans inscribed on tags attached to American flags displayed on the lawn of city hall. **Right:** Jeff Edwards plays "Flowers of the Forest" on the bagpipes in front of Memorial Hall. **Bottom:** More than 7,000 flags, representing all the service members killed since Sept. 11, 2001, are displayed on the The Green. Read more on pages 11 and 16.



Newark Manor fined \$381K

AG alleges 'substandard and worthless care'

By JOSH SHANNON
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A Newark nursing home has reached a \$381,000 settlement with the state over allegations that it provided "substandard and worthless care" to its residents.

Newark Manor, located on West Main Street, "persistently failed to provide adequate nursing care including supervision to vulnerable residents of Newark Manor, causing falls, fractures, and other significant injuries," from 2011 to 2017, according to Carl Kanefsky, a spokesman for Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings.

The facility also failed to provide adequate staffing, failed to meet the re-

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City council to vote on budget Monday

By JOSH SHANNON
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The average Newark resident would pay between \$115 and \$166 more to the city next year under a budget proposal that will be voted on next week.

The increase could come as a new trash collection fee, a tax hike of up to 30 percent or some combination of tax and utility fee increases.

The vote is set for 7 p.m. Monday at city hall, located at 220 S. Main St.

Council has spent the last three months discussing ways to address the city's budget shortfall, which currently sits at just over \$1 million.

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The week ahead

Concert: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. The Newark Symphony Orchestra will perform the music of Mozart with guest conductor Wesley Broadnax. Tickets \$8 to \$15.

Holiday craft fair: Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. Multiple vendors will be displaying their works for purchase. A simple lunch of soup and bread will be available for a donation of \$5 or more. Free admission.

Concert: Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Ave. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Adult Chorus will present a concert of autumn, American, Thanksgiving and winter selections. Free, but donations are welcome.

Council meeting: Monday 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. Council will vote on the 2020 budget, including proposals for a trash fee or a tax hike.

History Quiztory: Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Newark Post Editor Josh Shannon will give a presentation about Newark Post founder Everett Johnson. The session concludes with a quiz. Participants are encouraged to



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Deborah Gottschalk, of Newark, wears a turkey hat as she runs the Turkey Trot 10K last year.

join teams and compete to win prizes. Free.

Holiday market and show: Friday, Nov. 22, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at JaneKav Gallery, 625 Barksdale Road, Suite 103. JaneKav Gallery will celebrate new works from Paula Camenzind, Mickey Irr, Jane Kavanagh Morton, Nancy Kavanagh O'Neill and Barbara Neale. Featuring handcrafted textiles, pottery, jewelry, encaustics, sculpture and glasswork.

Turkey Trot: Saturday,

Nov. 23, at Handloff Park, 1000 Barksdale Road. Newark Parks and Recreation will hold the traditional pre-Thanksgiving 5K and 10K. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the 10K starting at 9 and the 5K starting at 10:30. Sign up for \$25-\$30 at www.races2run.com. Coats will be collected for the needy.

For more events, visit newarkpostonline.com/calendar. To submit listings, go online or email news@newarkpostonline.com. Information runs in the print edition as space is available.

Historical presentation will discuss Newark Post founder Everett Johnson

POST STAFF REPORT

An event next week will focus on the history of Everett Johnson, the founder of the Newark Post, an influential Newark business owner and a politician.

The event is set for Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bank Barn at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. It is free and open to the public.

The speaker will be Josh Shannon, who has served as editor of the Newark Post since 2013 and is on the board of directors of the Newark Historical Society.

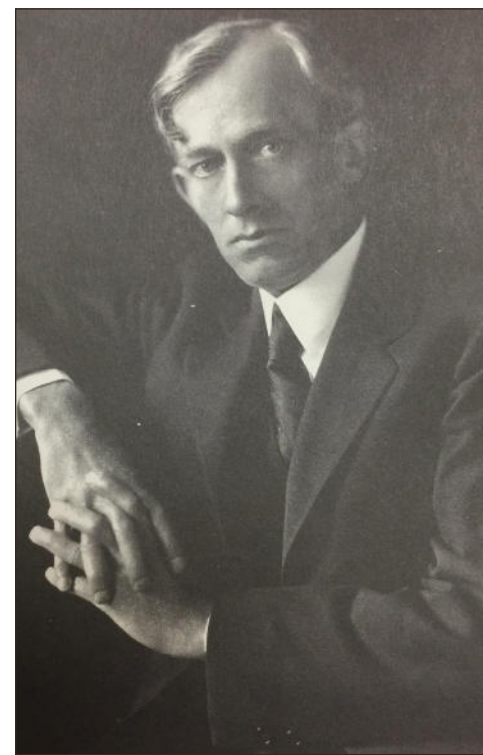
The presentation is part of the "History Quiztory" series sponsored by Pencader Heritage Area Association and New Castle County. Attendees will learn about Johnson's life and legacy and then participate in a quiz with prizes.

Born in Sussex County, Johnson attended Delaware College and gained experience in journalism by working for the student paper, The Review.

On Jan. 26, 1910, he published the first issue of the Newark Post. In his introductory editorial, he wrote in part:

"I do not expect to do great things, but there are some little things we can do if you will help me. If this paper can, by your help, pluck one thorn and plant one rose, as Lincoln tried and succeeded in doing, then I shall be glad; if this paper can by your help, be the means of suggesting and bringing about 'Good Roads, Flowers, Parks, Better Schools, Trees, Pure Water, Fresh Air and Sunshine for somebody and work for somebody,' then I shall have won — I shall have led a fairly religious life."

The paper began in a small brick building at the corner of Main Street and



FILE PHOTO

Everett Johnson was the founder of the Newark Post, an influential Newark business owner and a politician.

South College Avenue, and Johnson later moved it and his printing company to the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue in 1915.

