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UP FRONT

Always bet on blue and gold

By MARTY VALANIA

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My money is on the University of Delaware.

Speculation has been running rampant for months on who might land on the Chrysler property after the plant shuts down – now it can become a little more serious as Chrysler has actually put its 244-acre property on South College Avenue up for sale.

There are over 1,100 jobs on that site now and we can only hope that whatever comes of it down the road will produce at least that many good paying jobs – if not more.



Valania

What happens to the Chrysler site is a major issue for the long-term future of Newark.

Chrysler has served Newark well for decades. We need something that will do the same for decades into the future.

Thankfully, I believe there a lot of good people working to make sure that this happens. A team, including Mayor Vance Funk, interim City Manager Roy Lopata and City Councilman Paul Pomeroy, has been formed to figure out the best uses for the site. There will be many ideas and I, for one, have confidence that what is best for Newark will happen in the long run.

All that being said, it's hard for me to imagine that the University of Delaware won't be a significant part of what takes shape.

Its location is perfect. It's right across the street from the existing south campus and would be a natural expansion.

University President

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SPIRIT OF THE GAMES

Special Olympics Delaware 2008 Summer Games

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NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY NICK KADICK

City wants to direct future of Chrysler plant

244-acre site up for sale

By SCOTT GOSS

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City officials say they will use every tool available to ensure that the future owners of the Chrysler assembly plant on South College Avenue develops the 244-acre property into a sustainable economic engine.

"The future of that property could have a profound effect on the economy of the city, the county and the state for decades to come," City Councilman Paul Pomeroy said. "But the ultimate fate of the site rest on the process that takes place right here in Newark."

Chrysler LLC publicly announced last week that it intends to sell the

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Christina marketing meals

Summer Lunch Crew looking for children to feed

BY MARY E. PETZAK

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Christina School District's Child Nutrition Services (CNS) is using the power of advertising to inform the community of its summer meal program, the Summer Lunch Crew.

Advertising displays are on buses that run through New Castle County and an informational Web site, www.summer-lunchcrew.org is available.

Public service announcements on the radio and a community-centered distribution operation also are planned as the opening of the Summer Lunch Crew approaches.

The goal of the marketing effort is to build awareness and increase participation among school-aged children who are at risk of missing healthy meals while school is not in session.

This year, summer food programs around the country are reaching out to a growing number of families that are struggling with recent run-ups in the cost of food and other basics.

According to a story recently published

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Other Incidents

Three teenage boys used cutting tools to steal two bicycles, worth a combined value of \$900, from a bike rack in the **3200 block of Scholar Drive** shortly after 2 a.m. on June 6. Both bicycles were found by police a short time later.

An unknown suspect reportedly broke into the construction site of a luxury apartments and condominiums in the **100 block of East Main Street** and made off with 6,000 feet of copper wire, collectively weighing approximately 800 lbs. and valued at \$2,400, sometime between 6 p.m. on June 6 and 7 a.m. on June 9.

An unknown suspect reportedly burglarized a home in the **unit block of South Wynwyd Drive** and stole a \$1,000 computer, a \$150 digital camera, and a \$100 GPS unit sometime between 11 a.m. on June 7 and 2 p.m. on June 9.

Police reported that they confiscated a counterfeit \$20 bill that a 25-year-old Newark man had attempted to use to purchase phone card from a gas station in the **1000 block of South College Avenue** shortly before 8 p.m. on June 11.

The manager of a grocery store in the **College Square Shopping Center** reported receiving a threatening e-mail from an employee on June 13. Police said an investigation is ongoing.

The manager of a grocery store in **Suburban Shopping Center** reported that an unknown man and woman stole a cooler and food worth an estimated \$25 before fleeing the area in a red 1995 Chevrolet pick-up truck with a Maryland license plate shortly before 10 p.m. on June 13. An investigation is ongoing, police said.

An unknown suspect wrote graffiti on a front-end loader at a construction site in the **1000 block of Elkton Road** and caused \$500 in damage to the same piece of equipment sometime between 5 p.m. on June 13 and 7 a.m. on June 14.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Joshua Godfrey, a 21-year-old Bear resident, accused of choking a 20-year-old Wilmington man and punching a 21-year-old Newark woman at a home in the **unit block of Annabelle Street** on June 14.

An unknown suspect reportedly entered a home in the **unit block of East Cleveland Avenue** before being chased away by a resident shortly after 6 a.m. on June 14.

An unknown suspect reportedly broke into a home in the **700 block of Brook Drive** and ate the homeowner's hot dog buns before making off with about \$50 in loose change sometime

POLICE BLOTTER

Teen's alphabet soup leads to alcohol charges

A 19-year-old daycare worker from Maryland is facing numerous alcohol-related criminal charges after miserably failing a field sobriety test shortly after midnight on June 14.

According to police reports, a patrol officer pulled Kayla Hatcher of Chesapeake City, Md. over on Margaret Street after he saw her botch a turn from North Chapel Street.

The officer allegedly found an open container of malt liquor, an open container of beer and an unopened six-pack in Hatcher's Mazda 626.

But, Hatcher might have sealed her fate when she was asked to her recite the alphabet from E to P. Instead of running through the requested 12 letters, Hatcher reportedly recited the alphabet in its entirety.

The officer reportedly

switched tactics and asked the young lady to count backwards from 69 to 54 to which she recited the letters from E to K.

Twice.

Hatcher was later was charged with underage consumption of alcohol, underage possession of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with an open container of alcohol, failure to maintain her lane and failure to signal.

between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on June 14.

An unknown suspect reportedly broke into a home in the **unit block of Anita Drive** by kicking in a basement window sometime between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on June 14. No items were reported missing, police said.

An employee of a retail store in the **200 block of Elkton Road** told police that a man stole \$137.54 worth of powdered infant formula shortly before 4 p.m. on June 15.

An employee of a retail store in the **College Square Shopping Center** reported that a man and a woman with a baby stole sodas and children's toys worth a combined value of \$75 at approximately 8:30 p.m. on June 15.

Police said an investigation is ongoing.

Vehicles Targeted

An unknown suspect reportedly stole a pewter-colored 2007 Chevy Malibu valued at \$16,500 from the lot of an automobile dealership in the **400 block of East Cleveland Avenue** sometime between 8 a.m. on June 1 and 11 a.m. on June 11.

An unknown suspect reportedly slashed the soft-top roof of a black 1998 Mercedes Benz SL560 as it was parked in the **unit block of Francis Court** sometime between 8 a.m. on June 7 and 8 a.m. on June 9. The damage was estimated at \$900.

An unknown suspect report-

edly stole a blue 2005 Nissan Murano valued at \$19,000 from the lot of an automobile dealership in the **200 block of East Cleveland Avenue** on June 8.

Charles M. Hilts, a 21-year-old resident of the **1100 block of Blair Court**, was charged on one count of criminal mischief and two counts of third degree criminal trespass after allegedly slashing the tires of a Toyota Rav 4 as it was parked in the **unit block of Wilson Street** at approximately 10 p.m. on June 8. Hilts was released on \$100 unsecured bail, police said.

An unknown suspect reportedly stole car keys and house keys from a 2004 Jeep Wrangler with no doors and no top, as well as a \$100 radio face plate from an unlocked 1998 Honda Civic while both vehicles were parked in the **200 block of Johnce Road** sometime between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. on June 12.

An unknown suspect reportedly stole a 21-year-old Wilmington man's royal blue 2007 Suzuki GSXR 750 motorcycle from a parking lot behind a bookstore in the **unit block of East Main Street** sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. on June 13.

An unknown suspect reportedly left an 8-inch scratch on the rear right side of a Chevy S10 pick-up truck as it was parked on **Hawthorne Avenue** sometime between 5 p.m. on June 12 and 5:30 a.m. on June 13.

Alcohol & Noise Violations

Alexander B. Sherry, 22, unit block of White Clay Drive, noise violation, 12:12 a.m. on June 12.

Dominic J. Renzi, 27, 8000 block of Rodin Court, open container, 12:25 a.m. on June 14.

Shane M. Baker, 19, 700 block of Birchwood Drive, underage alcohol consumption, 12:25 a.m. on June 14.

Eric Hartman, 20, 700 block of Wollaston Avenue, noise violation, 12:23 a.m. on June 14.

Ryan A. Berland, 20, 700 block of Wollaston Avenue, noise violation, 12:23 a.m. on June 14.

Joshua S. Fisher, 20, 700 block of Wollaston Avenue, noise violation, 12:23 a.m. on June 14.

Zachary E. Kalish, 20, 700 block of Wollaston Avenue, noise violation, 12:23 a.m. on June 14.



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2008, COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2007 TO DATE	2008 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2007 TO DATE	2008 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
PART I OFFENSES						
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	2	0	0	1	1	0
Rape	4	5	0	4	1	0
Unlawful sexual contact	4	6	0	1	4	0
Robbery	19	15	0	36	31	0
Aggravated assault	29	20	2	30	27	0
Burglary	81	53	4	182	26	5
Theft	408	417	24	209	138	8
Auto theft	46	47	3	5	8	0
Arson	1	4	0	0	3	2
All other	32	45	1	96	94	1
TOTAL PART I	626	612	34	565	333	16
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	203	170	8	181	128	2
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	20	19	0
Criminal mischief	261	231	7	111	65	0
Weapons	6	12	0	39	43	0
Other sex offenses	11	5	0	5	13	0
Alcohol	182	145	1	367	375	0
Drugs	66	80	1	202	166	3
Noise/disorderly premise	286	347	7	156	151	2
Disorderly conduct	482	464	16	109	176	3
Trespass	67	62	0	53	42	0
All other	267	251	7	127	132	0
TOTAL PART II	1831	1767	47	1370	1310	10
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	691	565	26	0	0	0
Animal control	268	226	13	2	5	0
Recovered property	109	108	5	0	0	0
Service	3706	3887	219	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	469	352	22	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	5243	5138	285	2	5	0
THIS WEEK 2007 2007 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2008 2008 TO DATE						
TOTAL CALLS	427	11669	528	11342		

DuPont donates 10 acres to City of Newark

Land to remain forever wild

By SCOTT GOSS

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The DuPont Company made a \$510,000 donation to Newark this month by signing over a 10-acre parcel of land that completes a network of city owned trails on the Christiana Creek.

The property, located between Elkton and Barksdale roads, was part of the DuPont's Stine-Haskell Research Center for decades.

Largely unused and inaccessible, most the land is in the Christiana Creek floodplain and therefore unusable for development.

The property, however, does back up to roughly 30 acres of open space recently donated to the town by the developers of adult community on Casho Mill Road.

