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Volunteer Annabeth Mercer, 10, places a can of soup inside a box that will go to a family in need as part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Holiday Food Box Project.

# Food boxes help hundreds during the holidays

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Hundreds of Newarkers in need will have enough food to enjoy a traditional holiday meal and then some, thanks to an outpouring of volunteers and donations to the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Holiday Food Box Project over the weekend.

Volunteers picked up the donated food and brought it to the First Presbyterian Church on West Main Street to be sorted before filling boxes to give to those in need on Saturday.

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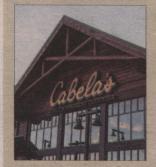
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Sam Singleton, custodian at Downes Elementary School, blows out the candles at his surprise 90th birthday party last week in the school's library. Singleton has worked at the school for the past 23 years.

# Celebrating 'Mr. Sam'

At age 90, beloved Downes custodian still going strong

By KARIE SIMMONS

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For more than two decades, Sam Singleton has wiped down the tables, vacuumed the carpets and taken out the trash at Downes Elementary School, but he's not just any custodian who cleans the building. He's "Mr. Sam," and he just turned 90.

Singleton works the night shift at Downes and is the school's oldest employee, but teachers and staff said you would never be able to tell.

"He can work circles around people half his age," Principal Trish Prettyman said. "It's that old-world work ethic that you just don't see anymore."

Already hard at work, Singleton had to be coaxed to put down his tools last Tuesday and come upstairs to attend what he thought was a safety meeting for staff. When he

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-Downes Principal Trish Prettyman

walked through the library doors, however, he was surprised to see friends and coworkers were there to wish him a happy birthday.

"I ain't never had a birthday like this," he said. After a rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow,"

Singleton was presented with a cake, banner, birthday

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# Newark **Emergency** celebrates 40 years

Facility to begin accepting ambulances

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Many years ago, before Christiana Hospital was built, Newarkers who needed medical attention had to travel to Wilmington for care. Seeing this void in available health services, a group of doctors, residents community decided to establish a freestanding, 24-hour emergency center, the first of its kind in the country.

Four decades and 600,000 patients later, Newark Emergency Center is now celebrating 40 years of caring for the community.

Dr. Amir Mansoory, one of the founding doctors of the non-profit center located on

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Newark Emergency Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

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Main Street, said he remembers seeing a great need for a medical center in Newark. As soon it started accepting patients, the facility saw much success, taking ambulances and treating approximately 60 people a day, Mansoory

"It was supported by the doctors, supported by the EMS, it was welcomed in the community," he said.

Although the emergency center hasn't been as busy since Christiana Hospital opened in 1985, NEC Administrator Rob Lynn encouraged residents and the surrounding community to take advantage of the services, expertise and convenience offered by NEC, as it functions just like a "mini hospital."

Physicians are trained in emergency medicine, certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support and are board certified. Registered nurses are also certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

The 75,000-square-foot facility boasts a waiting area,

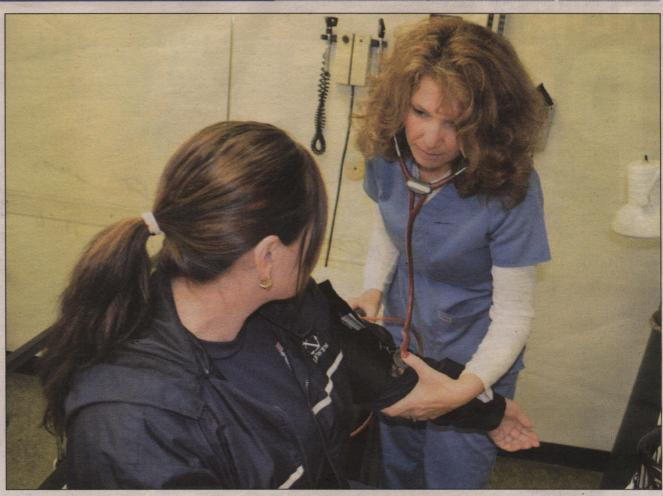
reception desk, nursing and physicians station, six treatment rooms, gynecologist room, pediatrics room, xray department, an admin-istration wing and a cardiac resuscitation room, which Lynn said a patient would not find at a typical walk-in clinic.

"We are far more diverse in what we can do," Lynn said. "It was built to be able to handle anyone from the simplest situation to a fullblown heart attack.

Medical Director Dr. Mehdi Jadali said most patients come in for minor fractures, sprains, lacerations, the common cold and flu, broken bones, physicals, casting and x-rays.

Peak times for the emergency center are midday around lunchtime, between 4 and 6 p.m. and from 9 to 10:30 p.m. when most walkin clinics are closed. Jadali said the center conducts a lot of physicals in July and August and administer flu shots during the flu season. As of Dec. 5, approximately 200 shots had been given out so far this season.

However, there are some things doctors at NEC cannot do, such as sedate patients, and for more serious circumstances, such as a walk-in heart attack, NEC



Kim Parisan, nurse manager at Newark Emergency Center, demonstrates taking a woman's blood pressure. This year, the non-profit celebrates 40 years of caring for the community since opening in 1973.

only has the capability to a hospital. stabilize the patient and then transfer him or her to

All patients are seen at the emergency center with no appointment necessary and regardless of their health insurance, often only waiting about 10 minutes before meeting with a nurse, Jadali

"It's the beauty of this place that we can do that," Jadali said. "One of the benefits here is basically there's no wait."

At a regular hospital, Mansoory said, a patient could be at the bottom of the list, but at NEC they would be seen, treated and released within one hour, and with a far more personal experi-

Before patients are seen by a doctor, Nurse Manager Kim Parisan assesses them, takes their vitals and compiles a medical history and list of medications. With experience working in both large and small hospitals, she said she enjoys the atmosphere more at NEC because of the opportunities to personally connect with patients.

"I love small communities," Parisan said. "I thrive on that."

