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## A holiday meal

Hope Dining Room serves up happiness

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Dana McNair doesn't like the term, "homeless" — he prefers "down on his luck." But on days when he comes to Hope Dining Room for a hot meal, he always leaves feeling pretty lucky. "I love this place. The people, everything. I can't complain

about anything," he said. "The food is awesome. If you're hungry, you're going to come here." Hope Dining Room, located in the basement of Kingswood United Methodist Church on

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# Toys for Tots brings joy to Newark children

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Nothing says the holidays like hearing a child tell Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas, especially when it's as unique as what 7-year-old Danielle Buckson hopes to see under her tree.

"I want an elf to help me do my homework," she said.

Danielle was one of approximately 60 children who came to the Newark Housing Authority on Dec. 18 to receive gifts from the Toys for Tots campaign, a national effort run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and coordinated locally by the Newark Police Department and Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

Santa arrived by fire-truck and listened to each child's Christmas wish before handing him or her a present donated by community members and wrapped by students from Holy Angels Middle School.

Sherwood Winder, 4, asked for a Power Rangers toy, while his siblings



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

A child poses with Santa at the Newark Housing Authority last week. Kids received presents through the Toys for Tots campaign organized by the Newark Police Department, Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Fire Company and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Janaye Winder-Brown, 7, and Jynlah Winder, 6, were just happy to see St. Nick and experience the festive event.

"It was wonderful," Janaye said. "I like the holidays because I get a lot of presents and get to enjoy Christmas and spend time with my family."

Danielle's siblings, 3-year-old Jursie Thorpe and 9-year-old Joey Graham, joined a few other children in examining their wrapped gifts after meeting with Santa.

They excitedly shook their presents, trying to guess what was inside.

"You probably got a puzzle,"



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Siblings Joey Graham, 9, Jursie Thorpe, 3, and Danielle Buckson, 7, visit with Santa at the Newark Housing Authority last week as part of the Toys for Tots campaign organized by the Newark Police Department, Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Fire Company and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

zle," Joey said to another child before holding his own gift up to his ear. "I probably got Legos."

David George, 7, could hardly wait to find out what Santa gave him.

"When do we get to open them?" He asked anxiously.

"On Christmas like everybody else," his mother replied.

"But that'll take forever!" David lamented, causing his mother to chuckle.

NHA Director Marene Jordan said the organization has been hosting the Toys for Tots event for past six years.

Approximately 60 children showed up to get a picture with Santa, a present and a goodie bag on their way out.

"More and more children come each year and they look forward to it. You can see it in some of their faces," Jordan said.

Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola said the Toys for Tots event is a warm holiday tradition for the Newark community, police and fire departments.

"I thought it was great," he said. "Santa did a great job as usual."

Afterwards, Santa boarded the firetruck and joined NPD and Aetna in handing out presents to children living in the White Chapel neighborhood.

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# 'Mr. Sam,' beloved Downes custodian, retires at 91

By KARIE SIMMONS

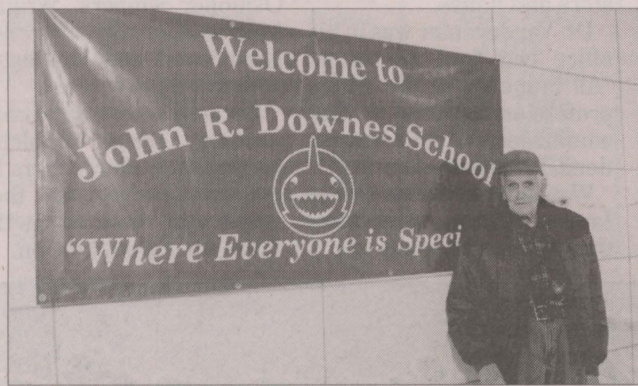
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Sam Singleton has worked as a custodian at Downes Elementary School for the past 24 years and never wanted to stop.

Even as he reached the age of 91, "Mr. Sam" was still cleaning the school he loves so much. That was, until last month, when he suffered a fall and decided it was time to say goodbye.

"If it wasn't for that, I'd still be working," he said.

Singleton, of Elkton, Md., worked the night shift at Downes and is the school's oldest employee. He will officially retire at



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Sam Singleton, 91, will retire on Jan. 1 after working for 24 years as a custodian at Downes Elementary School.

the start of the new year, and especially the students.

but has not worked since his fall. He said he already misses the teachers, staff

"I think about them all the time," he said. "I love

the children. They all hug me. I make them happy, and they make me happy."

Singleton is known around the school as "Mr. Sam," but Candice Casey, a former administrative assistant at Downes, said he is also referred to as "Mr. Fix-It Man."

She said the beloved handyman helps perform odd jobs around the school in addition to his daily duties.

"If Sam can't fix it, nobody can," Casey said.

After Singleton fell last month, the school's staff didn't want to see him go, Principal Trish Prettyman said.

"We did a little arguing

with his family like, 'No we don't want him to leave,' but we understand," Prettyman said. "We just love him so much. He's a part of this family."

"The young man who's replacing you has some big shoes to fill," she added, smiling at Singleton.

Custodian Tim Norris works closely with Singleton and said things just won't be the same without him.

"He will be greatly missed," he said. "He was my right-hand man."

Singleton said he's not used to retirement and is going to have to come up with new ways to pass the time. He enjoys watch-

ing Westerns on TV, taking care of his home and woodworking, so he might build a birdhouse, he said. Singleton also said he wants a puppy to keep him company.

"A pup would be nice to have, oh yes," he said.

Singleton will officially retire from Downes on Jan. 1, and the school will host a retirement party on Jan. 24 so he can say goodbye to the students.

He said it's been hard to stop doing the work he loves, but nothing's harder than saying goodbye to his Downes family.

"Of all the places I've ever worked, this is the best place I've ever worked," he said.

## Police: Car repo'd with kids in backseat

### Woman faces child endangerment charges

By JOSH SHANNON

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A woman is facing child endangerment charges after her SUV was repossessed from Pencader Plaza — with two children she was babysitting in the back seat, police reported.

Tonya F. Robinson, 40, of Bear, allegedly left the children — girls ages 5 and 1 — in her 2007 Chrysler Aspen while she went into BJ's Wholesale Club, according to Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

According to court records, Robinson told police she had been shopping with the children and was waiting for a clerk to retrieve an iPad from a storage cabinet. Robinson took the kids back to the SUV, drove the vehicle to a no-parking zone in front of store and went back inside to pick up the iPad.

"[Robinson] stated she did this because she could not carry everything and still handle the children," the responding trooper wrote in court records. "When asked why she did not use a shopping cart, [Robinson] stated she did not think about that."

At that point, a tow-truck driver arrived to repossess the car.

The driver, a 32-year-old employee of All Hooked Up Towing, later told police his truck is equipped with an automatic license plate reader, which alerts him to vehicles that are slated to be repossessed.

The device alerted him to Robinson's SUV as he drove behind her on South Chapel Street. He waited a few minutes and then located the car parked in front of the BJ's.

The driver told police the windows of the Aspen were tinted and, while he saw several large boxes

in the backseat, he did not see or hear the children. Once back at the tow lot, located a mile away on Aleph Drive, he heard noises coming from the car, discovered the children and called 911.

In an interview with police, Robinson said she came out of the store to find the SUV gone, and called 911 after a passerby told her it had been towed, court records indicate.

Police arrived at the tow lot, and the children, who were not injured, were released to the care of Robinson's sister. Robinson was taken into custody and charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and released on \$4,000 unsecured bail.



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Charles Collins ran the Elkton Steam Laundry and came to Newark once a week to pick up clothes. Mr. Wade, after two years, gave up his store and started selling meat from a wagon. His store was taken over by Messrs. Steele and Hustler who carried on the meat

business. After Theo. Armstrong's store and dwelling burned, he erected a new store and house.