DuPont spokesman Tim Ireland said it made sense to deed the 10-acre property to the city so Newark would wholly own the network of hiking trails that run through both parcels and connect to the 190-mile Mason-Dixon Trail.

"We didn't have much use for it, but we knew the city would," he said.

Interim City Manager Roy H. Lopata said the donation ensures that the property will remain "forever wild."

"The city has worked aggressively to seek stream valley land over the years," he said. "It's a fragile, important part of our ecosystem and part of our natural heritage."

City Councilman Ezra Temko said the donation is another example of the company's reputation as a good neighbor.

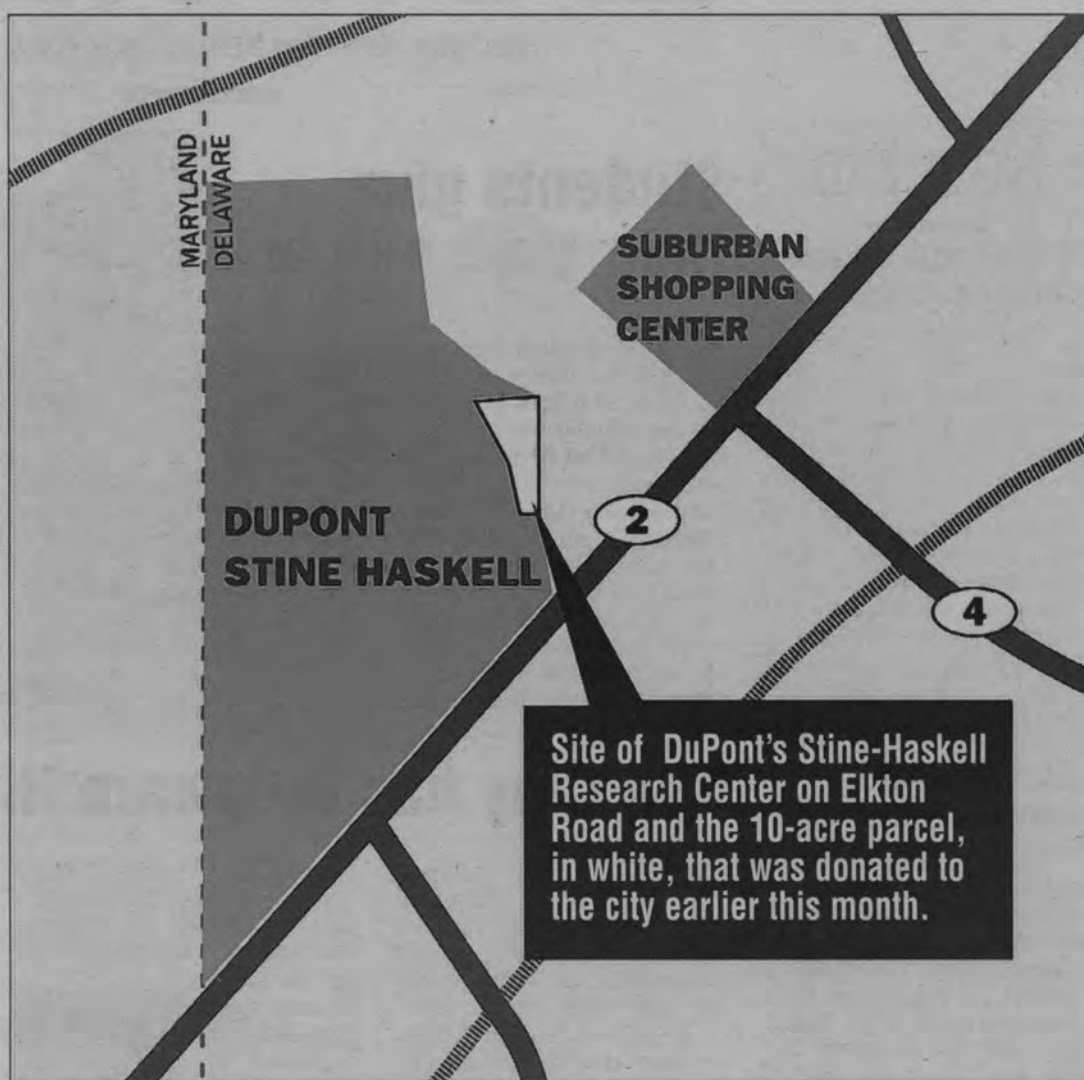
"Newark prides itself on its open space and I think it's terrific that DuPont has taken this step to contribute to that as a corporate citizen," he said.

City Councilman Douglas Tuttle, whose district includes the DuPont Stine-Haskell Research Center, also thanked the company.

"As the councilman from District 3, I would just like to thank you for making my district bigger by a couple of acres," he joked.

James C. Collins, vice president and general manager of DuPont's crop protection division, said the donation was in keeping with the scientific trails blazed by the laboratory.

"We're delighted that the people of Newark are now free to blaze scenic and historic trails just across our fence line," he said.



False alarm ordinance proposed

By SCOTT GOSS

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Newark businesses and homeowners could be forced to upgrade their automatic alarm systems if City Council approves a proposed false alarm ordinance slated for a final vote on June 23.

"The city has a large number of false alarm calls that can take our officers away from their other duties for a good 20 minutes or so," said Newark Police Cpl. John Potts, who authored the proposed ordinance. "Most of them are caused by employee error or a simple malfunction."

In addition to draining police resources, false alarms can also put an officer in danger, Potts said.

"When you respond to the same false alarm call time after time, you start to assume it's the same old story," he said. "Over time, an officer can begin to let their guard down and that's when they are most in danger of being surprised."

If approved, the new law would establish a \$10 a year registration fee for all automatic alarms systems, plus another \$10 a year fee if the system includes a panic or robbery alarm.

As a part of registering their systems, alarm owners also would be required to submit pertinent information about their system and the company that monitors the alarm.

According to the proposed ordinance, alarm owners would be permitted four false alarms in a 12-month period, after which they would be fined \$100 for the fifth false alarm, \$150 for the sixth and \$200 for every false alarm thereafter.

After the seventh false alarm, the police department would be authorized to suspend the owner's registration, thereby making it illegal to re-arm the system without permission from the city.

Alarm owners also would be required to pay to have a licensed company inspect their system after the first two false alarms in a 12-month period.

The proposal defines a false alarm as any automated request for police services when there is no emergency or criminal activity requiring an immediate response.

Exceptions would be made for alarms sounded by an individual who believes they are in danger, as a result of weather, an action by a telephone company, or a power outage lasting four hours or more.

The proposal also would limit audible alarms to a 10-minute duration. If an alarm sounds for more than an hour, the police department would be authorized to disconnect the alarm system and charge a \$100 service fee.

All fines and registration suspensions issued under the proposed law could be appealed to the city alderman.

Potts said the ordinance is modeled after state law.

"From our standpoint, the city's current alarm statute has been cumbersome to enforce," he said. "Our intent is to streamline the enforcement, as well as our administration of the law."



CARPAL TUNNEL?

NEWARK - A newly released free report reveals a leading cause of wrist pain, numbness or weakness may not be caused by problems in the wrists and is overlooked by most doctors when they diagnose and treat carpal tunnel symptoms. If you are currently seeing a doctor for wrist pain, numbness, or weakness, a free report is now available to you that will reveal what your doctor may not know or be telling you. To order your copy of this FREE report, call the toll-free, 24 hour recorded message at 1-888-781-9590.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

BSD to vote on new feeder patterns

The Brandywine school board is expecting to vote on new feeder patterns at its June 23 meeting, at 7 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Elementary School. The board set the criteria of having an economic balance in the schools by requiring that the ratio of students eligible for free- and reduced-lunches range between 20 and 50 percent and keeping students in schools as close to home as possible.

Christina board meeting canceled

The Christina District school board meeting to present preliminary budget information scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, at Douglass School in Wilmington has been canceled. The budget will be presented at the board's regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Brader Elementary School in Glasgow.

DCAD offers pre-college courses



The Delaware College of Art and Design is offering pre-college art classes this summer. Pre-College Portfolio Development will meet July 8 to July 24. Students will be given personalized direction in the building of a portfolio and receive recommendations on development of additional portfolio-quality works of art.

A pre-college Art Studio will be offered in a day program July 28 to Aug. 1, and in a residential program from July 27 to Aug. 1. This program for high school students combines intensive drawing classes, concentrated electives, open studio times and portfolio reviews. For more information, call 302.622.8867 x.110.

Students give their time and art

Newark High School art students and Key Club members painted a mural in the gym at the Exceptional Care for Children Center on West Chestnut Hill Road in Newark. Students who painted were Jessica Davis, Tanya Horn, Allie Hussein, Haiyeon Lee, Xiao Li, Alanna Manns, Emily Miao, Alexa Muldowney, Tingting Nie, Nataly Orrostieta, Tori Poole, Cong Ren, Sharon Song, Josh Turner, and Marissa Yarnall. NHS Key Club advisor Penny Carmack, art teacher Karen Yarnall and Stephanie Ulbrich, director of development at Exception Care for Children, assisted with the project.



Red Clay has Delaware History Teacher of the Year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America named Robert Lingenfelter, an American history and social studies teacher at Skyline Middle School, Delaware History Teacher of the Year.

Lingenfelter has been teaching for 13 years, all of them at Skyline in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

"This award gives us the chance to recognize great history teachers across the country," said Lesley Herrmann, executive director of the institute. "It puts exceptional educators front and center."

Lingenfelter, a Middletown resident, will receive a \$1,000 award and will now be in the running for the National History Teacher of the Year Award to be selected this fall. Skyline Middle School's library also will receive a core archive of history books and materials from the Institute.

"My [teaching] philosophy is

creating an environment where my students can relive America's past, understand her journey, and learn that this great country is theirs to keep, too," Lingenfelter explained in his application. "They must take a stand for what they believe in, defend that position, and make their contributions to help those less fortunate."

He added, "My students are my energy, my future, my heroes."

Preston Shockley, education associate for Delaware's Department of Education and state coordinator for the History Teacher of the Year program, said Lingenfelter was selected due to his high quality teaching practices.

"Bob's students participate in simulations and hands-on per-

formance tasks that help them envision the impact they can have on the world," Schockley said. "Individual student needs are met through the use of pre-assessment, differentiated instructional strategies, student choice, and post-assessment data analysis."

Now in its fifth year, the History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote and celebrate the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States. It honors one exceptional K-12 teacher of American history from each state and US territory. This year, only middle and high school teachers were eligible for nomination.

