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UD campaign aims to raise \$750 million

Money will fund Biden Institute, stadium upgrades, other initiatives

By JOSH SHANNON
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The University of Delaware is embarking on an ambitious \$750 million capital campaign, university officials announced last week.

The fundraising effort will go toward a variety of projects, including the recently created Biden Institute, additions to the STAR Campus and long-awaited upgrades to Delaware Stadium.

"This campaign is about a comprehensive and bold vision for the future," UD President Dennis Assanis said. "We are focusing on areas we feel are going to be most impactful for our student experience and for our impact on the world."

The campaign began quietly, with UD officials reaching out to potential donors privately.

"The planning started even before I came here but it's fair to say that with my team, we've advanced a very bold vision in the last couple years," said Assanis, who came to UD in June 2016.

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A new vision for Rodney

City unveils plan for stormwater pond and park at shuttered dorm site

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Behind a chain-link fence, the University of Delaware's former Rodney dorm complex is a cinder-block ghost town, with its only use coming during occasional training sessions by police SWAT teams.

However, if all goes according to plan, by fall 2019, the site will be transformed into a picturesque pond and park that manages stormwater while also creating what officials call a "unique recreational destination."

Walkers and bikers will use a trail that wraps around a sprawling stormwater pond. Kids will flock to a natural play area that sparks their imagination. Residents of Oaklands and surrounding neighborhoods will stroll down to a pier at the water's edge to try their luck at catch-and-release fishing or to simply enjoy the scenery. Along the way, they'll learn about stormwater management and pick up tips for helping reduce runoff on their own properties.

That's the ambitious vision Newark officials unveiled last week during a public workshop at city hall.

"I'm excited about the project," Tim Filasky, interim public works director, told the few dozen people in attendance. "I really want it to move forward."

Newark officials have discussed purchasing the dorm site on Hill-



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An artist's rendering shows the proposed plan for the Rodney stormwater pond and park.

side Road since 2015 when UD announced it would close the dorms and sell the property. The city is under contract to buy the 7.24-acre site but has another three years to make a final decision.

The unveiling of the proposed design was the latest step in the process and is the culmination of a

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Council honors retiring electric department leaders

POST STAFF REPORT

City council on Monday paid tribute to two longtime leaders of Newark's electric department.

Electric Director Serafino "Rick" Vitelli and Electric Superintendent Stephen Lawrence both retired earlier this year after each spending 32 years working for the city.

Vitelli started as assistant electric director and was promoted to lead the department in 1995.

In his three decades with the city, he watched the city's electric load double and led major projects such as creating a GIS system, converting to smart meters and implementing an auto-restoration system.

He is now working in the private sector.

Lawrence joined the city as a seasonal maintenance employee in 1985 and was promoted seven times, ultimately being named electric superintendent in 2015.

City officials noted that he led projects like line relocations for the new train station and "faithfully assisted



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Councilman Stu Markham honors Stephen Lawrence (left), who recently retired as electric superintendent.

during power outages and storms during all hours and weather conditions and was on standby for over 30 years."

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, the city announced that Bhadresh Patel has been named as Vitelli's successor.

Patel is currently serving as acting director and will formally assume the new role on Monday. He first joined the city of Newark

in October 2016 as an electrical distribution engineer and deputy director.

Prior to joining the city of Newark, Patel was an electric/substation engineer for the city of Dover, where he was responsible for project management, budget development, and the design and development of key electrical components for the city's infrastructure.

The week ahead

Turkey Trot: Saturday, at Handloff Park, 1000 Barksdale Road. Newark Parks and Recreation will hold the traditional pre-Thanksgiving 5K and 10K. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the 10K starting at 9 and the 5K starting at 10:30. Day-of registration is \$30. Coats will be collected for the needy.

Craft fair: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Kingswood United Methodist Church, 300 Marrows Road. Vendors will have crafts for sale, and the church will sell lunch and baked goods. Free admission.

Fix-it Cafe: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Glasgow Park Bank Barn, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Attendees can bring a broken lamp, vacuum, waffle iron, sewing machine or other item and work beside an experienced volunteer to repair the item. Free.

Concert: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. The Newark Symphony Orchestra will perform Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; students \$10; kids eighth grade and younger free.

Craft fair: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. Knits, crochets, fiber arts, jewelry, soaps, ceramics, stained and other glass art, photography, cat toys, Christmas ornaments and more will be on sale. Vendors will donate 20 percent of proceeds to UUFN.

Interfaith service: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave. The annual pre-Thanksgiving service rotates between different churches each year and brings together Newarkers of all faiths. Free and open to the public.

Thanksgiving breakfast: Thursday, 8 to 10:30 a.m., at Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Drive. Sponsored by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department, the breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and tea. Call 302-366-7000 for reservations. \$3 in advance, \$6 at the door. Seniors admitted free.

Run for Pie 5K: Thursday, 9 a.m., at Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. After the race, a party featuring Thanksgiving pies will be held in the park. Day-of registration is \$30.

Thanksgiving dinner: Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Ogletown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Road. Free. Call 302-737-2511 to make a reservation.

NHS all-class reunion: Nov. 25, 6 to 10 p.m., at Newark Country Club, 300 W. Main St. All Newark High School alumni are welcome. \$15 admission includes light fare. Cash bar.

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Tracy Davis, of Oxford, Pa., runs the Turkey Trot wearing a turkey hat last year.

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A bagpiper performs during a Veterans Day ceremony on the UD Green.



Members of the University of Delaware community attend a Veterans Day ceremony on the UD Green.

Ceremony on the UD Green honors veterans

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Thousands of flags lined the University of Delaware Green last Friday morning as students, faculty and community members gathered to honor the sacrifices of the nation's military veterans.

The flag display was part of the student group Blue Hen Veterans' fourth-annual Veterans Day ceremony in front of Memorial Hall. Earlier in the week, dozens of volunteers helped place 6,940 flags – one to represent each U.S. service member who has died in combat since Sept. 11, 2001.

"It's a lot of work to put these events together, but it is well worth it," said Lindsey Baryluk, president of Blue Hen Veterans. "Our veterans deserve a lot more, but we've done what we could."

One of the keynote speakers at the event, State Sen. Anthony Delcollo, talked about hosting a veterans town hall meeting on campus earlier in the week and the passionate messages shared by veterans who spoke there.

"They spoke from the heart about what it means to believe in something greater than themselves," Delcollo said.

U.S. Sen. Tom Carper held up a pocket-sized copy of the constitution and led the crowd in reciting the preamble. Ultimately, he said, the constitution would be merely "words on a piece of paper" without the sacrifices of veterans.

"We owe them a lot," Carper said. "Today we honor their contributions and say thanks to God for giving us the good luck and good fortune to live in this country."



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More than 6,000 flags on the UD Green provided a backdrop to last Friday's Veterans Day ceremony.

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17-year-old robbed while trying to buy pot

By JOSH SHANNON
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A 17-year-old Newark boy was robbed while attempting to buy marijuana in the Binns neighborhood of Newark last week.

The suspect was identified as Kyle J. Mace, 19, of Newark, who is still at large.

The robbery happened at 11:45 p.m. Nov. 10 in the 700 block of Chrysler Avenue, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The victim had made arrangements to meet with Mace to make the purchase, Nelson said. As the teen approached Mace's vehicle with cash in his hand, Mace allegedly tried to grab the

money and drive away.

The victim held on to Mace's vehicle, refusing to let go of the money. Mace ultimately pushed the teen away from the moving vehicle, causing him to fall to the ground, Nelson said.

The teen was taken to the hospital to be treated for scrapes, cuts and burses to his hands, elbows and knees.

Police obtained an arrest warrant charging Mace with first-degree robbery. Nelson said Mace lives near where the robbery occurred but would not specify where.

Anyone with information about Mace's whereabouts should contact Cpl. Daniel Burgess at 302-366-7100 ext. 3473 or DBurgess@newark.de.us.