While running the paper, Johnson also served as a Republican state legislator and later as Delaware's secretary of state. He died in 1926 at the age of 48.

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Newark Shopping Center up for sale

By JOSH SHANNON
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Four years after Newark Shopping Center underwent a major renovation, its Virginia-based owner has put the property on the market.

Gil Neuman, a representative of the realtor, Neuman Commercial Group, said that selling the 11.5-acre property was always in Atlantic Realty Company's plan, Neuman said.

"Their business model is to buy centers where there is value to be added, renovate, add tenants, add value and sell," Neuman said.

The company will call for offers in mid-December, he said. There is no set offering price.

"For the right buyer, it should be a smooth process," Neuman said.

The sale will not include the One Easton student-housing complex, which is owned by a different company.

Neuman pitched the property at 230 E. Main St. as a good investment due to its proximity to the University of Delaware, One Easton and the Pomeroy Trail. He "100 percent" expects the site to remain a shopping center.

Built in 1955, Newark Shopping Center was one of the first downtown shopping centers in the nation and was a focal point of the city's commerce for decades.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON

Newark Shopping Center is up for sale.

However, competition from the Christiana Mall and online shopping options eventually took its toll, and the property fell into disrepair and had numerous vacancies.

Atlantic Realty bought the property in 2012 and embarked on a large-scale renovation plan. Using proceeds from selling off the Blue Hen Lanes bowling alley site for redevelopment into the student-housing complex, the company invested \$10 million in renovations and brought in Newark Natural Foods as a new anchor for the center.

The shopping center celebrated its grand reopening in September 2015, just in time for its 60th anniversary. Since then, a number of new tenants have come in, including Churrascaria Saudades Brazilian Steakhouse, Big Z Pizza, Sports Clips, WingStop, Orangetheory Gym, Fresenius Kidney Care center, Poke Bowls, Pho Ever and Simon Eye Associates. In addition, Main Street Movies 5 opened to replace the shuttered Newark Cinema Center.

Currently, the 145,000-square-foot shopping center is 94 percent occupied. Other tenants include Capriotti's, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Goodwill and Rita's Italian Ice.

One notable vacancy is the space that had been occupied by Minster's Jewelers since the center opened in 1955. The venerable jewelry shop closed last year following the death of owner Marilyn Minster, a longtime champion of the shopping center.



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Man charged in armed robbery of Newark liquor store

By JOSH SHANNON

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Just one day after police released surveillance photos of a man suspected of robbing a Newark liquor store, tips from the public led to his arrest.

Joshua Nicholson, 18, of Newark, was arrested at his home Tuesday and charged with first-degree robbery and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. He was jailed after failing to post \$40,000 in secured bail.

"The Newark Police thank the public for their willingness to come forward and quick-



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ly assist the Newark Police in closing this case," Rubin said.

The robbery happened just before 2:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at Modern Liquors, located at 246 E. Delaware Ave., in the first floor of the Main Street Court apartment building.

Nicholson displayed a handgun and demanded money, Rubin said. An employee complied, and Nicholson ran north toward Main Street.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Det. Paul Keld at 302-366-7100, ext. 3106, or pkeld@newark.de.us.



Surveillance footage shows a man suspected of robbing a liquor store on Delaware Avenue last month.

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Newark woman awakes to find stranger trespassing in her home

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police are investigating after a Newark woman awoke to find a stranger trespassing in her bedroom early Sunday morning.

The incident happened just after 2 a.m. in the unit block of Chambers Street, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The woman asked the trespasser a question, causing him to run out of a back door and flee toward South Chapel Street, Rubin said. Neither the victim nor her roommates recognized the man.

Nothing was stolen, and no damage was

caused to the residence. Rubin said there was no sign of forced entry, but it's not clear how the man got into the home.

The suspect is described as a white man, 18 to 22 years old, 6 feet tall and wearing a black hat, black jacket and dark pants.

Rubin said detectives are aware of social media postings from people indicating they were victims of similar incidents around the same time, but only the Chambers Street incident has been reported to police.

Anyone with information about the suspect or who was a victim of a similar incident should contact Det. Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7100, ext. 3136, or dbysticky@newark.de.us.

Judge rejects discrimination claims by former UD volleyball coaches

By RANDALL CHASE

Associated Press

A federal judge has sided with the University of Delaware in a lawsuit filed by two former volleyball coaches who claimed they were fired based on age and sexual orientation.

The judge ruled Oct. 8 that Bonnie Kenny and Cindy Gregory had failed to show that the university's stated reasons for firing them were pretext for discrimination.

Kenny and Gregory, a lesbian couple in



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their 50s, were married in 2013.

They were fired in 2016 following three losing seasons and complaints about abusing and mistreating players.

The judge said university officials consistently maintained that athletic director Chrissi Rawak fired the coaches because complaints, player surveys and her own observations led her to conclude that they behaved unprofessionally with athletes.

A trial in the case had been scheduled for later this month.

Hidden camera found in bathroom of Newark office building

By JOSH SHANNON

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Detectives are investigating after a hidden camera was found in the women's bathroom at a Newark real estate office.

The camera was found at Patterson Schwartz, located at the intersection of South College Avenue and Christina Parkway, ac-

cording to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. An employee spotted the camera Monday afternoon and called police.

Detectives seized the camera and are attempting to determine what video it captured.

"We'll try to identify who may have put the camera there through fingerprints or any video the busi-

ness may have had," Rubin said.

The bathroom is in an area of the office that is accessible to members of the public during classes offered at the facility, he said. It does not appear the camera was connected to the internet.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Lt. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7100, ext. 3119, or fnelson@newark.de.us.



Detectives are investigating after a hidden camera was found in the women's bathroom at the Patterson Schwartz office on South College Avenue.