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liquor license. Messrs. Lutton, Thornley, Roberts, Casho, Herdman, Lowber, Osmond, Simpers, Wright, Morrison, Fader, McPike, Homewood and Vandegrift supported his request.

Because people were complaining about problems getting their newspapers by mail, the Ledger said they could pick them up at the Post Office from now on.

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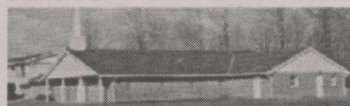
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# NAWC helps hundreds with holiday food drive

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Families, seniors and veterans in need will have a brighter Christmas, thanks to the Newark Area Welfare Committee, which concluded its annual Holiday Food Box Project over the weekend.

On Dec. 19, volunteers loaded up 363 boxes with fresh produce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, spaghetti, peanut butter and canned goods. Eighty of the boxes were delivered to home-bound seniors living in Main Towers and Independence Circle on Saturday. Additional Newarkers in need each picked up a box and a turkey on Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church on West Main Street.

Volunteers also made 200 to-go bags to be distributed at the Newark Empowerment Center on Main Street.

Mayor Polly Sierer, who also serves as president of the Newark Area Welfare Committee, said 195 volunteers participated in the three-day distribution effort, which began Thursday when volunteers picked up donated food from various sites and brought it to the church to be sorted and boxed.

Donations came from community members as well as drives hosted by Newark Charter School, Shue-Medill Middle School, West Park Place Elementary School, Hodgson Vo-Tech High School, Holy Angels Catholic Church and Downes Elementary School, which Sierer said have always been large contributors.

"We can count on them and



Rosie White places bags of apples into boxes as part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee Holiday Food Box Project. The group filled and delivered 363 boxes for Newarkers in need over the weekend.

that's important," she said.

Acme in Suburban Plaza discounted some food. Milburn Orchards in Elkton, Md., provided apples, and Chiquita at the Port of Wilmington donated bananas.

"It's a great community activity," Sierer said. "Members of the community donated the food, volunteers are helping box the food, and these are all going to Newark-area families."

Linda Mayer, who was placing bags of fresh apples into each box, said the Holiday Food Box Project was her first food drive with the

Newark Area Welfare Committee.

Mayer used to be a social worker and said she decided to come out and reinvigorate her love of helping others.

"I really miss that around Christmas," she said. "The best part will be tomorrow when the people collect their boxes."

Rosie White has been a

part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee for 15 years and said that giving someone food to cook does more than people think.

"I think if you can help anyone with food, at least the person who receives it has hope," she said. "It cheers up their Christmas and it's always good to have a full tummy."



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One person died and another was injured Dec. 15 when fire ripped through this home on South Fawn Drive.

## No foul play in fatal fire

By JOSH SHANNON

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The Newark fire marshal has ruled out foul play in a house fire that claimed a life earlier this month.

However, the exact cause of the Dec. 15 blaze is still under investigation, city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said.

Nietubicz identified the deceased victim as Wilber James Jr., 67. Property records show James bought the home in the Elan of Huntington Hills neighborhood in 1996.

The fire broke out at 5:15 a.m. in the unit block of South Fawn Drive, according to John H. Farrell IV, spokesman for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

The first to respond was a firefighter who lives across the street. Awakened by the

emergency radio dispatch, the firefighter attempted to enter the burning home but, without his safety gear, was driven back by flames, Farrell said.

When other firefighters arrived, they found heavy fire coming from the two-story home. Three people had escaped, but James was still trapped inside. By the time firefighters reached him, he had died.

A 66-year-old woman who was able to escape the blaze by herself was taken to Christiana Hospital. Authorities have not released her identity.

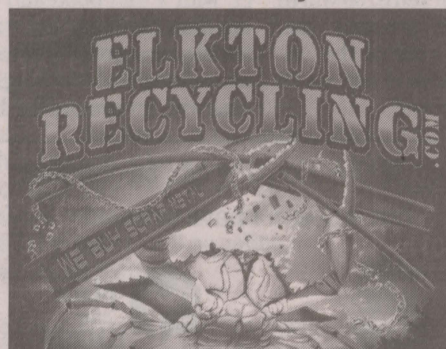
Fifty-two firefighters from Aetna, Christiana, Mill Creek, Cranston Heights, Five Points, Elmsere, Minquas and West Grove, Pa., fire companies fought the blaze, which left the home uninhabitable, Farrell said.

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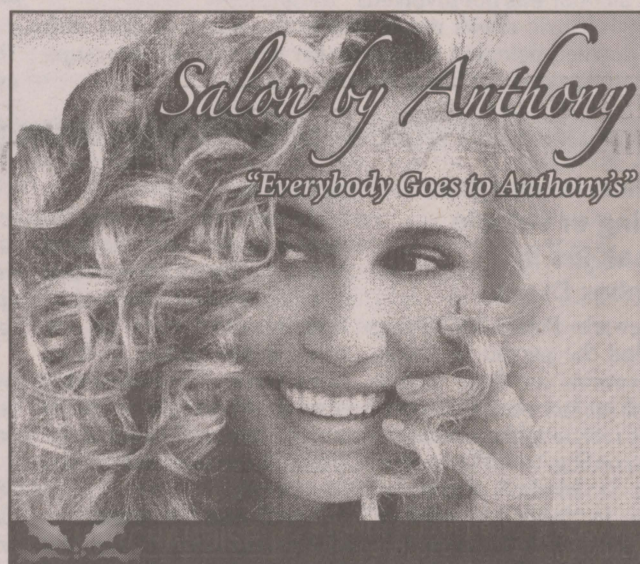
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Eleven Shue-Medill Middle School students and their bus driver were taken to the hospital after the bus crashed into a light pole in the school parking lot Tuesday morning.

## 12 injured in Shue-Medill school bus crash

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Eleven students and their bus driver were taken to the hospital Tuesday morning after a Christina School District bus crashed into a light pole in the parking lot of Shue-Medill Middle School, according to state police.

The bus driver, Arlene A. Holden, 60, of Newark, was driving through the parking lot of the school, located at 1500 Capitol Trail, around 7 a.m. when she swerved the bus to avoid hitting a white SUV that was also traveling through the parking lot, police said.

The school bus then struck a protective concrete mound at the base of a light pole, where it came to rest. The white SUV fled from the parking lot in an unknown direction.

Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Co. spokesman John H. Farrell said firefighters arrived on scene to find the school bus with heavy front end damage, perched up on the concrete buffer to the light pole, causing the bus to be unstable.

He said additional fire department resources were called in, and Mill Creek Fire Company, New Castle County Paramedics, Minquas Fire Company of Newport, Cranston Heights Fire Company, and Elsmere Fire Company responded to the scene.

After the school bus was stabilized, the passengers and driver were removed from the vehicle.

Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale, a spokesman for Delaware State Police, said of the 23 students on the bus, 11 were taken to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Rockland for minor injuries. Holden was treated at Christiana Hospital.

The Delaware State Police and the Christina School District continue to investigate the cause of the accident.

# Police: Drug dealer robbed outside apartment complex

By JOSH SHANNON

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A 24-year-old man from Bear was robbed at gunpoint outside the University Court-yard apartments on Sunday in what police are calling a targeted, drug-related robbery.

The incident happened at 2:15 a.m. in the parking lot outside the 800 building of the sprawling complex on

Scholar Drive.

The victim told police he was approached by two men, one of whom was armed with a handgun. The men stole his iPhone, coat and an undisclosed amount of money, said Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Investigators eventually determined that the man had agreed to meet the robbers in the parking lot "to engage

in a drug deal," Farrall said. Authorities believe the man was attempting to sell narcotics.

"He's not being entirely forthcoming," Farrall said.

The man has no known connection with the apartment complex.

The suspects, described only as black men, left the scene in a car. No description of the car was available.