MACE

TV stolen during burglary at University Courtyard Apartments

Someone broke into an apartment at the University Courtyard complex while the resident was home last week.

The break-in happened at 1:15 a.m. Nov. 9 in the 4000 block of Scholar Drive, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The victim, a 20-year-old University of Delaware student, was in her bedroom when she heard noises inside the apartment, Nelson

said. The student went into the living room and noticed her television, worth approximately \$120, was gone.

Police believe the burglar entered through an unlocked living room window, which was found open after the burglary.

Officers searched the area with the assistance of a K-9 partner, but the search came up empty. There is no surveillance footage or description of a suspect.

Anyone with information about the break-in should contact Det. William Anderson at 302-366-7100 ext. 3469 or WAnderson@newark.de.us.



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Fire damaged a home in Stafford on Sunday afternoon.

Discarded ashes spark fire at Stafford home

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Discarded ashes sparked a fire that damaged a garage and home in the Stafford neighborhood of Newark on Sunday afternoon.

The fire began shortly after noon in the unit block of Hawthorne Avenue, according to John H. Farrell IV, a spokesman for Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company.

Firefighters arrived to find a large fire outside of the garage.

"The fire was climbing the outside of the structure and entering the attic space above the garage," Farrell said. "Quick and aggressive exterior and interior hose

streams kept the fire from

extending into the house."

He said there was "extensive damage" to the garage and smoke damage in the rest of the house. No one was injured.

Thirty-five firefighters and EMTs from Aetna, Mill Creek, Christiana, Cranton Heights and Belvedere fire companies responded to the scene, as did New Castle County paramedics and the University of Delaware Emergency Care Unit.

Michael G. Chionchio, assistant state fire marshal, said the fire began in a pile of discarded fireplace ashes, ignited items stacked placed along the outside of the garage and then spread to the building.

Damage was estimated at \$35,000.

Man robbed at Newark hotel while responding to ad from Craigslist

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An Ohio man who went to a Newark hotel room to meet a woman he met on Craigslist ended up being robbed, police reported.

The robbery happened at 6:18 p.m. Saturday at the Embassy Suites at 654 S. College Ave., according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

When the 44-year-old man went to the hotel room to rendezvous with the woman, he was instead met at the door by two men who forcibly went through his pockets and stole cash, Nelson

said.

Police staked out the hotel room and eventually arrested the two men, identified as 20-year-old Kevin Bullock and 18-year-old Gerard Stanfield, both residents of Baltimore, Nelson said.

Bullock and Stanfield were each charged with second-degree robbery and second-degree conspiracy and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$2,000 secured bond.

Nelson said it is not clear whether the victim traveled to Newark for the purpose of meeting the woman, or if he was already in the area when he responded to the Craigslist ad.

Newark man charged with burglary in Stafford – again

For the second time in three months, a Newark man has been charged with breaking into a home in the Stafford neighborhood.

Police arrested Jesse Siemienski, 36, on Wednesday in connection to an Oct. 12 burglary in the 400 block of Stafford Avenue in which he allegedly stole video game equipment, a knife, cash and other miscellaneous items, according to Lt. Fred Nelson, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

After developing Siemienski as a person of interest, police discovered that he sold several of the gaming items to Game Stop in Suburban Plaza, Nelson said.

Police did not reveal how they traced Siemienski to the burglary, but he is the same person who was ar-

rested Sept. 5 after police caught him breaking into a vacant home also located in the 400 block of Stafford Avenue.

In that case, officers responding to a report of an in-progress burglary found a broken window at the front of the house and saw a man inside the residence, looking around with a flashlight.

Police ordered the man, later identified as Siemienski, out of the house and arrested him without incident, Nelson reported. Siemienski was charged with second-degree burglary and released on \$5,100 unsecured bond.

After his latest arrest, Siemienski was charged with second-degree burglary, theft and selling stolen property. He was given \$8,000 secured bond, but it's unclear if he posted that bond or if he remains in custody.

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Newark family shares story of daughter's hearing loss in video series

By DARA MCBRIDE
Special to the Post

If you ask 11-year-old Zoe Symons how her cochlear implants feel, she'll say "natural."

Symons, a sixth-grader at Newark Charter School, is profoundly and severely deaf. She received her first cochlear implant, an electronic medical device that replaces the function of the damaged inner ear, at 2 years old.

"It was a huge decision," recalled Zoe's mother, Mia.

At first, Mia and Morel Symons thought any developmental delays they were seeing in their daughter were due to a congenital heart defect, especially after Zoe passed a hearing test. That test result turned out to be a false positive, as a few months later the Symons had another test done that revealed Zoe was profoundly deaf – meaning she could not hear anything – in one ear and severely deaf in the other.

"We were actually relieved at that point," Mia said, "because then we knew all of the delays and everything we were seeing and the unresponsiveness was a hearing issue, and we could do something about that."

Eventually, after seeing a classroom of profoundly deaf toddlers happily chatting thanks to their cochlear implants, the Symons decided their daughter should have the implant surgery.

It's a story Mia and Zoe recently shared with other families contemplating similar decisions when they participated in a video series called "I Want You to Hear." Filming took place last Febru-



The Symons family – Mia, Zoe, 11, Ella, 9, and Morel – pose for a photo in their Newark home.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DARA MCBRIDE

ary during the Newark family's biennial trip to Disney World for the Cochlear Celebration, which brings together cochlear implant recipients of all ages.

Although Mia had prepared something to say, the two learned once they got there they would be asking each other a series of questions. Last month, the series launched and several videos – ranging in time from one min-

ute to five minutes – feature Mia asking such questions as "What's your favorite thing to hear me say to you?" and her daughter asking, "How did you feel when you learned you were going to have me?"

Both Mia and her husband Morel have a background in medicine, which they agreed helped them communicate with doctors during Zoe's early days in the

hospital. However, they were not as prepared to deal with Zoe's hearing loss. Informing others was part of the reason Mia said she participated in the video series.

"Neither one of us knew anyone who was deaf or hard of hearing," Mia said. "I had never really heard of cochlear implants before. We kind of got what the brain does, but there's so much

about it that we learned."

Early on, the couple was encouraged to think about what goals they had for their daughter. Getting the first cochlear implant when Zoe was young helped her attend "mainstream school," listen and speak, the Symons said.

After receiving her first implant, Zoe attended the Clarke School for Hearing and Speech in Pennsylvania for a year before going on to Nathalie B. Hammond Preschool in Pike Creek. At age 7, Zoe made the decision to receive the second cochlear implant. Although Zoe knows sign language, the family rarely communicates through signing these days.

Morel, who stayed with the couple's younger daughter while Mia and Zoe participated in the filming, said his favorite moment from the mother-daughter interview was the "unscripted honesty" when Zoe asked her mom what her hopes for her were. Mia replied that she wanted Zoe to know she could be anything she wanted to be.

Right now, that's an average sixth-grader. Zoe's favorite class is English and language arts, and she's a big reader who also enjoys performing and singing. She said she sometimes forgets about her cochlear implants, which are mostly covered by her hair and easy to miss.

"If anybody out there has a disability or a quirk that makes them different than everybody else," Zoe said, "just try to forget it's even there and live your life as normally as you possibly can, like I do – most of the time."

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Freidly celebrates 30 years as Newark football public address announcer

By JON BUZBY

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One of the most familiar voices in the Newark area belongs to a face that many wouldn't recognize on the street. That is until Mark Freidly says, "Hello."

Freidly just finished his 30th season as the public address announcer for football games at Newark High School. His distinguished voice has told generations of fans how far a run was, who made the tackle, or the name of the drum major leading the band.

"Mark has the perfect announcer's voice," former head coach Butch Simpson said during a phone interview from his Florida home.

During the interview, Simpson shared how important Freidly was to the Newark football program beyond his contributions as an announcer.

