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Sting targets human trafficking

NPD, feds team
up for undercover
operation at motel

By JOSH SHANNON

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When Newark Police and federal agents carried out a sting at a South College Avenue motel last month, they arrested seven men who allegedly thought they were meeting a prostitute.

However, the officers conducting the operation at the Rodeway Inn had their sights on a bigger target: human traffickers.

Such joint local and federal operations are a common tactic of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations division as it seeks to crack down on human trafficking. Though the agency is better known for its immigration enforcement, ICE's HSI division is also responsible for investigating child pornography, sex trafficking and other similar offenses.

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All those questions and more are expected to be answered in 2015.

As Newark rings in the new year, we've dusted off our crystal ball and broken down the 15 stories to watch in 2015.

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Another indoor trampoline park opens

Sky Zone is Newark area's second such facility

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Sky Zone welcomed its first Delaware jumpers last week when the national trampoline park franchise opened a new facility south of Newark.

Alina Carr and her husband, Eric, of Middletown, own the park at 211 Executive Drive and said they are excited to finally be up and jumping. They were surprised to see how packed the place became during their first full week of business, with schools closed for the holidays.

"We're really happy with the response we're getting from the public," Eric said.

A mezzanine looks over the 24,000-square-foot facility, which is equipped with an open jump area, three dodgeball courts, a basketball court with 6-foot and 12-foot tall hoops, a volleyball court, a concession area and a foam pit with 7,740 cubes of foam.

In all, Sky Zone Newark has approximately 16,000 square feet of trampolines.

Sky Zone spokeswoman Stephanie Lantz said the company currently has parks in 18 states across the country and in Canada, with



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Jumpers at Sky Zone in Newark play dodgeball on the facility's 16,000 square feet of trampoline areas.

plans to open in Australia and Mexico. This one is the first in Delaware.

In addition to wall-to-wall trampolines, she said, Sky Zone offers birthday party packages, dodgeball tournaments, fundraising events, corporate team building, school class trips and a Sky-Robics fitness class that combines calisthenics, core exercises and strength-building aerobics in a low-impact environment.

Alina said fitness classes begin Saturday at the Newark park and cost \$10.

"What a great thing, especially starting New Years resolutions, to do something different than going to the gym," she said.

Starting Jan. 21, Sky Zone will offer a toddler jump time for 2 to 5 year olds from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays for \$7.

Regular jump time costs \$11 for 30 minutes, \$15 for an hour, \$19 for 90 minutes and \$23 for two hours. The price includes no-slip socks for each jumper that they can keep when they leave.

"That way you get a re-

ally good grip on the trampolines," Eric said. "It's a safety thing."

The business hired 93 part-time employees from the local high schools, universities and surrounding area to man the different areas in the park and referee the dodgeball games.

On Monday, Journi Greene, 6, and her brother Rashad Wescott Jr., 8, were playing dodgeball at Sky Zone and said they were having fun bouncing around. After almost an hour of jumping, they took a break for a slice of pizza and a drink.

Rashad said he has been to trampoline parks elsewhere in Delaware, but liked the dodgeball at Sky Zone in Newark the best.

"It's a bigger court," he said. "There's more space."

His mother, Rolonda Greene, of Bear, said she likes taking Rashad and Journi to trampoline parks because it's an active way for kids to have fun and it seems to really tire them out.

"They're going to go home and sleep good," she said.

Sky Zone is now the second trampoline park in the Newark area, along with Launch, which opened on Interchange Boulevard in August. Another trampoline park opened at the Wilmington Riverfront earlier in 2014.

Launch could not be reached for comment.

Eric said he and Alina aren't worried about the competition and think they offer a different experience, with an emphasis on dodgeball that includes participating in local, regional and national tournaments throughout the Sky Zone network.



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Journi Greene, 6, of Bear, launches into the air as she bounces on a trampoline at the new Sky Zone, which opened on Executive Drive last week.



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Jumpers at Sky Zone in Newark launch off trampolines to try and make a basket in the Sky Slam area.

"I think there's enough

Greene said she's taken her children to other trampoline parks in the state, but likes Sky Zone because it separates the jumpers by size.

"The other ones don't do that," she said. "It's more safe this way."

Launch does have a separate dodge ball court for kids, however.

Greene said the new park is convenient for her family and she expects they will come back to jump around again.

"I see birthday parties in the future," she said.



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Newarkers have several options for recycling Christmas trees

By JOSH SHANNON

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The presents have been opened, the eggnog is gone, and the new year has arrived. However, that doesn't mean it's time to throw away your Christmas tree.

Instead, there are several options to dispose of trees in a more eco-friendly manner. All ornaments and tinsel should be removed before disposal.

Set it at the curb for recycling

The city of Newark will begin collecting Christmas trees on Monday. The trees will be ground up and the mulch used in parks around the city.

Crews will follow the same collection schedule as the autumn leaf pickup.

Mondays: Center City, from Elkton Road to Marrows Road from Main Street to the northern boundary of Friday's route (including White Chapel)

Tuesdays: Northern portion of the city, north of Main Street and east of West Main



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Once the ornaments have been removed, Christmas trees can be recycled in several ways.

Street/Nottingham Road (excluding West Branch and Christianstead). Includes Fairfield, Fairfield Crest, Cleveland Avenue, Lumbrook, Creek Bend, Ridgewood Glen, Paper Mill Farms, Evergreen, Northgate Commons, Stafford, Parkview, The Hunt at Louviers, The Woods at Louviers, Middle Run Meadow, Laura's Glen, Wynclyff, and

Jenny's Run
Wednesdays: Area west of Bent Lane and Radcliffe Drive, including Nottingham Green, Pheasant Run, Cherry Hill, Elan, Cherry Hill Manor, Barksdale Estates, Country Hills, Country Place, Abbotsford, and Briarcreek.

Thursdays: Oaklands, Nottingham Manor, College Park, Westfield, West Branch, New-

ark Preserve, Christianstead, Timber Creek, Woodmere, and Stone Spring.

Fridays: Southern area of the City, including Devon, Binns, Twin Lakes, Arbour Park, Silverbrook, Yorkshire, Yorkshire Woods, Cobblefield, and Cannon's Gate.

Drop it off for free

The state of Delaware and

its private industry partners offer several free yard waste drop-off sites, which also take Christmas trees.

Sites in the Newark area include Polly Drummond Hill Road (across from the entrance to the Judge Morris Estate), which is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily, and 1034 S. Chapel St., which is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Donate it to Tri-State Bird Rescue

Tri-State Bird Rescue puts Christmas tree branches in the cages of birds staying at the nationally renowned rescue center.

"We generally put them in outside cages as a wind break for song birds," Executive Director Lisa Smith said. "It also provides a natural environment that helps reduce the birds' stress."

The organization usually receives 30 to 40 trees per year, Smith said.

Trees can be dropped off in

the parking lot of the rescue center, located at 170 Possum Hollow Road. Tri-State is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donate it to Plumpton Park Zoo

Likewise, Plumpton Park Zoo in Rising Sun, Md., also collects Christmas trees for the benefit of animals.

The trees are put in the habitats, so the animals can use them as part of their enrichment activities. Once the animals have had their fun, the trees are used as mulch.

Trees can be dropped off in the main parking lot of the zoo, located at 1416 Telegraph Road in Rising Sun, approximately 14 miles west of Newark.

Police chase leads to charges against Newark teen

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark teen is facing charges after allegedly sparking a police chase in a stolen car.

Master Cpl. Gary Fournier, a spokesman for Dela-

ware State Police, said a trooper first noticed the stolen car while assisting with an unrelated crash at the corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Salem Church Road just after midnight on Sunday.

The trooper checked the

license plate and determined the Buick LaCrosse had been reported stolen in Middletown on Dec. 12. The officer began pursuing the car, which did not stop.

The driver, later identified as 18-year-old Michael Gordon, "continued

through various roadways in the Newark and Stanton neighborhoods," Fournier said.