Anyone with additional

information on this incident should contact Det. Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7110, ext. 136, or daniel.bystricky@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at www.tip-submit.com where a reward may be available.

## Car flips over on Cleveland Avenue, brings down utility pole

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Smyrna man escaped without injury when his SUV flipped over on Cleveland Avenue early Saturday morning, police reported.

The single-car crash happened at 1:26 a.m. as the 22-year-old driver was heading west on Cleveland Avenue, approaching the intersection with New London Road.

The Dodge Durango drifted off the road, struck a curb and then hit a utility pole, causing the vehicle to overturn. The pole snapped off at its base, sending wires crashing down on top of the SUV.

"He took his eyes off the road," explained Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The man, who Farrall did not identify, was extricated from the SUV by Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. firefighters and declined medical treatment.

He was cited for inattentive driving, Farrall said, noting that alcohol was not involved.

City electric crews responded to the scene to deal with the downed pole, but electricity service was not interrupted, city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said.



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The driver of this SUV escaped unharmed after the vehicle overturned on Cleveland Avenue.

### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Police investigate string of vehicle break-ins in Timber Creek

Newark Police are trying to find the person or people responsible for three vehicle break-ins last week in the Timber Creek neighborhood.

According to NPD spokesman Lt. Mark A. Farrall, all three incidents happened in the same area between 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 and 8:30 a.m.

on Dec. 18.

The first break-in was reported in the unit block of North Wynwyd Drive when a victim realized items had been removed from his car while it was parked in front of his home. The thieves took several Christmas presents worth a total of \$45 out of the trunk of the car while it was unsecured.

Farrall said the second incident happened in the 100 block of Timberline Drive

when the suspects attempted to enter a lockbox inside an unsecured Jeep but were unsuccessful. They caused approximately \$700 worth of damage to the vehicle.

The thieves next took \$154 worth of property from a car parked in the 100 block of Panorama Drive, Farrall said.

Police recovered \$100 worth of the stolen property and alerted the owner of the car, who wasn't aware the items had been removed.

Farrall said during the investigation, officers made contact with a witness who said she saw two suspicious people pulling on car door handles in the unit block of South Wynwyd Drive around 4 a.m. on Dec. 18.

They are described as a white male, possibly a teenager, with a thin build and wearing dark clothing, and a white female, also possibly a teenager, wearing dark clothing and a coat with fur around the hood.

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# 14 biggest sports stories in 2014

By JON BUZBY

Newark Post columnist

## 1 Delaware men advance to March Madness

For the first time since 1999, the UD men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament after winning the regular season and Colonial Athletic Association conference tournament titles. Unfortunately, it was one-and-done for the 16th-seeded Hens.

## 2 Jarvis Threatt kicked off UD basketball team

The celebration of the Hens' hoops success didn't last long when Jarvis Threatt was dismissed in June for violations of team rules. Off-court problems were a season-long theme for Delaware as Threatt served a 30-day suspension along with Devon Sadler and Marvin King-Davis for unspecified violations of team and/or university rules.

## 3 Hodgson wins football state championship

The defending state champions found themselves in a must-win situation starting in Week 6 and responded, winning their last five regular-season games to qualify for the state playoffs as a No. 7 seed and then knocking off the top two seeds to advance to the championship game. Hodgson dominated Laurel 42-0 in the title game to capture the school's second consecutive, and third overall, state championship.

## 4 . Beston runs to conference championship

Newark High's Rachel Beston cruised across the finish line in an impressive 18:38 to capture the Blue Hen Conference cross-country championships at Bellevue State Park. Beston is just the third Yellowjacket female to win the conference title in school history. She went on to place second at states.

## 5 . Golden moments for two Newark Dragon Special Olympics athletes

David Hill won four gold medals and Jonathan Stoklosa won three in the powerlifting event at the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games.

## 6 Christiana boys soccer has outstanding season

For the first time in 16 years, Christiana (10-5) advanced to the state tournament. Coach Matt Hammond was named small schools Coach of the Year and Pat Spagnuolo became the first Christiana player since 1999 named to the first-team All-State team.

## 7 Newark National Little League returns to regionals

In what has become almost routine news, the Newark National Little League Majors All-Stars advanced to the Eastern Regional Tournament in Bristol, Conn., for the fourth-consecutive year. Newark was eliminated in the finals by Pennsylvania.

## 8 Delaware 87ers complete first season in Newark

Delaware's only professional team, the 87ers of the NBA D-League, completed its first season at the Bob Carpenter Center. In perhaps their smartest move to date, the team hired Elena Delle Donne as its team spokesperson, guaranteeing her appearance at select games this season.

## 9 Monte Ross enters season without contract extension

Despite winning the CAA championship, UD men's basketball coach Monte Ross entered the 2014-15 season without a contract extension beyond this year, causing the Hens' top recruit, Eli Cain, to decommit.

## 10 UD football misses playoffs again

For the first time since the playoff format was instituted at the FCS level (formerly I-AA), Delaware missed the playoffs for the fourth-consecutive year. The Hens' inconsistency the second half of the season doomed them.

## 11 UD football recruits locally

Ray Jones (Hodgson) and Lloyd Badson Jr. (Caravel Academy) have verbally committed to play football for their hometown team. Both are expected to play on the defensive side of the ball.

## 12 Christiana football coach stays the same

After four straight years of head coaching changes, Christiana alumnus Virgil Rush returned for a second straight year to coach the Vikings. Unfortunately the rebuilding continues as Christiana won just one game, against a winless McKean team, in 2014.

## 13 Newark Charter netters find success in first season

The Patriots finished 9-6 in their inaugural varsity volleyball season, despite fielding a squad with only eighth through 10th graders and playing against teams made up primarily of upperclassmen. The future is bright on the volleyball court at Newark Charter.

## 14 UD upgrades athletic facilities

The Delaware baseball team spent more than half its season playing its home games at Cecil Community College while renovations occurred on Bob Hannah Stadium. In addition, a generous donation resulted in new bleachers and a press box at Stewart and Suzanne Grant Stadium. Much-needed renovations to Delaware Stadium – notably its dilapidated press box – remain on the drawing board (hopefully they've made it that far).

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# TDC, robberies, municipal projects defined 2014

By JOSH SHANNON

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The year 2014, much like the year before, was largely defined by turmoil over a proposed power plant and data center, an issue which finally came to a head over the summer when the University of Delaware squashed the project.

However, the year also saw some triumphs, such as the completion of McKees Solar Park and Curtis Mill Park and the start of two shopping center development projects that will set the stage for new things in 2015.

The year also brought moments that touched the hearts of Newarkers, such as the outpouring of support for a young dog-attack victim and the grassroots school-pride campaign organized by Newark High School students eager to improve public perception of their school.

As is an annual tradition, the Newark Post staff looked back at the past year and narrowed down the 14 biggest stories of 2014.

## 1 UD nixes TDC project

Controversy over The Data Centers LLC's proposed data center and power plant on the University of Delaware's STAR Campus dominated conversation in Newark during the second half of 2013, and the debate raged on for much of 2014.

In January, the city planning department ruled the STAR Campus is properly zoned for the project. TDC opponents appealed, triggering a rare hearing by the Board of Adjustment in March. The board deadlocked, and opponents appealed once more to the Delaware Superior Court.

By spring, UD officials had begun softening their position on the plan, and on July 10



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

City Manager Carol Houck speaks at the opening of Curtis Mill Park in October.

the university announced it had terminated TDC's lease, saying that a working group had determined the project was "not a good fit."

Opponents held a celebratory rally outside Old College Hall, but rancor and mistrust stirred up by the project continued throughout the year.

## 2 Robbery spree hits city

Newarkers were put on edge in September after a string of brazen robberies — many occurring during daylight hours — was reported in and around the downtown area, most targeting students. A total of 11 robberies or attempted robberies were reported that month, though one was later determined to be false.