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Scholarship fund honors fallen Newark soldier

St. Mark's program will give tuition assistance to children of veterans

By JOSH SHANNON

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A new scholarship fund at St. Mark's High School will provide tuition assistance to the children of veterans and active duty military personnel.

The fund is named for Cpl. Stephen McGowan, a 1996 St. Mark's graduate and Newark resident who was killed while serving in Iraq.

"We want all veterans and active duty

military to know that there is a path for their children to attend Saint Mark's," Principal Tom Fertal said in a prepared statement. "It is an honor to be of service to those who have served us and to do so while commemorating the life and the sacrifice of Cpl. McGowan."

Fertal, who is a veteran himself, announced the creation of the Cpl. Stephen M. McGowan Fund during a Veterans Day breakfast at the school, which was attended by McGowan's sister, Michaela.

McGowan enlisted in the United States Army in 2002 and was trained as a combat medic. While stationed near the demilitarized zone in South Korea,

he volunteered to go to Iraq to spare colleagues who had spouses and children. He became known for his project to distribute Beanie Babies to Iraqi children.

He was killed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq, on March 4, 2005. He earned a Bronze Star posthumously.

Families wishing to apply for assistance from the fund should follow the standard financial aid process and complete a supplemental document to validate their service. The program will begin with the 2020-2021 school year.

Individuals or organizations who wish to contribute directly to this fund should contact Pete Curcio at pcurcio@stmark-shs.net or 302-757-8728.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

St. Mark's has named a new scholarship fund after Cpl. Stephen McGowan, a Newark soldier who was killed in Iraq in 2005.

Newark High alumni invited to all-class reunion



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This year's Newark High School all-class reunion is set for Nov. 30.

By JOSH SHANNON

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Calling all Yellowjackets: the Newark High School Alumni Association is looking for alumni to attend this year's all-class reunion.

The event, which aims to bring together Newark grads from all years, is set for Nov. 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Newark Country Club. Admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Light fare is included, and there will be a cash bar.

Proceeds from the event benefit a scholarship fund, which has distributed more than \$26,000 to

Newark High students.

The all-class reunions, traditionally held the weekend after Thanksgiving when out-of-town alumni are likely to return to Delaware, began in 2004. A spring version was added a few years later. The reunions quickly became popular and at their peak attracted more than 300 people.

However, attendance has waned in recent years, and NHSAA President Mary Lou McDowell is looking to spread the word this year in hopes of attracting new attendees, particularly more recent graduates.

"While we have had attendees ranging from graduates from the

1950s to present, the majority of our attendees are from the 60s, 70s and 80s," McDowell, class of 1980, said. "We are hoping to have more recent graduates come and provide input on what kinds of events and activities would be of interest to them."

The alumni group is also looking for new members, as many of the current board members are planning to "retire" soon.

"We are hoping fresh faces and fresh ideas will breathe some new energy into NHSAA," McDowell said.

Those interested can contact McDowell at nhsaapresident@gmail.com.

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The Sayers family spreads joy along Barksdale Road in celebration of World Kindness Day on Wednesday.

Newark family spreads joy for World Kindness Day

By JOSH SHANNON
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Wednesday's evening rush hour was cold and gray, but thanks to a Newark family, motorists on Barksdale Road had a reason to smile on their commute home.

In celebration of World Kindness Day, Tiffany Sayers and her family bundled up and stood on the corner of Barksdale and Casho Mill roads to wave to pass-

ing drivers. They held signs reading "Honk for kindness," "Let kindness be your superpower" and "Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."

Sayers said she came up with the idea as a way for her young children to feel involved in the community.

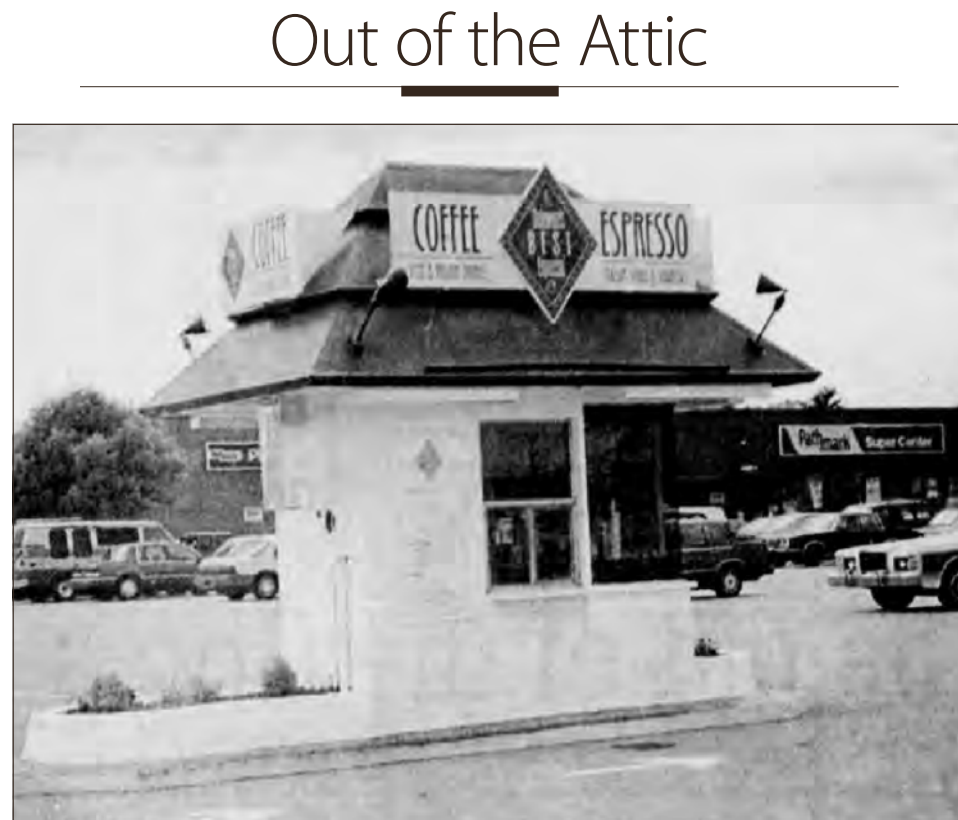
"It's very hard for kids that age to be able to volunteer," she said. "I wanted them to be able to do something for World Kindness Day."