The chase ended when the Buick hit a curb at the intersection of Old Coach Road and Henderson Hill Road in Pike Creek.

Gordon was charged with receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, disregarding a police officer's signal and several traffic offenses. He was released after posting \$6,000 secured bond.

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Bar employee assaulted with broom handle in robbery attempt

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A 64-year-old bar employee was assaulted with a broom handle during a robbery attempt at a sports bar near Newark last week.

State police reported the suspect was a patron at Chestnut Hill Sports Bar, located in the Prestbury Square retail/office complex on Chestnut Hill Road. Just after 8 p.m. Dec. 26, the man went into a bathroom, where he picked up the broom handle.

When he came out, he used it to hit the woman, who was cleaning the bar, Master Cpl. Gary Fournier said. Implying he had a gun, the man demanded money from the cash register.

However, the robbery attempt was interrupted when a 47-year-old male customer entered the bar. The customer confronted the assailant, who eventually escaped and ran out of the bar.

The customer suffered a minor injury but did not require medical attention. The woman was not injured.

Police described the suspect as a black man, 30 to 35 years old, balding and between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 9 inches tall. He was wearing a green T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Delaware State Police at 302-834-2630 or by utilizing the Delaware State Police Mobile Crime Tip Application available to download at: <http://www.delaware.gov/apps/>. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the Internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

Police seek to identify alleged pickpocket

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Newark Police are asking for the public's assistance identifying a woman who is believed to be involved in three thefts on Main Street in October.

The suspect is described as a white woman, between 20 and 30 years old, between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 3 inches tall with a thin build. Authorities released a photo of her Tuesday afternoon.

According to NPD spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, on Oct. 28 at approximately 6:15 p.m., the woman attempted to pickpocket a customer inside Alex and Ani located at 50 E. Main St.

Upon realizing that her wallet had been taken, the victim confronted the suspect and a brief physical altercation ensued. The suspect fled after

giving the wallet back to the victim, Spadola said.

Approximately 30 minutes later, the same suspect attempted to snatch another wallet from another person in the area of 102 E. Main St., this time implying that she was armed with a gun in the process. After a brief foot chase, the suspect was apprehended by a group of citizens; however, she escaped when they attempted to call 911.

Spadola said the suspect is also believed to have stolen a wallet from a third victim's bag at Chipotle located at 136 E. Main St. between 5:09 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The victim's credit cards were later used at several local businesses.

It was not immediately clear why police chose to release details of the crimes more than two months after they occurred.

Police continue to investigate these



incidents and are asking for the public's help in identifying the possible suspect. If you are able to identify the suspect, please contact Det. Daniel Bystricky: (302) 366-7110 x136 or daniel.bystricky@cj.state.de.us.

POLICE BRIEFS

Newark man killed in landfill accident

A Newark man was struck and killed by a tractor while working at Cherry Island Landfill in Wilmington last week.

State police identified the victim as Jose Luis Garcia-Hernandez, 42.

Master Cpl. Gary Fournier said Garcia-Hernandez was struck by a Caterpillar

D6R LGP Crawler Tractor at 12:37 p.m. Dec. 26.

Aaron F. Harley, 52, of Wilmington, was using the tractor to push trash into a large pile when he backed up and hit Garcia-Hernandez, Fournier said.

Garcia-Hernandez died at the scene.

State police and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration are continuing to investigate.

than \$1,400 in electronics after he left his storage unit unlocked over the holidays, police said.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred sometime between 7 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 26 at Public Storage, located at 201 Bellevue Rd.

Spadola said the man cut off the lock to the door and loaded two 50-inch flatscreen TVs, a subwoofer and an amplifier worth a total of \$1,450 into storage on Dec. 24. He came back two days later to put a new lock on the unit and discovered the items were gone.

Surveillance footage from Public Storage is pending and police continue to investigate the incident. There are no suspects at this time, Spadola said.

Catalytic converter stolen from car on Thorn Lane

Police are looking for the person or people responsible for stealing a catalytic converter out of a car last week.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the theft occurred sometime between 8 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 10:16 a.m. on Dec. 24 in a parking lot in the unit block of Thorn Lane.

Spadola said the driver of a 2004 Honda Odyssey parked the car overnight and when he started it the next morning, he noticed the engine sounded louder than normal. He looked over the car and realized the catalytic converter had been taken off using tools. The part is estimated at \$1,200.

Surveillance footage of the lot is pending and police continue to investigate, although there are no suspects at this time.

TVs, sound equipment stolen from storage unit

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After eight years, FOP cancels run honoring late police chief

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The annual 5K honoring a late Newark Police chief has been cancelled due to decreased race attendance.

The Nefosky run/walk, held in April each year by the local Fraternal Order of Police and Newark Parks and Recreation Department, snaked around the Newark Reservoir and served to memorialize former chief William F. Nefosky.

Nefosky served Newark and its residents for 28 years until he died in January 2007 from pancreatic cancer at the age of 52. Since then, the 5K has raised money for numerous charities and foundations involving cancer research, hospital care and national and state law enforcement.

In September 2007, Newark Police and the Nefosky family held the first 5K, a successful event that raised nearly \$12,000 for the American Cancer Society.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY DAVID MELLON

Participants run the Newark Reservoir course at the eighth-annual 5K in honor of former Newark Police Chief William F. Nefosky. The run, slated for April 2015, has been cancelled due to dwindling attendance.

However, FOP President Master Cpl. Greg D'Elia said the numbers just haven't been the same over the last few years. He said participants have been registering

for the race and donating to the cause, but not showing up for the run at the reservoir.

"The actual attendance has dwindled pretty significantly," he said.

According to Parks and Recreation records, over the last five years, the race averaged a 32 percent attendance rate, with the lowest

attendance in 2013. Out of the 311 that registered in 2013, approximately 80 people showed up to run.

D'Elia said the timing of the Nefosky Run could have contributed to the decline in attendance. For the past several years, the race was held on a Friday night.

"People are just getting home after a 40-hour workweek so it was hard for them to make it," he said.

He said there are also an abundance of charity runs for good causes in the area, which forces runners to pick which races they want to just donate to and which they want to actually participate in.

Donations over the last five years were nowhere near the \$12,000 the Nefosky Run brought in during its first year, but "they weren't bad," D'Elia said.

In 2012, race participants donated \$6,780 to Compassionate Care Hospice, which took care of the chief during his final days, and the

National Law Enforcement Museum.

The next year, the race raised \$9,788 for several charities and in 2014, donations totaled \$4,696.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Sharon Bruen said in 2012 and 2013, guest bartender nights supplemented the runs so that more money could be raised and, also in 2013, two additional families that lost someone with law enforcement ties were asked to join the event.

D'Elia said it still wasn't enough to keep the race going.

"We were doing good, but I know we could do better," he said.

D'Elia said he and the Nefosky family decided to cancel the run this April and come up with a different way to raise money and honor Newark's former police chief over the next year.

"We put it on hiatus and we're sitting back, brainstorming at this point," he said.

Library workshop helps kids write, illustrate books

By KARIE SIMMONS

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For the next few months, children in libraries and community centers across the county will be working in teams to write and illustrate their own books for a national competition.

The project is part of the Young Writer's Workshop, a youth-writing initiative for at-risk children in Kindergarten through eighth grade. It is sponsored by the New Castle County's Department of Community Services and The Friends of Newark Free Library.

Under the tutelage of staff from the Department of Community Services and a team of advisers, children at eight sites in the county, including Newark Free Library on Library Avenue, will work in teams to illustrate and compose a book to enter in the national "Kids Are Authors" competition, run by Scholastic Books.

Heather Mergenthaler, NCC community service coordinator, said kids in the workshop meet once a week to create the characters, plot and illustrations for their story. Along the way, advisers teach them creativity, grammar, writing, editing, team building and confidence.

"All things they're going to need later in life," she said.

Sophia Hanson, NCC community services general manager, said some local schools already participate in the Scholastic Books competition.