Police stepped up patrols and ultimately made seven arrests, including a group of four men who were linked to four armed robberies. However, at least three incidents remain unsolved.

Complicating matters was a two-week outage of the city's surveillance camera system, which came at the height of the robbery spree.

## 3 Emily Ruckle recovers from pit bull attack

The tragic dog attack of an 8-year-old girl — and her unwavering spirit after-



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Cpl. Andrew Pagnotti leans in to talk to 8-year-old Emily Ruckle. On her way home from the hospital, Emily stopped to thank the officers who helped her when a dog attacked her in September.

ward — captivated the attention of many Newarkers.

Emily Ruckle, the daughter of Councilman Todd Ruckle, was attacked by a pit bull in her Stafford home on Sept. 27. Her 15-year-old sister, Megan, was credited with saving her life.

Emily spent nearly a month in a Philadelphia hospital, undergoing nine surgeries to reattach her arm. When she finally came home Oct. 29, her first stop was the Newark Police station to thank the officers who responded to the scene after the attack.

A comedy show benefit organized by New Castle County row officers and Jerry Clifton, a former councilman and Ruckle family friend, raised nearly \$30,000 toward Emily's medical bills.

## 4 STAR Campus plans move forward

Even as UD nixed plans for a data center and power plant on the STAR Campus, plans for the former Chrysler site moved forward.

UD opened a health sciences complex in January, and work progressed on a building being managed by developer Ernie Delle Donne.

This 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.

## 5 Near-record snowfall causes salt shortage

It seemed like the winter that would never end.

Newark was hit by storm after storm, and while none was a major blizzard, each dropped enough snow to be a nuisance. The state ended up with more than 52 inches of snow for the season, making it the third-snowiest on record.

By the end of February, the snow cleanup had cost the city nearly \$150,000, and the public works department ran out of road salt.

This fall, the department adopted a formal snow plan as a way to set expectations for

future storms.

## 6 Revitalization come to aging shopping centers

Two shopping centers in Newark saw major changes this year.

In the spring, work began on a \$10 million project to renovate Newark Shopping Center.

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 connect the center to the adjacent Pomeroy Trail.

Blue Hen Lanes bowling alley closed in May and was demolished four months later to make way for a six-story apartment building with 220 residential units and a parking garage.

In June, a consortium of companies purchased the run-down Park N Shop plaza on South Main Street. DSM Commercial, the property manager, announced plans to renovate the shopping center and attract new tenants, though detailed plans were not discussed.

A controversial plan for a Wawa in the shopping center appears to be abandoned.

## 7 Council seeks ways to streamline meetings

With council meetings routinely turning into marathon sessions lasting until the wee hours of the morning, council members spent several months debating ways to shorten and streamline meetings.

In June, they held a rare Saturday session "retreat" to talk about the way meetings are run and the relationship between council and staff.

Members voted to shuffle the order of agenda items and tweaked public comment rules. In November, they voted to end meetings at 11 p.m., though they have yet to stick to that promise.

Mayor Polly Sierer also vowed to enforce council rules more strictly, ultimately ejecting a member of the public from the Nov. 24 meeting.

## Coming next week

Be sure to pick up the Jan. 2 edition of the Newark Post to read our list of the 15 stories to watch in 2015.



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Isabella Hrivnak, an employee of Grotto Pizza, blows up balloons outside the restaurant during New Night Downtown. The festival replaced Newark Day in June.





NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON  
The Park N Shop shopping center on South Main Street was sold in June, and the new owners are trying to attract additional tenants.



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Citizens watch the Board of Adjustment hearing on The Data Centers, LLC, project in March.

## 8 Fights, bomb threat disrupt classes at Newark High

This fall, Newark High School had one of its most challenging weeks in recent history when a series of fights and a bomb threat disrupted classes twice in one week.

The first incident came Oct. 20, when two fights broke out within minutes of each other as students headed to their first classes of the morning. Four days later, police used pepper spray to break up a fight that broke out on the football field after a bomb threat evacuated the school. In total, police charged 17 students.

In the aftermath of the incidents, a group of NHS students banded together to form the #NHSPride campaign, using social media to show that the actions of a few don't represent the student body as a whole.

"It was a bad week," said sophomore Mad-die Campbell, who organized the effort. "We needed some positivity."

## 9 Land swap clears way for possible parking garage

In May, city council OKed a land swap that clears the way for a possible parking garage in Lot 1.

The deal gave the city ownership of a 13,000-square-foot portion of the parking lot behind the Galleria, including the exit and both entrances. In exchange, Exponential Development Group will receive the city's Lot 6, a 0.36-acre city-owned parcel located behind the University of Delaware Bookstore on Delaware Avenue. EDG can also choose a cash payment of up to \$1.2 million instead of the land swap.

Lawyers for both sides are still negotiating the final terms of the deal.

The city has long planned to build a parking garage, but some members of city council and the public oppose that plan.

## 10 Two new members join city council

Two veteran members of city council called it quits this year.

In February, Deputy Mayor Jerry Clifton resigned halfway through his ninth term, af-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON  
In one of his last appearances as a councilman, Jerry Clifton speaks at a Dec. 2013 banquet at Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. Citing medical reasons, Clifton resigned in February, halfway through his ninth term.

ter undergoing serious eye surgery. He was replaced by longtime friend Todd Ruckle, who beat out two other candidates in a special election.

Councilman Doug Tuttle retired in April after deciding not to run for a fifth term. Rob Gifford, a leader of the Newark Residents Against the Power Plant group, ran unopposed for Tuttle's seat.

In the April election, Stu Markham and Luke Chapman were elected to another term after handily beating their challengers.

## 11 New Night replaces Newark Day

Newark's premier summer festival got a new name and a new focus, but not everyone was happy with the changes.

Long called Newark Nite, the festival was moved to daytime hours for two years, be-

fore the Downtown Newark Partnership took over management of it this year. The DNP renamed it New Night Downtown, moved it back to the evening and restricted vendors to only downtown businesses.

That move angered some business owners from other parts of the city, like Christine Herman of Herman's Quality Meats, who had participated in Newark Nite and Newark Day for several years.

The event was generally well-received, but crowds were smaller, and large swaths of Main Street were empty.

DNP officials have vowed to loosen vendor restrictions next year.

## 12 Newark New Century Club torn down

A piece of Newark history was reduced to rubble in October with the

demolition of the Newark New Century Club.

The building at 201 E. Delaware Ave. was built in 1917 and was used as a clubhouse for the women's organization. In later years, it housed a community center for youth group functions, dances and other activities.

Unable to keep up with maintenance costs, the club sold it to Tsionas Management, which will replace it with a three-story, mixed-use building. The new structure, set to open in July, will contain 1,751 square feet of office space and a 14-space covered parking area on first floor with eight three-bedroom and four two-bedroom units on the upper floors.

## 13 Solar park, Curtis Mill Park open

Two long-awaited municipal projects were completed this fall.

In October, a 900-panel solar park went live in McKees Park, turning an abandoned landfill into a useful piece of land.

The solar park, funded in part by citizen micro-investments, will ultimately pay for itself through the sale of energy credits and lowered cost of wholesale power.

The following week, officials dedicated Curtis Mill Park, built on the site of the old Curtis Paper Mill on Paper Mill Road. The "passive park" contains meadows and a plaza made out of bricks from the former mill's iconic smokestack.

Two more phases of the park are planned.

## 14 Controversy continues over storm water fee

City officials say they need to raise \$7.5 million for pay for upgrades to the storm water management system, but how to pay for it remains up for debate.

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

The latest plan is to institute a storm water fee based on impervious surfaces. Officials are waiting on data from the state, and council will likely vote on the fee next year.