The selection of the state winner is based upon several criteria, including: at least three years of classroom experience in teaching American history; a deep career commitment to teaching American history, which includes local and state history; evidence of creativity and imagination in the class-

room that address literacy and content beyond state standards; close attention to primary documents, artifacts, historic sites, and other primary materials of history, including oral history; and evidence of thoughtful assessment of student achievement.

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History serves teachers, students, scholars, and the general public. It helps create history-centered schools, organizes seminars and programs for educators, produces print and electronic publications and traveling exhibitions, sponsors lectures by eminent historians, and administers a History Teacher of the Year Award in every state through its partnership with Preserve America.

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages greater shared knowledge about the nation's past and increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets.



Lingenfelter

Christina bus driver takes top honors



Christina District school bus driver Bea Eggers was the top rated driver among 37 drivers from school districts and bus companies across the state in a Safety Competition held in May.

The Delaware Department of Education's Annual Safety Competition held at Smyrna High School is designed to recognize excellence in school bus drivers while demonstrating the skills and knowledge needed in this demanding job.

Held annually for more than 30 years, the competition includes a written test, a pre-trip bus inspection requiring drivers to detect up to six missing or incorrect items,

and a driving course in which competitors were judged on various maneuvers including parallel parking, right turns and backing up.

Awards are given in two categories, one for school districts and one for private companies.

A bus driver for nine years, Eggers also finished first in this competition in 2005 and 2006, and came in second in 2007. Eggers left the district this month to relocate to Milford. According to district public information officer Wendy Lapham, "Miss Bea" will be missed by all her students and district staff.

Students present \$15,000 to youth programs

Youth Philanthropy Board members spend nine months in effort

The 2007-08 Youth Philanthropy Board (YPB) for New Castle County, composed of 23 students from county public, independent and diocesan high schools, presented a total of \$15,000 in grants to 10 non-profit organizations in New Castle County that provide out-of-school programs for children in grades 3-12.

YPB Board members began studying youth issues in their neighborhoods and schools, and learning about community service and grantmaking in September 2007. Special consideration was given to innovative programs that provide tutoring and mentoring.

"Our board members amaze me with their perceptions and insight as they go through the grant making process," noted Fred Sears, president and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation that directs the YPB.

This year's grants included:

Bernice's Educational School Age Center, \$2,000

The grant will be used to purchase sewing machines and computers to encourage young men and women from low-income families to use sewing and clothing design as a creative outlet.

Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, \$1,000

The grant provides students with weekly after school meetings with academic and career mentors, 10 hours of



The 2007-08 New Castle County Youth Philanthropy Board and advisor included: (L to R standing) John Poehlmann, St. Elizabeth's High School; Caitlin Lally, New Castle Christian Academy; Christopher Scott, Middletown High School; Daniel Kowal, Salesianum School; Monica Wilson, Tower Hill School; Elizabeth Scarinci, St. Andrew's School; Fred Sears, president & CEO, Delaware Community Fund; Terrence Potter, Howard High School of Technology; Christopher Pitts, A.I. duPont High School; Elan Varella, Layton Preparatory School; Je-Kevis Barnes, Hodgson Vo-Tech High School; Khayla Deans, William Penn High School; Mayra Vazquez, Tatnall School; William Rogers, Delaware Military Academy; (L to R seated) Ariel Majidi, Sanford School; Rachel Cox, Cab Calloway School of the Arts; Anna Hopkins, Charter School of Wilmington; Natalie Picciano, Padua Academy; Meaghen Murphy, Archmere Academy; Emily Bryant, Brandywine High School; and Rebecca Spiegel, Mt. Pleasant High School.

choral training, piano lessons, and leadership and meditation training.

Claymont Community Center, \$2,000

The grant will be used for a summer literacy camp called Share the World, a six-week program for non-English speaking children with fun activities that will expand their reading skills.

Delaware Technical & Community College, \$1,500

The grant will purchase materials and supplies for the Youth Tutoring Program serving nearly 1,000 at-risk New Castle County students ages 13 to 18 with one-on-one professional tutoring in math, English, science, and social studies.

Duffy's Hope Inc., \$2,000

The grant will support a 10-week basketball league for more than 100 New Castle County boys ages 14 to 18. Staff members monitor and track each participant's school attendance and report card performance to "qualify" for inclusion in the summer program.

Latin American Community Center, \$1,400

The grant will expand the existing after-school tutoring program for K-6 students to include grade 7-12 students.

Market Street Youth Center, \$1,200

The grant will purchase a multimedia educational/entertainment system for a new yearlong program offering

recreational and educational after-school options for at-risk youth.

O.A. Herring Community Services Inc., \$2,000

The grant will support the non-profits' eight-week Summer Youth Camp open to at-risk youth ages 8 to 15 in northeast Wilmington.

Pro Swing Sports Academy Inc., \$600

The grant will provide equipment for the non-profits' after-school program and weekend tournaments for low-income children in the Middletown area.

YWCA Delaware, \$1,300

The grant will provide funding to expand the existing YWCA's

girls programs to include mentoring for local middle and high school girls in 8-12 week sessions in goal setting, positive body image, friendship and diversity.

YPB is funded by the Youth Philanthropy Fund started in 1999 by the late Phyllis McMullen Wynn. A \$12,500 grant from Fox & Roach Charities, the charitable arm of Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors, boosted New Castle County's YPB board members ability to make \$15,000 in grant awards this year.

The Delaware Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that "connects people who care with causes that matter" by managing charitable funds and awarding grants to non-profits to benefit Delawareans. For information, visit www.delcf.org.

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POST COLUMNIST

The feel of Hawaii available in Delaware

By **LINDA HARKINS**

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

Aloha! I recently returned from visiting my daughters, both of whom live in Hawaii.

Each time my visits end and I return to Delaware, I feel a sense of sadness. Not only have I left behind two of the five most precious gifts and blessings God has given me, my children, but I also have left behind a land, culture, language and people that I so very much love and feel are truly a part of my heart and soul.

So it was with joy that I recently discovered there's a little piece of Hawaii that exists right here in our area.

Hawaii in Delaware? Ok, granted, we don't have the majestic mountains and volcanoes with deep, tranquil valleys nestled next to them. Nor do we have the crystal clear ocean and blue lagoons that are so healing to both the body and soul. And no, we don't see flower leis, aloha shirts, hula dancers in grass skirts or Hawaiian hunks in loincloths (although if you spot one of these, call me—immediately!).

What we do have is access to a little bit of the true, old Hawaii in the form of traditional Hawaiian healing called Lomilomi.

Massage is one of the oldest, most powerful and non-invasive forms of healing known to man. Hawaiian Lomilomi is a form of massage, but it goes beyond typical massage in that there is a spiritual component to it, and it is practiced with Aloha (in this case meaning love).

Hawaiian healing traditions teach that thoughts contain mana (energy), and that

negative thoughts, suppressed emotions, and mental or spiritual disharmony can manifest as physical diseases, blockages or discomforts in the body.

Lomilomi practitioners are trained to use their fingers as "eyes," enabling them to find blockages of which the client may not even be aware. They're taught how to help disperse or relieve congested and blocked areas, using their fingers, knuckles, palms and forearms in continuous, flowing, rhythmic movements.

The practitioner is also taught to focus on good intentions and allow love to flow from the heart, through the hands and into the client's body and soul. Some traditional practitioners also softly chant or sing prayerful intent while giving Lomilomi.

According to Videll Long, owner of Massages By Videll at 657 Churchmans Road in Newark, "Lomilomi encompasses a massage but is not limited to it. It's a rhythmic form of healing, a form of releasing and letting go. It attempts to bring body, mind and spirit into balance, allowing the body to begin to heal itself."

She states that with Lomilomi, "nothing is carved in stone, it's customized to each individual client's needs," meaning that the hand movements and techniques used by the practitioner will vary and can include stretching, pulling, kneading, massaging, squeezing or simply just holding certain areas of the client's body.

Lomilomi is reportedly effective in breaking up calcium deposits/lactic acid build-up, relieving muscle spasms, stimulating lymph nodes to release waste, restoring vitality, reducing stress and helping to release negative thought patterns.

levels beyond the reach of the world's hungry and the relief agencies that support them. Creation of beef pastures is the key cause of worldwide deforestation, including the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. A beef-based diet requires more than 20 times as much land and water as a plant-based diet with equivalent amounts of calories and protein.

Nutritionally, beef offers protein, iron, and some B vitamins, but no fiber, carbohydrates, nor most vitamins and minerals. On the other hand, it is replete with saturated fat, cholesterol, pesticides, and pathogens, including occasionally, the prions of "Mad Cow" disease.

We should have 100,000 demonstrators marching on Washington to protest taxpayer subsidies to the U.S. beef industry. In the meantime, each one of us can demonstrate our own outrage with beef production on our next trip to the supermarket by selecting from the rich variety of soy-and-plant-based meat alternatives in the frozen foods and produce sections.

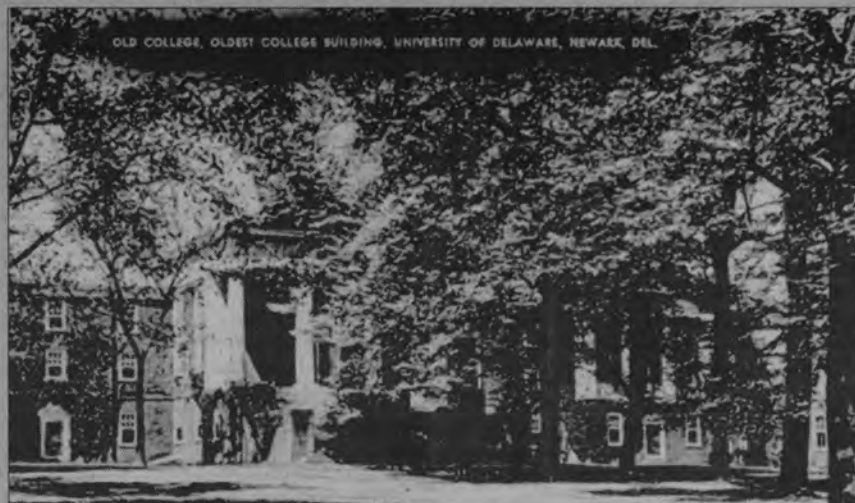


To: The Editor
From Nick Droddsen

Earlier this week, more than a 100,000 South Koreans demonstrated against newly-elected president Lee Myung-bak, as his entire cabinet offered to resign. At the root of this massive protest was not a declaration of war against North Korea, a boycott of the Chinese Summer Olympics, or even escalating oil prices. It was a treaty allowing U.S. beef imports.