"We're just expanding that to have teams in county libraries and community centers," she said.

The initiative is a partnership between NCC and Friends of the Newark Free Library and is funded by a \$5,000 grant from M&T Bank as well as money from other donors.

Peg Saenger, co-president of the Friends of the Newark Free Library, said the Department of

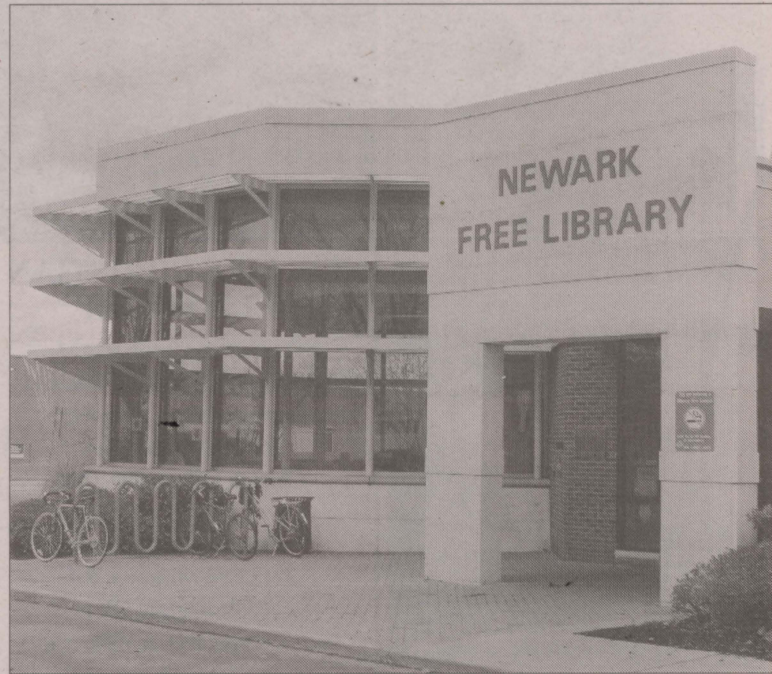
Community Services reached out and asked the organization to be the nonprofit community partner for the project. She said the Friends group was established to promote reading, knowledge and proficiency, and the Young Writer's Workshop addresses those very objectives.

"It was a no-brainer almost as to, yes, this is something we want to support," Saenger said. "Those young writers will have a great experience, I do believe."

The books are due by March 15 and afterward, all participants will have the opportunity to share their work on a formal book tour at libraries throughout New Castle County.

Hanson said this is the first year of the Young Writer's Workshop, but she hopes it turns out to be a sustainable initiative that continues to reach more and more kids in the future.

"Seeing children have an actual book published is just an amazing accomplishment," she said.



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The Newark Free Library, located at 750 Library Ave., is one of eight sites in New Castle County participating in the Young Writer's Workshop. Children at each site will work in teams to write and illustrate their own book.

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May 1899: Interest of \$865 on outstanding debt for water and electric systems was due.

Joshua Beltz, engineer at the water and electric plant

resigned, effective immediately. Charles Glenn was hired to fill the job at \$45 per month.

George Murray was informed his services as bailiff were no longer needed. John Chalmers was appointed to replace him as bailiff and night watchman. Chalmers was to live in town and be paid \$30 per month for duty seven nights a week.

The New Century Club ladies asked the town to furnish a horse-drawn street sprinkler and water, but council declined to furnish either due to cost. The board of health requested council's help protecting the town from spread of infectious diseases, and \$100 was approved for the purpose, providing all bills were approved by council before payment.

Council spent three evenings going over property assessments for 1899.

June 1899: Lacking a quorum, the regular June council meeting was postponed for several days. Bids were requested for painting siding and roof of the town building, Dixon Graphite paint specified. Closets built in the fire company room to store members' coats and boots.

A traveling merry-go-round owner paid \$3.50 for a license to operate the attraction. The 1899 tax rate was \$1 per 100 with a 5 percent rebate if paid before Aug. 1. Town Alderman George Medill was paid \$5 for inspecting a property for the board of health. Diamond State Telephone Company wanted to extend its lines into Newark.

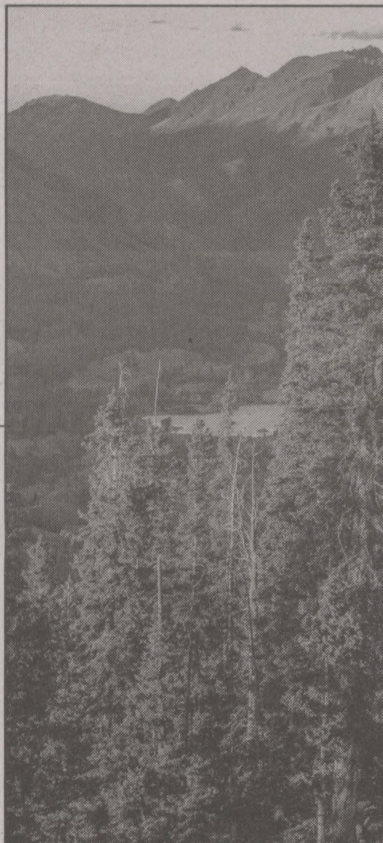
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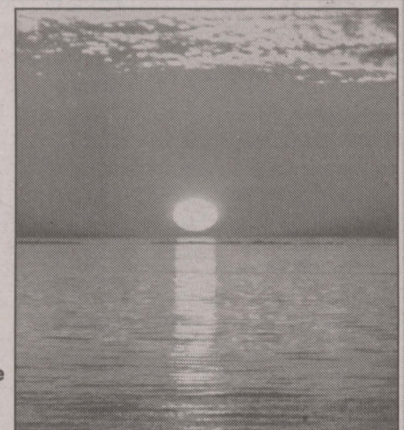
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Looking forward to the 2015 world of sports



Jon Buzby

As we head into 2015, the local sports world holds some guarantees and some flat-out guesses. Here are 15 of them. Five guaranteed to happen ...

St Mark's moves to Division II

The biggest impact will be on the gridiron where the Spartans consistently qualified for the Division I playoffs. They might be the immediate favorites to win it all in Division II this fall.

Glasgow also moves to Division II

This move has been a long time coming and should give the Dragons a legitimate shot to compete not only in football but other sports where they've struggled in recent years to hang with the larger schools. Glasgow's football schedule still includes local rival Newark, and the Dragons' homecoming game is against Christiana.

Newark baseball player amazingly returns to the diamond

After a near-death experience a year ago and following months of intensive therapy,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KIRK SMITH

After suffering brain damage from a seizure last spring, Newark High School baseball player Matt McCormick will return to the diamond in March.

junior Matt McCormick plans to be on the field on March 1 for the first day of practice with the Yellowjackets.

Butch Simpson returns for his 39th season

Unless he's holding out on us in announcing his retirement, the area's longest-

tenured high school coach in any sport will look to add to his Delaware-best 279 wins at the helm of the Newark Yellowjackets football program.

Newark Charter sports programs elevate to varsity status

Beginning this fall, the Pa-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Glasgow quarterback Isaiah Wilson drops back for a pass as the Dragons host Newark in September. Glasgow will likely move to Division II next year, giving the school a better chance to compete.

triot's will field teams at the varsity level in 21 of 22 sports. Wrestling is the lone sport that may wait until 2016 to field a varsity team, according to athletic director Kevin Kelly.

And my 10 predictions ...

Eagles make playoffs

Chip Kelly will fix the defensive secondary and turnover issues, two of the main reasons the Eagles didn't make the playoffs this year.

87ers attendance improves

Having recently attended my first game, I witnessed quality basketball and just as importantly, fun activities for my kids to enjoy and watch throughout the game. It's almost a county fair atmosphere with a basketball game going on in the middle of it. In other words, there's something for every member of the family.

UD football team returns to the playoffs

The Hens have played meaningful games in November in both of Dave Brock's first two years but haven't won them. I think this is the year they do.