"Mark was really significant for me in the recruiting process," recalled Simpson, who was first hired at Newark by Mark's father, then-principal Nelson Freidly. "I'd go to Mark on a routine basis during what people call the 'heyday' of Newark football and he would jump in and make copies of tapes I needed or CDs, pretty much on the spot. I would take college coaches back into his classroom setup since it had all the bells and whistles and I would show film to some of the top-named

coaches in the country at that point in time."

Simpson commented on how important the entire Newark High "show" was on Friday nights, including the band, the cheerleaders, and of course, Freidly's renowned voice.

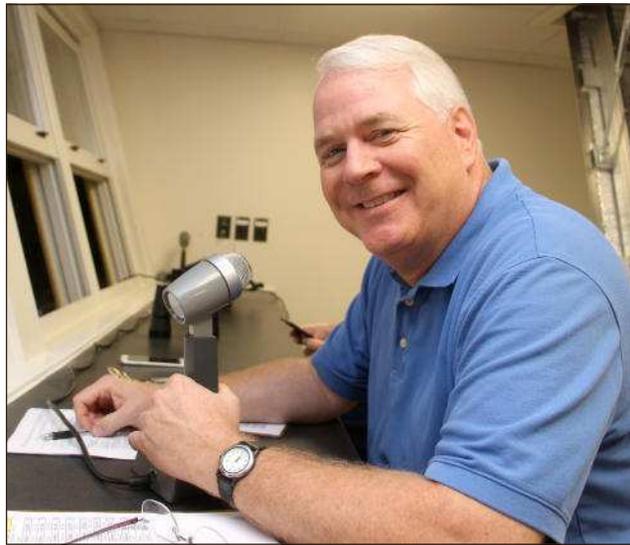
"I always felt like we were in this together," Simpson reflected. "It was something that I really appreciated and enjoyed as much as anything during my time at Newark. The people who worked with us, supported us and were so valuable to us. One of those guys was Mark."

There might not be a longer tenured PA announcer in the state, in any sport. And even if there is, most likely it's not someone who has been in the exact same press box for three decades, let alone at his alma mater.

Freidly took the same communication classes at Newark that he has now taught for 32 years. And it was while anchoring the same live student news show the school still produces daily that he first became interested in announcing.

"I caught the bug and knew I wanted to continue with announcing in some way," Freidly said.

Freidly went on to major in communication at Ohio University where, as a senior, he served as the chief booth announcer for WOUB-TV, a student-run station. That same year he was also the public ad-



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Mark Freidly has been the public address announcer at Newark High School football games for 30 years.

dress announcer for the Ohio University ice hockey team. After graduation, Freidly returned to his hometown and started announcing for the Newark High band. It wasn't long afterward when he was asked to be the PA announcer for the football games.

The rest is history. A very long, distinguished, bellowing history.

"We talk a lot about tradition at Newark High, especially the football program. And Mr. Freidly is a huge part of that," head coach Barry Zehnder said. "I remember hearing his voice when I was a little kid running under the bleachers to get the candy the cheerleaders would throw after touchdowns. I remember him calling my name after scoring touchdowns as a player, and I remember the feeling I had when I first heard him announce me as the head coach before the St. Mark's game in 2016. For me, it wouldn't be

the same hearing any other voice echo through Hoffman Stadium."

While times have changed since those early years in the press box, Freidly pointed out that the most significant change just occurred this past season.

"Thirty years ago, I started with some very used equipment. In fact, many years ago, the PA system failed us, and I had to use a bull horn for one game," Freidly recalled, smiling. "The equipment was only upgraded a few times over the years, and was always just pieced together. This year is really the first time Newark High School has had a state of the art sound system for the stadium, and that came with the new press box."

One of the most important pieces of "equipment" for any good announcer is a human spotter. Freidly has had several appointed spotters over the years, but one in particu-

lar has spent more time sitting in the chair to his right up in the press box than any other.

"I've had several fine spotters over the 30 years, but thankfully a good friend, Mark Yoder, has been an exceptional spotter for most of that time," Freidly said.

While a PA announcer's final delivery of any call usually comes across flawlessly to the public, what fans don't realize are the challenges announcers face behind the scenes that lead up to the eventual final call.

"The greatest challenge as a PA announcer is handling the all-too-frequent cold copy one gets, especially names," Freidly explained. "And how the audience expects even a live announcer to be perfect."

Simpson shared stories of handing Freidly last-minute changes, especially on senior night when parents unexpectedly showed up, or, in some cases, didn't.

"Mark always handled it like a pro," Simpson said.

Even after 30 years, Freidly still strives for perfection, and that includes constantly looking for ways to improve.

"One way I try to improve as an announcer is to always think about the audience and make sure they get the information they want," said Freidly, who, over the years, has also announced for the New Castle County Field Band Festival and filled in for football games at Christiana and Glasgow. "As I'd tell a rookie, it's important to simply be yourself, and let your own style evolve. As a PA announcer, you should announce and report what you see, and not what you think.

It's important to know your audience and remember that there are some first-timers at the game mixed in with very seasoned, knowledgeable fans."

Freidly's memories at his alma mater are abundant, including his four years as a student, 32 as a teacher, and 10 as the Yellowjackets' golf coach. But it's been in the press box at Hoffman Stadium on Friday nights where Freidly has created some of his best memories, and with folks who have become his friends.

"I'll never forget the wonderful and genuine people that work in the booth," Freidly said. "The late sports reporter Joe Backer used to cover the games and started coming up to the booth during poor weather. Eventually Joe became a good friend like so many over the years. He once said he sometimes felt more a part of Newark than he did with his own alma mater. I'll never forget the expertise of the great Coach Simpson, and the way he approached the game, players and education. And being selected by Coach Zehnder as an Honorary Captain for a game.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be Newark's PA announcer, to say the least," he added. "The best part of the job is the hope that the crowd is enjoying the game or event, in part, from the announcer's efforts to keep them engaged. And the satisfaction that comes with that.

"I hope the fans have enjoyed hearing my game-calling as much as I've enjoyed bringing it to them."



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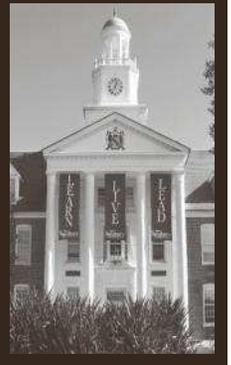


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Newark to celebrate Thanksgiving with Turkey Trot races, interfaith service, community meals

By **JOSH SHANNON**

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Newarkers will celebrate Thanksgiving with several events over the next week.

The festivities will begin Saturday with the Newark Parks and Recreation Department's Turkey Trot 5K and 10K races.

A tradition for more than 40 years, the event will be held rain or shine at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road. The 10K begins at 9 a.m., with the 5K set for 10:30 a.m.

Registration is \$30 at races2run.com. The proceeds benefit a scholarship fund to help needy children participate in parks and recreation department programs and classes.

Participants are also asked to donate new or used coats, which will be collected at the event by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and distributed to those in need.

On Tuesday, Newarkers of all religions will gather for an interfaith Thanksgiving service.

The interfaith service was first held in 1989 and became an annual event beginning in 1992. Clergy members from multiple faiths will speak at the event, which rotates between various churches in the area each year.

"Gratitude belongs to all faiths,"

Sally Milbury-Steen, a leader of Newark Friends Meeting and one of the founders of the tradition, explained at last year's service. "Thanksgiving is a holiday that's very American and brings together everybody in this country."

This year's service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave.

On Thanksgiving morning, the Newark Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual community breakfast, which is set for 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Drive.

Admission to the breakfast is \$3 in advance or \$6 at the door and includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and tea. Those 60 and older are admitted for free. Call 302-366-7000 for reservations.

Dating back more than three decades, the event is traditionally held at the George Wilson Center. However, it will be moved to the senior center for the second year due to kitchen renovations.