Beef production accounts for more greenhouse gas emissions than automobiles. Its insatiable demand for feed grains has raised world food prices to

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's Out of the Attic features a postcard of Old College, the Oldest College Building at the University of Delaware in Newark, published around 1918. The postcard is part of the University of Delaware Library Postcard Collection, which contains more than 2,000 postcards of Delaware and nearby areas. The cards date mainly from the very end of the 19th century to the mid 20th. The collection can be viewed online at www.lib.udel.edu. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in these space. Special care will be taken. For more information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

June 22, 1933 Summer School to open Monday at the University

With some uncertainty as to the number who will attend, the annual Summer School at the University of Delaware will open on Monday. What makes the prospective enrollment uncertain is the fact that the State Board of Education has ruled that no reimbursement will be made to teachers for any expenses incurred in attending the summer school. For some years the public school teachers attending the school were reimbursed to the amount of one round trip from their home and for six weeks board. Last year the enrollment was about 400.

June 21, 1978 Deed limits spur annexation

New deed restric-

tion on a 13-acre parcel of land at Elkton and Casho Mill Roads should make its annexation into Newark more likely, according to Roy Lopata, Newark Planning Director.

Silco Realty, which is planning to renovate an old, stone house into a restaurant and build about 50 townhouses and a supermarket on the site, agreed to the restrictions after Newark's Planning Commission rejected the initial proposal in May.

Paramedic study expected to focus on Newark

Now that the county's paramedic service has been temporarily saved from extinction, attention is being focused on a study that's expected to recommend a plan to expand the service county-wide.

The more sophisticated paramedic program, credited for saving many victims of heart attacks and other life-threatening ailments, now is available only on county ambulance runs in Wilmington, lower New Castle County and the Minquadales area.

June 19, 1998

Carr leaves NHS

Michael Carr, assistant principal at Newark High School and the founder and former principal of Christina District's Option Program, has

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"Pages From The Past" is compiled from early editions of the Newark Post and its forerunners by staffers. Efforts are made to retain original headlines and style.

Markell brings new book to Newark

By JOSH SHANNON

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Gubernatorial candidate and State Treasurer Jack Markell returned to his hometown of Newark on June 12 to mark the release of his book, "Blueprint for a Better Delaware."

As part of his statewide book tour, Markell met with a small group of University of Delaware students at Lieberman's Bookstore on East Main Street.

The 83-page book, available for free on Markell's Web site www.markell.org, details the candidate's proposals, including initiatives for job growth, healthcare reform, improved education and energy conservation.

Markell, who will face Lt.

Gov. John Carney in the Sept. 9 Democratic primary, said he took the unusual step of releasing his platform in the form of a book because he wants to get away from short campaign slogans.

"Campaigns are supposed to be about ideas," he said. "I want people to have a real sense for where I want to take the state."

Markell fielded questions from the students about education and the environment during his visit.

He said the Delaware Student Testing Program should be revised because schools do not receive their results until after the school year is over. He said he advocates for replacing the DSTP with a program that would allow teachers to measure a student's progress throughout the year.

He also said he supports increasing state funding for pre-Kindergarten, expanding the SEED scholarship program and using state money to match research funds raised privately by the University of Delaware and Delaware State University.

Markell said he supports using wind power in Delaware and said the state needs to focus more on energy conservation.

"We need to move aggressively in that direction," he said.

According to the book, Markell, if elected, would ensure all Delawareans have health insurance. His plan would require those who can afford it to purchase minimum coverage and would use state funds to subsidize coverage for the poor.

The plan could cost up to \$111 million, but much of that amount is already spent by hospitals to take care of the uninsured and is passed on in the form of higher premiums, he said.

Markell also proposed a 50-cent increase in the cigarette tax to help fund the initiative.

The candidate for governor acknowledged the state's current budget crunch and said the state legislature needs to find creative ways to save money, such as helping school districts consolidate their purchases to



State Treasurer and Democratic candidate for governor Jack Markell poses with campaign volunteers Katie Soja (left) and Beth Berger while promoting his new book at Lieberman's Bookstore on East Main Street.

receive better wholesale rates.

He said he opposes a proposal in the Delaware General Assembly to decrease municipalities' share of the real estate transfer tax. Newark officials have warned that decreasing the city's \$2.9 million share of the tax could result in a major increase in city property taxes.

As Newark faces the loss of the Chrysler plant, Markell said as governor, he would "fight like heck to keep those jobs," but beyond that, would focus on improving Delaware's business environment to attract other businesses to the site.

University of Delaware senior Mike Grubiak, 21, said he came to the event to show his support for Markell.

"I support Jack because he's the right guy for change in Delaware," Grubiak said.

A political science major from New York, Grubiak said he has volunteered for Markell's campaign.

Markell told the students they would have an important role in this election.

"You guys have a huge stake," he said. "I'm counting on people like you to spread the message."

Carr to Lake Forest

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been named principal of Lake Forest High School in Felton.

Carr has been at Newark High since 1990, where in addition to supervising a number of academic departments, he was responsible for student activities, special events, the staff newsletter, and student services.

Newark Nite on again

Better late than never will be true tomorrow night when the city hosts the rain-delayed Newark Nite on Main Street from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

City coordinator Jennifer Jones said except for a few vendors, every entertainer and organization will be on hand as originally planned. "We're keeping our fingers crossed on the weather," said Jones. "If its canceled again, we do not reschedule."

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OUTLOOK

Fowl Friends

By ANNA STOOPS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Who knew the joy seven, baby chicks could bring to the face of a 3-½ year old?

Recently, my husband and I adopted the seven newly hatched chicks. You see, they were in need of a home, and I was at the right place at the right time and couldn't say no!

I brought them home and now I can't keep my son away from them.

There is something about animals that is magnetic, but they also provide a wonderful opportunity for a valuable life-learning experience. And, not only that, it can lead to a true passion.

I was fortunate enough to grow up on a farm in Smyrna, where we had a menagerie of animals, poultry included. At various points in my childhood, we had multiple breeds of chickens, from exotic to domestic. We also had ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, quail, and chukars at one time or another. My love of animals and poultry led me to the University of Delaware and ultimately to the position of Agricultural Extension Agent and educator for New Castle County Cooperative Extension.

Fowl can be raised for a variety of uses from pets, show birds, meat, eggs or feather production; even insect control. Niche markets for pasture-raised or free-range poultry are growing with the demand for healthier food supplies and more conscientious consumers; and more people are looking for ways to supplement their income or reduce their food bill with rising fuel and food costs.

With Delaware being the largest poultry producing state in the country, we

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Newark Profile: New city alderman a familiar face

By SCOTT GOSS

POSTNEWS@CHESPUB.COM

Working in Newark has been Lisa Hatfield's goal since high school.

The 38-year-old Newark High alum says she just never imagined that people here would one day be calling her "Your Honor."

"I wasn't even planning to go to law school," said Hatfield, who will complete her first year as the city alderman this month.

As alderman, Hatfield is a non-elected, municipal-level judge, who presides over all city traffic cases, code violations and other misdemeanor offenses punishable by up to a year in jail or a fine of \$500.

Although it's technically a part-time job, Hatfield has overseen some 14,000 cases since being appointed by Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and affirmed by the state senate last summer.

"I haven't given out too many years in jail, although I have put more than few people on supervised probation," Hatfield said last week.

Although she previously worked as prosecutor for the State's Attorney's Office in Cecil County, Md., Hatfield said she considers herself to be a fair-handed judge.

As an example, Hatfield said she is currently working to establish the town's first real community service program.

"In the past, community service had not been something this office has required

with regularity," she said. "Right now, we're looking to establish relationships with organizations that can reliably report back and tell us whether the sentencing has been followed."

Hatfield said she believes a community service program would provide her with sentencing option that could better incorporate the concept of restitution.

"Generally, the people who come before me are not criminals," she said. "About half of them are college students with no prior record, who have made a poor decision, usually involving alcohol."

Hatfield said she would like the community to view

the alderman's court as a help and a convenience rather than something menacing.

"Without it, you'd have to go all the way to Wilmington for every speeding ticket you got here in Newark," she said. "And here, there's a good chance you know who's going to be handling your case."

When Hatfield is not presiding in alderman's court, she's usually busy raising her two daughters or handling bankruptcy and foreclosure cases for a private law firm on East Main Street.

Yet she said she still manages to find time to participate in the occasional half-marathon.

"I usually run the Caesar

Rodney half-marathon in Wilmington every year," she said. "Right now, I'm trying to get ready for races in Virginia Beach and Philadelphia that are coming up soon."

Although she's licensed to practice law in four states, Hatfield said there is nowhere she'd rather be than here in her hometown.

"I first became interested in law and social work after watching my mother struggle to get services for my brother, who had Down syndrome," she said. "My girls never got to meet their uncle, but they still get to connect with him by us being here in the same town where he grew up. That really means a great deal to me."



City Alderman Lisa Hatfield, a graduate of Newark High School, will celebrate her first year in office this month.

Author offers summer migrations

By PATRICIA E. LANG

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Author C. Delia Scarpitti read from her new novel and discussed how motherhood, family and creativity intersect at the Newark Arts Alliance earlier this month.

"As a writer, I strive to create that which will give rise to inquiry and self-exploration in my audience," said Scarpitti, winner of the Delaware Division of the Arts 2008 Emerging Artist Fellowship for excellence in fiction for her novel "Migration Summer."

Scarpitti's reading on June 1 was a celebration of the book,

which the author said is almost finished after years of work.

About two dozen people came out to her Scarpitti read, including members of two writing groups Luna Poets from Hockessin, and a fiction critique group organized by former DDOA winner and Newark resident Bob Davis.

Bouquets of flowers were given to Scarpitti and people listened attentively to "Migration Summer," a story of a family of four who become torn apart by their secrets and silences.



Scarpitti

During one particular summer – of migration – the truth comes out and shatters the individual mental walls that that family members built up to protect their feelings.

A resident of Newark and a native of Delaware, Scarpitti is the mother of three children.

She said she considers her novel, and her other writings, the ghostly fourth child she is raising.

"I've watched my creative self develop as my children have grown up," she said.

At the Newark Art Alliance, Scarpitti talked about how her three children believe in her and act as a built-in support system.

Caring for her children and caring about her writing forced her to develop a creative discipline, she said.

"They sped up my evolution as a writer," she explained. "They deepened my perspective."

When asked what advice she would give to other writers, Scarpitti said she would encourage them to keep a daily notebook to keep track of all the ideas that come to mind during the day.

For information about Scarpitti's work, please visit www.cdeliascarpitti.com, www.newarkartsalliance.org or www.artsdel.org.