Sixers upgrade

Barring a miracle, the Sixers should have more ping-pong balls in the NBA draft

than any team. With a little luck, they'll have the No. 1 pick and that player, combined with Michael Carter-Williams and Nerlens Noel, should make the Sixers the most-improved team in the NBA. It might still leave them shy of the playoffs, but at least they'll be consistently competitive.

UD women capture CAA hoops crown

I like the look of this year's team. The players are young and will only get better. Tina Martin might be the most underrated women's basketball coach in America.

Monte Ross gets a contract extension ... or maybe not

I know I'm taking the easy way out on this guess, but it's just so up in the air right now. All signs - coming into the season without an extension as well as the team's record to date - point to Ross not having his contract renewed. But if this very young team makes any noise in the CAA, the pressure to re-sign a coach the players all seem to like will increase tenfold.

Christiana football squad quadruples its 2014 win total

I see four winnable games (possibly five) on next year's schedule in

what will be the third year of coach Virgil Rush's rebuilding of his alma mater's program.

Newark National Majors All-Star team returns to Bristol

Why? Why not? They have the past four years.

Delaware native starts at quarterback for UD

Indian River graduate Jamie Jarmon has returned to the First State after a brief stint in the minor leagues. He's got the brains and talent to compete for the top quarterback spot when the Hens begin spring practice. The last Delaware high school product to start the season under center for the Hens was Sam Postlethwait in 2001.

Phillies make the playoffs

Just kidding. No chance of it happening. Bet your house on it.

And with that 15th and final thought, here's to a happy and healthy 2015.

Happy New Year!

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BILL SHETTLE

Newark National is a favorite to return to Little League regionals in Bristol, Conn., this summer.

Storm water fee, parking garage among stories to watch

By JOSH SHANNON

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Below are 15 stories to keep your eye on in 2015:

1 Council will vote on a storm water fee

This spring, city council is expected to consider implementing a storm water fee.

Under the current proposal, residents and businesses would pay a fee based on the amount of impervious surface on their property. The target revenue is \$1 million for the first year.

In October, Finance Director Lou Vitola said the cost to residents will be lower than the \$7.50 per month flat fee originally proposed, though specific figures have not been revealed.

Debate over the fee began in late 2013 after flooding that summer highlighted the need for improvements to the city's storm sewer system. Officials say they need to raise a total of \$7.5 million to pay for upgrades.

Council balked at the proposal for a flat fee and instead chose to hold several public forums on the issue.

While the fee is being considered, work on the most urgent projects will begin, using \$400,000 allotted in this year's budget.

2 Debate over parking garage will continue

Expect the possibility of a parking garage behind The Galleria on Main Street to be a frequent topic of discussion.

A long-time goal of many city staff members, the garage took a step forward last summer when council authorized a land swap that gives the city ownership of the entire piece of land needed for a garage. After a series of delays, the deal is in final negotiations.

However, even after the deal is signed, the garage is not a certainty. The idea has encountered resistance from some members



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

The Downtown Newark Partnership hopes to reach an agreement with CSX that will allow the organization to install a sculpture garden on this piece of land on South Main Street.

of council and the public who argue that a garage is not needed. Another looming question is how to pay for the multi-million-dollar project.

What is for sure, however, is that the city will expand the existing Galleria parking lot by about 50 spaces.

Several years ago, the University of Delaware agreed to cede an adjacent piece of land to the city containing two houses used as office space. UD will vacate the buildings this month, and the houses will be demolished, city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said. The extra parking spaces will be created before the end of the year.

3 Three council seats will be up for election

Three council seats will be up for grabs during the city election on April 14.

The seats include District 1, currently held by two-term councilman Mark Morehead; District 4, currently held by first-term



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

This summer, the city will replace 900 street lights with new, energy-efficient LED lights. On the right is an LED light, and on the left is a traditional streetlight.

councilwoman Marge Hadden; and District 2, currently held by Todd Ruckle, who won a special election in 2014 after Jerry Clifton resigned halfway through his term.

This week, Morehead and Ruckle both said they plan to run for re-election. Hadden could not be reached for comment. No challengers have filed yet, according to City Secretary Renee Bensley.

4 UD will close West Campus and consider selling land

The University of Delaware will shutter its West Campus at the end of the spring semester.

The Rodney and Dickinson residence hall complexes, which opened in 1966 and each house 700 students, will close and likely be torn down.

UD will then look to sell the 16-acre site on Hillside Road.

The closing of the dorms is part of a plan to concentrate students, particularly freshmen, closer to the center of campus.

A new, 300-bed residence and dining hall across the street from Perkins Student Center on Academy Street will open in the fall. Around the same time, construction will begin on another 500-bed residence hall on Academy Street, this one located between Smyth and Hartshorn halls. It will open in fall 2017.

5 A pedestrian signal will be installed at a problematic Main Street crossing

One of Newark's most frustrating traffic problems will finally see improvement this year when a traffic signal is installed on Main Street where the road intersects The Green (in front of The Galleria).

The pedestrian crosswalk has long vexed motorists and causes long backups during UD's peak class-change times.

Currently, cars have to stop whenever a pedestrian wishes to cross. However, under the new plan, crews will install a traffic light as well as pedestrian signals, with vehicles and pedestrians each getting their turn to proceed.

The signal will be timed with the light at Main Street and South College Avenue. When that light turns red for Main Street traffic, so too will the new light at the

crosswalk, allowing pedestrians to cross.

Installation is tentatively set for this summer, according to Nietubicz. Next year, a similar traffic signal will be installed where Delaware Avenue meets The Green.

6 Two apartment buildings will open as construction of hotel begins

Two large, downtown apartment buildings – both run by Tsionas Management – will open in June.

One is at 58 E. Main St. and replaces the old Delaware Book Exchange building, which was torn down last summer. The new, four-story structure will contain 6,982 square feet of retail space on the first floor and 24 apartments upstairs.

The second is at 201 E. Delaware Ave. and replaces the historic Newark New Century Club, which was demolished last October. The new, three-story building will contain 1,751 square feet of office space and a 14-space covered parking area on first floor as well as 12 apartments upstairs.

As those buildings near completion, construction will begin on a new hotel on South College Avenue.

The six-story, 101-room Candlewood Suites extended-stay hotel was approved by city council in 2010, but construction was delayed. It is slated for 1119 S. College Ave., next to the Red Roof Inn, which is owned by the same company, Wilmington-based SSN Hotel Management.

Another possible project, this one on North College Avenue, also looms. Lang Development Group seeks to replace the current structure with a multi-story building containing apartments, retail space and a restaurant. The project would displace current tenants Del Sol, Unique Impressions and Endless Summer tanning salon.

The planning commission was set to consider the plans last November, but the developer pulled the proposal for unknown reasons.

However, Del Sol owner Yonathan Gelineb, told city council last month that he still expects the plan to proceed, adding that his restaurant would be displaced for one to two years before reopening in the rebuilt structure.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Traffic stops as two pedestrians cross Main Street at The Green. A traffic signal will be installed at the crossing later this year.



7 Improvements at shopping centers will continue

Projects at two shopping centers will continue this year.

One, a \$10 million plan to renovate Newark Shopping Center, began last year. The developer, Virginia-based Atlantic Realty Company, plans to make the shopping center more pedestrian-friendly and contemporary and vows to update the signage, improve parking and install landscaping. The existing structures will be renovated, and a pedestrian walkway will be cut through one of the buildings to provide access to the adjacent Pomeroy Trail.

Work is also under way on a six-story, 220-unit apartment building on the site of the former Blue Hen Lanes bowling alley behind the shopping center.

Renovations are also expected at the Park N Shop plaza on South Main Street. DSM Commercial, the property manager, has announced plans to renovate the shopping center and attract new tenants.

The first new tenant, Anytime Fitness, opened this week.

8 School board will hold tax referendum

The Christina School District will ask voters to approve a school tax increase to help the district deal with a \$6 million budget deficit.