The event began as a way to serve University of Delaware students who couldn't make it home for the holidays. While it still draws some students, particularly from the burgeoning population of international students, it has morphed into a community event



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Sharon Walinski, Candace Green, Ken Greer and Bob Greer attend the community Thanksgiving breakfast last year.

that draws many of the same families year after year.

Later in the day, Ogletown Baptist Church will host a free Thanks-

giving dinner. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, located at 316 Red Mill Road.

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ervation. Transportation is available, and volunteers will deliver meals to those who can't make it to the church.



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For one veteran, WWII brought heartache and love

By CARL HAMILTON

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Frank Lee experienced many memorable events after he was inducted into the U.S. Army in December 1942 and went on to serve in Europe during World War II with the 51st Engineer Combat Battalion.

Granted, many of Lee's memories of serving his country are marked by death and destruction.

But one memory still shines brighter than all the others for Lee, who is 99 years old. If not for his service, Lee declared, he would have never met the woman he would go on to marry, Nancy, whom he met at Fort Dix, N.J., in October 1943, shortly before shipping out.

Nancy, a Westmont, N.J. resident who, then 18, worked in a doctor's office, walked into the music room accompanied by her mother to attend the weekly Tuesday night dance on the base and Lee spotted her straightaway.

"She was holding her mother's arm when she walked through the archway into the music room, and they walked over to our table," Lee said, pausing a few seconds and then commenting, "At that moment, as far as I was concerned, I was already married to her."

Some 75 years later, Lee now resides in an independent living apartment in Newark. He relies on a cane to walk, but his mind is sharp as a tack. He can rattle off dates and details spanning nearly 100 years.

Referring to the chapter in which Nancy first appears, Lee remarked, "Ours was a true love story, and it was all the work of God."

Growing up

Born on June 24, 1918, Lee grew up on 10 acres of land near New Orleans.

His father, Bluford Lee, who was a steam engineer on a paddlewheel boat, died when Lee was only 8 years old. His mother, Alice Jeannette, taught her five children — Lee was the middle child — at home until 1924, when a one-room school was built after she had campaigned for formal education in that area.

Lee graduated from high school in 1938, the first in his family to do so, and he got a job with the U.S. Corps of Engineers near New Orleans.

After Japan launched its surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Lee's younger brother, Wallace, quit his Corp of Engineers job aboard a paddlewheel boat in Natchez, Miss., and hitchhiked the 200 miles back to his family's New Orleans home. On the way, Wallace stopped at an induction center and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Wallace would later fight in Okinawa.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CARL HAMILTON

World War II veteran Frank Lee holds a portrait of his late wife, Nancy, whom he met at Fort Dix, N.J. on Oct. 5, 1943, shortly before shipping out to combat in the European Theater.

But Lee, as the oldest male of the household, was considered the head of the household by the government, so he received a one-year deferment. Lee was inducted into the Army on Dec. 14, 1942, and shipped out to his first of many training camps on Dec. 26.

Preparing for combat

By the time Lee reached Fort Dix in October 1943, he was ready for battle.

He had spent six months in at the Plattsburg Barrack in upstate New York near Lake Champlain.

"I never saw snow before, and there was snow every which way you looked. It was 10 degrees in the day and 10 below at night. The coldest temperature I had ever seen was 28 degrees," Lee said, joking, "There's nothing wrong with snow, as long as you're leaning up against a radiator, looking at it through a window. Snow looks great on a postcard."

Lee, who held the rank of corporal and would serve primarily as the battalion mail clerk, also participated in "mock wars" in West Virginia. At Fort Dix, he and his battalion spent time "waterproofing and preparing our stuff for overseas shipment" while waiting for orders to ship overseas.

So there was free time, including the Tuesday night dances, where Lee met Nancy on Oct. 5, 1943. Lee was sitting at a table with some fellow soldiers, fitting pieces to a jigsaw puzzle, when Nancy walked into the room with her mother, senior hostess of the dance.

"She was all dressed up. All the boys looked at her and stood up when she got to our table. Her mother said, 'This is my daughter,' and I shook her hand. She had a laugh like nobody else's, and I just knew," Lee recalled.

Lee and Nancy talked, joked and danced

that night. At the end of the dance, Lee tracked down Nancy and asked if she would be returning the next Tuesday.

"I said, 'If I'm not here, you'll know what that means,'" Lee said, explaining that the movement of soldiers, including shipping out, was classified information. "Loose lips, sink ships."

The next Tuesday, Lee asked Nancy if she would write to him while he was away. Nancy gave him an emphatic yes.

Lee wasn't at the next Tuesday night dance.

Entering Europe

With each soldier carrying a 40-pound backpack, Lee's battalion landed on Utah Beach in France on June 27, 1944.

"I climbed down the rope on the side of the boat and waded in at about knees. The next thing you know, I was up to my armpits. I had stepped into a bomb crater. There was all sorts of debris in the water. It was about 100 yards to shore," Lee said. "I could hear small arms fire in the background, maybe a mile away."

As they pushed east toward Germany, Lee's battalion built more than 100 bridges of all varieties, including footbridges, floating bridges and permanent structures, and of all lengths, including 900 feet to bridge the Rhine River and 300 feet to span the Danube River.

Lee's outfit built the floating bridge across the Rhine River under enemy fire, with U.S. planes providing air cover across the river to reduce the artillery activity by the German troops.

In addition, Lee's battalion mined roads and lined trees with primer cord to blow up German tanks, which played an important role toward the end of Battle of the Bulge, which was fought from mid-December 1944 through late January 1945 in Belgium. Approximately 19,000 American soldiers were killed in that battle, which marked Germany's last major offensive.

In the aftermath, Lee was pressed into duty by a superior officer and performed the "worst job I had as a soldier" — clearing the fields of dead soldiers.

Later, after U.S. and Allied forces defeated Germany, he "pulled a security detail" in which he accompanied a sergeant with a camera through the Dachau concentration camp to document the grim conditions.

"We were the first people in that camp after we had run off the Germans," Lee said. "I had tears running down my cheeks."

After defeating the Germans, Lee and his battalion joined the 3rd Army under General Patton's command and served as occupation troops for a few months.

Lee received his honorable discharge on Nov. 1, 1945.

Love leads Lee

Lee was shipped back to the United States — destined for Camp Shelby in Mississippi, the closest to his Louisiana home, until he made other plans.

Instead of giving the soldier in charge of arrangements his New Orleans address, Lee used the New Jersey address of a fellow soldier. Because he was the mail clerk, Lee knew the hometowns of many of his fellow battalion members.

"He asked why and I told him, 'I have to get something straightened out before I move on with the rest of my life,'" Lee explained.

Lee was sent to Fort Dix. As she had promised, Nancy had written Lee faithfully while he was in combat and he did likewise.

"I called Nancy. I said, 'I'm a civilian now and I'm standing outside the gate at Fort Dix.' She said, 'I'll come and get you,'" Lee recalled.

Lee and Nancy married on April 27, 1946.

After working some jobs, including at a Corps of Engineers print shop and with the Veterans Administration, Lee started and completed his apprenticeship working a half-tone camera at a litho shop in New Jersey.

He worked his way up the ranks in the Graphic Arts International Union, living with Nancy and their children in Orange County, N.Y., and commuting into New York City. After reaching the union's council board, they moved to Annapolis, where they lived for 33 years, and he commuted to his job in Washington, D.C. Lee retired in 1980. Lee and Nancy moved to Chesapeake City, Md., in 2002 to be closer to their daughter.

Nancy died on Dec. 10, 2013.

Bittersweet memories

In September, no longer physically able to keep up with his home, Lee moved into his independent living apartment in Newark.