Fallen soldiers from Newark among those honored in Smyrna



Flocco



Harmon



McGinnis



McGowan



Moudy



Murphy



Roberts



Snowberger

By SCOTT GOSS

POSTNEWS@CHES PUB.COM

Eight Newark-area service men killed in the line of duty since 2001 are among the 30 fallen soldiers being remembered with

a memorial currently on display at the Smyrna rest area.

Banners commemorating the 30 soldiers were hung from light posts at the rest area earlier this month and will soon be touring the state as part of an ongoing partnership between DelDOT and the

Gold Star families.

Tom Dawes, president of the Vietnam Veterans' of America Delaware chapter, and Judy Campbell, the sister of a soldier killed in Vietnam, began the Gold Star Families organization earlier this year to help keep alive the memories of

local men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The name of the organization refers to the pins given to the immediate family of fallen service men and women, and the group has since expanded to include the families of soldiers killed in Vietnam, Beirut and other conflicts.

In April, the organization convinced the state to offer a \$10 Gold Star Family license plate that is now being offered by DelDOT's Division of Motor Vehicles.

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and P.J. Wilkins, the toll operations administrator for DelDOT, then joined the group for the banner tour's launch in Smyrna on June 11.

During the ceremony, Dawes read from letters written by the soldiers' mothers, including Newark resident Thelma Moudy, whose son, Army Sgt. James Moudy, was killed in Iraq in December 2005, just hours after chatting with his family online.

"I did not choose to be a Gold Star mother, but I will be eternally grateful that our son's sacrifice for freedom earned me the right to be one," Dawes read from Moudy's letter. "We feel it will remind all who view the banners of the cost of the freedoms that we enjoy."

The 30 men and women

commemorated on the banners in Smyrna include only those soldiers whose families have joined the Gold Star Families organization are do not include all state residents killed in the line of active military duty.

The Newark-area soldiers whose names and faces adorn the banners include:

- Matthew M. Flocco, a 21-year-old Navy aerographer from Newark killed at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001

- Darren P. Harmon Sr., a 47-year-old Army sergeant from Newark who died in Iraq in 2006

- Brian D. McGinnis, a 23-year-old Marine sergeant from St. Georges killed in Iraq in 2003

- Stephen M. McGowan, a 26-year-old Army corporal from Newark, killed in Iraq in 2005

- James S. Moudy, a 37-year-old Army sergeant from Newark killed in Iraq in 2005

- Edward J. Murphy, a 36-year-old Army major from Newark killed in Afghanistan in 2005

- Anthony P. Roberts, an 18-year-old lance corporal in the Marines from Bear killed in Iraq in 2004

- Stephen P. Snowberger III, an 18-year-old Army private from Bear killed in Iraq in 2006.

Fowl friends

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have a wealth of information available to us on poultry production.

The cooperative extension

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is developing a Small Flock Poultry series geared at the niche markets and providing educational workshops for those looking to venture into poultry production on a small scale. Topics will include incubation and brooding, feeding, housing, types of operations, various breeds, health and care, and much more. The first workshop will be offered on Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Newark.

The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension also offers the 4-H Embryology Program for children through 4-H and local schools. Participating schools are provided the incubator, eggs, brooder, heat lamp and necessary information to successfully complete the program and witness the miracle of hatching chicks! A curriculum is provid-

ed to help teachers with various activities and experiments, all geared toward providing fun, hands-on educational opportunities for the children.

Whether you can raise a large flock of poultry or just a few, want to start a business or have some pets, it's worth the time and memories.

For now, I'm going home to Stella, Harriet, Birdy, Whitey, Georgie, Musket, and Stuart.

To be added to the New Castle County Cooperative Extension mailing list, to register for the poultry seminar, for more information on raising poultry, or answers to any of your agricultural-related questions, call 302-831-2506 or visit www.ag.udel.edu/extension/.

For information on the 4-H Embryology Program, contact Jordan Ashby at 302-831-8965.

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DANCE PARTY 9:30 p.m. Awesome 80's. No cover charge. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

WELCOME SUMMER DANCE PARTY 8 p.m. - Midnight. Sponsored by Professional and Business Singles Network. \$17. Dance instruction extra. DuPont Country Club, Wilmington. Info, 888-348-5544.

CHINESE FESTIVAL 5 - 9 p.m. Also, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Chinese Opera, Palace Fashion Show,

Chinese Instruments, Food & more. \$5 parking, free admission. Chinese American Community, Valley & Little Baltimore Roads, Hockessin. Info, www.ChineseFestival.org.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 3 - 11 p.m. Also Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. \$15/Friday, \$25/Saturday. Marvel Carriage Museum Grounds, Georgetown. Info, 875-2595.

GARDEN PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. Golden Dragon Acrobats from China. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

LIVE MUSIC 9:30 p.m. Featuring "3 Legged Fox." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE Performers TBA. Benefits Delaware Humane Association. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

ART TO GO 12 - 2 p.m. Newark Arts Alliance presents Art in the Park. George Wilson Center, Newark. Info, 266-7266.

LEARNING TRAIL 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Previous winning gardens in the City Gardens Contest will be open to the public. Delaware Center for Horticulture, 1810 N. Dupont St., Wilmington. Info, 658-6262.

ENCHANTED SUMMER EVENT 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Featuring summer dances by the Anna Marie Dance Studio, Maypole dancing by the Tatnall School Dancers and more. Included with admission. Winterthur's Enchanted Woods at Winterthur Museum, Wilmington.

WINTERTHUR CELEBRATES ENCHANTED SUMMER DAY



Winterthur Museum & Country Estate is set for a gala celebration of the summer solstice on Saturday, June 21, as the museum hosts its Enchanted Summer Day event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dancing, games, crafts, and more are all part of the family fun that will take place in Winterthur's Enchanted Woods, a three-acre children's garden on the estate. Enchanted Summer Day activities are included with all tickets. For more information call the museum at 1-800-348-3883.

Info, 800-348-3883.

BOATING COURSE 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Delaware Safety Council offers approved Boating Safety Course. \$30. DE Safety Council Training Facility, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info, 654-7786.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

BASKET BINGO 1 p.m. Sponsored by Friends for Responsible Pet

Care. \$20. Aetna Fire Hall, Newark. Info, 750-6228.

CONCERT 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. NUMC Youth in Concert, presenting "Celebrate Life!" Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774.

SUNDAY EXPLORERS 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Explore the animals at the zoo. Crafts and live animal presentations, for ages 18 months to 6 years. \$8. Brandywine Zoo, Wilmington. Info, 571-7788.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

HALF PRICE PIZZA Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

HALF PRICE BURGERS Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

HALF PRICE NACHOS & QUESADILLAS Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring "Mad Sweet Pangs & Guest." Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

PUBLIC MEETING 7 p.m. Paul Pomeroy and Mark Kleinschmidt, President of the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce, hosts a meeting on making Newark's economy a top priority for businesses and leaders. Courtyard Marriot, Route 896, Newark. RSVP Bob Chadwick at chadwickb@ncccc.com.

CAREGIVER TRAINING PROGRAM 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Basic program. Intermediate program on Thursday, June 26. Sponsored by the Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 225-1040.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS 7 p.m. Professional photographer, Jeff Kontur, will be teaching basic photography. Free. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info, 731-7550.

WALK IN THE PARK 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the County Parks and visit with your New Castle County elected officials as you walk. Iron Hill Park, with Council President Paul Clark, and Councilwoman Stephanie

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info, 738-1530.

MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. First and Third Saturday. Dedicated to the history of Pencader Hundred and the Cooch's Bridge battlefield. Free. Pencader Heritage Museum, Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. Info, 737-5792.

DECORATIVE PAINTERS GROUP 9:30 a.m. Third Saturday. All painting levels welcome. Yearly dues. Claymont Community Center, 504 S. Clayton St., Wilmington. Info, 239-9884.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

DEPRESSION SUPPORT 7:15 p.m. New Directions Delaware sponsors "The Brain Chemistry of Depression and Antidepressants for Dummies." Free. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2313 Concord Pike, Fairfax. Info, 286-1161.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Timothy's, 100 Creek View Rd, Newark. Info, 453-8853.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-2318

ENGLISH CLASSES 1 and 7 p.m. Mondays. English Conversational Classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774, or esl-nume@hotmail.com.

TAI CHI 3 - 4 p.m. Monday (Advanced); or Wednesday, 4 - 5 p.m. (Beg/Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

TAI CHI 10 - 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

AEROBICS 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Through Aug. 6. \$60. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 366-7060.

JAZZERCISE LITE 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fridays. Low Impact, modified version for Seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

JAZZERCISE 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Rd., Newark. Info, 366-7060, or www.newarkjazz.net.

PILATES 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays, 9 - 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Thursdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

MEETINGS

Info, 737-7239.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

HEALTHY HIKE 8 a.m. Tuesdays. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7 - 8 a.m. Tuesdays. Join Rep. John Kowalko for coffee and conversation. Friendly's Restaurant, 1115 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 577-8342.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info, 376-8934.

DIAMOND STATE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Women's acapella singing group. Curious and enthusiastic singers welcome. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 731-5981.

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sions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-4696.

BELLY DANCING 6 - 8 p.m. First and Fourth Tuesday. \$10/session. Cecil County Arts Council, 135 E. Main St., Elkton, Md. Info, 410-392-5740.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info, 577-8476.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

EVENING YOGA 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 366-7060.

TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info, 737-2300.