The school board has scheduled a referendum for Feb. 24, but officials have not yet detailed what the proposed tax hike will be. The board will vote on the specifics this month.

Christina's last referendum came in May 2010, when a tax hike was approved by a margin of 26 votes. That increased taxes by 35 cents per \$100 of assessed property value over three years.

This year, voters will likely be asked to approve two separate tax increases, one to fund rising operating expenses and one that would allow the district to invest in new programs.

District spokeswoman Wendy Lapham said that expenses, especially personnel costs, have been rising, and the district has been affected by the number of students leaving for charter schools.

9 Alder Creek affordable housing development will open

A project currently under construction will bring long-awaited affordable housing to a city better known for high-priced student rentals.

Last fall, crews began work on the Newark Housing Authority's Alder Creek development, which will replace Cleveland Heights, the dilapidated housing project that sat vacant for years before it was demolished last summer.

The new complex on Cleveland Avenue will include 13 three-story, townhouse-style apartment buildings, with 56 units containing a mix of one, two, three and four bedrooms. Also planned is a community center.

NHA Executive Director Marene Jordan said families will begin moving in as soon as the first building is complete, a milestone that could come as early as June.

10 Tax hike will take effect

Newark residents can expect their tax burden to increase starting July 1.

Last month, city council approved a 1.5 percent tax hike, which will generate an additional \$42,000 in revenue for the city.

The average annual bill for residents will increase by \$7.35 a year to \$497. The average annual bill for commercial properties will go up \$16.69 to \$1,129 a year.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Under an agreement reached several years ago, the University of Delaware will cede to the city a piece of land adjacent to the parking lot behind The Galleria. Two old homes, now used as UD offices, will be demolished to make room for 50 more parking spaces.

On top of that, starting this month, water rates increased by 7.5 percent.

Average water customers inside the city will see their monthly bill increase by \$2.42 to \$35.88. For customers outside the city, the average water bill will go up \$2 to \$48.06. The increase will generate \$555,000 to support water infrastructure expenditures and maintenance.

11 STAR Campus development will continue

Development will continue on UD's STAR Campus, formerly home to the Chrysler assembly plant.

Last fall, UD laid out its latest master plan for the site, which focuses on 65 acres in the northeast corner of the property. Officials envision an urban-inspired campus centered around a new transportation hub and featuring research and development space surrounded by parks, restaurants, retail stores and a hotel.

Those plans will take decades to come to fruition, but the first privately developed building, built by Ernie Delle Donne, is expected to open this year with several tenants, including information technology company SevOne. Delle Donne is also planning a second, taller building on the STAR Campus.

12 Streetlights will be converted to LED bulbs

Starting in mid-to-late summer, city crews will begin replacing 900 streetlights with LED lights that conserve electricity.

Council authorized nearly \$600,000 for the project, with the city expected to recoup the costs in approximately eight years.

Officials say the lights will reduce the city government's electric usage by 7.4 percent and will provide better lighting than the yellowish glow produced by traditional streetlights. They also have a lifespan of 20 years, compared to the four-year lifespan of the old bulbs.

"They pay for themselves both in the reduced costs of power, but also in the reduced cost of sending crews to replace them," Nietubicz said.

Most lights on Main Street have already been converted, so this summer's project will focus on intersections and major roads like New London Road, South Main Street and Paper Mill Road. Neighborhood street lights will not be changed.

13 Newark's community garden will open

Newarkers who don't have space in their own yards for a garden will soon have a way to exercise their green thumb.

In the works for nearly a year, the city's community garden will open in the spring. Residents will be able to rent 4x10 raised plots in the fenced off garden in Fairfield Park.

Newark had a community garden a couple decades ago, but interest eventually waned. A resident rekindled the idea during a council meeting, and the Parks and Recreation Department launched an online survey last winter to determine public interest.

Enough residents expressed interest for the idea to proceed. A local Eagle Scout candidate renovated a storage shed at the garden site, and other volunteers are building the raised beds this winter.

14 Christina schools will consider district-wide uniforms

If two school board members get their way, every student in the Christina School District will start the new school year in late August wearing a uniform.

The district's middle schools and urban elementary schools already require uniforms, but the proposal would extend the requirement to all schools and grade levels.

Elizabeth Paige and Shirley Sutton-Saffer argue that uniforms would cut down on bullying, get students used to dressing profes-

sionally, be cheaper for parents and put district schools more in line with charter and private schools.

A draft plan discussed last fall would require students to wear color-coded polo shirts as well as navy or black pants, skirts or jumpers. In cold weather, students would be allowed to wear sweaters that match their assigned shirt color. The policy would ban shorts, sweatshirts, sandals, caps, bandanas and scrunchies. It would also limit the size of purses and the type of jewelry that could be worn.

However, officials have distributed a survey to parents and students and have vowed to take the community's opinions into consideration before proceeding.

The board will get a report on the survey results Jan. 13. Paige said she hopes to vote on the policy in time to implement it for the fall.

15 DNP will work on building sculpture park

If everything goes as planned, the empty, overgrown lot next to the CSX tracks downtown will be transformed into a sculpture garden.

The project was proposed by the Downtown Newark Partnership and is meant to beautify the section of South Main Street across from the Trabant Parking Garage. The property is owned by CSX but not always maintained to the standards the DNP would like.

"It's frustrating for us because it's in the heart of our downtown," said Nietubicz, who serves as administrator of the DNP.

Several local artists have offered sculptures for display there.

"For the cost of moving the sculptures, we could beautify it and make the arts central to our downtown," Nietubicz said.

The city has a tentative agreement with CSX but is waiting on final approval. Officials also hope to later gain access to the old B&O station on the property, which CSX uses for storage.

Law expands protected area of White Clay Creek

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Approximately 9 miles of White Clay Creek and its tributaries have been added to the existing Wild and Scenic Rivers designation for the waterway, after a bill to protect the area was signed by President Barack Obama last month.

The measure includes adding additional stream segments to the existing White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. First introduced in 2009 by former Senator Ted Kaufman (D-Del.), it was passed twice by the Senate but failed to clear the House of Representatives.

It was reintroduced in 2014 by U.S. Senator Chris Coons (D-Del.) and U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.-16) as part of a package of land bills included in the National Defense Authorization Act and passed both the House and the Senate in December. President Barack Obama signed the bill on Dec. 19.

In 2000, Congress designated 190 miles of White Clay Creek and its tributaries as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

At no cost to taxpayers, the expansion bill will widen the original designation to include approximately 9 miles of two small stream sections that were omitted from the original designation, including a 1.6-mile stretch of Lamborn Run in New Castle County and a 7.4-mile stream in New Garden Township, Pa.

In a prepared statement, Coons thanked his colleagues for passing the bipartisan legislation to protect the wa-

terway and wildlife.

"White Clay Creek is a gem that shines brightly in Delaware's diverse ecosystem, and we have worked tirelessly to protect its beauty for future generations," he said. "When I was a child growing up in New Castle, I used to spend considerable time in the White Clay Creek watershed, and I know what a great outdoor experience is for children and families."

The 69,000-acre White Clay Creek watershed is home to a wide variety of fish and wildlife, including 27 species of reptiles and amphibians, and more than 90 species of birds. The creek is also stocked annually with brown and rainbow trout.

Protected land in the watershed also provides recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers, birders and hunters, while the White Clay Creek and the Cockeysville aquifer that lies beneath portions of the watershed are sources of drinking water for more than 128,000 people in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Kevin Donnelly, the district coordinator for the New Castle County Conservation District, said the passage of the expansion act will provide "real benefits to the nearly 100,000 people who live within the White Clay Creek Watershed."

The law also safeguards habitats, preserves historic sites and scenic vistas throughout the watershed, attracts visitors and helps companies whose businesses depend on the health and vitality of the White Clay Creek, he said.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A law recently signed by President Barack Obama expands protections for White Clay Creek.