Large hospitals, Lynn said, are often overwhelmed with patients, and gurneys line the hallways because rooms are booked. Patients feel like they're just a number waiting to be called and are rushed through to free up a bed for



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Dr. Mehdi Jadali, Newark Emergency Center's Medical Director, fills out a patient's chart at the physicians station.

the next in line, he said.

"It's like a restaurant," Lynn said. "Clear the table so another customer can get

NEC officials plan to soon expand their services in order to treat more people and help alleviate the load on area hospitals.

'We can help the system," Lynn said.

The center hasn't accepted ambulances since about 1985 but is in the process of changing that so patients who need to be stabilized or are suffering from minor injuries are routed to NEC instead of Christiana.

Lynn said they also plan to add a CAT scan and are currently working toward a partnership with the University of Delaware that will allow nursing students on

clinical rotation and adult medical students to come to the emergency center to fulfill their required volunteer clinical hours.

"They're right in our backyard," he said. "I think it's good to foster that relationship.

For Mansoory and his col-leagues, NEC started out as just an idea and turned into a vital part of the Newark community. He said he couldn't be prouder of the last 40 years and is hopeful NEC will continue to care for more patients from all over Delaware for decades to come.

"We provide something special here and I think those people can benefit from that" Managery said from that," Mansoory said. "And we are here to welcome them.'



# Clothes in the Past Lane to move across the street

By KARIE SIMMONS

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When Clothes in the Past Lane owner Sandi Patterson got wind of plans to demolish her building earlier this year, she quickly sought out a new Main Street location for her vintage boutique.

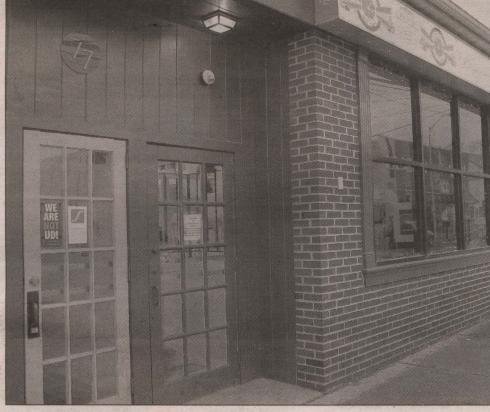
The retail store, which has been at 56 E. Main St. for the past seven years, will move to 77 E. Main St, formerly the Charlie B Travel agency, in January.

Joining Clothes in the Past Lane will be a "blow-dry bar" operated by Gloss Salon, previously located at 276 E. Main St. Unlike most salons that offer a variety of hair treatments, blow-dry bars focus on one - washing and blow-drying hair. Patterson said the salon will also do makeup and up-do's for special events or just a night on the town.

The new shop will be retro in style, with white floors, white furniture, clean lines and funky splashes of color from what Patterson said is "a different decade" than the current Clothes in the Past Lane. The space will be split down the middle with the salon on one side and Patterson's boutique on the other.

"It's really cool and I think everyone will really like it," she said. "It's kind of a onestop-shop for getting ready for a night out.

Customers will find men and women's clothing, ac-



The new storefront of Clothes in the Past Lane and Gloss Salon at 77 E. Main St., replacing Charlie B Travel. The vintage boutique, which has been at 56 E. Main St. for the past seven years, will move to partner with the blow-dry bar in January.

select vintage items, TOMS shoes, jewelry, a large selection of party dresses and even high-end lingerie from England. She said Clothes in the Past Lane has not previously carried lingerie but she is excited to premier it at the new store.

"That's kind of our big surprise for everybody," she said.

Patterson said she's sad to leave her current location on Main Street, which, if approved by city council, will be demolished along with the former Delaware Book Exchange and 10 apartments above to make room for a new four-story build-

Plans presented to the the developer plans to lease

planning commission on Dec. 3 include 6,980 square feet of retail space on the first floor as well as five three-bedroom, 17 two-bedroom and two one-bedroom apartments on the floors above. In the rear of the building will be a parking lot with 51 spaces, 23 of which sits unfinished but Patter-

to the city to use as a municipal lot for monthly parking.

Patterson's original idea was to partner with Gloss and open a joint venture at the Newark Newsstand, which closed its doors last December after more than 75 years in business.

Patterson had planned to pay homage to the former tenant by naming the combined boutiques "Shoppes at the Newsstand," but backed out of the lease due to construction complications.

According to Newark Planning Director Maureen Feeney Roser, the property owner began renovations on the building earlier this year without a permit, and during the process, crews took out load-bearing walls. In March, the building was condemned and by April, it was demolished.

The property owner indicated he planned to rebuild the one-story building in its original footprint to be used for retail space with secondstory apartments possibly added later, but construction was slow and Patterson was hoping to be moved in by June.

We were all getting kind of nervous," she said. "I was really on a time crunch as far as settling into a new place and settling in before the students get back from break.

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said she is excited to be moving and to share the space with an unusual concept like Gloss' blow-dry bar.

"A partnership made sense," she said. "But it will be a big change."

Her only concern, she said, is foot traffic to the new boutique. Unlike at her current store, there is no direct crosswalk to the new location, something she hopes doesn't affect her business.

Still, she remains optimistic that all the customers, students and fashionistas in the community will remain loyal and make the change into the new "decade" of Clothes in the Past Lane with her.

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Police say this man stole an iPhone in the fitness center of Studio Green Apartments.

# Police seek iPhone thief

Man asked to borrow phone, ran off with it

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Police are searching for a man who ran off with another man's iPhone after he asked to borrow it to

make a phone call.
According to spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall, the incident occurred on Dec 17 at approximately 10 p.m. in the fitness center of Studio Green Apartments on Thorn Lane.

The suspect described as a black man, 19 to 21 years old, between 6 feet, 4 inches and 6 feet, 6 in the gym to borrow his phone. Once handed the phone, he ran out of the center.