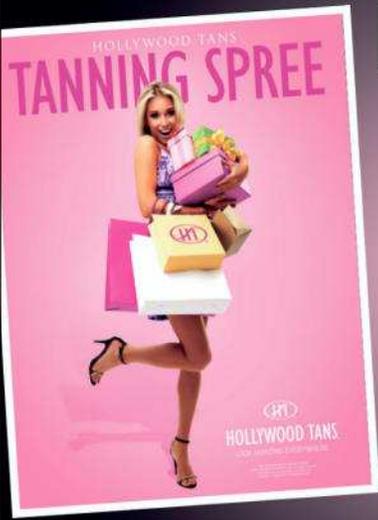
A framed photo of Nancy, resplendent with a beaming smile, adorns a table beside Lee's recliner in the living room of his small, tidy apartment.

Shortly after moving into his apartment, Lee went through what had been Nancy's chest of drawers, something he had never done during their 67-year marriage. Lee made a discovery that transported him back to that special dancehall day at Fort Dix.

"I found a pile of letters in their envelopes. It was all the letters I had written to her while I was fighting in Europe," Lee said, adding, "I had no idea she had saved them."

As for the letters Nancy had written him while he was in combat, Lee burned them, following combat zone security protocol that applied to all soldiers receiving mail.

But he still has the letters that Nancy had saved — for some 70 years. Every now and then, Lee reads one and savors every word.



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to support the Food Bank's "Thanksgiving for All" campaign by donating items that will help more Delaware families have an opportunity to gather around the table and enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.

Items needed include: canned sweet potatoes,

canned peas, canned corn, evaporated milk, applesauce, coffee/tea bags, corn muffin mix, mashed potatoes, graham cracker crusts, pie filling and turkey pans.

Frozen turkeys are being accepted, but must be dropped off at the Food

Bank's warehouse at 14 Garfield Way.

A second donation barrel will remain in the lobby through Dec. 20, to collect food and goods for families to use through the holiday season. The most needed items include: canned fruits, hot & cold cereal, canned

meat, peanut butter, grains, canned & dried beans, canned vegetables, 100 percent fruit/vegetable juice and healthy snacks.

"This is the time of year when many of us reflect on what we are thankful for, while recognizing there are others who are less fortunate," Acting City Manager Tom Coleman said in a prepared statement. "Partnering with the Food Bank of Delaware and serving as a collection site allows us to support those in need and we hope our friends and neighbors join us in this effort."



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The university has already raised \$500 million.

“We’re two-thirds of the way, but I don’t want people to let their foot off the gas pedal,” Assanis said. “There’s still a lot of work to do. We want to not only meet our goal but I hope we can exceed our goal because that’s what we need.”

Officials kicked off the public portion of the campaign on Nov. 9 during a pep rally led by Dave Raymond, the 1979 UD graduate who went on to become the first Phillie Phanatic. UD is calling the effort “Delaware First: The Campaign for the University of Delaware.”

“It’s about ensuring the University of Delaware is always first: first in our minds, first in our hearts,” Assanis told the students gathered on The Green, who were wearing beanies emblazoned with the Delaware First logo and munching on cookies decorated with the same motif.

The money raised will go to a number of initiatives that officials hope will improve the student experience and extend UD’s impact on the broader community.

The university plans to create a graduate college, expanding the number of graduate students on



SUBMITTED IMAGE

An artist’s rendering shows the proposed renovations to the home-side stands at Delaware Stadium.

campus, including adding an additional 1,000 doctoral students.

Along with that, Assanis said he hopes to develop a “graduate city” on the STAR Campus, which would include housing intended to appeal to graduate students, young professionals and younger faculty members. The idea is still in the early stages, but he said it will likely be built through a public-private partnership.

Approximately \$50 million of the money raised will be earmarked for innovation and entrepreneurship projects, including those at the STAR Campus. UD recently announced plans for a \$156 million biopharmaceutical lab, which will join other proposed projects at the site, including a Chemours building, a 10-story tower and the existing health sciences complex.

Another \$20 million will go to

ward supporting the Biden Institute for Domestic Policy, a collaboration with the former vice president that was announced earlier this year. UD will construct a new building to house the institute and expand the School of Public Policy and Administration.

But perhaps the most-watched aspect of the campaign – at least among local residents – will be a \$60 million project to upgrade the

athletic complex.

UD will build a “state-of-the-art” athletic center and a plaza in front of Delaware Stadium. The center will include space for academic support, a lounge for student-athletes and a 10,000-square-foot strength and conditioning space.

Delaware Stadium, which was built in 1952, will also see upgrades. The first phase will focus on the home side bleachers and include the demolition and reconstruction of the bleachers, construction of a stadium club and a new press box, and upgrades to restrooms and concession stands.

Future phases will include upgrades to the rest of the stadium and a renovation and expansion of the field house.

“Athletics are part of the spirit of our great university,” Assanis said. “Often times I say it’s the front porch of our university. It’s what builds the memories and the spirit and the excitement and brings people together.”

Assanis said he hopes to have contributions from 100,000 donors by the time the campaign ends.

“I’m often asked, ‘Is this about big gifts?’” he said. “You know, big gifts are important, and we’re grateful to those people for their amazing generosity. But it’s about each and every one of us. Everyone can contribute.”

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four-month public outreach campaign. In July, the city’s engineering consultant, JMT, solicited ideas for what residents want to see at the site. In September, the company released three possible designs, each with a different level of amenities and a different price tag.

The consultant ultimately recommended the mid-level concept, albeit with a few alterations based on feedback.

The proposed project will cost \$8.1 million. Of that, \$4.2 million will go toward the purchase of the land,

environmental remediation and demolition of the buildings. Constructing the pond will account for \$1.4 million, and the park amenities will account for \$2.5 million.

The city will fund the project through the state’s revolving loan program and pay off the loan by increasing the monthly stormwater fee charged to property owners. The stormwater fee, which was approved last month and takes affect in January, will charge residents between \$1.77 and \$5.31 each month — based on the amount of impervious surfaces on their property — to fund the city’s stormwater operations and fix aging infrastructure.

If the Rodney project

moves forward, the stormwater fee will increase, with the average resident paying an additional \$1.10 per month. That equates to the average resident paying \$264 over the 20 years it will take to pay off the loan.

Large commercial property owners, including the University of Delaware, will pay a much higher fee.

Construction of the pond is contingent on residents approving a referendum allowing the city to take on debt. City council will discuss the plan Dec. 11, and if it decides to move on to the referendum, the vote likely will be held in the spring.

Filasky said the Rodney site is in an ideal location to solve a major part of the city’s flooding issues.

Currently, stormwater pipes carrying runoff from Oaklands and surrounding neighborhoods converge near the Rodney site and during heavy rain, overwhelm the system and cause flooding.

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The pond would give the water a place to collect, and the water would be released in a controlled manner over a longer period of time. That would alleviate flooding in that area as well as downstream in Old Newark and Devon.

At normal times, the pond would be about 3 feet deep, and it would increase to 6 feet during heavy rains. To prevent people from falling in, the drop-off would be gradual. An initial “safety bench” area surrounding the pond would normally be dry and have various plants acting as a barrier. Beyond that would be an “aquatic bench” where the water is only a foot deep.

Though the stormwater benefits are the main impetus behind the project, it’s the park amenities that will draw the most attention — much as the Newark Reser-

voir began as just a backup source of water but morphed into one of the city’s premier recreational sites.

“We want to create a place people will get out of their house and go to,” Filasky said. “Parks are an important part of why people live in Newark and why they come to Newark.”

Andrew Mears, from JMT, said that besides the pond, the playground will be the focal point of the site. It will feature a woodland setting and natural play structures rather than the typical swings and slides found on most playgrounds.

Rounding out the theme, the playground’s footprint will be the shape of a leaf, and several small pavilions will have leaf-shaped roofs.

A 0.3-mile lighted walking/biking path will surround the pond and connect to the underpass that leads to South Main Street. A small parking lot and drop-

off area will be provided.

Other amenities include an outdoor classroom with amphitheater-style seating, a meadow, an entry plaza, a bike rack and an open lawn for picnics and other activities.