# Comings and goings of 2014

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Newark welcomed quite a few new businesses to Main Street and elsewhere in 2014, but residents also had to say goodbye to some old favorites. Below are some of the restaurants, stores and other businesses that opened in Newark in the past year, as well as some that closed.

**University of Delaware Health Sciences Complex** opened its doors in January as UD's first building on the STAR Campus. The complex, located in the renovated former Chrysler administration building, is open to the public as a physical therapy clinic and primary care medical facility. The first floor also boasts the GoBabyGo pediatric mobility lab and Nurse Managed Health Center.

It wasn't long after Main Street Sliders closed up shop that **Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches** opened in its place at 133 E. Main St. The Illinois-based chain, best known for its fast delivery of subs and club sandwiches, started serving customers in January and remains a popular lunch spot downtown.

**The Wood Fired Pizza**



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Glenn Alkire, 37, of Bear, bowls at Blue Hen Lanes during the bowling center's final day before closing in May. The building in the Newark Shopping Center was torn down in September to make way for a six-story apartment complex and parking garage.

**Shop** replaced City Deli and Convenience Store on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Paper Mill Road. The owners previously ran the business out of a truck they used to cater events, private parties and park at area farmers markets until they decided to turn their mobile oven into a full-fledged pizza shop.

In February, the newest addition to the downtown Newark restaurant scene wasn't the typical brick-and-mortar type of place. Instead, **The Roaming Raven** made its debut on

wheels. Parked in front of the Main Street restaurant, Deer Park Tavern's new food truck sells a variety of breakfast sandwiches, fruit smoothies and cheesesteaks to passersby. In June, the truck served hungry festival-goers at Firefly Musical Festival in Dover.

**Wize Guyz Sports Lounge and Grill** closed unexpectedly over the winter after being in business for about a year and half on South College Avenue. In fall 2013, Newark Police arrested three people, including Wize Guyz owner Mari-



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Philip Greene, 13, and Noah Carlson, 13, enjoy subs at Jimmy John's, which opened in January on Main Street in the former home of Main Street Sliders.

ano Castelli, after a brawl broke out during the bar's Halloween party, however it is not clear whether the criminal charges had any connection to the bar's closure. The building remains vacant.

Downtown Newark lost two eateries in March after **IHOP** decided to relocate from Main Street and **Sandwich Town USA** closed up shop. IHOP, which opened at 108 E. Main St. in December 2010, reopened in a new location at 2644 Kirkwood Highway, however its former downtown storefront remains vacant.

**Sandwich Town USA**

**Town USA.** The restaurant is named after the Yun Nan province in China and offers authentic Chinese food as well as "street food" like potstickers, pork dumplings and scallion pancakes.

After 10 years in Pike Creek, **Plato's Closet** moved to Newark to be closer to the local schools and university. The consignment and resale store, which caters to teens and young adults, relocated from Pike Creek Shopping Center to Suburban Plaza on Elkton Road.

**The Delaware Air National Guard Career Center and Recruiting Office** celebrated its grand opening in April in Rittenhouse Station on South Main Street. The office is the first of its kind located outside of the New Castle Air Guard Base since the unit's founding in 1946.

**Blue Hen Lanes**, owned



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Lucero Pizano, an employee at Insomnia Cookies on Main Street, serves up a cookie to a customer on the store's first day in business in August.

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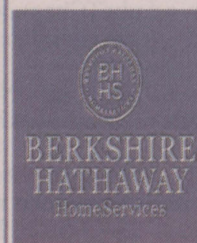
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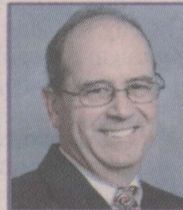
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by Brunswick Corp., closed in May after 49 years in business. The building in the Newark Shopping Center was torn down in September to make way for a six-story high-rise that will include a parking garage and 220 apartments. The housing complex is part of Atlantic Realty's \$10 million plan to revitalize the shopping center.

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In June, Newarkers said goodbye to the former **Delaware Book Exchange** building as demolition began to replace the structure at 58 E. Main St. with a new, four-story brick apartment complex with retail space below. The plans for the building were unanimously approved by city council in late January, forcing tenants like Clothes in the Past Lane and the Newark Bike Project to move to new locations.

**Clothes in the Past Lane** relocated to 77 E. Main St, formerly the Charlie B Travel agency, in January, months before the demolition. The vintage boutique joined **Gloss Salon**, previously located at 276 E. Main St., in the new space before the two businesses parted ways and Clothes in the Past Lane redirected all sales online to the store's website. Gloss still remains in the Main Street storefront.

Over the summer, the **Newark Bike Project** moved to a space in an apartment/retail complex at 136 S. Main St. Founded in 2011, NBP fixes and sells used bikes, sponsors various classes and programs and holds weekly open-shop nights when members of the community can come in to get help repairing their bikes from volunteer mechanics.

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**D.P. Dough** moved off Main Street over the summer after the owner said rising rent rates and downtown traffic were becoming too much to handle. The late-night eatery opened in Newark in 1997 and sold mostly calzones. The owner said D.P. Dough would reopen in the Park N Shop plaza on South Main Street, however those plans have yet to take hold.

In its place will soon be a new Mexican-themed eatery called **El Diablo**. The dine-in and takeout restaurant slated for 127 E. Main St. is still under construction but will feature made-to-order burritos, quesadillas, tacos and salads. El Diablo currently has locations in the Trolley Square neighborhood of Wilmington and in Branmar Plaza in North Wilmington.

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3D printing shop **Sovereign Air, LLC**, opened in Pomeroy Station in June in a space that last housed the Newark Post's newsroom and business office. In the back, a commercial machine prints jobs for industrial clients, while the front is set up as a retail shop, where customers can purchase 3D printers and supplies or have small jobs printed.

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**Del Pez** opened its doors in July. Inspired by coastal Mexico, the eatery focuses on what the owners call "sea mex" cuisine. Del Pez, which translates to "of the fish," opened at 76 E. Main St. and replaced the rustic Italian restaurant Tarantella, which took over Cucina di Napoli in



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Over the summer, the Newark Bike Project moved from the former Delaware Book Exchange building to a space in an apartment/retail complex at 136 S. Main St.

fall 2013 until closing its doors just a few months later.

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**Launch Delaware** opened a trampoline park in Newark over the summer in a former manufacturing warehouse at 200 Interchange Boulevard, off Elkton Road. The 28,000-square-foot facility includes a large, wall-to-wall trampoline room, two trampoline dodge-ball courts and a basketball court equipped with a trampoline to help users make slam-dunks in the 10-foot basket. The business also features a café, arcade, two party rooms and a lounge for parents.

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A late-night cookie delivery chain arrived on Main Street in August in the former location of the Newark Newsstand, which closed in 2012. **Insomnia Cookies**, based in Bryn Mawr, Pa., opened at 70 E. Main Street and is the company's 54th location in the country. The store sells 12 kinds of cookies as well as brownies, ice cream and milk.

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**Painting with a Twist** opened in Suburban Plaza and is the Louisiana-based painting company's first permanent Delaware location. The paint-and-sip art class is part of a network of 160 Painting with a Twist locations nationwide.

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Following a summer of demolition and construction, the **McDonald's** at 374 E. Main St. was resurrected in September and now features a modern, high-tech atmosphere with a two-lane drive-thru. The restaurant was built in 1960 as the first McDonald's in Delaware, but has actually been rebuilt before. In 1976, a mid-morning explosion ripped through the eatery and destroyed the building.

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A liquor store specializing in craft beer, known as **The Delaware Growler**, opened at 48 E. Main St. in October. Customers can choose from 50 beers on tap to take home in glass or ceramic jugs known as growlers, which can either be purchased inside or refilled.