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info, 737-5040.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Current

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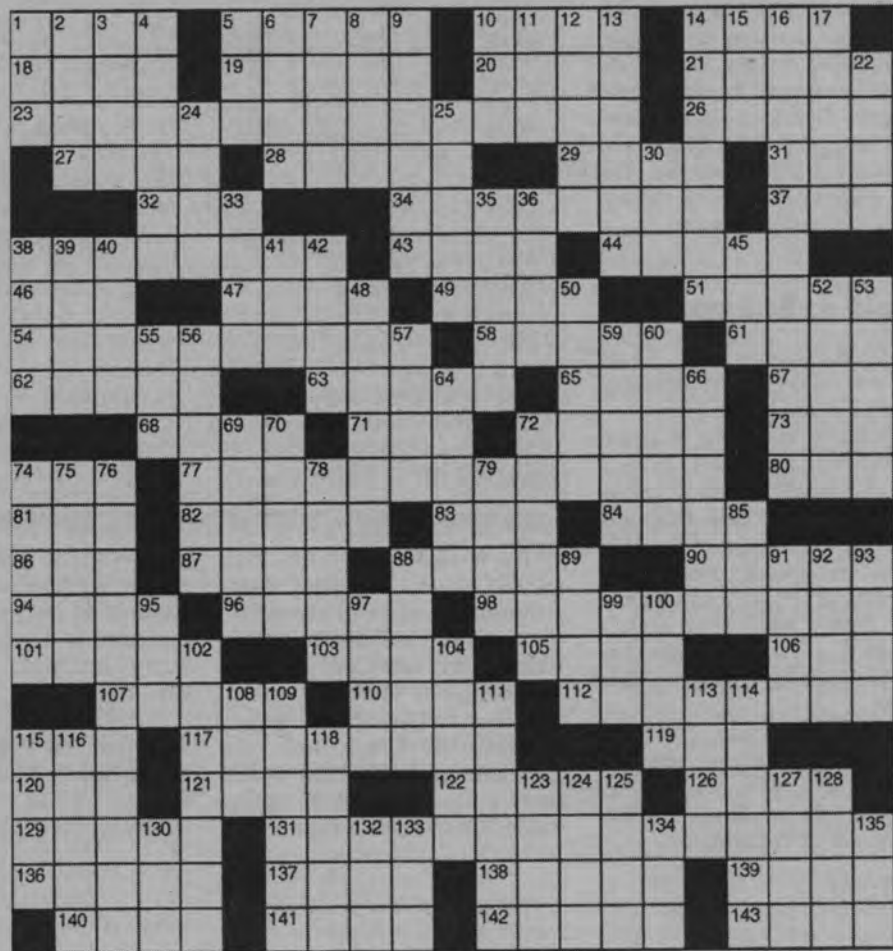
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12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn"
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93 Lamebrain
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events and religious discussions led by Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.
ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info, 654-6833.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

YOGA 6:30 - 8 p.m. Thursdays. Mixed level, Iyengar style. Min. 3 months experience required. Drop ins welcome. Awareness Center, 280 E. Main St., Suite 109, Newark. \$15/class. Info, 792-7230.

YOGA 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Free, pre-registration is required. For people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

TAI CHI 4:15 p.m. Thursdays. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle County, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m. Thursdays. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Thursdays. Support group sponsored by

Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. Thursdays. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info, 738-9943.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:20 - 10 p.m. Thursdays. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-4644.

DSI THUMBS UP 1 p.m. Second & fourth Thursday. Support group sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 633-9313.

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Union Hospital, Main Floor, Room 2, 106 Bow St., Elkton, Md. Info, 443-553-5358.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 2 - 4 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info, 737-7080.

COLONIAL STATE KNITTERS 7 p.m. Fourth Thursday. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 838-0446.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP 3:30 p.m. Fourth Thursday. For Spouses. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

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McClellan. Info, 395-8360.
GYMNASTICS CLASSES Through Aug. 20. Newark Parks and Recreation Department sponsors gymnastics classes for ages 18 months and up. Class schedules and fees vary. All classes held at First State Gymnastics, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

HORSEBACK RIDING 10 a.m. Sunset Stables and Newark Parks and Recreation sponsors horseback riding for ages 3 to 99. Call for specific times for your age group. \$36. Sunset Stables, Howell School Rd., Bear. Info, 366-7060.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

MUG NIGHT Featuring "Liquid A." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

SUMMER CONCERT 7 p.m. Featuring rock music with "Sister Serious." Academy Lawn, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. An evening of music with E. Shawn Quassaunee's Afghan Jazz Project. Free Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info, 731-7550.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6 - 8 p.m. Party with the animals. Featuring WSTW radio celebrities, music, games and crafts. Brandywine Zoo, 1001 N. Park

Dr., Wilmington. Info, 571-7747.

HIKE FOR HEALTH 6:30 p.m.

Moderate pace covering three to four miles. Meet at Park Office Parking Lot. White Clay Creek Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

GOVERNMENTAL FORUM 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Delaware Housing Coalition. Free, RSVP. Theatre N, 11th and Tatnall Streets, Wilmington. Info, 678-2286, ext. 2.

BACKSTAGE TOURS Noon and 12:45 p.m. Tour backstage at The Grand, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info, 658-7897.

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David J. Brannon Sr.

David J. Brannon Sr., 84, of Newark, died on Wednesday, June 11 at his home.

Brannon was born in Penns Grove, N.J., on June 4, 1924, a son of the late Harry Brannon and Veronica O'Neil Brannon. A respected veteran of the U.S. Navy, he proudly served his country at Pearl Harbor and was highly skilled as both a gunner's mate and a member of the Underwater Demolition Team.

In civilian life, he was employed for many years as a machinist with the former Electric Hose and Rubber Company in Wilmington.

Arthur H. Amick III

Arthur H. Amick III, 83, of Newark, died on Wednesday, June 11 at Millcroft Healthcare Center.

Amick was born on July 16, 1924, in Cumberland, Md., the son of the late Arthur Hammond Amick Jr. and Dorothy Streett Amick. He worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Sylvania Electric,

making picture tubes for the first American-made TVs. He then joined the textile fibers department of DuPont and moved to Wilmington in 1953. He continued to work both for the international and finance departments until his retirement in 1984, during which time he lived in both Buenos Aires, Argentina and in Germany.

Upon retirement from DuPont he worked part time for H & R Block. He volun-

teered for the Chapel Street Players, Friends of the Newark Library, the English Language Institute and AFS, and was chairman of the Newark Parking Authority.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dee Amick of Newark; two sons, state Senator Steven H. Amick and his wife, Louise, of Newark and Peter J. Amick and his wife, Anne, of Petaluma, Calif.; a daughter, Rebecca A. Henn and her husband,

Andrew, of Carmel, Ind.; and five grandchildren, Paul Amick, Brian and Emily Henn, Grey Jeremy and Sam Amick.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 14, at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home in Newark.

Contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation c/o the funeral home at 122 W. Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Winifred Bain Brannon; three children, Patricia M. Carl and husband, Charles, of New Castle, David J. Brannon Jr. and wife, Lynn, of Milton and Joyce W. Brannon of Havre de Grace, Md.; six grandchildren, Charles, Brian and wife, Karen, Jennifer, Kelly, Charles and Katie; and

three great-granddaughters, Charli, Kaitlyn and Cassidy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Brannon, and a sister, Elva Beeson.

Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 20, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle. A com-

mittal service will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear.

Peggy Louise Davison

Peggy Louise Davison, 81, of Newark, died on Friday, June 13 at the Heartland Hospice House in Wilmington.

Davison was born in Lewistown, Pa., on Jan. 18,

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Arthur H. Amick III
Peggy Davison
David J. Brannon Sr.
Jack N. Flickinger
Clara Myers Hall
Joan C. Lees
James L. Lindell

1927, to the late Lewis and Helen (Hannan) Schmidt.

She had been a receptionist and waitress for the former Colony Inn, also known as the Lynnhaven Inn, for many years. Davison was a member of the Newark Senior Center.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, William Arthur Davison Sr.; sons, William A. Davison Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Newark and Daniel L. Davison of Wilmington; grandsons, Steven Davison of Va., Brian J. Davison and his wife, Jaime, of Santa Clarita, Calif. and Kevin W. Davison of Eugene, Ore.; great-granddaughter, Emma Davison of Wilmington. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Steve J. Davison.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 18, at Gracelawn Memorial Park Chapel, 2220 N. DuPont

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Parkway, New Castle. Burial was private.

Donations may be made to the Heartland Hospice House, 5661 Ochletree Lane, Wilmington, DE 19808.

Jack N. Flickinger

Jack N. Flickinger, 70, of Newark, died on Tuesday, June 10. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 17, at Beeson Funeral Home, 2053 Pulaski Highway, Fox Run. Interment was at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

Clara Myers Hall

Clara Myers Hall, 97, formerly of Newark, died on Thursday, June 5 at Hillside Center in Wilmington.

Born in Philadelphia, on Dec. 2, 1910, Hall was the daughter of the late Myers F. and Clara T. Hall. She was employed with the former Continental Diamond Fibre Company for 12 years. Hall later accepted a position with the DuPont Company as a supervisor in the stenographic division, where she retired in 1975 after 33 years of service.

She was a longtime member of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew in Wilmington.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, June 15, at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, 719 Shipley St., Wilmington. Interment was private.

Contributions may be made to Altar Guild of Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, 719 Shipley St., Wilmington, DE 19801.

Joan C. Lees

Joan C. Lees, 82, of Newark, died on Sunday, June 8 at her residence.

Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, on Aug. 5, 1925,

Lees was the daughter of the late John and Cathrine Julian. She was a bookkeeper for the former Storm's Shoe Store in Newark for several years.

Her husband, Robert Lees, passed away in 1991. Lees is survived by her children, Susanne P. Hoidal of Chesapeake, Va. and John R. Lees of Chesapeake City, Md.; and grandchildren, Kyle and Natalie Hoidal and Zachary and Zoe Lees.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 13, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, in Newark. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to Meals On Wheels, 100 W. 10th St., Suite 207, Wilmington, DE 19801.

James L. Lindell

James L. Lindell, 89, of Newark, died on Sunday, June 8 at Manor Care Pike Creek in Wilmington.

Born on Aug. 1, 1918, he was a son of the late Levi B. and Bertha M. (Sartin) Lindell. Lindell was a co-owner of the former Dayett Mill in Newark.

Lindell's wife, Virginia Kathern (Jordan) Lindell, passed away in 2005. He is survived by his sisters, Charlotte A. Lindell, Mary Jane Hammond and her husband, Glenn, all of Middletown; and nephews, Richard, Mark, Gary and Gregg. In addition to his wife and parents, Lindell was preceded in death by his brother, Ernest Lindell.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, June 12, at Bethel Cemetery in Chesapeake City, Md.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1501 Casho Mill Road, Suite 1, Newark, DE 19711, or the American Cancer Society, 92 Read's Way, Suite 205, New Castle, DE 19720.

New Jersey visitors to get red carpet treatment from Newark

City hopes to capitalize on base realignment

By SCOTT GOSS

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More than 500 residents of the Garden State are expected to descend on Newark on June 28 and some could be moving in next door.

The visitors are a part of a series of bus tours being sponsored by the federal government to help ease the transition for people who will relocate as a result of the U.S. Army's reassignment of certain operations from Fort Monmouth in New Jersey to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

As many as 40,000 military personnel, civilian scientists and contractors are expected to eventually settle in the

eight Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania counties that surround the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Maureen Feeney-Roser, the city's interim director of planning and development, said she hopes to make Newark among the most desirable locations for those who wouldn't mind making the 24-mile commute.