The suspect was last seen wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, grey vest, dark colored warm up pants and a dark colored knit cap. Police are asking for help in identifying him through an image caught on the Studio Green security camera.
Farrall encouraged any-

one with information on this man's identity to call Cpl. Robert Sharpe at 302-366-7110 ext. 427 and warned people not to loan their phones to strangers.

inches tall, asked a man

# Newark man charged with Cleveland Avenue burglaries

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Police charged 41-year-old William

Wilson III, of the 700 block of New London Road, with burglary and attempted burglary of three homes on East Cleveland Avenue on Saturday.

According to NPD spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall, police got a call at 10:07 p.m. from a person who saw a suspicious man prowl-

ing behind homes on East Cleveland Avenue.

The officer who responded saw the man, later identified as Wilson, walking

on the sidewalk. As the officer approached, Wilson dropped a crow bar to the ground, Farrall said.

Investigators determined

that Wilson had entered two homes, ransacking one, and tried to enter another before he was arrested.

Farrall said all three homes were presumably off-campus student housing but police do not know if any prop-

erty was removed from the homes, as the victims have not been home to account for any missing items and Wilson was not found in possession of any stolen property.

Wilson was charged with second-degree burglary, attempted burglary and possession of burglar tools. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$39,000 secured bail.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or frederick.nelson@ 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. tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

# Arrest made in Dunkin' Donuts robbery

By JANE BELLMYER

Special to the Post

A Maryland man has been arrested and charged in connection with the Dec. 10 robbery of the Dunkin' Donuts store on Elkton Road, police reported Friday.

Seth Baughman, 24, of the 300 block of Fletchwood Road in Elkton, was taken into custody Thursday by the Newark Police Department with the assistance of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, according to Lt. Mark A Farrall, a spokesman for NPD.

According to witnesses, a suspect entered the store in the 1100 block of Elkton Road around 8:30 p.m., police said. He ordered food and as it was

being handed to him, grabbed the arm of the 21-yearold cashier, implied he had a weapon and demanded money from

the register. After grabbing an unspecified amount of money from the register he fled the store and ran toward the Maryland state line.

The suspect wore a hooded

BAUGHMAN

shirt to conceal his identity. The cashier was not injured in the incident.

Police Newark Police detectives developed information Thursday that led them to

Baughman as the suspect, according to officials. Working with Cecil County police,

detectives searched served a search warrant at Baughman's home Thursday and reported finding evidence there that links Baughman to the robbery.

Baughman charged with one count each of first-

degree robbery, theft under \$1,500 and wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony. As of Thursday morning, he was being held at the Howard R. Young Correctional Center on a \$22,500 bail.





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#### **Downtown restaurant** thwarts scammer

When Mayflower Japanese Restaurant received a call from someone threatening to turn off the eatery's electricity, employees didn't believe the caller for a second.

According to Lt. Mark Farrall, spokesman for the Newark Police Department, an employee at the restaurant in Newark Shopping Center received the call Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. from someone who claimed to be from the city of Newark electric department.

The caller said if the restaurant didn't send money, its service would be canceled and the electricity shut off. but employees didn't fall for it and hung up to call police, Farrall said.

#### **Reindeer decoration** stolen from yard

The winter decorations on the front lawn were looking a little sparse when a Nottingham Green resident noticed a reindeer was missing from the holiday display.

The theft occurred from the 200 block of Vassar Drive

Dec. 18 and 6 a.m. Dec. 19, according to Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall.

He said a light-up reindeer valued at \$50 was taken from the front yard of the home, however police have no suspects at this time.

#### Rims, tires taken off car

A man came out of his apartment in the morning to find his car sitting on cinder blocks with all four rims and tires missing, prompting him to call police.

According to Newark Police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall, the incident occurred some time between 6 p.m. Sunday and 4:55 a.m. Monday morning at the Apartments at Pine Brook complex on the 900 block Wharton Drive.

The thief stole all four rims and tires off of the victim's 1996 Acura Integra. Police are sometime between 8:15 p.m. still investigating, Farrall said.

#### Viola M. Colpo

Viola M. Colpo, age 98, of Newark, DE, passed away on Saturday, De-cember 14, 2013, at Season's Hospice at Christiana Care in Newark. surrounded by her family. She was born February 8,

(Cavanaugh) Hassen.

She is survived by her sons, John A. of Salisbury, MD, Gregory V. of Cleveland, GA, Mark H. of Wilmington, DE, Thomas P. of Wilmington, DE, and She was born February 8, Dean M. of Clayton, DE; her husband Jesse Colpo, 1915 in Laport, PA to the daughters Mary Ellen son Patrick J. Colpo, in-

late John, Jr. and Phoebe Eisenreid of West Seneca, NY, Colleen A. Lampertz of Leesburg, FL, and Jacinta White of Fripp Island, SC; 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by

fant daughter Mary and two grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711. Burial followed at All Saints Cem-

etery Newark, DE. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution checks can be made to Catholic Charities and sent c/o R.T. Foard & Jones F.H., Inc., 122 W. Main St., Newark, DE 19711. To send condolences visit www.rtfoard.

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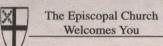


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# Newark man found guilty of murder in motel attack

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ELKTON, MD. — A jury last week found a Newark man guilty of second-degree a fantastic job preparing it

murder in the fatal beating of a man in an October 2012 motel attack in Elkton.

Leonard Mullikin, 45, now faces up to 30 years in prison sentencing is set for Feb. 21 — for beating and choking a handcuffed man to death inside a motel

"The state is going to speak to the victim's family before making a recom-

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mendation to the court in terms of incarceration. We must say the law enforcement officers that investigated this difficult case did

> for the state's attorney's office," said Steve Trostle, assistant Cecil County attorney, state's prosecuted who the nearly week-long case. "We're long case. pleased with the verdict and pleased for the family of Mr. (Joel) Odom, because this should

bring some closure after a long year.'

After the jury handed down the ruling Dec. 17, Judge V. Michael Whelan revoked Mullikin's \$750,000 bond and ordered him held until sentencing.