Sayers said she hoped the simple gesture had an impact on those who passed by.

"It makes them smile, then makes them want to do something kind," she said. "It's kind of a domino effect."



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON
Brinley Sayers, 4, celebrates World Kindness Day along Barksdale Road on Wednesday evening.



Coffee booth at College Square

This week's Out of the Attic item is a 1995 photo of Delaware's Best Espresso, located in a tiny building in the middle of College Square Shopping Center.

The booth had previously been a Foto-mat.

Visible in the background is the Pathmark grocery store, which became an Acme in 2015.

Out of the Attic is produced in partner-

ship with the Newark Historical Society. The Newark History Museum, located in the old train station under the South College Avenue bridge is open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 302-234-4145 or visit www.newarkdehistoricalsociety.org. Do you have an old photo to share with Newark Post readers? Contact editor Josh Shannon at 443-907-8437 or jshannon@newarkpostonline.com.

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Etta J. Wilson Elementary School entered the Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge and was named the 2019 Best School in the State of Delaware.

Wilson Elementary earns reading award

POST STAFF REPORT

For the second year in a row, Etta J. Wilson Elementary School entered the Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge and was named the 2019 Best School in the State of Delaware.

The national contest is a free program designed to be both educational and fun to help prevent the effects of the summer slide, the learning losses that can occur during the summer months. Wilson students read 317,787 minutes and logged their minutes into the Scholastic website.

This program, led by Principal Natalie Birch and librarian Donna Reed, and promoted by the Wilson PTA, made reading fun and gave students goals to challenge themselves, school officials said.

To celebrate the victory, Wilson will be listed in the 2020 Scholastic Book of World Records available for sale at book fairs and stores this spring. A banner will be hung in the Wilson library, a plaque will be hung in the main office, and students will be given a certificate celebrating their efforts.

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Newark student-housing complex gets a new name

By JOSH SHANNON

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The sprawling student-housing complex that surrounds Suburban Plaza now has a new name.

The Retreat at Newark, which was purchased by a new owner earlier this year, will now be known as The Waverly. City council approved the renaming request Monday night.

"The existing name is proprietary to the old ownership," said Santiago Quiroz, senior vice president for facilities and construction for the new management company. "So there's nothing we can do about it. We have to change it."

But don't ask Quiroz to explain the deeper meaning behind the name.

"The names are picked by CEO. I can't explain why he does what he does. My job is just to make it happen," he said, drawing laughter from council. "I don't get the name either, but it's not up to me."

In May, the New York investment firm Vesper Holdings paid \$48 million for the housing complex

on Elkton Road.

Vesper purchased the buildings and the business, but like all the land at Suburban Plaza, the property remains owned by Pauline A. Mayer Inc., which offers long-term ground leases to various companies.

Built in 2014, The Retreat includes 39 two-story cottages and 130 lodge-style apartments for a total of 597 beds and offers amenities like a swimming pool, computer lounge, hot tub, tanning beds and a golf simulator.

Rents range from just over \$1,200 per month for a one-bedroom apartment to nearly \$4,000 for a five-bedroom unit.

The Retreat has a controversial history in Newark after a previous owner angered some city officials and residents by doing an about-face on its pledge to target young professionals rather than students.

Seeking a rezoning in spring 2013, developer AUDG Holdings sold city council on a plan to build The Cottages at the Plaza, which would be marketed toward families and pro-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

The Retreat at Newark, a student housing complex that flanks Suburban Plaza, recently sold for \$48 million.

fessionals working at places like the STAR Campus.

However, before construction was complete, the complex was sold to student housing company Landmark Properties, which renamed it and switched the focus to students. The company mar-

keted the complex as "the official student housing partner of UD athletics" and advertised it using pictures of college-aged students laying by a pool, hanging out in lounges and passing a football on the lawn.

The Retreat has been stu-

dent-focused ever since, and that focus will continue under Vesper, which owns student housing complexes at 21 schools in 13 states. The property will be managed by Vesper's in-house property management company, the Texas-based Campus Life

& Style.

"We're a student-living business," Quiroz said. "That's what we invest in, that's what we do."

Vesper is planning \$1 million in renovations, including the installation of a "joe bar," which will supply free coffee to tenants.

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Newark Manor Nursing Home will pay \$381,000 to settle allegations that it provided inadequate care to residents.

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quired daily care hours per resident, failed to supply prescribed medication to some residents, did not maintain hygiene standards, created incorrect care plans for residents and failed to ensure the facility was free of accident hazards, Kanefsky said Nov. 8.

In some cases, residents were burned by hot coffee, and the nursing home staff did not adequately treat their burns.

The attorney general's office first received complaints about Newark Manor in 2011, triggering a larger investigation, Kanefsky said.

As part of the settlement, Newark Manor will pay a \$175,000 fine to the Department of Health and Social Services and invest the remaining \$206,000 in capital improvements to the facility.

The attorney general's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will

monitor the nursing home's compliance with the settlement.

"Elderly nursing home residents are among the most vulnerable citizens of Delaware. We are committed to holding facilities accountable and will not tolerate substandard care, or an unsafe environment, for residents of facilities," Jennings said in a prepared statement. "Today's settlement holds Newark Manor and its owner responsible for the substandard care provided and sends a message that we will continue to hold facility owners responsible for resident care provided throughout Delaware."