"Attracting new residents to the city is beneficial for everyone," she said. "If we can get the businesses to locate here it means more tax revenue and if we can get the people to move here, it could help stimulate the local housing market."

To help welcome the prospective homebuyers and business owners, the city and its business community are planning a large-scale promotional campaign.

Feeney-Roser said local hotels and motels are offering rooms to visitors from New Jersey at discounted rates. Businesses are planning to display welcome

sings, while the city plans to tie balloons to all of its East Main Street parking meters and offer visitor packets stuffed with a guide to Newark, coupons to local stores and passes for two hours of free parking.

"I think we show very well," Feeney said. "The taxes are a little higher here, you get things like trash, snow, leaf and grass removal, cheap electricity, great customer service and an accredited police department."

The tour buses are expected to arrive from New Jersey at about 10:30 a.m. on June 28.

The visitors will begin their day with a welcoming ceremony at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall building, followed by a free lunch and tours of local neighborhoods and housing developments.

"We really want to put our best foot forward, and hopefully convince them to come back to at least go shopping or out to eat in Newark," Feeney-Roser said.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS RESULTS

Special Olympics Delaware's 38th annual Summer Games was held in Newark last weekend.

More than 700 athletes competed in the games, with support from 200 coaches and 1,200 volunteers.

The following is a list of Newark residents who earned medals in this year's competitions:

Jonathan Stoklosa, Thunderbears
Gold - bench press (350lbs)
Gold - dead lift (355lbs)
Gold - combined (705lbs).

George Rice and Mark Temple, Thunderbears
Gold - Bocce Doubles (div. 1)

Terry Hagan and Donald Weidner, Thunderbears
Gold - Bocce Doubles (div. 2)

Kent Lawrence and James Cartmell, Thunderbears
Gold - Bocce Doubles (div. 3)

Ashley Beaumont, Angelin Bufano, Olivia Cusack & Kristen LaBella, Newark Lightning
Gold - Aquatic relays 4 x 25 (div. 1)

Amanda Andreavich, Ikea Glover, Michelle Harris & Betty Anne Mason, Newark Lightning
Gold - Aquatic relays 4 x 12 (div. 103)

David Hill, Thunderbears
Gold - Tennis Singles

Donnie Krum and Judy Young, Thunderbears
Gold - Tennis Doubles

Tim Young and Barbara Simon, Thunderbears
Gold - Tennis Doubles



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Handling's been special to UD for 35 years

By TOM TOMASHEK

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Keith Handling is a University of Delaware graduate who has served as a teacher and athletic trainer for the last 35 years and a sideline fixture for 437 consecutive Blue Hen football games.

Nothing else need be said regarding his value to UD athletics, but there is a lot more that can be said of Delaware's soft-spoken athletic train-

ing room guru who last week received the Ted Quedenfeld Award presented to him by the Philadelphia Sports Medicine Congress, acknowledging his outstanding service in athletic training.

For Handling, 60, the award was just the latest in a distinguished resume highlighted not only by honors but prestigious positions in state and regional organizations. He is a past president of the Delaware Athletic Trainers Association and in 1985 traveled to Austria

with the Delaware Collegiate All-Star basketball team. In 1998, he was selected to present a series of sports medicine lectures at the Beijing University of Physical Education and Wuhan Institute of Physical Education in the People's Republic of China.



Handling

"I've been fortunate to be around long enough to compile a few things," Handling said, "and I've had the opportunity to work with a lot of great people such as [former UD head trainer] Roy Rylander, Dave Nelson, who hired me and coaches such as Tubby Raymond, Bob Hannah, Scotty Duncan."

In addition to his athletic department duties, Handling is a UD instructor who in 1992 was named the outstanding faculty member in the university's

department of health and exercises sciences. The trainers who have benefited as his students and apprentices are legion, a couple including his younger son, Tom, and Ashley Brunner, daughter of former UD football All-American quarterback Scott Brunner.

His older son, Matt, is a graduate of UD's pre-med scholars program and presently completing a fellowship at Northeast Baptist Hospital

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Gannon likes Flocco's chances

By TOM TOMASHEK

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Rich Gannon, a former University of Delaware quarterback with an outstanding National Football League past believes Joe Flacco, the most recent Blue Hen quarterback, has a promising NFL future.

Gannon discussed Flacco's situation just before teeing off in last week's Rich Gannon Golf Classic, a Blue Hen football fundraiser held at White Clay Creek Country Club in Stanton.

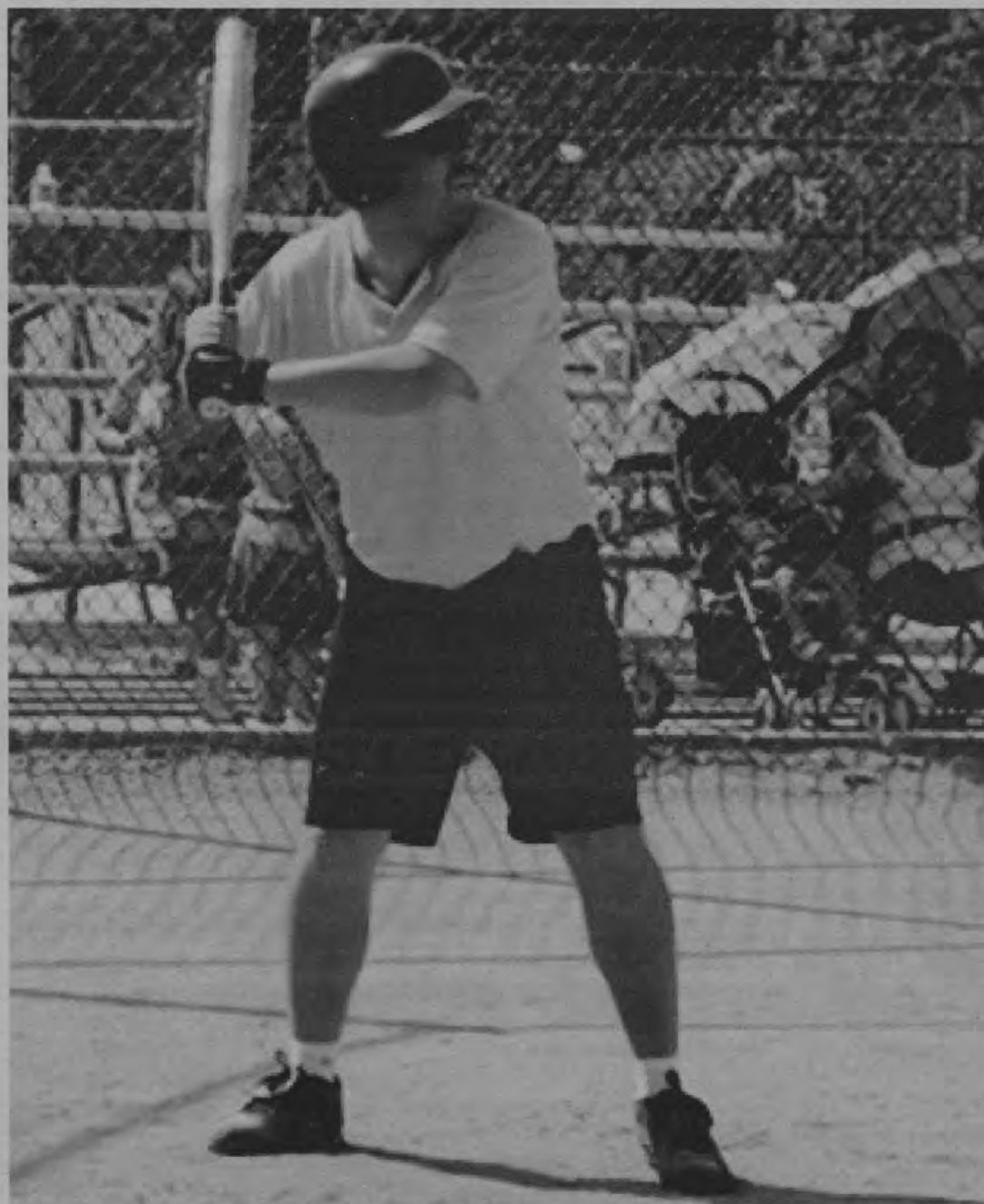
"He's well on his way," Gannon said of Flacco, drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the first round of the recent NFL draft. "He's got some great people around him. [First-year Ravens coach] John Harbaugh is a great guy, Cam Cameron is not only an excellent offensive coordinator, he's a good guy who's as good as they get at teaching young players, and Joe is joining a veteran organization with a great defense and some outstanding offensive players."

"If he gets a chance to play and just manages the game well enough where they win 10 or 11 games . . . I'd have died to have been in that situation. I wasn't in that situation very often."

Steve McNair has retired

See **GANNON, 15** ▶

THUNDERBEARS WIN GOLD



Steve Dagg of the Thunderbears gets ready to take a swing in the softball competition of the Special Olympics Delaware 2008 Summer Games, sponsored by Dupont, held over the weekend. The Thunderbears won the gold medal in games played at the Delcastle Recreation Complex.

All-Star football game Saturday

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Gold squad will be well represented by players from the Christina School District in the 53rd Annual Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game.

This year's contest takes place Saturday evening, beginning at 7 p.m., at Delaware Stadium. The gates will open at 5 p.m., with opening ceremonies beginning an hour later.

Newark High leads the list this year with five graduating players, including Offensive/Defensive Lineman Jason Babbitt, place-kicker and punter Alex Carlton, All-State lineman Chad Davis, lineman Andrew Hudson and Tight End and Linebacker Marc Tiberi.

Babbitt said he was proud to be a part of the winning Newark tradition. "We had a good team in high school, but these are all good guys and they are all very good athletes, he said.

"I'm hoping for a victory, but win or lose, the experience is definitely worth it."

Babbitt, who's off to Wesley College in Dover this fall, said having an All-Star buddy has also been an incredible and rewarding experience.

Carlton, who's heading to the U.S. Military Academy, said it's really an honor to be selected for this game.

"My brother Chris played here a few years ago, and it's

See **FOOTBALL, 15** ▶

Gannon helps raise money

► **GANNON, from 14**

and Kyle Boller, the incumbent starting quarterback, has not taken an ironclad grasp of the starting job since made a first-round pick in the 2003 NFL draft, and the former University of California great is in the last year of his contract.

From the day he arrived in Delaware until the last four years of his career with the Oakland Raiders, Gannon rarely enjoyed a settled situation. When he played at Delaware, the Blue Hens had a freshman team and Gannon was ineligible for varsity play, even though he would certainly have been the 1983 starter.