The case hinged largely upon whether the deadly assault, which occurred about 10:30 p.m. Oct. 22, 2012, in Room 418 at the Knights Inn off Elkton Road, was the result of self defense or if Mullikin purposefully killed Joel Odom, 45, of Atlanta,



**NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO** 

Leonard Mullikin, 45, of Newark, was convicted of murdering a man in this room at the Knights Inn in Elkton.

worker who came to Elkton after securing a painting job in North East and befriended the residents of a neighboring room, prosecutors said. At some point, Odom entered that room. Inside were Mullikin, his girlfriend, Michelle Co-vias (who also still awaits a trial to face assault charges in the incident), Covias' daughter and her daugh-

terson. A fight then broke out, which Mullikin's lawver, Will Riddle, of Elkton, described as "all hell breaking loose."

Both prosecutors and defense said Odom struck Mullikin with a chair during the fracas and pushed him into a TV, but at some point Patterson and Mullikin were able to subdue Odom and a pair of handcuffs were retrieved and placed on the

Court records list a fractured skull as one of the many injuries that Odom suffered during the beating, in which Mullikin "continuously beat (Odom) in the head" with the leg of a chair that had been broken during their fight.

Prosecutors also said that Mullikin held Odom in a chokehold until he lost con- likin was indeed the victim. used to corroborate stories.

sciousness and continued to choke him for an additional 10 to 15 seconds despite Patterson telling Mullikin to "stop choking him." Odom was pronounced dead inside Room 418, despite CPR efforts by first-responding EPD officers and then by paramedics. Trostle said the state medical examiner explicitly said no one act killed Odom, but the summation of all of the various injuries contributed to his death.

During closing arguments Monday, Riddle pointed to injuries sustained by Mullikin, the fact that items used in the attack - including a chair leg and MMAstyle gloves — were left in plain view of investigators and the fact that Covias made a 911 call to report the fight as reasons why Mul-

those claims by saying there was nowhere for Mullikin to hide the items used in the attack and that the residents of the room only made a 911 call after hearing from a witness outside the room that police were already on the

"What were they going to do with these gloves? Flush them down the toilet?" Trostle asked the jury during Monday's closing rebuttal.

He also told the jury to consider why none of the residents in the room fled to seek help or opened the motel room door to reply to help attempting to be rendered. After a neighbor heard the shouting in the fight, he responded to the door, began knocking on it and asking if everything was OK, prosecutors said. No one in the room replied to his inquiries, however, and no one opened the door, Trostle said.

"When (the neighbor) knocks on the door, no one opens the door and no one replies, ask yourself why?" he said. "During this attack, no witnesses ever hear, 'Help,' but instead they hear this slaughter."

He also asked the jury to question what the four residents of the motel room did in the eight-minute period between the motel front desk's 911 call and police arriving on the scene.

"There's a dead man on the floor, what do you think they were talking about?" Trostle said. "They had approximately eight minutes, which they

# One dies in house fire near Newark

By JOSH SHANNON

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One person died as a house fire ripped through a home in the Harmony Hills neighborhood, east of Newark last week

Firefighters arrived just before 2 p.m. Dec. 19 to see smoke coming from the front of a home in the 300 block of Tamara Circle.

'Once they got inside, they found one deceased person," said Assistant State Fire Marshal Michael Chi-

Chionchio said the body has been turned over to the medical examiner.

Damage to the home is estimated at \$100,000.

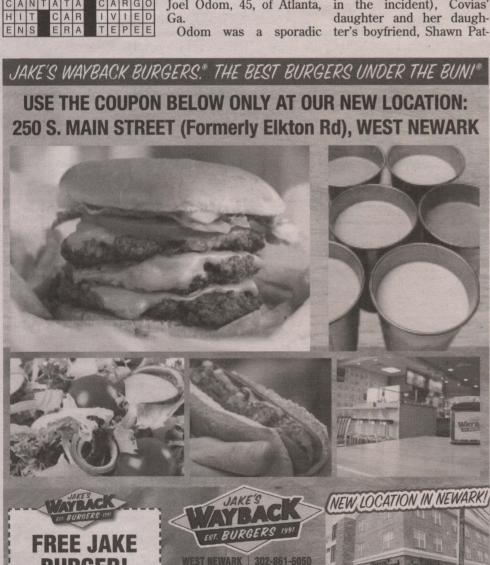
Firefighters from Creek, Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder and several other departments battled the blaze.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY COREY SHANNON

Firefighters and other emergency workers battle a blaze in the Harmony Hills neighborhood east of Newark. One person died

The fatality was the sec-ond fire-related death in morning fire in Brandywine Delaware on Dec. 19. The Hundred.



# low to celebrate New Year's in Newar

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A look at some of the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day activities in and around Newark:

#### **New Year's Eve**

Caffe Gelato 90 E. Main St. Caffe Gelato

Wine Dinner Celebration. Tickets are \$109 per person and include seven-course dinner, dancing and a cocktail party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Non-dinner guests can purchase tickets for \$79 that include just the cocktail party and dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Those interested should will call 302-738-5811 to make

host a New Year's Eve reservations.

16 Mile Taphouse 115 E. Main St.

Guests at 16 Mile Taphouse on New Years Eve can enjoy a four-course dinner for \$40. Dinners with beer pairing will cost \$50 or \$60 with wine pairing. There will be a champagne toast at midnight with bar specials and giveaways all night. Call 302-266-8111 to make reservations.

Catherine Rooney's

102 E. Main St. Irish-American New Year's Eve celebrations at Catherine Rooney's will feature live Irish music with Mark Newcott from 6 to 9 p.m. and a dance party until closing. Free cham-

out at 7 p.m. to celebrate the Irish New Year, as well as midnight. Although there is no cover charge, reservations are recommended for dinner and guests are encouraged to call 302-369-7330.

Klondike Kate's 158 E. Main St.