The settlement involved the facility as well as its owner Bruce Boyer, administrator David Boyer and former administrator Susan Comegys.

A manager who answered the phone at Newark Manor last week claimed to have no knowledge of the settlement. David Boyer did not respond to a request for comment. Built in the 1960s, Newark Manor has 67 beds.

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City administrators have developed four options for how to structure the increases. This week, they released the first detailed analysis of how each option would affect residents. (Note: the numbers have changed since a version of the proposal discussed last week.)

The first option is to start charging residents a separate fee for trash collection. The approximately \$10-per-month refuse fee would be accompanied by a 2.1 percent property tax hike, a 1.25 percent water rate increase and a 0.5 percent sewer rate increase – all increases that were previously planned as a result of the capital referendum approved by voters in June 2018.

The second option eliminates the proposed refuse fee but consists of a 15 percent

tax hike, a 3.9 percent water rate increase and a 4.7 percent sewer rate increase.

The third option covers the shortfall entirely with a 30 percent tax hike.

The fourth option is a 25.7 percent tax hike, a 1.25 percent water rate increase and a 0.5 percent sewer rate increase.

Option 2 has the lowest cost for the average resident, who would pay \$9.61 more per month, or \$115 more per year.

The most expensive option is the 30 percent tax hike, which would raise the average resident's bill \$13.88 per month, or \$166 per year.

While Newarkers have come to expect tax and fee increases most years, the establishment of a trash fee would be a first for the city.

Each year, the city spends \$2 million on residential refuse collection. However, approximately 20 percent of residents' property tax bills



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On Monday, city council will vote on a proposed trash collection fee.

aren't high enough to cover their share of the cost of garbage collection, let alone the other city services residents receive.

"It's all about equity and fairness," Finance Director David Del Grande explained.

Originally, he proposed charging each resident a \$25-per-month trash fee, which would have covered the entire cost of trash collection. He has since reduced it to \$9.87, which is just enough to cover the shortfall.

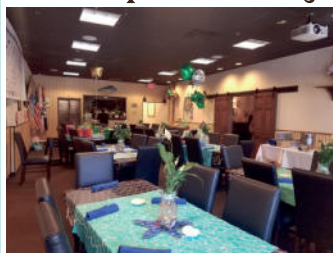
Several council members said last week that they received backlash from constituents upset about the trash fee.

Councilwoman Sharon Hughes said implementing the fee would "erode the

trust of our residents."

"I've had so many residents come to me," Hughes said. "Halloween night, I thought it was a trick-or-treater, but it was a resident. She was almost in tears and told me, 'I need you to fight this fee.'"

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Council approves special-use permit for new CrossFit gym

By JOSH SHANNON

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City council on Monday retroactively approved a special-use permit for a CrossFit gym to open in a Newark industrial park.

Hardbat CrossFit opened in March at 1325 Old Cooch's Bridge Road. It uses 9,000 square feet of a large warehouse owned by the HVAC company Sobieski.

"I'm super excited to be in the area," owner Derek Batman said. "We currently have clients from every single one of the business on our road."

The gym has 120 members ranging in age from 5 to 70 and works with interns from the University of Delaware's strength and conditioning program, he added.

The gym is the first business to take advantage of a recently passed law that allows for a broader range of uses in industrial parks.

While industrial parks still include manufacturing uses, they increasing are becoming seen as places for other types of businesses, such as professional services, breweries and indoor recreation facilities, Planning Director Mary Ellen Gray explained last month.

"Acknowledging this trend warrants a review and update to our zoning code for industrial uses to include these additional uses," Gray said.

Under the new law, recreation facilities like gyms need council approval for a special-use permit. In an unusual set



Hardbat CrossFit opened in March at 1325 Old Cooch's Bridge Road.

of circumstances, the planning department allowed Hardbat Crossfit to operate under a temporary permit for nine months before coming to council.

City planner Mike Fortner said the department issued the temporary permit because the business had already

signed a lease, and the department was waiting for the zoning change to work its way through the legislative process. Had council rejected the law or denied the special-use permit, the business would have been forced to close.

Council approved the permit, but Councilman Chris

Hamilton took issue with the planning department's decision to allow the business to open before council could weigh in and before the property's neighbors were notified.

"I'm not comfortable, as a council person, with the way that was done," Hamilton said.

Out of the Past

The Pencader Heritage Museum has been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes and shares excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column. The museum, at 2029 Sunset Lake Road, is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Wednesday noon to 4 p.m.

July-September 1949: Council would protest to the Delaware Liquor Commission against more liquor licenses being issued in Newark. North and south side sewer installations were progressing. Speed limits were set at 15 mph in George Read Village, but the rest of town would remain at 25 mph. Some residents on the south and west sides protested open drainage ditches fronting their property.

Tar and chips would be applied to numerous streets in town after water lines were installed. The capacity of town water tanks would be increased. The combination of the office safe was changed. The town police car was wearing out batteries too rapidly, so a new generator was ordered. It also needed new tires.

The Delaware National Guard invited all residents to Newark Day at Fort Miles. Stiltz Bus Co. would run a bus to Fort Miles at \$2.25 per person. Annabelle Street was missed for two weeks of garbage pickup.

The Bio-Chemical Lab on Academy Street was not maintaining their grounds properly. John Singles wanted to build a shop at the rear of his East Main Street property. Mr. Biddle, a bacteriologist who did water testing for Newark, was authorized to purchase any new equipment needed as the old was unsatisfactory. The Pennsylvania Railroad would give free fill for Courtney Street if town would haul it from the PRR Station. A three-man committee was formed to address grievances involving hourly employees.

Cash on hand Aug. 31 was \$28,353. Fluoridation of water authorized. The Episcopal Church was given permission to hang banners on Main Street advertising an antiques show. A development company deeded its streets to the city. S & S Engineering Company was burning rubbish with objectionable odor.