TRAFFICKING

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Human sex trafficking is defined as prostitution induced by force, fraud or coercion. The victims — sometimes children — often make arrangements to be brought to the United States only to find themselves forced into prostitution. Other times, it involves young Americans from troubled backgrounds.

"It's akin to modern-day slavery," said William Walker, assistant special agent in charge of HSI in Philadelphia.

The Dec. 18 sting in Newark was in response to recent complaints about prostitution at the Rodeway Inn, said Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

After posting ads online, undercover officers used phone calls and text messages to communicate with 22 men, seven of whom showed up at the motel and were charged with patronizing a prostitute. Those charged include John Jarrell, 57; Bernard Racey,

44; Robert Fletcher, 22; Suprpto Bonari, 48; Jonathan Caine, 28; Aaron M. Johnson, 38; and James L. Poston, 45. Police withheld the defendants' hometowns for unspecified reasons.

An HSI agent accompanied Newark Police during the sting and helped conduct interviews of the suspects, looking for "red flag indicators" of human trafficking. Similar operations have occurred in cities across the country, Walker said.

The basic idea, authorities said, is to lean on the accused to open up about any past involvement with prostitutes in an effort to get information that could lead to human trafficking rings.

"We interview them and see if they can turn us on to any human trafficking victims they've encountered in the past," Walker said.

In stings that target women, the agents are looking for any signs that the women themselves are victims of trafficking.

Neither Farrall nor Walker revealed whether the Newark operation turned up any leads on traffickers,

but Walker pointed to a recent success in Allentown, Pa.

There, a similar sting in 2013 led to one trafficking victim, who led authorities to three other victims and, ultimately, the ringleaders of the operation. Two men eventually pleaded guilty to using physical violence and intimidation to force heroin-addicted women into prostitution.

In 2014, HSI made 1,770 arrests for human trafficking and secured 828 convictions. The crime is made easier by technology, Walker said.

"Human trafficking has been going on forever," he said. "But the Internet affords human traffickers more anonymity. They're able to operate under the radar."

He said his agency works with local authorities to help teach them about the red flags.

"While they may have viewed a prostitute as just a prostitute, they're now aware of the indicators and contact HSI," Walker said.

Farrall added that undercover prostitution stings sometimes also lead to drug arrests.

"There's a nexus between prostitution and drug activity," he said.

Newark Police have vowed to continue random prostitution stings throughout the city.

"We want to let people know that if they're going to engage in that activity, there's a good possibility they'll be arrested for it," Farrall said.

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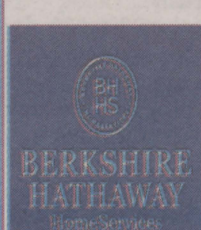


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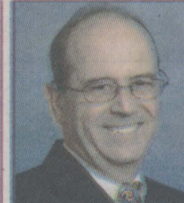
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Blue Hen women rally to win final non-conference game

By SEAN GROGAN
Special to the Post

Tina Martin pinpointed a single play that sparked her team's big second half.

It was not a basket or a defensive stop, however. Just over a minute into the second half, junior guard Courtni Green dove for a loose ball with the score tied at 33 between the Delaware women's basketball team and visiting Rider on Monday night.

"I thought in the second half when the collision happened between Courtni and the young lady, 31, from Rider, that gave us some momentum, believe it or not," Martin said. "I've been all over our kids about diving for loose balls, how important that is and I really felt that fired the kids up that Courtni laid herself out there and went after that loose ball."

The Blue Hens quickly broke the tie on a 3-pointer by sophomore Hannah Jardine and went on to a 68-53 win in their final non-conference game of the season.

Jardine's 3 came with 17:25 on the clock and gave Delaware the lead for good.

"Hannah had a good look," Martin said. "It was Makeda (Nicholas) that set the good screen. I've been harping on the kids about screening and taking pride in that. It got her free, and she got a really good, wide-open look and she knocked it down. That was a big boost."

Jardine finished with a double-double, consisting of 12 points and 11 rebounds. Her five assists were a team high.

"Hannah's been our rock," Martin said. "Hannah's going to rebound the ball, she's a tough kid. Her shot is falling, which is good. She should be confident in that 3-point shot, as well as confident in the post up. We're trying to get her the ball in both areas, outside and inside. For her to step up like that—especially on the boards—is big for us."

The score was tied at 30 at the half, but Delaware outscored the Broncs 38-23 in the second half,

largely due to an increased defensive effort.

"Coach talked about at halftime that we weren't in help side," sophomore guard Erika Brown said. "We gave them too many transition points, so I kept telling the team we got to get back, we got to run the floor and we definitely got to be in help side when they're driving because they're getting all the way to the rim for uncontested layups. I think my team did a better job getting in help side."

After just four first-half points, Brown erupted in the second to lead all scorers with 16.

"I always try to stay confident," she said. "Coach keeps telling me to keep attacking. I'm one of the three leading scorers, so I don't get down on myself. It's only one half, there's 20 more minutes of basketball, so I just keep being aggressive the whole game."

Green finished with 12, and senior forward Joy Caracciolo netted 14 to join Jardine and Brown in double-digit scoring.

"It was a team effort; we had four people in double figures," Martin said. "That's big. We need to continue to have that kind of offensive contribution."

Nicholas, a freshman forward,

scored six points but pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds.

"We need that from her, we need that toughness on the boards," Martin said. "We need her to get to the offensive boards, as well as the defensive end of the boards. I told her she's got to be a beast on the boards, she's got to get in there and mix it up and she's got to hunt the ball down."

The Hens (5-6) will play only conference games for the remainder of the regular season. They open CAA play with a home game against Elon on Sunday at 2 p.m.

"I'll take the win," Martin said. "Is this where I wanted to be for non-conference? No, I'm not going to sit here and lie. I thought we could be better."

She noted the team has been hurt by injuries, most notably captain Alecia Bell, who broke her leg in the Hens' home opener.

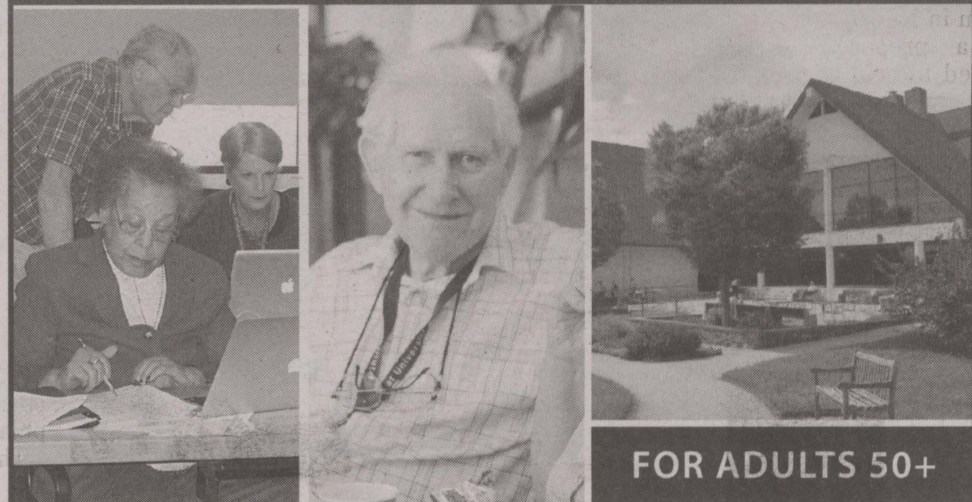
"Having a win going into conference play certainly feels a whole lot better than if we had a loss," Martin said. "We have to build on it, we have to take baby steps with this group. Again, we're playing five freshman and sophomores right now out of the eight, and they're going to have to step it up."



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Hannah Jardine finished Monday night's game with a double-double, consisting of 12 points and 11 rebounds.