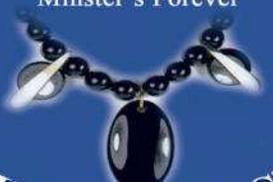
Several mature trees in the northwest corner of the site will be preserved, but the tennis and basketball courts will not.

Much of the site will be geared around educating people about stormwater management. The fishing pier and an observation deck will provide visitors close — but safe — access to the water, and interpretive signage will provide information.

Mears said incorporating stormwater management into parks is a growing trend, and Newark stands to be in the forefront.

“This could really be a demonstration site for stormwater management,” he said.

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Coach sees reason for optimism following tough season

Buzz from the Hive



An insider's look at Yellowjacket football

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Newark's 20-12 win over St. Elizabeth on Nov. 9 to complete the 2017 football season might not have seemed like a big deal to most. But to a Yellowjacket team that has struggled all year, it was an emotional ending to a long season.

"We celebrated a lot in the locker room after the game," head coach Barry Zehnder said. "Players and coaches were dancing, laughing and having a great time enjoying a great program. That is encouraging because the emotion was something I felt this group struggled with all year."

The win was just the second of the season, causing Newark to miss the playoffs for the sixth-straight year. But what can't be seen when looking at the team's 2-8 record is how the program has changed, and all in positive ways, during that same 10-game stretch.

"This year has been rough on the entire program," Zehnder admitted. "We all know 2-8 is looked at as unsuccessful. It's looked at that way at every school with a great football tradition. It's not where we want to be nor expect to be. Our history of winning championships is a blessing and a challenge. It can be used to create a great sense of

pride, but it also tends to be a measuring stick. It's unfair to measure this year's team to [previous Newark] teams that featured multiple college and NFL football players."

Success measured in different ways

On the field, Newark's two wins might not equate to success. But off the field, several situations did.

"Two wins doesn't say successful, but zero freshman quitting this year does," Zehnder pointed out. "Eight losses don't say success, but drastically lowering the number of cases of school discipline and eligibility issues does. Large margins of defeat don't say successful, but 49 kids and 10 coaches jumping around celebrating [after the final game] saying they can't wait for next season does. Not appearing in the playoffs doesn't say success, but increased community involvement and alumni engagement does. Sometimes this year's success needs to be measured in the years to come."

Going out with a bang

Senior Michael Earl, normally relied on as the lead blocker in the backfield, eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark in a game for the first time in his solid career.

"That's a great way for a young man who has been great for this program to end his career," Zehnder said. "Mike isn't a guy who has put up tremendous

stats during his career but he has been a true pleasure to coach."

Honorary captains

The program recognized Melissa and Donovan Earl, and Becky and Joe Visalli as the honorary captains to recognize their dedication the last four years with the football Boosters Club.

Looking ahead to 2018

"Our staff is really looking forward to the players we have coming back," Zehnder said. "A lot of them didn't expect to be on the field this year. They took some lumps but now they know what it takes to be on the varsity field. We don't have to worry about them pushing through that initial Friday Night Lights shock anymore. They have been there and know what it takes."

Zehnder is excited to see who steps up in the future.

"You always look forward to seeing who becomes a leader and who develops into a player that maybe you weren't expecting," he said. "Every year, guys like Jordan Sharp-Wiles, Garret Cuffy, Sakai Lee, Jahleel Brisbon, or Zach Zeoli show improvement in the offseason and become contributors or even step into starting roles."

Zehnder pointed out that each returning class has several players the coaching staff is excited about watching develop and play football next year.

"Juniors James Jordan and Dayton Swanhart both

improved each week this year and they are models of hard work in the weight room," Zehnder said. "Cam Padgett started every game for us this year at center after coming back from missing all of his sophomore year with an ACL injury. Dymeer Surratte, Thomas Quek and Nate Sercej are three linemen that we think can take the next step in the offseason and compete for time next season. Jeremiah Velez started showing a lot of promise on both sides of the ball."

The sophomore class features two-way linemen Donald Burton and Alex Aviles.

"We really look forward to them taking that huge jump in strength that typically comes between your sophomore and junior year," Zehnder pointed out.

The pair will be relied upon to protect quarterback Mele Stallings, who will return with another off-season under his belt.

"We were very tough on Mele this year, and often forgot that he was a sophomore who only had one JV start in 2016 before breaking his wrist and missing the season," Zehnder pointed out. "We asked a lot from him this year and there were some really good moments and a lot of 'next year, he won't make that mistake' moments."

Four other sophomores are projected to have a significant impact next season.

"Jason Mitchell-Dickerson loves to play football and we think he will work hard to make sure he is on the field more next year," Zehnder said. "Jason Cor-

tez also started a few games for us and a good offseason combined with the experience he got this year will be key for him. Brian Hamilton and Xavier Hurlock could step into starting roles if they take advantage of off-season training."

This year's freshman class has been compared by some to those that eventually produced some of Newark's state championship teams.

Jermaine Earl distinguished himself as a quality varsity receiver from the beginning, and he isn't the only skills player expected to have a big sophomore season.

"Jermaine is going to be one of those kids that opposing coaches can't wait to see him graduate," Zehnder said. "James Morman and Tyran Rice handled our running back duties the second half of the year and showed flashes of good things to come. They both know they need to put on a little weight to hold up to the beating they will take the next three years, but they are hard workers and we expect that will carry over into the weight room."

Tabari Wright played a lot on both sides of the ball and what impressed the coaching staff as much as his physical skills, was his leadership abilities.

"He is a kid who stepped into that emotional leader role as a freshman, which is very encouraging," Zehnder said.

While Davon Bowers, Corey Howard, Tyler Smith and Amir James didn't get

as much varsity time as the aforementioned freshmen, Zehnder said they certainly impressed the coaching staff in practice and during JV games.

Zehnder also pointed out Shaun Babiak, Nathan Saxfield, Robert Wiley and Kamau Lately as players who showed a lot of potential and with a solid offseason of lifting and training, could have successful sophomore campaigns.

A special thanks from Coach Zehnder

"The Newark football staff, boosters and players would like to thank all the alumni, businesses and community members that have been so helpful to our program this year. We have been successful this year in upgrading the athletic facilities and areas of our program because of their support and generosity. Throughout this year, many of you have helped this great 'football tradition' in various ways, each equally important and equally appreciated. We look forward to continuing these relationships and continuing to move this program in the right direction." - Coach Barry Zehnder.

A special thanks to Coach Zehnder

Coach Zehnder was always available and willing each Sunday evening to talk openly and honestly about the game, his team, and the program as a whole. For that, I am greatly appreciative.

Rotary clubs donate new football uniforms, practice equipment to Newark High

POST STAFF REPORT

Newark High School football players sported a sharp new look this season, thanks to a donation from two local Rotary clubs.

The jerseys are reversible - one side is bright yellow and the other is black. Both sides include the Yellowjacket logo.

The Newark Rotary Club teamed up with the Newark Morning Rotary Club for a \$8,000 donation, which paid for 50 uniforms as well as a two-man Tek sled and a pop-up tackle sled for use during practice.

"These new tackle sleds are better than the old stuff," Yellowjackets quarterback Mele Stallings said in a prepared statement distributed by the Rotary

clubs. "We can start to work on proper technique rather than worry about broken equipment that didn't work."

Most of the football practice equipment at Newark High School had not been replaced in more than 20 years, Rotarian Robin Broomall said. Not only was this equipment broken and useless, but failure to adopt modern injury-reducing technology with advanced materials and designs has increased risks to players.

Last year, out of the 60 football players, there were 21 practice-related injuries, according to head coach Barry Zehnder.

"It's great to see the local community organizations come together to support our schools,"

Zehnder said in a statement.

The clubs paid for the equipment though a district grant from Rotary International and also contributed their own funds.