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Yellowjackets end season with 'positive buzz' for next year

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An insider's look at Yellowjacket football

By JON BUZBY

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Newark High finished the 2019 football season with three straight wins, a streak that hasn't happened during any part of a season since 2014. The three wins gave the Yellowjackets a 5-5 record, the first time they've finished .500 or better since 2015.

"There is definitely a positive buzz around the program," head coach Jody Russell said following his first year at the helm of one of the most historic football programs in Delaware. "Winning our last three games will springboard us into the off-season. The kids are excited about the way we finished. We refocused after our loss to Howard and completed the goal of getting to .500."

Newark's move into the Blue Hen Flight B Conference to play other schools

with similar enrollments paid off. Playing the smaller schools with football rosters of similar size enabled Newark to capture wins against Glasgow, Dickinson, Brandywine, McKean and Christina. The only Flight B losses were to Howard High School of Technology and A.I. du Pont. The Wildcats qualified for the Division II playoffs, while the Tigers narrowly missed the postseason after finishing 8-2.

"The captains did a great job leading this year," Russell said. "Mele Stallings, Donald Burton, Alex Aviles and Jason Mitchell-Dickerson did a nice job keeping the guys positive this year. We had a lot of injuries, and to keep going in the right direction was a tribute to their leadership."

The injuries also gave younger players an opportunity to see varsity action sooner than they might have otherwise.

"A lot of the young guys stepped into bigger roles this year," Russell explained. "[Sophomore running back/defensive back] Brehim Kelson showed what an explosive player he will be going



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

The Newark Yellowjackets, shown here taking the field prior to a September game, finished the season 5-5.

ing forward. [Sophomore running back/defensive end] Amir James played inspired football all year on both sides of the ball. [Sophomore wide receiver/linebacker] Kamau Lately evolved into a star."

Newark will return a plethora of talent in the skills positions, but Russell pointed out that the team will take a hit on the offensive and defensive lines, as several seniors have played their last high school football game.

"The biggest hit will be on the offensive and defensive line, where we lose two college-level players in Burton and Aviles," Russell said. "The three returning linemen will have to have a good offseason to fill the void."

It will be an offseason that Russell is looking forward to now that he's been through his first full regular season as the head coach at his alma mater.

"I feel like the offseason will be easier now that our

staff is in place," he said. "Our training and conditioning program will begin after Thanksgiving. Hopefully, this will make the guys bigger, faster and stronger with the ability to get in the weight room earlier."

While that group in the weight room won't include the seniors, this year's graduating class is one Russell will always remember.

"When I look back in 10 years, I would like to think that this first group set

us up with a winning program," Russell said. "The guys that are still here will have to build on what this group of seniors started. It's been a tremendous start to what will hopefully be a long journey."

This is the final Buzz from the Hive for the 2019 season. Thanks to head coach Jody Russell and captains Mele Stallings, Donald Burton, Alex Aviles and Jason Mitchell-Dickerson for their weekly availability and contributions.

'Firsts' and 'bests' highlight local fall sports season

By JON BUZBY

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A week ago, there were several local teams heading to postseason tournaments or championship meets.

Newark Charter's Special Olympics Unified flag football team is in the quarterfinals and Newark High's soccer squad in the semis.

For the other teams, it's time for reflection.

Newark Charter's volleyball team entered the postseason with more optimism than any other local team. After breezing through the regular season with a 15-1 record and capturing the program's first Diamond State championship, the Patriots earned the school's first ever No.1 seed in any sport.

Unfortunately, after enjoying a first-round bye, the Patriots were upset by the 24th seed, Wilmington Friends, 3-2. Despite the loss, head coach Jessica Weller was pleased with her team's season.

"Putting the first volleyball banner up in the gym has been a tremendous accomplishment for our student-athletes," she proudly boasted. "Day in and day out, our players were able to stay consistent, communicate effectively and play outside of our comfort zones. Our season motto was 'Make it Count,' and I think we did that."

Newark Charter's soccer team also lost in the first round when they were on the short end of a 5-4 penalty kick shootout following a



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Newark Charter's Special Olympics Unified flag football team is in the quarterfinals.

scoreless regulation match against Sussex Academy. First-round loss aside, the Patriots had a successful regular season, finishing with an 8-5-2 record heading into the tournament.

Newark Charter's field hockey team put together a program-best 11-4 regular season that included the team's first conference championship. Eight Patriots received all-conference recognition and powered Newark Charter to the tournament quarterfinals, which is the furthest the team has ever advanced. Newark Charter beat Brandywine 2-0 in the first round of the state tournament before falling 4-0 to Indian River.

"The team made program history on many fronts as it was a highly successful season overall, and the

future continues to look bright," head coach Stacey Spiker said.

The Patriots' girls and boys cross-country teams finished third and seventh, respectively, at the DIAA Cross Country Championships held at Killens Pond State Park in Felton. Eighth-grader Arianna Murphy let the Patriots, finishing in 14th place with a time of 20:14.50. Sophomore Alison Huthmacher (20:21) and freshman Lily Halfen (20:31.70) also finished in the Top 20.

"It was a little bit of an up and down season for the Newark Charter cross-country teams," head coach Steve Sinko said. "With a number of new student-athletes stepping up to be key members, that was to be expected a little bit. Ultimately, the teams brought their best when it mattered the most and had a great

DIAA State Championships. Veterans left their mark on the team and did a great job showing the young and talented newcomers what Patriot cross-country is all about. Expectations will continue to remain high for the years to come."

Newark High junior Zeke Dawkins finished the highest of any local runners at the state championships, crossing the finish-line in sixth place with a time of 16:36.30.

"My race didn't exactly go how I wanted it go, but I ran the best I could on that day," Dawkins said the morning after the race. "My season didn't go the best either this year, but I feel that I can take these experiences from my season this year and turn it into something special for my senior year season next year."