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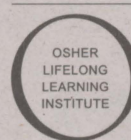
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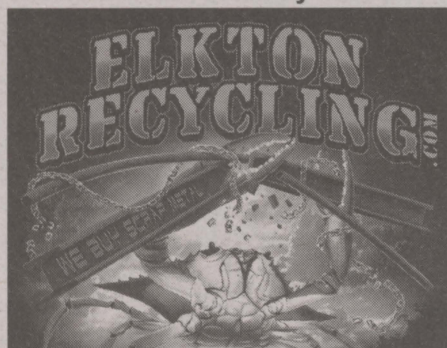
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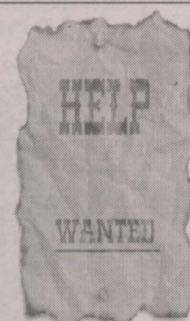
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January 5, 2015 - 6:00 P.M. - CC

1. Introductions
2. Review of Revisions from the October 20, 2014 Council Special Meeting
 - Preface: Why We Plan
 - Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Chapter 2: Community Profile
 - Chapter 3: Vision
 - Chapter 4: Public Utilities and Infrastructure
3. Chapter-by-Chapter
 - Chapter 5: Housing and Community Development
 - Chapter 6: Transportation
 - Chapter 7: Environmental Quality
 - Chapter 8: Parks, Recreation & Open Space
 - Chapter 9: Economic Development
 - Chapter 10: Land Use
 - Chapter 11: Annexation
 - Chapter 12: Implementation
4. Public Comment
5. Next Meeting Date - February 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
6. Adjournment

Agenda Posted - December 29, 2014

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LEGAL NOTICES**LEGAL NOTICE****JANUARY QUARTER 2014/15
SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Supplemental Assessment Roll for New Castle County and the City of Wilmington property and school taxes for the January Quarter of the 2014/15 tax year may be inspected in the Office of Property Assessment of New Castle County, New Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective January 1, 2015. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments may be obtained from the Office of Property Assessment at the address aforesaid and must be filed with the Office of Property Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2015. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will sit in the New Castle County Government Center, or some other public place to be announced, to hear appeals from these Supplemental Assessments. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec. 8311.

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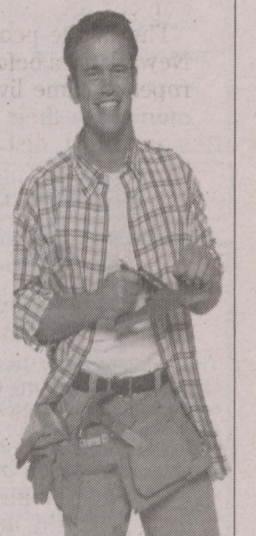
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(302) 999-0704

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Petitioner(s)
TO
JOHN HARVEY ANTIL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL 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 JOHN HARVEY ANTIL.
JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL
Petitioner
Dated: 12/12/2014
2493520
np 12/19,26,1/2

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ELIZABETH YAA BOATENG
Petitioner(s)
TO
ELIZABETH YAA-BOATENG TEKPOR
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ELIZABETH YAA BOATENG 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 ELIZABETH YAA-BOATENG TEKPOR.
ELIZABETH YAA BOATENG
Petitioner
Dated: 12/18/2014
2494062
np 12/26,1/2,9

Estate of
CATHERINE UNTERREINER, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that **Letters Testamentary** upon the estate of **CATHERINE UNTERREINER** who departed this life on the **9th day of November, A.D. 2014**, late of **3000 FOUNTAINVIEW CIRCLE, NEWARK, DE 19713**, were duly granted unto **W. ROBERT L. UNTERREINER**, aka **ROBERT UNTERREINER**, aka **ROBERT LOUIS UNTERREINER** on **December 12, 2014**, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the **Personal Representative** without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal Representative** on or before **July 9, 2015**, or abide by the law in this behalf.
Address
ROBERT L. UNTERREINER
18 APPLETON ACRES COURT
ELKTON, MD 21921

Personal Representative
ROBERT L. UNTERREINER, aka **ROBERT UNTERREINER**, aka **ROBERT LOUIS UNTERREINER**

File #160068
np 12/26,1/2,9

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ROSLIE MCDOWELL
Petitioner(s)
TO
ROSALIE LAKISHA MCDOWELL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROSALIE MCDOWELL 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 ROSALIE LAKISHA MCDOWELL.
ROSLIE MCDOWELL
Petitioner
Dated: 12/22/2014
2494466
np 12/26,1/2,9

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
GWENDOLYN CLEMONS
Petitioner(s)
TO
GWENDOLYN CLEMONS-POOLE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GWENDOLYN CLEMONS 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 GWENDOLYN CLEMONS-POOLE.
GWENDOLYN CLEMONS
Petitioner
Dated: 12/12/2014
2493334
np 12/19,26,1/2

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
A'SHON JADEN KNOTTS
Petitioner(s)
TO
A'SHON JADEN ROSS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KEI-SHON KNOTTS & JAMES ROSS intends 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 A'SHON JADEN ROSS.
KEI-SHON KNOTTS & JAMES ROSS JR.
Petitioners
Dated: 12/24/2014
2494839
np 1/2,9,16

Reflecting on Delaware agriculture in 2014



Cooperative Extension
Daniel Severson

Now that the year has come to an end, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and prepare for the future.

We may think about work that did not get done: the garage that did not get cleaned, the closet that did not get organized or how we never got around to replacing the gutters. However, I prefer to reflect on what was accomplished in the past year.

The farmers of Delaware sure worked hard this year producing some of the best farm products for our enjoyment. I would like

to share some of the highlights about Delaware agriculture in 2014, provided by the Delaware Agriculture Statistic Service.

Delaware is home to roughly 2,500 farms encompassing approximately 500,000 acres of land, with the average farm size being right around 200 acres. In round numbers, it represents 40 percent of Delaware's land base. Of the half million farm acres, 33 percent are enrolled in the Delaware Agriculture Land Preservation Program. About 30 percent of Delaware's land base is planted in corn and soybeans, much of which is used to support our large poultry industry.

Sussex County ranks No. 1 nationally in broiler chicken production with nearly 200 million birds produced each year, a position it has held since the 1940s. This particular statistic makes the poultry industry responsible

for 64 percent of Delaware's total farm cash receipts. Delaware's total cash receipts from agriculture are in excess of \$1 billion. Not bad for such a small state!

In addition, did you know that, according to the U.S. Census of Agriculture, Delaware ranks first in the nation in the value of agricultural products sold per acre and ranks second for the value of agriculture products sold per farm, only behind California?

Kent and Sussex counties are in the top 2 percent of all the counties in the U.S. in value of vegetables sold. Delaware is also home of the No. 1 lima bean acreage in the U.S., with 15,000 acres of lima beans planted in the First State.

New Castle County has agricultural roots as well. There are 374 farms in New Castle County, totaling 64,169 acres with an average farm size of 172 acres. Corn

is the dominant crop grown in the county, totaling 22,800 acres producing 2.8 million bushels. The livestock industry is comprised of 158 farms raising chickens, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and horses. New Castle County is also home to 32 vegetable producers.

With just 2 percent of the U.S. population involved in agriculture, our farmers really provide a lot. They enable us to enjoy a safe, abundant and local food supply. So take some time to congratulate a local farmer on a job well done in 2014.

Stop by the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office located at 461 Wyoming Road in Newark, Delaware, or phone 302-831-2506 for more information.

Daniel Severson is an agriculture agent for the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension. He and his colleagues write a periodic column for the Newark Post.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A Blue Hen was on display at the April 2013 Ag Day festival, which celebrates the state's strong tradition of agriculture.

Out of the Attic

Newark area changes moving into the 18th century

This week's Out of the Attic item is a sketch titled "View from Newark College Southward" done by a school professor about 1835. The road is roughly today's South College Avenue, and the rise is Iron Hill. The sketch shows the north portion of the Welsh Tract and the terrain change.

The native people in the Newark area before the Europeans came lived in harmony with their surroundings. They disturbed the land, streams, forest and wildlife as little as possible, taking only what they needed and allowing nature to replenish. This was their culture developed over many generations, the culture the Europeans found in the 17th century.