"Involvement in sporting activities can provide many developmental and instructional benefits, including personal leadership and team responsibilities," Rotarian Clinton Tymes said. "These skills carry over into a youth's daily life, both inside and outside the classroom."

The team honored the Rotary clubs during the Yellowjackets' Nov. 3 home game against the Delaware Military Academy. Five Rotarians served as honorary captains and joined the team's leaders for the coin toss at midfield.



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The Yellowjackets take the field Nov. 3 wearing new uniforms donated by local Rotary clubs.

Thoughts of gratitude on this Thanksgiving

Mayor's Corner
Polly Sierer



The Thanksgiving holiday is a time when the table is set and we turn toward our families and our communities with warm remembrances of those who have cared for and nourished us. We look to our future generations and how we should model for them, the good characteristics from our heritage: like fortitude when dealing with adversity, preparedness, ingenuity, respect and generosity. It is a time of appreciation and a time for dedication to helping those in need and being thankful for what we have. We certainly want our future generations contributing to the community with their talents.

Throughout my years living in Newark, I have seen wonderful acts of generosity in our community. The Newark Area Welfare Committee begins with earnest their project of creating holiday food boxes to be delivered in December. It is fun to participate by donating food products or a frozen turkey. For more information, visit www.newarkareawelfare.org

There is a community Thanksgiving Day breakfast, at the Newark Senior Center on Nov. 23 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Helpers are appreciated, but you can come and meet some of your neighbors, eat some pancakes and say hello to some of the staff of your city government. Please visit www.newarkde.gov for more information and registration.

Our Parks and Recreation department is sponsoring the Turkey Trot 5K and 10K Runs and a 5K Walk on Nov. 18 at Handloff Park. The events begins at 9 a.m. for the 10K Run and 10:30 a.m. for 5K Run/Walk. Go to the city website, as listed above, for details.

On Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23, Fusion Racing is doing the Run for Pie 5K, benefiting the Newark Area Welfare Committee. The run this year will be at Glasgow Park at 9 a.m. Their website is www.fusionracetiming.com After the run, join with your neighbors to EAT PIE. REALLY. It's great fun.

These opportunities for our residents, of all ages, to join together, celebrate and at the same time—, help others, happens because of the wonderful dedication of our staff at your city government and business owners in our community. As I celebrate with my family this year, I feel deeply thankful for the dedication and capabilities of the men and women who work for us in our city government. They are good role models for community service. In addition, our council members put in enormous amounts of time, studying so that they can make informed decisions. Many members of our community voluntarily accept positions on committees and boards, to guide the activities of the community. Newark benefits by the interest and dedication of so many.

As your mayor, I have the opportunity to highlight many activities, and I hope create excitement and energy for more people to join us and contribute. We are all working for the same goal: A vibrant, efficient, sustainable community that we love and to which we feel committed. I am thankful that I have had the good fortune to spend my time doing this.

Polly Sierer has been mayor of Newark since 2013 and writes a monthly Mayor's Corner column. Contact her at pasierer@comcast.net.

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The household goods and personal effects of the following person will be sold at public auction on the premises of Delaware Moving and Storage Inc. 214 Bear Christiana Road, Bear, DE 19701 on Wed November 22, 2017 Sharon Petty Wilmington np 11/10,17 2748601

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON I, Charles Delwin Calhoun, residing at 21 Welwyn Road, Newark, DE 19711 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Charles Delwin Calhoun 11/8/17 2750504 np 11/17

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON I, Tyra Bannister, residing at 1014 San Remo Ct., Bear, DE 19701 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Tyra Bannister 11/8/17 2749836 np 11/17

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MICHAEL WYATT MOAK Petitioner(s) TO ELAINE MORGAN MOAK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL WYATT MOAK 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 ELAINE MORGAN MOAK. MICHAEL WYATT MOAK Petitioner Dated: 10/24/2017 np 11/3,10,17 276506

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
November 27, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter 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, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

Bill 17-48	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Change the Title of a Management Position and the Salary Assignment Table
Bill 17-49	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Amend the Departmental Organization Charts to Reflect Municipal Operations
Bill 17-50	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Amend Management Vacation Leave
Bill 17-51	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Update the Intersections Prohibiting U-Turns

Renee K. Bensley, CMC
City Secretary
np 11/17 280716

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON I, Robin Melissa Robinson, residing at 145 Tuckahoe Lane, Bear, DE 19701 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Robin Melissa Robinson 11/14/17 2750758 np 11/17

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON I, Robert P. Mecke, Jr., residing at 31 Meadow Lane, Newark, DE 19713 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Robert P. Mecke, Jr. 11/14/17 2750916 np 11/17

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON I, Zagchary Tobias Robinson, Jr., residing at 145 Tuckahoe Lane, Bear, DE 19701 will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both. Zagchary Tobias Robinson, Jr. 11/14/17 2750749 np 11/17

LEGAL NOTICES

El Maguey Mexican Cuisine & Bar LLC has on November 15, 2017 applied with the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner for a restaurant liquor license that includes Sunday and permits the sales, service and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on the premise located at 3320 Old Capitol Trail Wilmington, Delaware 19808. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from the persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North french Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's Office on or before December 15, 2017. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office.
np 11/17,24,12/1 270921

**PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE**

**465 Pulaski Hwy
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5810**

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, December 14th, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #6013 - Tajudeen Aziz - Dresser, Night Stands, Bed, File Cabinet
Unit #3056 - Imelda Meditz - Bags, Boxes, Bed, Kitchen Chairs, Dresser, Microwave, Mirrors, Monitor, Hutch, Recliner, Asst. Household Items

**1100 Elkton Road
Newark, DE 19711
(302) 731-8108**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 12/13/2017 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #1040 - Charles Shore - sectional sofa, mattress, boxes, kitchen cabinets, glass top stove, filing cabinet lighting for kitchen, mics household items
Unit #1044 - Fahad A Alhaqani - 2005 Honda Accord, misc. house hold items
Unit #2033 - Michelle Greeley - Bags, desk, dresser, night table, car parts, misc. items
Unit #4204 - Karen L. James - boxes, folding chairs, fishing rods and fishing equipment, totes, suitcase, luggage, dvds, misc. items
Unit #8065 - Jatere D. Harris - Bags, totes, clothing, microwave, misc. household items

**200 First State Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-0704**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #1260 - Nakeya Dennis - bags, boxes, exercise equip, fans, suitcase, totes, bar table, hand truck, shoes, mini fridge, plastic chairs, razor scooter
Unit #2108 - Shawn P. Welsh - boxes, kitchen chair, office chair, rocking chair, clothing, couch, dresser, fishing equip, lamp, pictures, shelving, end table, kitchen table, motorcycle, dollies, misc household items, filing cabinet

**141 Edgemoor Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 762-3626**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Sales are "cash only". A \$100 one-time, refundable "clean-out" deposit is required on purchase units. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #122 - Lowell Sutton Jr. - baby crib, headboard, 20+ boxes, tool box, 5+ totes, hutch, wicker chair, sled, aquarium, collectable NASCAR cars
Unit #503 - Bernetta D. Brown - 12 bags, 3 box springs, headboard, 3 mattresses, box, kitchen chair, hamper, 2 refrigerators, shelving, suitcase, folding table, 3 totes, Comcast boxes, George Forman grill, kids table, yarn, van seat

**333 E. Lea Blvd.,
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 764-6300**

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #7 - Samuel L. Guy, Esq. - Boxes, ham radio, file boxes.
Unit #37 - Amrinder Singh - (4) ladders, (20) pick up truck tool boxes, generator, wood, cinder blocks, quickcrete, fencing, dolly, door, window frames, misc. highway equipment, saw, cooler.
Unit #73 - William Hill, Jr. - Bags, bed frame, box spring, mattress, boxes, computer, dresser, coffee table, totes.
Unit #218 - Danita Copeland - Bags, boxes, kitchen chair, totes, toys, plastic sled, electric fire place, bean bag chair.
Unit #161 - Sharon Morsbach - Boxes, (2) kitchen chairs, dresser, end table, kitchen table, totes.
Unit #15 - Samuel L. Guy, Esq. - Boxes, (5) glass tables.
np 11/10,17 2746232

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Plan Public Notice
Public Hearing Scheduled for Friday, December 29th at 5:00 pm

The Newark Housing Authority's 2018 Annual Plan and Supporting Documents are available for review by the Public. The Plan can be reviewed during normal business hours from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Monday- Friday, from Friday, November 10th - December 29th.