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In November, **Hair Cuttery** salon

gave its first hair cut in the newly-built Kate's Place building on Main Street, which is the chain's second location in the city. Kate's Place was constructed earlier this year on the former site of Gecko Fashions, Cat's Eye Hair Salon, Flip Flop Shops and a Marine recruiting office. The new building has the same ownership as Klondike Kate's next door and consists of 2,760 square feet of retail space on the first floor and 22 two-bedroom apartments upstairs. Hair Cuttery is the second tenant to open in the building. Software development company **Lending Manager** opened in May, and the third retail spot will house Bank of America ATMs.

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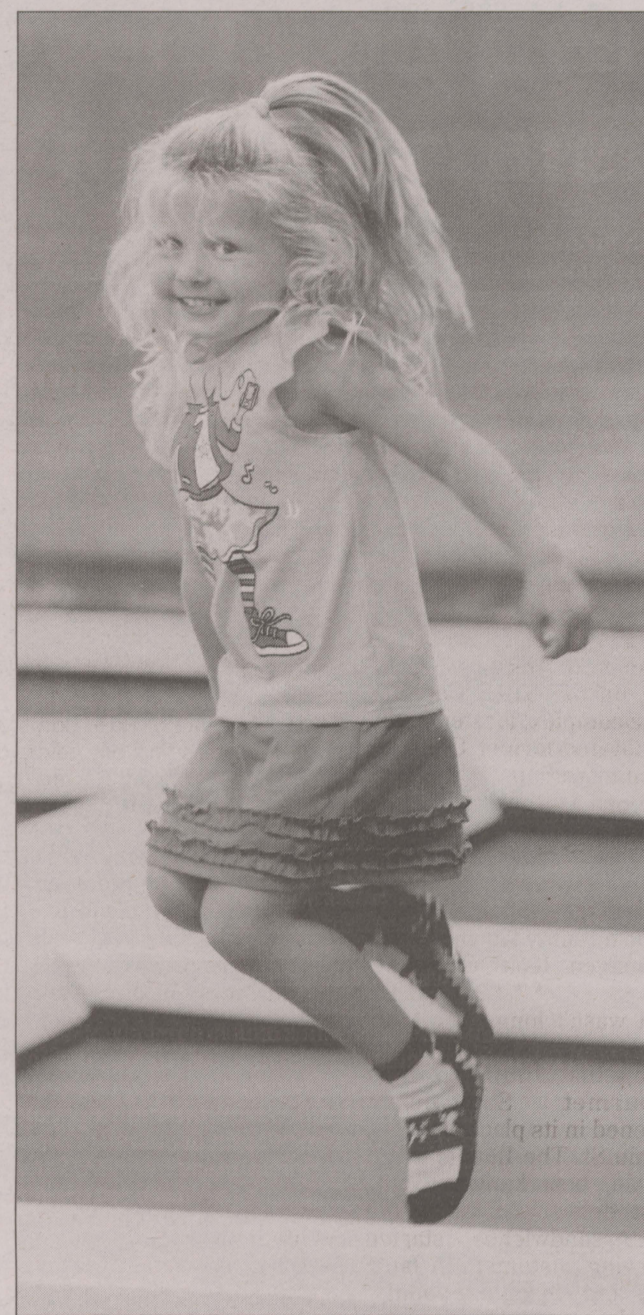
After a year and a half as 16 Mile Taphouse, the restaurant below the Washington House condominiums was renamed **Stone Balloon Ale House**. The original Stone Balloon opened in 1972 and became well known for its Thursday Mug Night promotion and its live music until it closed in 2005, and the Washington House luxury condominiums were built in its place. The Stone Balloon Winehouse, an upscale wine bar and restaurant, opened on the first floor of the Washington House in 2009 was changed to 16 Mile Taphouse in 2013.

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**Arena's Deli and Bar**, popular at the Delaware beaches, opened its seventh location in the state in December at 168 E. Main St., in the former home of Pita Pit and Coldstone Creamery. The developer, Deli Days, LLC, renovated and reconstructed the existing structure over the summer to combine the two commercial spaces into a 93-seat restaurant and pet-friendly outdoor patio.

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Three years after closing, **Scott True Value** returned to Newark. The hardware store was previously located in the Park N Shop plaza on South Main Street until the owner closed up shop in 2011 and moved the business to Smyrna. He returned in December and reopened Scott True Value in the Fairfield Shopping Center.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Hayley Maxwell, 3, jumps on a trampoline at the Launch Delaware indoor trampoline park, which opened on Interchange Boulevard in August. A story about the business was one of the most-read articles on newarkpostonline.com this year.

## 14 most-read articles on Newarkpostonline.com

### POST STAFF REPORT

The Newark Post's website logged nearly 2 million pageviews throughout 2014.

Below is a list of the most-read articles on the website.

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1. Police seek info on couple who committed 'lewd act' in Galleria parking lot
2. Delaware's first indoor trampoline park to bounce into Newark
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4. Man shot, killed outside College Square KFC
5. Two killed in Library Avenue crash
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9. Skeletal remains identified as missing former professor
10. Main Street McDonald's to be demolished, rebuilt
11. Two Newark men, both 21, killed in crash
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13. Woman facing drug charges after crashing into McDonald's drive-thru
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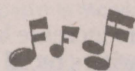
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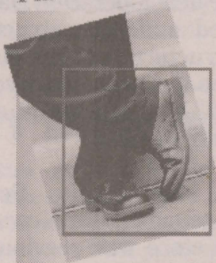
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12/18/14  
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**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF ELIZABETH YAA BOATENG**  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
ELIZABETH YAA-BOATENG TEKPOR  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ELIZABETH YAA BOATENG intends to present a Petition 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  
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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MARIA RADINSON**  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
MARIA BLASUCCI  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIA RADINSON 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 MARIA BLASUCCI.

MARIA RADINSON  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/4/2014  
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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**  
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TO  
ROSALIE LAKISHA MCDOWELL  
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ROSLIE MCDOWELL  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/22/2014  
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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
**IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF GWENDOLYN CLEMONS**  
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PARVEEN KUMARI  
Petitioner  
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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 JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL**  
Petitioner(s)  
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JOHN HARVEY ANTIL  
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JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL  
Petitioner  
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## 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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## CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE ELECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 6, 2015 – 4:30 PM  
Mayor's Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2014 Election Board Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2014 Election Board Meeting
4. Election of Election Board Chairperson For 2015
5. Committee Update Regarding Dates for the 2015 City Election
  - A. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – Election Filing Deadline
  - B. Monday, February 9, 2015 – Candidate Filing Deadline
  - C. Monday, March 23, 2015 – Voter Registration Deadline
  - D. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – Organizational Meeting/Swearing In
6. New Business
  - A. Update on Potential Charter Amendment to Change Special Election Filing Deadline
  - B. Report on Meeting with NCC Department of Elections
  - C. Discussion and Potential Vote on Election Worker Stipends
  - D. Update on Recodification Process
  - E. Update on Boards and Commissions Review Committee Process
7. Adjournment

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Agenda Posted – December 19, 2014

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## CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 12, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Sections 402.2 and 902.3 of the City Charter and Sections 32-79 and 27-13 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, 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, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

- Bill 14-27 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Creating a Pension Committee
- Bill 14-28 An Ordinance Amending the Amended Pension Plan For Employees of the City of Newark, Delaware, Regarding Enumerating the Duties of the Pension Committee
- Bill 14-30 An Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to RS (Single Family Detached Residential) a 0.73 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 428 Paper Mill Road
- Bill 14-31 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Water, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Removing the Fire Hydrant Service Charge For Properties Outside City Limits
- Bill 14-32 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Subdivisions and Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, and Creating a New Chapter 14A, Floodplains, to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps, Designate a Floodplain Administrator, Adopt Administrative Procedures, Coordinate With the Building Code, and to Adopt Criteria for Development in Flood Hazard Areas

Renee K. Bensley  
City Secretary

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# CSP play nominated for regional theater award

By DARA MCBRIDE

Special from the Cecil Whig

It turns out a September curtain call was not the end of Michael Collins' one-act play, "Missing Life."