Head coach Mike Mooney, who retired at the end of the fall season, is confident Dawkins will continue to be an excellent runner, and just as importantly, a model teammate.

"Zeke has been an inspiration and a role model for everyone in the running program at Newark High," Mooney said. "His example of goal setting and hard work has lifted everyone's effort. Zeke is far from finished. He had to make adjustments as he has grown. This year, he saved his best for last. He repeated as Blue Hen Conference champion, finished 10th at the county meet and sixth in division two. In each race, he exhibited his bold, confident style, running right up with the leaders from the gun. He continues to push for further thresholds while at the same time improving his speed and finishing kick. He is a work in progress and very much knows what he is doing."

Newark's boys finished sixth overall, while the girls placed 11th.

"Four of our finishing six student-athletes got lifetime bests at the state championships," head coach Gordon Thompson said. "First-year runner Rachel Tims led the team, and senior captain Allie LaPorte got a personal best that was from her sophomore year."

After a 10-5 regular season and capturing the Flight B championship, Newark's volleyball team lost to Red Lion (3-0) in the first round of the state tournament.



More than 7,000 flags, representing all the United States service members killed since Sept. 11, are displayed on the University of Delaware Green for Veterans Day.



The University of Delaware held a Veterans Day ceremony in front of Memorial Hall last Friday morning.

Veterans honored during Memorial Hall ceremony

By JOSH SHANNON

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As more than 7,000 American flags lining the University of Delaware Green fluttered in the breeze last Friday morning, students, faculty and community members gathered to honor the sacrifice of the nation's military veterans.

"This ceremony is about creating a link between those members of our society who are not serving in uniform and those who have answered the call," said Michael Berry, adjunct general of the Delaware National Guard.

Berry told the crowd that every American has an "unwritten contract" with the men and women who volunteer to wear the uniform and put themselves in harm's way.

"This contract requires all of us to appreciate the risks that are inherent in the profession of arms and to never forget the sacrifice when one of our warriors loses their life while performing their duties," Berry said.

Less than one half of 1 percent of Americans serve in the armed forces, and for

those without a direct connection, it can be easy to forget about those serving the country in distant lands, he said.

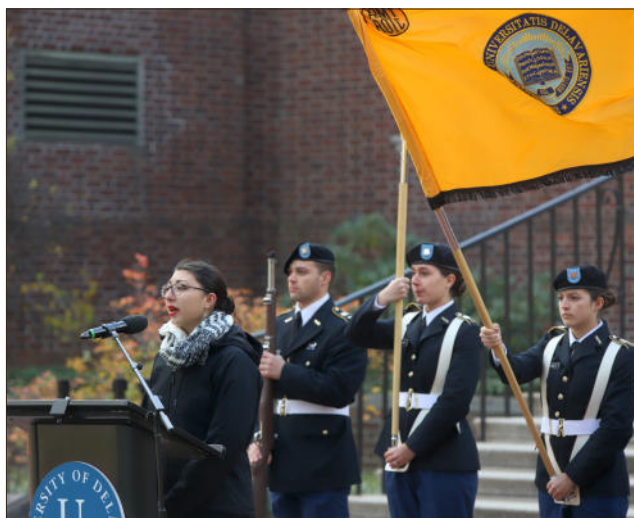
"Certainly on the grounds of this university, those in harm's way seem almost surreal in their distance and separation," Berry said. "Which leads me to reiterate the importance of what is taking place here this morning."

The ceremony was organized by Blue Hen Veterans, which represents the more than 250 veterans who are currently attending UD as students. Earlier in the week, 130 volunteers helped place 7,028 flags – one to represent each U.S. service member who has died in combat since Sept. 11, 2001 – in front of Memorial Hall.

"I think it's important that we remember those that we have lost and allow students to remember that even today, people are still dying for them as they go through school," said Blue Hen Veterans President Todd Glessner, who served two tours of duty in Iraq with the U.S. Army and is now serving in the Delaware Air National Guard.



Michael Berry, adjunct general of the Delaware National Guard, speaks during a Veterans Day ceremony in front of Memorial Hall.



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Unit #407 – Theresa Miller – Beanie Babies, chairs, safe, hutch, end tables, hamper, books, and boxes

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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 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.

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.
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Traffic Committee Meeting Notice

The Traffic Committee meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**, has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

The above agenda is intended to be followed, but is subject to changes, deletions, additions, and modifications, as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Delaware. The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 10004 (e)(2). Copies may be obtained at the [Insert Department], 220 South Main Street, or online at www.newarkde.gov.

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CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 25, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware, on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinance:

Bill 19-31 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Minors, and Chapter 22, Police Offenses, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Update Alcohol and Marijuana Citations for Individuals Under the Age of 21 to Civil Citations for the First Two Offenses to Match Delaware State Code

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KHAJ Inc., T/A Overtime Sports Bar & Grill, has on November 12, 2019, applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner to extend its current taproom license for the sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premise consumption, to include 103 Kirkwood Square, with the licensed area at 105 Kirkwood Square, Wilmington, DE 19808. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated area located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before December 12, 2019. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing.

np 11/15,22,29

2879377

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

November 18, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. – CC

There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** None

*2. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- A. FY2020 Budget – City Manager/Finance Director (120 minutes)
 1. Potential Vote on the FY2020 Operating Budget
 2. Potential Vote on the FY2020 Property Tax Rate
 3. Potential Vote on the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program
 4. Potential Votes Regarding Fee Implementation for FY2020

*3. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:

- A. Council Members: None
- B. Others: None

*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Posted – November 11, 2019

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2880102



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
JOI BETH TEAH HANNAH
Petitioner(s)
TO
JOI BETH TEAH BOYD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOI BETH TEAH HANNAH 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 JOI BETH TEAH BOYD.
JOI BETH TEAH HANNAH
Petitioner
Dated: 10/23/2019
2877452
np 11/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
TYLIER DAYQUAN DUNN
Petitioner(s)
TO
TYLEER DAYQUAN DUNN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TYLIER DAYQUAN DUNN 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 TYLEER DAYQUAN DUNN.
TYLIER DAYQUAN DUNN
Petitioner
Dated: 10/23/2019
2877492
np 11/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
SHERIF A. MOUSTAFA
Petitioner(s)
TO
SHERIF ABRAHAM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHERIF A. MOUSTAFA 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 SHERIF ABRAHAM.
SHERIF A. MOUSTAFA
Petitioner
Dated: 10/28/2019
2878257
np 11/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
DESERIE MICHELLE DAWSON
Petitioner(s)
TO
DESERAE MISHEL RAPHAEL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DESERIE MICHELLE DAWSON AKA DESERIE MICHELLE DEMAGNUS 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 DESERAE MISHEL RAPHAEL.
DESERIE MICHELLE DAWSON
Petitioner
Dated: 10/28/2019
2878434
np 11/8,15,22

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
HERBERT JAMES OWENS JR
Petitioner(s)
TO
HERBERT JAMES OWENS II
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HERBERT JAMES OWENS JR 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 HERBERT JAMES OWENS II.
HERBERT JAMES OWENS JR
Petitioner
Dated: 11/5/2019
2879381
np 11/8,15,22

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
BRINLEY ANN SAYERS
Petitioner(s)
TO
BRINLEY ANN MYERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TIFFANY SAYERS AND WILLIAM MYERS intend to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her minor child's names to BRINLEY ANN MYERS.
TIFFANY SAYERS
WILLIAM MYERS
Petitioners
Dated: 11/6/2019
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np 11/15,22,29

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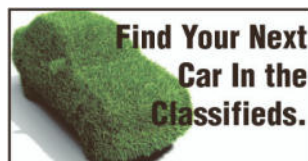
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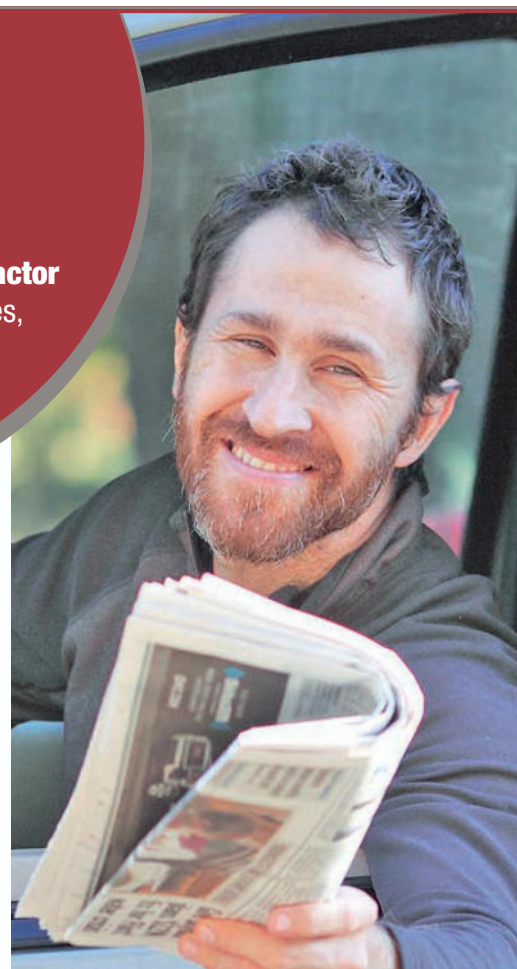
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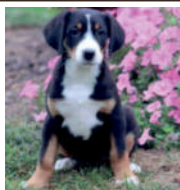


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Newark Morning Rotary Club member Clinton Tymes reads a list of local heroes during a Veterans Day ceremony at city hall on Sunday.



Saxophonist Gaetano "Vinnie" Vinciguerra plays the national anthem during a Veterans Day ceremony at city hall on Sunday.



The Delaware Patriot Guard participates in a Veterans Day ceremony at city hall on Sunday.

Display honors 'very special people' for Veterans Day

By JOSH SHANNON

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With large American flags waving on the lawn of city hall, Newark Morning Rotary Club member Clinton Tymes stood at a podium Sunday afternoon and read off a list of 115 local heroes, including veterans, first responders and others.

Each hero was represented by one of the flags, part of the Rotary club's Flags for Heroes program in honor of Veterans Day.

"We're here to honor very special people," Rotary member Robin Broomall said. "They did not set out to become heroes, but by their unselfish actions, they have placed themselves in our heads and hearts."

Hundreds of Rotary clubs around the country participate in the Flags for Heroes program, including the Newark Evening Rotary Club, which has set up a flag display in front of city hall each Memorial Day for the past few years. This is the

morning club's second time participating.

"We're pleased to be honoring over 100 amazing heroes and eventually hope to have flag displays in several locations in the greater Newark area on future Veterans Day weekends," Rotary member Paul Keely said.

Dozens of club members and other local residents each paid \$50 to sponsor a flag and dedicate it to a veteran or other hero. The money will go to support the club's various service projects.

Sunday's ceremony drew a couple dozen people and, besides the reading of the names, also included a color guard from the Delaware Patriot Guard, the recitation of the pledge of allegiance by city councilman and Navy veteran Jason Lawhorn and the playing of the national anthem by saxophonist Gaetano "Vinnie" Vinciguerra.

"Your presence here is the best way to honor our collective heroes," Rotary member Laura DelPercio told the crowd.



The Newark Morning Rotary Club displayed 115 flags on the lawn of city hall for Veterans Day.



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