All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review period specified. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, December 29th at 5:00 pm at the Newark Housing Authority.
np 11/10,17,24,12/1,8,15,22,29 279110

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JULIETA TLATENCHI CANTORAN
Petitioner(s)
TO
JULIETA TLATENCHI CANTORAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PERLA CANTORAN 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 minor child's name to JULIETA TLATENCHI CANTORAN.
PERLA CANTORAN
Petitioner
Dated: 10/30/2017
np 11/3,10,17 277887

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF KHALIL JORDAN SAVAGE
Petitioner(s)
TO
KHALIL JORDAN SAVAGE-PURNELL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RYAN M. PURNELL 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 minor child's name to KHALIL JORDAN SAVAGE-PURNELL.
RYAN M. PURNELL
Petitioner
Dated: 11/10/2017
np 11/17,24,12/1 280309

 Delaware Department of Transportation
Jennifer Cohan, Secretary
PUBLIC WORKSHOP



**I-95 and SR 896 Interchange Project
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Glasgow High School, Cafeteria
1901 S College Avenue
Newark, DE 19702**

The public is invited to attend the I-95 and SR 896 Interchange workshop. The interchange currently experiences peak hour congestion and has safety concerns throughout the day. Alternatives have been analyzed that will improve safety and traffic operations. We welcome your input and comments on the project and encourage you to identify and discuss project related issues.

Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing, giving reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed changes. Comments will be received at the workshop or can be mailed to DelDOT Community Relations P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903, sent via email to dotpr@state.de.us or by fax (302) 739-2092.

This workshop location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact DelDOT by phone or mail one week in advance.

For further information contact DelDOT Community Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080 or write to the above address..

PUBLIC NOTICE

np 11/17 279962

LEGAL NOTICES

MOD Super Fast Pizza, LLC, trading as MOD Super Fast Pizza, has on November 1, 2017, applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for a beer and wine, restaurant-on liquor license, permitting the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises where sold, including on Sundays, located at 111 E. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711, and for an outside patio license, including Sundays. In addition, approval is being requested for a variance, in connection with the patio, for permission to have external speakers for soft background music. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against the application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents of property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before December 1, 2017. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input or hearing. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office at (302) 577-5222.
np 11/3,10,17 2745999

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF STEPHEN MICHAEL ECHARD
Petitioner(s)
TO
STEPHEN MICHAEL MATTIE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that STEPHEN MICHAEL ECHARD 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 STEPHEN MICHAEL MATTIE.
STEPHEN MICHAEL ECHARD
Petitioner
Dated: 10/25/2017
np 11/3,10,17 276572

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF NEVIN SAVAJON BROWN
Petitioner(s)
TO
NEVIN JONAS FUENTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NEVIN SAVAJON BROWN 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 NEVIN JONAS FUENTES.
NEVIN SAVAJON BROWN
Petitioner
Dated: 11/1/2017
np 11/10,17,24 278532

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF ROBIN ALICE WATKINS
Petitioner(s)
TO
Robin Alice Watkins
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROBIN ALICE WATKINS 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 Robin Alice Watkins.
ROBIN ALICE WATKINS
Petitioner
Dated: 11/8/2017
np 11/17,24,12/1 279731

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF NAIM BEYAH MUHAMMAD
Petitioner(s)
TO
SYLVESTER HENRY DUDLEY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NAIM BEYAH MUHAMMAD 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 SYLVESTER HENRY DUDLEY.
NAIM BEYAH MUHAMMAD
Petitioner
Dated: 11/8/2017
np 11/17,24,12/1 279768

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF LOUISE ANNE KREER
Petitioner(s)
TO
LOUISE ANNE DEFANTI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LOUISE ANNE KREER 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 LOUISE ANNE DEFANTI.
LOUISE ANNE KREER
Petitioner
Dated: 11/8/2017
np 11/17,24,12/1 279789

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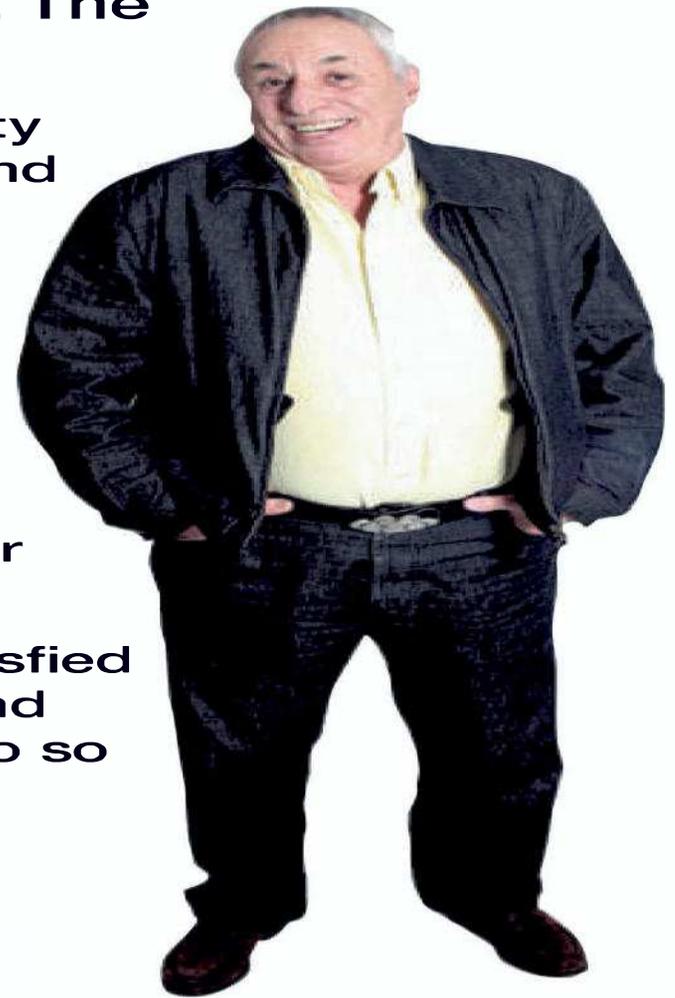
Miracle-Ear Hearing Centers is looking for qualified people to test their latest product, The Miracle-Ear® Open for **FREE*!**

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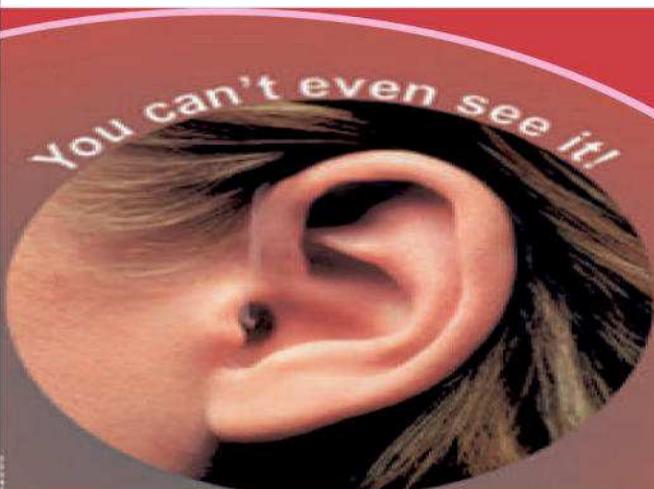
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