The original work, which was performed during a one-act festival at the Chapel Street Playhouse in Newark this fall, was recently nominated for a Broadway World Delaware Award.

The nomination came as a surprise for Collins, who lives in Elkton, Md. In November, he received an email from a friend tell-

ing him "Missing Life" was listed on the Broadway World Delaware website as a nominee.

Collins said he is flattered but does not know who nominated him.

"Everybody wants to leave a mark, and I'd be happy if I was just a footnote," Collins said.

The annual awards recognize the best in theater, as divided by region. The public can nominate and vote on favorites from the past year.

"Missing Life" was also nominated in several other non-professional categories — Best Featured Ac-

tress in a Play, Best Director of a Play, Best Set Design and Best Lighting Design.

The one-act was directed by Connie Regan. Five actors made up the cast for the show that explored the lives of those affected by the disappearance of a young girl.

Kelly Paustain took on the role of Helen, the mother of the girl. She recalled seeing people in the audience in tears.

"She was very much in love with being a mom and feels very empty after the loss of her daughter," Paustain said of her char-

acter. "She ends up blaming herself."

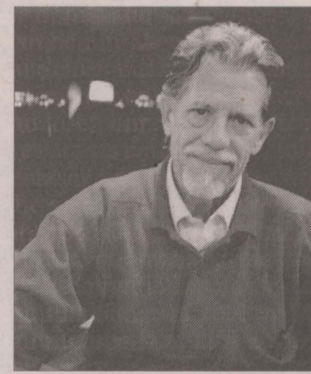
Paustain, a Wilmington resident, said theater is a hobby for her. In Delaware, she is also involved with the Wilmington Drama League. She has worked with Collins for several years and said his work always impresses her.

"I haven't read anything from him that I haven't been wowed by. He puts a little bit of himself in each and every thing that he writes," she said.

With Newark located along the I-95 corridor, theater lovers can easily travel to New York City, Philadelphia or Baltimore for major productions. But there are also numerous outlets for the arts locally.

"I think it's getting better all the time," Collins said of the arts in the area.

Originally from Kansas, he moved to the Philadelphia area with his family as a child. He then lived in Delaware, attending Concord High School and the University of Delaware.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DARA MCBRIDE

Michael Collins wrote a play called "Missing Life", which was produced during a one-act festival at the Chapel Street Playhouse in September. The play has been nominated as Best Play (non-professional) in the 2014 Broadway World Delaware Awards.

He worked briefly as a teacher before moving into the construction business.

He soon plans to make theater his full-time focus. Coming this winter, he will try out dinner theater. Collins has partnered up with Minihane's Pub & Restaurant in Elkton for an evening of original the-

ater on Valentine's Day. Right now, the play is in pre-production and casting will be completed in early January.

While he has a base of friends and fellow theater lovers who show up in many of his works, Collins said he is looking for more actors.

"I draw up the plans and I give them to the director," he said. "The director builds the building. The actor makes it live. I just put the words on the page."

Voting is online through Dec. 31 at [www.broadway-world.com/delaware](http://www.broadway-world.com/delaware).

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Jacket, purse stolen from car parked on New London Road

Someone smashed the driver's side window of a car parked on New London Road and took several items on Monday night, police said.

According to Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark A. Farrall, the incident occurred between 9:30 p.m. on Monday and 12:15 a.m. Tuesday in the unit block of New London Road.

The thief broke the driver's side window and removed a North Face jacket, a Vera Bradley purse, credit cards and a nurse identification card from Christiana Hospital.

Farrall said the stolen property is estimated at \$120 and police are still investigating the incident. There are no suspects at this time.

### Boy, 16, charged in apartment burglary spree

Police arrested a 16-year-old boy last week and charged him in connection with a burglary

spree at University Courtyard apartments.

According to Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark A. Farrall, officers responded to a report of a burglary on Dec. 17 in the apartment complex on Scholar Drive and saw someone matching the suspect's description leaving the scene. Police stopped the suspect on Main Street and determined he was in possession of property that linked him to the reported burglary.

During a follow-up investigation, Farrall said, police found stolen computer and electronic equipment that linked the teen to four additional burglaries and one attempted burglary in the apartment complex.

The 16-year-old, whom Farrall identified only as a Newark High School student from Wilmington, was arrested and charged with four counts of burglary, one count of attempted burglary, five counts of theft under \$1,500, one count of theft over \$1,500, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was arraigned and released to his family on \$11,200 unsecured bail.

## NHS clothing drive collects 1,000 lbs. of donations



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Newark High School senior Mike Farmer and junior Paola Tapimene man a collection booth at the school earlier this month. A clothing drive sponsored by the Wrestling Boosters collected more than 1,000 pounds of donations.

## Post Stumper solved

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## Out of the Attic

### Newark area thrived in the 17th century

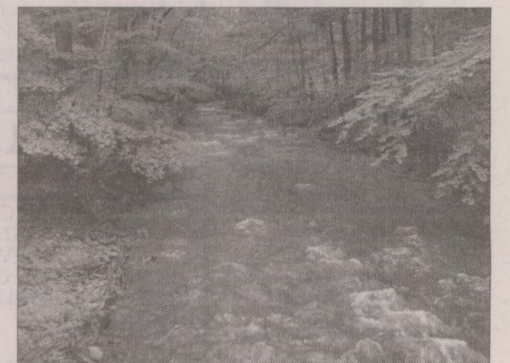
This week's Out of the Attic item is a June 2008 picture of the Christina River flowing through Silverbrook Park near the colonial-era location of the Anderson's Mill. This river was one of the Newark-area topographical features that impressed European explorers in the 17th century.

Next week, the calendar will turn to a new year. Families gathering this season will talk about their relatives' lives and experiences and their family history and heritage. The media will highlight significant events and personalities of the year that has just ended. Starting today, Attic will look at some broad-brush historic topics and trends.

Over the millennia, plant and animal wildlife species have evolved. The wildlife created trails that allowed them to traverse the wilderness safely, avoiding hazards. When humankind first migrated into the Greater Newark area, the animal trails were recognized for their value and safety.

A sophisticated human culture was developed by the Leni Lenape Nation. They used the animal trails for travel and commerce, and they were later also used by the European settlers. For example, one trail connected the Delaware River at today's New Castle with the Susquehanna River at Conowingo. Today's Route 273 substantially follows the old trail path. Another trail connected New Castle with the Susquehanna at Perryville using Old Baltimore Pike and parts of today's U.S. 40. The Lenapes placed a high value on preserving the natural habitat to sustain their support.

European explorers coming to the Newark area in the 1600s were impressed with



it being at the foothills of the Piedmont Plateau, with its abundant stream and waterfall resources to run mills and its logging and farm field potential. Soon the English, Dutch, and Swedes attempted settlements along the Delaware coast, and then the British King made large land grants in the area to William Penn and Lord Calvert, disregarding the native people with thriving cultures populating these lands.

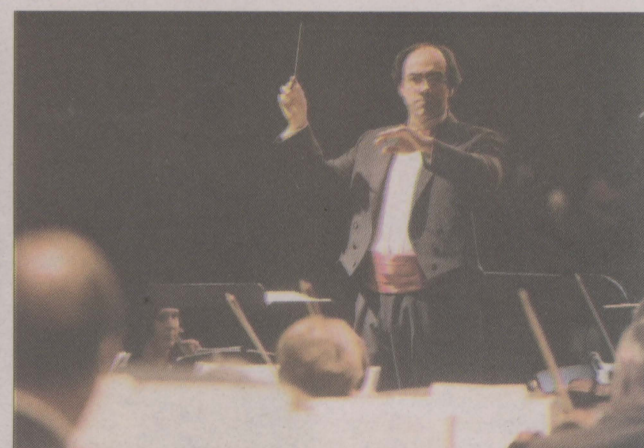
Do you have pictures, stories, information or suggestions for Out of the Attic? Send with your contact information to Out of the Attic c/o P. O. Box 86, Newark, DE 19711. Visit the Newark History Museum located on South College Avenue beside the bridge. During the winter months the museum is open only by appointment. Make appointments to visit by calling 302-368-9845 to schedule. See the website [www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org), contact the message phone 302-224-2408, email at [newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com), or postal mail to P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715-0711.