Count down to 2014 at Klondike Kate's from 9 p.m. to close where there will be a DJ, dance party, light hors d'oeuvres, party favors and a champagne toast.

Hilton

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clude overnight accommodations, champagne and party favors and attend a New Year's Eve party from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a DJ and three-hour open bar. Also, a late night snack buffet, breakfast buffet for two and late check-out of p.m. on New Year's Day. Call (302) 454-1500 for reservations.

#### **New Year's Day**

Bob Carpenter Center 631 S. College Avenue

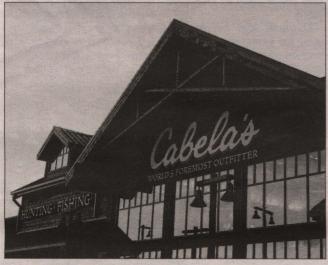
Celebrate the New Year with the Blue Hens as UD's men's basketball team faces off against the Liberty Flames. Before the game, join Radio Dis-

pagne toasts will be given free Dec. 30. Pacakges in- ney for music, games and prizes from 1:30 until tipoff at 3 p.m. There will also be a special performance during halftime. Fans can purchase tickets online or at the box office located at the Bob Carpenter Center starting at noon.

> White Clay Creek State Park

425 Wedewood Rd.

Start your New Year off with a First Day Hike at White Clay Creek State Park. The family hike, led by members of the Friends of White Clay Creek State Park, will start at 1 p.m. at the park's Nature Center. Those interested in attending should call the park off at 302-368-6900 to register.



The new Cabela's location near the Christiana Mall is scheduled to open in the spring and employee up to 250 people, according to the company.

# Cabela's to hire 250 for new Christiana Mall store

POST STAFF REPORT

Cabela's, one of the country's largest outfitters of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, will hire up to 250 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees at its new Delaware location, the company announced last week.

The 110,000-square-foot store, which will be Cabela's first in the state, will be located adjacent to Christiana Mall along Stanton Christiana Road near Interstate 95. Currently, the closest location is in Hamburg, Pa., nearly a two-hour drive from Newark.

Applications are being accepted now and must be submitted online. Anyone interested in applying should visit www. cabelas.jobs, click on "Apply Now," then "United States Jobs.

Interviews will take place Jan. 13 to 17 at the Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel located at 365 Airport Road in New Castle. Applying does not guarantee an interview, though the company also reported it expects most employees will come from the local region.

"Cabela's is thrilled to bring a retail location to Delaware," said Mike Adlesh, general manager of the new store. "We are looking for candidates equally excited to deliver Cabela's legendary customer service to the thousands of loyal Cabela's customers in the region."

The company said its typical staffers are experienced outdoor recreationalists, who join a company known for its passion for and knowledge of the outdoors as well as excellent customer service skills.

The store itself will be built in Cabela's next-generation

layout, designed to surround customers in an outdoor-like experience with museum-quality wildlife displays, the company reported. In addition to thousands of quality outdoor products, the store will include a "Gun Library, Bargain Cave, Fudge Shop and other unique features."

Cabela's currently operates 50 stores across the U.S. and Canada with plans to open an additional 19 over the next two years.



#### GET READY FOR THE WINTER OLYMPICS THIS YEAR!

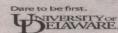
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# Bell choir rings in the holiday season

First State Ringers spread Christmas cheer

**By KARIE SIMMONS** 

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The soft, soothing sound of Christmas spirit.

bells rang through the Newark Free Library last week played a leg of their holiday

and as classics like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells" filled the air, it was hard not to get into the

concert series at the library Dec. 18, with Christmas songs like "Walking in a Winter Wonderland," "Let it Snow" and "Jingle Bell Rock" among others for an hour-long performance.

"Every performance, including tonight, it just gets better and better," conductor John Quinn said after the show.

Quinn was joined by 11 ringers who played a combination of different-sized English handbells and choir chimes throughout the evening using techniques such as martellato (striking the bell against the table), plucking, (lifting up the clapper while the bell lies on the table), and echoing (ringing the bell and then touching it briefly to the table).

Ringer Debbie Lindell said

that she and many of the other members grew up with the sound as part of their church's choir and have been ringing ever since. For her, the music is relaxing, which she likes after a long, busy day working a full-time job.

"It's very zen," Lindell said. "You can't think about any-thing else really when you're doing it."

The group started practicing in September for the concert series, which began at Newark's Reindeer Run on Dec. 7 and ended at the Bear Library in Bear on Saturday. The Ringers also performed at libraries across New Castle County this month and at Newark United Methodist Church on Main Street, where they practice once a week.

Ringer Tom Dilworth, who has been playing for 17 years, said he recently moved to Newark and sought to join the Newark-based musical troop. After making it through the

audition earlier this fall, he said he couldn't be happier about playing with the Ringers, especially around the holi-

days.
"The music is challenging, and we've got a good group of musicians," he said. "It's fun being part of a good team."

Like the rest of the choir, he donned a pair of white gloves, which he said keeps his fingerprints off the bells. Natural oils from skin could corrode the metallic finish on the bells and cause them to lose their pitch.

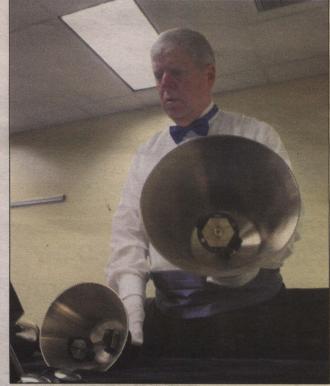
Dilworth said his favorite song the group played for the packed crowd at the Newark Free Library was "Glo-

ria Hodie" for its fast-paced rhythm.

"You really have to kind of pay attention," he said.
Holiday shows typically draw the largest crowds, but ringer Amanda Riffert said the group plays a lot more than just the Christmas classics. The members practice and perform year-round, covering popular music ranging from oldies to Lady Gaga.

Still, there's something about the holidays that makes the bells just sound that much sweeter, and Riffert said that's when the group truly shines.