However, the settlers knew a different culture: cleared land to grow crops and raise animals, trees used to build houses and mills and for fuel to cook and heat homes.

So, that is what the settlers did here. They also found ore in Iron Hill and Chestnut Hill and clay in the streams to mine for their own use and to ship to Europe. A high-grade clay from the White Clay River was in demand in Ireland and England to make fine china.

Most settlers claimed



parcels of land on which they lived and worked farms and grist or saw mills. Some built houses and sheds in clusters along the trails (roads) and provided support services to those around them and to travelers. The self-sustaining nature naturally renewing native culture was gone.

As the Atlantic seaboard colonies grew and time moved into the 18th century, travel north and south increased — travel of both people and ideas. The King of England gave two large land grants to William Penn and Lord Calvert. Penn's grant included lands from the Delaware River westward (today's Delaware) and all of today's Pennsylvania and more north in part of today's New York State. Calvert's grant adjoined Penn's and surrounded the Chesapeake Bay.

Penn granted 30,000 acres south of Newark for a Welsh settlement. He divided his lands along the lower river into three parts — naming them New Castle, Kent, and Sussex — and declared the "three lower counties" to be a separate entity from Pennsylvania.

Do you have pictures, stories, information or suggestions for Out of the Attic? Send with your contact information to: Out of the Attic c/o P. O. Box 86, Newark, DE 19715. Visit the Newark History Museum on South College Avenue beside the bridge open now through March only by appointment made by calling 302-368-9845 to schedule. Website: www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org. Message phone: 302-224-2408, E-mail: newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com, Postal mail: P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715.

Staying active key to senior citizens' health



Life After 50
Carla Grygiel

Inactivity is the new tobacco. In 2008, as many as 5.3 million deaths around the world were caused by physical inactivity, according to a 2012 study published in *The Lancet*, a medical journal.

My observation as executive director of the Newark Senior Center is that when people stop moving and become less active, physical decline is very rapid.

Options for physical activity at the senior center are very broad. There is strength training, jazzercise, armchair exercise, Zumba, Pilates, yoga, line dancing, table tennis, ballroom dance and even a special exercise class for people with Parkinson's disease. The therapeutic pool is a good option for those with limited mobility, arthritis or who simply enjoy the resistance and comfort of exercising in 89-degree water. The fitness center is staffed by an exercise physiologist, providing a safe yet challenging environment for members.

Falling is one of our biggest concerns as we age. Many forms of exercise help increase strength and balance. It is also important

to evaluate your environment and make changes before a fall occurs. Another often-overlooked contributing factor to falls is poor vision, thus it is important to have a regular vision exam. As I have personally experienced, increased awareness and simply watching where you are walking is key.

Finding the best form of exercise for each person can be a challenge. Many people enjoy a group activity, while others may prefer a more independent approach. The Newark Senior Center offers exercise classes and options for every level of ability. The minimum age for membership at the center is 50, but evening exercise programs are open to all ages, presenting an opportunity to exercise with a friend who may not yet be 50 or help a senior who may not drive in the evening. Exercise classes at the center challenge each person to work to their level of ability.

The Newark community has many options for people to remain active. There are nearly 400 acres of parkland that are convenient to every neighborhood. Being out in nature stimulates all of your senses and helps to strengthen you physically and also mentally. As James Muir, one of the founders of the Sierra Club has observed, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

The Newark Parks and Recreation department has many choices for all ages to remain active. There are options around town from martial art and dance classes, skating, and hiking and biking groups. Newark also has safe, well-lit neighborhoods with sidewalks. An ongoing project to add curb ramps makes most neighborhoods very accessible.

Physical activity has many health benefits. It can help keep blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol in check. Exercise can also reduce the risk for diabetes, heart disease and stroke, relieve stress and strengthen your heart, bones and muscles. Recent studies have also shown that what is good for the heart is also good for the brain. We are all striving to age well, both physically and mentally.

We can all benefit by increasing our level of activity.

Carla Grygiel is chair of the Delaware Aging Network and executive director of the Newark Senior Center.

Editor's Note

This is the first edition of a new monthly column in the Newark Post that will highlight issues facing senior citizens in Newark. The column is authored by personnel from the Newark Senior Center.

Doing their small part to spread literacy

Two Newark couples install 'Little Free Libraries' in their yards

By ALEXANDRA DUSZAK
Special to the Post

Gerry McVey looked out his window one summer day to see his 11-year-old neighbor biking down the street. The boy stopped at a metal container behind McVey's mailbox, removed a book, tucked it under his arm and kept riding – a sight that McVey said warmed his heart.

The “non-required summer reading,” as McVey jokingly referred to the boy's book, is just one of the reasons he and his wife, Sandy, are stewards of a Little Free Library.

Little Free Libraries, as the name suggests, are tiny “give a book, take a book” libraries popping up in front yards and building lobbies in Newark and all over the world. There are many Little Free Library models and many others built from scratch, but most generally resemble the one in front of the McVey's Scottfield Drive home: they are small, charmingly decorated, waterproof boxes that contain a selection of books curated by the library's steward and the surrounding community. “Take a book, leave a book” is one simple idea with incredible impact,” said Kris Huson, marketing and communications director for Little Free Libraries.

The organization has been around since 2009, when Todd Bol of Hudson, Wis., constructed a miniature one-room schoolhouse library as a tribute to his late mother, an avid reader and former teacher. After seeing how popular the library was with his neighbors, Bol partnered with Rick Brooks, who at the time was an instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison specializing in youth and community development. Bol and Brooks grew the organization primarily through word of mouth, surpassing their goal number of libraries years ahead of time.

“It's an endearing idea that really resonated with book lovers who believed in the free exchange and sharing of books,” Huson said.

There are at least 18 Little Free Libraries in Delaware and at least two registered



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ALEXANDRA DUSZAK

Jamie Sutherland and his wife, Stephanie Kerschbaum, often see people stop in front of their Fairfield Crest home to borrow a book from their Little Free Library.

in the greater Newark area, Huson said. The McVey's signed up with the national organization and built their library about three years ago after seeing an article about Little Free Libraries in the newspaper.

“We said, ‘There are none in Delaware. We need a Little Free Library in Delaware,’” Sandy McVey recalled.

The McVey's are avid readers and keep their library stocked with a combination of their own books and those they pick up from 2nd & Charles, a used book and electronics store off of Churchmans Road. Although they see more turnover with children's books, “sometimes you'll see a mom take a book and a kid take one, too,” Sandy McVey said.

In Fairfield Crest, Jamie Sutherland and his wife, Stephanie Kerschbaum, have a Little Free Library of their own. They ordered their library from the national organization after learning about Little Free Libraries in an alumni magazine from the University of Wisconsin, where both attended graduate school.

“We thought, ‘Hey, that's something we could do with that corner of the yard,’” Sutherland joked.

Sutherland and Kerschbaum are also avid readers and have a large collection of books, so they originally

stocked their library with a few volumes they didn't mind sharing. Sutherland said he and his wife don't see much foot traffic to their box, in part because of its positioning in their Fremont Road yard, but people tend to stop by in cars to take a look and perhaps borrow a book. He notices the most traffic after neighborhood yard sales.

“We think of it as a community thing,” he said.

With more than 20,000 libraries worldwide, according to Huson, the Little Free Libraries community has grown exponentially in its short history. The organization's initial goal was to build 2,510 libraries – as many libraries as Andrew Carnegie supported around the turn of the 20th century – but it surpassed that goal in August 2012. There are Little Free Libraries all over the world, including Turkey, Denmark, South Korea and many other countries.

At its heart, the Little Free Libraries idea is a simple one: it gives people the opportunity to connect with each other and share great, even historic, books.

The coolest book that's ever appeared the McVey's library? An original copy of *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy.

To find a Little Free Library near you, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.



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Gerry and Sandy McVey maintain a Little Free Library outside their Scottfield home, inviting neighbors to borrow books from the box attached to the their mailbox.



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Gerry and Sandy McVey built their Little Free Library three years ago.