# Local musical groups ring in holiday season



The Newark Symphony Orchestra performs with the gospel choir from Dover Calvary Baptist Church on Dec. 14.



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Simeone Tartaglione conducts The Newark Symphony Orchestra's holiday show at the Independence School on Dec. 14.



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The New Ark Chorale performs its Christmas concert along with members of The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble.

## Catherine Rooney's wins DNP decorating contest

By JOSH SHANNON

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Embracing the architecture of the restaurant's historic building, the staff at Catherine Rooney's used subtle touches to win the Downtown Newark Partnership's annual storefront decorating contest.

The staff eschewed the elaborate displays and window paintings favored by most other businesses and instead accentuated the stately building with greens, red ribbons and wreaths in each window.

"We also used some lighting, but not too much," manager Joe McCoy explained. "The building speaks for itself."

The Bank of Newark, the city's first financial institution, opened in the building in 1855, though historians believe the building was constructed a decade or so prior to that. The bank moved out at the turn of the century and was replaced by offices and upstairs apartments. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, and Catherine Rooney's opened in 2010 after Lang Development Group purchased and renovated the structure.

That history made decorating easy, McCoy said.



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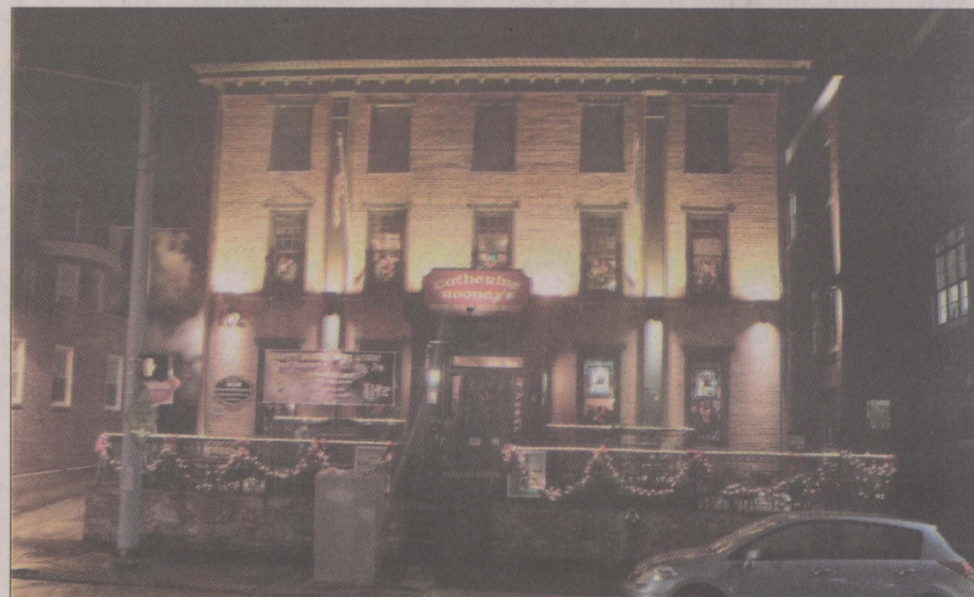
The Delaware Growler took second place in the DNP's storefront decorating contest.

"The building is the focus — we just complemented it," he said.

On the other end of the spectrum, newcomer The Delaware Growler used a more eye-catching display

to take second place in the contest.

Mike Slattery, who opened the craft beer-focused liquor store in October with his wife Andrea Sereni, installed a lighted Christmas tree in



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Catherine Rooney's won first place in the DNP's storefront decorating contest.

one window and a snowman clutching a growler in the other window.

He said he didn't even know there was a decorating contest and decided to get his store in the holiday spirit on his own.

"If I knew it was a competition, I would have won," Slattery joked. "Next year, I've got to get a snow machine and something mechanical. It will be crazy."

Clinching third place was Romanick Pottery, which this year celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Tonya Romanick said she and her husband, Paul, decorate the store's window every year. They vary the color theme but always make sure to include some of their pottery.

This year's theme was blue-and-white and included snowflakes, stars and hand-made

Blue Hen growers.

"Every year, I get so excited about doing the window display," Romanick said.

The three winners received a visit from Santa Claus, and Catherine Rooney's won a trophy. By tradition, the restaurant will display the trophy until Small Business Saturday next November, when The Grinch will come steal it so it can be passed on to the 2015 winner.



## MEAL

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Volunteers from churches and service organizations collect, prepare and serve the food five days a week for an estimated total of 16,000 lunches a year.

On Tuesday, people gathered at Hope Dining Room for a Christmas lunch of ham, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, desserts and rolls, all donated by Bob Evans restaurant near Christiana. Christmas cookies were donated by Burger King, Panera Bread and other local eateries, and Santa circulated through the room giving out candy canes as holiday music played in the background.

Jane Woolsey, of Living Waters Church of God on East Chestnut Hill Road, helped dish out plates of food on Tuesday.

"We try to serve it to them restaurant-style, like they're family," she said. "We want them to know they're loved and they're not alone."

"We try to give them happiness because they don't get much happiness," Woolsey added.

She estimated the facility serves 75 to 100 people



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS  
John Nickle pours gravy on mashed potatoes at Hope Dining Room.

a day, with larger turnouts around the holidays.

"Thanksgiving, this place was rocking," said Woolsey, who is no stranger to serving meals. She spent 46 years managing the Post House restaurant before the venerable Main Street breakfast spot closed in 2012.

After eating a plateful of food on Tuesday, McNair, 52, also grabbed a bag of essentials donated by local businesses and the Living Waters Church. The bags

contained items such as gloves, a scarf, food and a flashlight.

McNair said he lives in a camp nearby and comes to Hope Dining Room almost every day it's open. He said the atmosphere is nice, the people are friendly and it's convenient. He also enjoys the chance to sit down and have a conversation while he eats.

Hope Dining Room is struggling to find groups to sponsor a meal at the



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS  
Hope Dining Room, located in the basement of Kingswood United Methodist Church on Marrows Road, served a Christmas lunch to those in need on Tuesday.

church, and Woolsey said she's worried that without the help, the service won't be sustainable. As it stands, she said, Hope Dining Room is closed some Tuesdays and the last Friday of each month due to a lack of volunteers.

McNair said he depends

on the food provided at the church, which is sometimes his only hot meal of the day.

"Hope Dining Room closing? I would hate to even think about it," he said. "Everybody comes here. My nieces and nephews were born and raised on this. It's a tradition."

If you would like to serve or donate, you can contact the Hope Dining Room via the group's Facebook page or by calling 302-252-7654. Checks can be made out to Hope Dining Room and sent to Kingswood United Methodist Church, 300 Marrows Road, Newark, DE, 19713.

# Do you have what it takes to fight wildfires?



Are you over 18, physically fit, and able to travel for two weeks or more? You can train for the challenge of the Delaware Forest Service wildfire crew.

Courses begin Jan. 24 & 25 at the State Fire School \*

\* Cost is \$50 (includes lunch). Must register by January 3.

Current volunteer firefighters can register through their local fire company.



Those with no previous experience must contact Kyle Hoyd, DFS Fire Program, Phone: 302-698-4548 Email: Kyle.Hoyd@state.de.us