"Christmas is kind of what we're best known for," she said. "And it's a great time."



Tom Dilworth rings along with the First State Ringers bell choir as they perform "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" at the Newark Free Library last Wednesday night.



The First State Ringers perform Christmas songs using handbells last Wednesday at the Newark Free Library as part of their holiday concert series.



# 'Red Kettle' volunteers help brighten Christmas season

Special to the Post

Tirelessly ringing his bell outside the Pathmark in College Square last week, Salvation Army volunteer Jerry Petersen wished a "Merry Christmas!" to each person who stopped to toss some coins into his bright red

"I think today we're so used to people passing by and they don't say 'hi' or anything," Petersen said. "I was sort of surprised when I would tell people 'Merry Christmas' that they didn't just walk on and ignore me, but they'd turn around and with just as much love in their hearts, they'd say, 'Merry Christmas to

Now in his fourth year of bell-ringing, Petersen is one of Delaware's 5,032 volunteers who collectively donated 7,369 hours during the last holiday season, according to Geri Brown, kettle coordinator for New Castle

The Salvation Army's National Red Kettle Campaign begins with a "Kettle Kickoff" event on Thanksgiving Day and runs through Christmas Eve, during which time bell-ringers worked at more than 30 locations throughout Delaware. Last year, the national campaign raised a record-breaking \$148.7 million.

Brown said the funds that come from bell-

ringing are important to the organization because they are not only used during the Christmas season, but throughout the entire



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROSE MCNEILL Local school teacher Jerry Petersen spends a couple hours bell-ringing outside of Pathmark

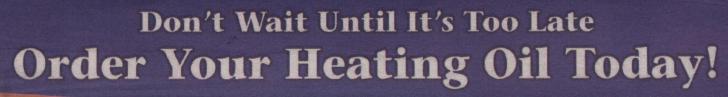
"Because of the way the Salvation Army is, we do financially hurt when our donations are down, but I've worked here 39 years and I've

never seen them turn away someone because were down \$20,000 or \$30,000," Brown said. The Salvation Army's "Christmas kettles" are a fundraising tradition that originated in San Francisco in 1891 when a local Salvation Army Captain first used a kettle to collect money for a Christmas dinner for the poor. Within a decade, they were being used from coast to coast.

Aside from the traditional kettle fundraiser, the Salvation Army also runs a Holiday Toy Shop to distribute gifts donated at its Angel Trees in Concord Mall and Christiana Mall and offers food vouchers for Christmas dinner to families in need.

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#### SAM

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cards and of course, plenty of hugs from the Downes faculty who flocked to him for pictures.

"This is his family," Prettyman said, smiling. "He keeps us going and we keep him going."

The people, he said, are why he has come to work everyday at the school for the past 23 years. And the kids, well they keep him young, he said.

When he's not cleaning the school and tidying up the classrooms, Singleton said he enjoys watching Westerns on TV, taking care of his home and mowing his lawn.

Before he was "Mr. Sam," Singleton grew up in West Virginia, where he worked in a coal mine for 16 years. He then moved to Elkton, Md., to build mobile homes before working briefly at Chrysler in Newark. The custodial work he does at Downes isn't all that differ-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMM

Sam Singleton (left) shares a laugh last week with Downes Elementary School staff and principal Trish Prettyman (right) during his suprise 90th birthday party. Singleton has worked as a custodian at the school for the past 23 years.

ent though, he said, because he's still using his hands.

"The hands-on work is what I've done over the years, so it's what I'm good at," Singleton said.

Custodian Tim Norris works closely with "Mr. Sam" and called him not just a hard worker, but a friend. When it comes to repairs, he said whatever he doesn't know how to fix, Sam does.

"He helps me out a lot," Norris said. "There's nothing he doesn't know how to do."

Former principal Charles
Haywood worked with Singleton for 16 years, and he and Prettyman exchanged countless stories of the school's beloved handyman.
Prettyman recalled one time when the school's vacuum was broken and staff came

He stuck a few of the tables together in they would "It's your they said."

"Oh all in responded."

in the next morning to find it working perfectly, all thanks to "Mr. Sam."

"What would we do without Mr. Sam?" she said.

"He truly is a man of all trades," Haywood added.

Although he reached a milestone of 90 years old, celebrating his official birthday on Sunday, Singleton said he had no plans to stop working anytime soon. If he was going to retire, he said, he would have done it already.

"I've enjoyed working here and I'll probably stay a while longer," he said.

Once the celebration had ended, the candles were blown out and the cake was eaten, Singleton's "oldworld work ethic" still shone through. Even after his own birthday party, "Mr. Sam" was still trying to help out.

He stuck around to help a few of the teachers push the tables and chairs back together in the library, but they wouldn't let him.

"It's your birthday Sam!" they said.

"Oh all right," Singleton responded.

# Out of the Attic

# West Park School Chorus Concert — December 18, 2013



This week's Out of the Attic item is a current photo of the West Park Place Elementary School Chorus singing its Winter Concert Dec. 18.

It is said that "Today is tomorrow's history." These 70 fourth and fifth grade voices, led by Choral Director Kevin L. Snyder, are reminiscent of thousands of similar groups this year, last year, last century, and many, many yesteryears ago.

The program included eight numbers chosen for their diversity in music styles and their diversity in themes to reflect the winter season. The selections were, "Like Diamonds in the Night," "Welcome in the Autumn," "Cranberries Forever," "O Come Little Children," "A Perfect Winter Day," "For the Winter," "Mister Frosty Winter," and "Light the Candles All Around the World."

The chorus rehearses as two separate grade level groups then comes together for the performance. In the picture the fourth graders are to the director's left and the fifth graders are to his right.

When one asks people what they remember about their school years, some will speak of a special teacher, some will mention experiences in class or lab, some will tell of special friendships, but most will speak of participation in groups such as music, drama, art, sports, school publications or social events.

Reader recollections about their school experiences are invited. Please respond via the e-mail or postal mail addresses below.

Learn more about Newark history. Visit the Newark History Museum located on South College Avenue beside the bridge. It is open by appointment only December through March. Individuals, families, groups, and organizations may call 302-368-9845 to arrange a visit. For more information go to the website www.NewarkDe-HistoricalSociety.org. or contact them by message phone at 302-224-2408, e-mail at newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com, or postal mail to P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715-0711.

# Out of the Past

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

1887 – Street lights were costing \$45 per month and the railroads were requested to provide safety gates at town crossings. Drainage ditches behind properties of Dr. E. W. Haines, James Wilson, and Newark Academy were repaired. Dr. L. Whistler, Robert Gregg, John Pilling, Theo Wolf, and W. Simpers were appointed as Board of Health.

Flagstones were ordered for crossings on Elkton Road and opposite Pusey Pemberton's shop. Three carloads of crushed stone from Avondale cost \$112.50. Councilman Gotlieb Fader was allowed an old street lamp to use at his new Delaware Avenue home.

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1888 – Rules of order for council meetings were drawn up. Letterhead and envelopes were ordered for the first time.

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A public water supply was the first order of business with over 40 residents signing a petition. All of council went to check out Middletown, Dover, Smyrna and Havre de Grace's water systems. A well-attended public meeting was held concerning types of public water system. Smyrna's system was judged to be best suited to Newark.

A special election was held as to whether Newark should build a water supply and sewage disposal system and give council the authority to borrow \$25,000 to build them. The vote was 963 for, 55 against.

See the original minutes at Pencader Heritage Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Rd (Rt. 72 south of Newark.) Regularly open first and third Saturdays, 10 – 4. Other times by appointment. Contact the website pencaderheritage.org or call 302-737-5792 for an appointment. Family friendly, handicapped accessible and always free.



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Daniel M. Blackman 12/20/13 np 12/27

MICHELE LEE SAMMANN

np 12/20,27,1/3

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Plan Notice of Public Hearing Scheduled for Monday, December 30th at 5:00 PM

The Newark Housing Authority's 2014 Annual Plan is 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 through Friday from Friday, November 8th - Monday, December 30th. All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review period. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 30th at 5:00 PM at the Newark Housing Authority. np 11/8,15,22,29,12/6,13,20,27

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF RALPH JEFFERY LEONARD BUTLER Petitioner(s)

TO
JEFFREY LEONARD BUTLER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RALPH JEFFERY LEONARD BUTLER 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 JEFFREY
LEONARD BUTLER.

RALPH JEFFERY LEONARD BUTLER Petitioner Dated: 12/3/2013 2433116

np 12/13.20.27

# CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 13, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 27-21(b)(2)(e) of the City of Newark Subdivision and Development Regulations, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider the request of Wooden Apple, LLC for the major subdivision of 1.21 acres located at 163, 171, 175, and 179 South Chapel Street and 52 Benny Street in order to construct a twelve unit apartment building with nine four-bedroom, one six-bedroom, and two seven-bedroom units and associated parking to be known as Pike Park.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION - RM (Multi-Family Dwellings - Garden Apartments).

Renee K. Bensley City Secretary 2435436

np 12/27

MICHELE LEE GOSSMAN

Dated: 12/11/2013

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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 MICHELE LEE GOSSMAN

MICHELE LEE SAMMANN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHELE
LEE GOSSMAN 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 MICHELE LEE SAMMANN.

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING NOTICE

January 14, 2013 - 5:00 PM The Newark Board of Elections will hold its

annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City of Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 366-7070.

Samuel W. Burns President

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE JANUARY QUARTER 2013/14 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

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 2013/14 tax year may be inspected in the Office of Property Assessment of the New Castle County, New Castle County Government Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective January 1, 2014. 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 at the address aforesaid and must be filed with the Office of Property Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2014. 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 between March 1, 2014 and June 31, 2014, unless the Board continues the hearings. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appeltinues the hearings. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 <u>Del. C.</u> Sec. 8311.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Gumba Enterprises, Inc. has on December 19, 2013 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner to increase the area utilized for entertainment by adding 2 pool tables to the currently licensed premise located at 1108 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713.

Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within1 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 January 19, 2014. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office. np 12/20,27,1/3 2435111

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 13, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Sections 402.2 and 902.3 of the City Charter and Section 32-79 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 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Establishing a Court Secu-rity Fee (Postponed from December 9, 2013 Meeting By Request of Council)

Bill 13-44 An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Development Plan By Changing the Designation of Property Located at 49 South Chapel Street

Bill 13-45 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware By Rezoning from BC (General Business to RA (Multi-Family Dwelling - High-Rise Apartments) 0.26 Acres Located at 49 South Chapel Street

Bill 13-46 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware By Rezoning from RD (Single Family Semidetached Residential) to RM (Multi-Family Dwellings - Garden Apartments) 0.08 Acres Located at 52 Benny Street

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Finance, Revenue, and Taxation, By Creating a Pass-Through Mechanism for Credit Card Processing Fees

Renee K. Bensley City Secretary

2435438

#### LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE E: DEADLY

Nathan Michael

WEAPON

I, Nathan Michael Anderson residing at 123 Forsythia Drive, 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 weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), property, or both.

Nathan Michae Anderson December 13, 2013 2435664 np 12/27

#### LEGAL NOTICE

# CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 13, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 27-21(b)(2)(e) of the City of Newark Subdivision and Development Regulations, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider the request of Continental Court, LLC for the major subdivision of 2.64 acres located at 49 and 65 South Chapel Street in order to construct six additional four-bedroom townhouse style apartments as part of the existing Continental Court Subdivision.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION - RA (Multi-Family Dwellings - High-Rise Apartments).

Renee K. Bensley City Secretary 2435431

#### CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Council of the City of Newark, at its regular meeting held December 9, 2013, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO.13-II -

Major Resubdivision and Site Plan Approval of 4.53 Acres Located Off of Paper Mill Road Bordering Dean Drive, and Margaret and Annabelle Streets in Order to Convert the Existing Pump House Building Into Four Two-Bedroom Apartments and to Construct Five Five-Bedroom and Five Six-Bedroom Townhouse Style Apartments to be Known as the Mill at White Clay

Renee K. Bensley City Secretary

np 12/27

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**Delaware Department of Transportation** Shailen Bhatt Secretary

#### Virtual and Public Workshops

Bridge 1-191 on Milltown Road over Mill Creek

Virtual Workshop: Monday, January 6, 2014

**Public Workshop:** Monday, January 13, 2014 4 - 7p.m. John Dickinson High School Cafeteria 1801 Milltown Road Wilmington, DE 19808

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) would like to invite the residents of Milltown Road, Old Milltown Road, The Village of Lindell, Montclair, and all other interested parties to view a Virtual Workshop and/or attend a Public Workshop to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of Bridge 1-191 on Milltown Road over Mill Creek.

The purpose of the Virtual Workshop is to present the details of the proposed rehabilitation of Bridge 1-191 and to solicit feedback from the public regarding the plans. The Virtual Workshop will be available online at: <a href="http://deldot.gov/information/projects/bridges/MilltownRdBridge\_BR1-191/vw/index.shtml">http://deldot.gov/information/projects/bridges/MilltownRdBridge\_BR1-191/vw/index.shtml</a> beginning Monday, January 6, 2014, and will be accessible for 30 days.

The Public Workshop will be held January 13, 2014, from 4-7 p.m. in the John Dickinson High School cafeteria. Interested persons are invited to express their views either in person, online, or in writing giving reasons for support of or in opposition to the proposed project. Comments will be received during the workshops or can be mailed to DelDOT Public Relations, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903.

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

For further information contact DelDOT Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080, write to the above address or visit: http://deldot.gov/information/projects/bridges/MilltownRdBridge\_BR1-191/vw/index.shtml.

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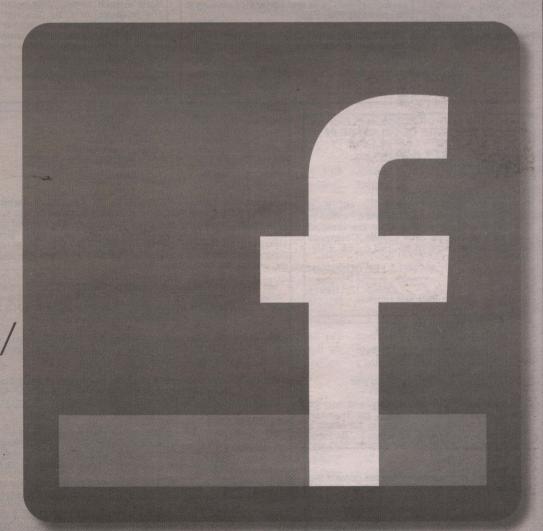
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### FOOD

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Mayor Polly Sierer, who also serves as president of the Newark Area Welfare Committee, said volunteers packed 381 boxes with 75 to 80 lbs of food. The food will go to homebound seniors, veterans and others in need.

Sierer said the food can last people one to two weeks, depending on family size, and will help some afford to prepare large holiday meals that added expense.

"They might not have the food to get through the holidays and if we them, then we should went down the line.
and we are," she said,
as she took a break from said, adding that she
lading the boxes last and her family have par-

Although the Holiday Food Box Project has been going on for decades, Sierer said this year churned out record numbers and a great response from the community. Food drives from 17 schools and organiza-

ber in the project's history, helped collect some of the donations.

Schmidt Baking Company gave the organization a discount on bread, and Acme in Suburban Plaza discounted some of their items. Food was also provided by Val's Needy Family Fund.
Last week, Newark

families got hands-on to help tackle the task of collecting, sorting and

distributing.
Becky Mercer and her daughter Annabeth, 10, placed cans of soup down into hundreds of would otherwise be an cardboard boxes laid out on the floor of the First Presbyterian Church's Memorial Hall last Friday. Mercer handed the

> years. "In a season when there's so much give me give me, it's nice to just give back."

> Morgan Smith, 11, was right by Annabeth's side while the two filled the boxes together.

of her effort.

"You get to see the food go down and you're also forward to helping with." in a way helping," she Mark Nagle, supply said. "Because of this, chain director at Astrapeople can have a full Christmas meal and that makes me feel good."

Ronnie Williamson of said she was pleasantly surprised to see so many young children like Annabeth and Morgan helping with the Food Box Project over the week-

"It's nice that they realize the holidays just aren't a time for gifts for 'me' and there are people in need," she said.

Morgan's mother, Jen Smith, said it's hard to find volunteer opportunities that young kids can be a part of, but sorting and filling the boxes was something fun and easy for the whole family.

She and her children, and Mitchell, 9, bagged fresh potatoes last Friday after helping distribute pasta sauce and other canned goods.

tions, the highest numing fun, Morgan said she food is going to people ber in the project's histo-understands the impact who really need it," Jen said. "It's become a tradition that the kids look

> Mark Nagle, supply chain director at Astra-Zeneca in Newark, came to volunteer with his coworkers and to support what he said is a great Val's Needy Family Fund cause and event for the

city.
"It helps the local community where we're working and it gives you that feel good at the end of the year," Nagle said.

On Saturday, families picked up the boxes and a frozen turkey, while children were handed toys donated by Five Be-

Sierer said although this year's Food Box Project had some firsts and set some records. the committee has plans to keep the drive growing. She hopes next year will be even bigger to help more of Newark's Maddie, 15, Marshall, 13 families who are in need especially around the holidays.

"They're Sierer bors," "They're right here and oxes together.

"It's an easy, practical they need our assisAlthough she was hav- way to know that this tance."



**NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SH** 

Yongzhe Wen helps hand out turkeys on Saturday as part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Holiday Food Box Project

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