After his three-years as a Delaware starter he was drafted by the New England Patriots in the fourth round, but he was coveted as a defensive back or wide receiver. Thanks to former Blue Hen coach Tubby Raymond's friendship with former Vikings coach Jerry Burns, Gannon was quickly traded to Minnesota and after a four-year apprenticeship behind Wade Wilson, Gannon became a starter. From that point, injuries and controversy hounded Gannon until 1999 when he found security with Oakland.

College transfer rules were different in Gannon's college days. If he had selected a school such as Temple or Penn State and then decided to transfer, he would have

had to sit out a year. But that rule was changed in the 1990s and since then players stepping down from major college have been eligible immediately. Since K.C. Keeler became the UD head coach in 2001, every starting quarterback has been a major-college transfer, including Flacco who came to UD from the University of Pittsburgh. He had to sit out a year, practicing with the team and learning the system, but if Pitt coach Dave Wandstedt had given him his outright release, Flacco would have been eligible immediately.

Gannon, now an NFL TV analyst, said he doesn't have enough information to judge the rule, but said Flacco's decision to transfer made sense.

"It appeared that he was never going to get a chance to play college ball, even though he believed that he was the better player," Gannon said of Flacco's days at Pittsburgh. "So, everything worked out well. He got to attend a school with great academics, play football, and finally had the type of year that made him a first-round draft pick."

Gannon not only is pleased for Flacco's success, he is delighted by Delaware's long-range plans to upgrade both the football and overall athletic facilities. It has been more than 20 years since he took his last snap at Delaware, but he remains active in Delaware's football community, committed

far beyond lending his name to a golf fundraiser that last week brought in approximately \$100,000 for UD football, and he is an unyielding supporter of Keeler, another former Blue Hen player.

"What I like about K.C. is that he's like the other two guys before him," Gannon said referring to the late Dave Nelson and Tubby Raymond whose combined coaching careers at Delaware spanned more than 50 seasons. "He's in it for the long run. He's not going anywhere... I'm not going to let him go anywhere."

Five Newark players in Blue-Gold game

► **FOOTBALL, from 14**

great to be playing with some of the best players in Delaware," he said.

Carlton's brother still holds the record for the longest field goal in all-star history, (41 yards), a record he hopes he will have a chance to tie or break.

The talented Gold squad also features a future University of Delaware Blue Hen in Chad Davis.

"I think it's pretty exciting, the fact that I'll play here the next four years (at the UD), and it also gives me a chance to end my high school career on a good note, on a win," said Davis.

"We're having a lot of fun out here, and everyone is getting along well," added Davis.

In addition to Gold head coach Shannon Riley, Glasgow High will have four representatives on the team this year.

The Dragons are Wide Receiver Sammy Vaughn,

Penn State, UMass to join CAA in men's lacrosse

The Colonial Athletic Association announced today that the University of Massachusetts and Penn State University will join the league as associate members in men's lacrosse beginning with the 2010 season.

The two schools will join Delaware, Drexel, Hofstra, and Towson in the six-team league whose champion will continue to earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

The additions come about after recent announcements that CAA members Villanova, Sacred Heart, and Robert Morris will join newly-created men's lacrosse confer-

ences. Villanova will join the Big East and Sacred Heart and Robert Morris will each join the Northeast Conference following the 2009 season. Both UMass and Penn State previously competed as members of the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

"We are proud to welcome the University of Massachusetts and Penn State to the CAA in men's lacrosse," said CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager, who added that the CAA will continue to evaluate additional membership options. "Both schools have excellent programs along with outstanding coaches and players."

Handling retires after 35 years

► **HANDLING, from 14**

in Boston. Matt, 33, also is an orthopedic assistant for the Boston Celtics.

One of Handling's major passions is Delaware's Special Olympics program. He is a past president of the organization, still a board of director, and in 1997 was inducted into the Delaware Special Olympics Hall of Fame. As an instructor

and training room mentor he has assisted a number of his students to Special Olympics.

"I had K.C. Keeler as a student," Handling said of Delaware's football coach and 1981 UD graduate in health and physical education. "Now, he's the football coach and involved in Special Olympics."

As for Handling's overall career, he's living proof that some nice guys are up there among the winners in life.

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Summer Camps and Classes 2008

In the interest of keeping Newark residents active and engaged during the summer months, the *Newark Post* presents a few suggestions for summer camps and classes being sponsored by various local organizations. This is by no means a complete listing. For more information about each item, please contact the organization sponsoring the event.

The Iron Hill Museum will sponsor five summer science camps this summer. Camp days run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with before- and after-camp childcare available. Camp enrollment is \$175 per child. Campers need to bring a lunch, but beverages are provided. Each camp takes a field trip. For more information, call 368-5703.

The following camps are available:

Junior Geologist:
June 23 – 28; ages 7 – 11

Junior Paleontologist:
June 7 – 11; ages 7 – 11

Junior Archaeologist:
July 21 – 25; ages 10-13

Junior Naturalist:
July 28 – Aug. 1; ages 7 – 11

Junior Entomologist:
Aug. 11 – 15; ages 9 – 13

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department is offering Mad Science Camps this the summer, starting on June 23. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee is \$139 for Newark residents and \$149 for non-residents. Camps are held at the George Wilson Community Center at 303 New London Road. For more information, call 366-7060.

The following camps are available:

Me and My World:
June 23 – 27; ages 4 – 6

Rockin' Rockets:
June 23 – 27; ages 7 – 13

Journey into Outer Space:
July 7 – 11; ages 7 – 13

Red Hot Robots:
July 14 – 18; ages 7 – 13

In the Garden:
July 14 – 18; ages 4 – 6

Newark Parks and Recreation also will be hosting sports and arts camps for the summer. For more information, call 366-7060.

The following camps are available:

Advanced Volleyball Camp: June 23 – June 27; grades 5 – 9. Camp runs from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Newark Charter School, 2001 Patriot Way. The fee is \$138 for Newark residents and \$148 for non-residents.

Slam Dunk Basketball Camp: July 7 – 11; ages 8 – 12. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the Newark Charter School, 2001 Patriot Way. The fee is \$138 for Newark residents and \$148 for non-residents.

Wolverine Baseball Camp: July 14 – 17; ages 8 – 12. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the Leroy Hill Field, 1000 Casho Mill Road. The fee is \$50 for Newark residents and \$60 for non-residents.

Summer Lacrosse Camp: July 21 – 25; for beginner lacrosse players. Camp runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at West Park Elementary, 193 W. Park Place. The fee is \$116 for Newark residents and \$126 for non-residents.

Multi-Sports Camp: July 21 – 25; ages 7 – 14, with half-day camps for ages 5 – 7. Full-day camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while half-day camps run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Park Elementary School, 193 W. Park Place. The fee is \$186 for Newark residents and \$196 for non-residents.

Summer Bowling Camp: July 28 – Aug. 1, ages 5 – 12. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Blue Hen Bowling Lanes in the Newark Shopping Center. The fee is \$131 for Newark residents and \$141 for non-residents.

Pottery Camp: July 22 – 28; ages 8 – 16. Morning classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., while afternoon classes run from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the George Wilson Community Center at 303 New London Road. The fee is \$69 for Newark residents and \$79 for non-residents.

Dance Camp: Aug. 4 – 8; ages 3 ½ – 10. Camp for children younger than five runs from 9 a.m. to noon, while camp for children older than five runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the George Wilson Community Center at 303 New London Road. The fee is \$75 for Newark residents and \$85 for non-residents.

Sneaker Club: Aug. 11 – 15; ages 4 and 5. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the George Wilson Community Center at 303 New London Road. The fee for Newark residents is \$35 and \$45 for non-residents.

The Newark Arts Alliance will be offering the following classes at 276 E. Main St. this summer for varying prices. For more information, call 266-7266:

Ages 14 and older

Digital Camera Boot Camp:
June 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mini Canvases in Acrylic: July 8 & 15, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pastel Paintings: July 12 & 19, 9 a.m. to noon

Neriage Clay Workshops: Aug. 4 & 11, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children's classes

Beautiful Bas Relief: June 23 – 27, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 8 – 12

Creative Collage for Kids: July 7 – 11, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 7 – 10

Paint Play and Collage Stories: July 9 – 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; for ages 4 – 6

Camp Imagine: July 21 – Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; ages 7 – 11

Skateboard/Amusement Park Creations: July 21 – 25, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; ages 9 – 12

Amazing Animal Art: July 28 – Aug. 1, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; ages 8 – 11

Clay Sculpture Workshop: Aug. 5 – 8 and Aug. 11, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; ages 9 – 12

Artes de Mexico: Aug. 11 – 15, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 8 – 12

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Drop-off sites for NCCo residents only

DNREC's Solid and Hazardous Waste Section is reminding landscapers and other businesses that they are prohibited from disposing yard waste at the three community yard waste demonstration sites in New Castle County.

The sites were developed as one of many options to help New Castle County residents manage their own yard wastes. Environmental Protection officers are on the lookout for violators, and penalties range from \$100 to \$500 in fines. For more information on county yard waste sites and their hours of operation, please call 739-9403 or visit www.dnrec.delaware.gov/yardwaste.

Delmarva Power urges safe digging

Delmarva Power is reminding homeowners and others working outdoors to call 811 before they dig.

Natural gas, electricity, cable, water, sewer and telephone lines are commonly buried underground, making it necessary to know where those lines are to prevent them from

being struck and damaged by digging. Call 811 at least two days before the scheduled dig. If unauthorized digging occurs and causes harm, the property owner may face fines. For more information, please visit www.call811.com.

Make-A-Wish Foundation needs volunteers

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening medical

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Greater Newark Network to discuss city's top economic issues

Public meeting on
June 25

By **SCOTT GOSS**

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Three of the city's most pressing economic development issues will be the topics of conversation at the next Greater Newark Network meeting on June 25.

Scott Douglass, the University of Delaware's new executive vice president and treasurer, is slated to discuss the institution's future plans for growth and its changing role in Newark's economy.

Interim City Manager Roy

H. Lopata will then update attendees on the city's current plans for the construction of its first downtown parking garage.

Later, officials from DelDOT will give a presentation about the state's plans to repave Elkton Road and Christiana Parkway this year, followed by a major rehabilitation of the two roadways starting in 2011.

After the speakers have made their presentation to the audience, attendees will be encouraged to break into small groups for follow-up conversations with the featured guests.

"These subjects were the most important recurrent

themes raised in community focus groups we organized earlier this year," said City Councilman Paul J. Pomeroy, who co-chairs the network with Mark Kleinschmidt, the president of the New Castle County Economic Development Council. "We want to develop real, tangible results from that community input and get people engaged in a conversation about the future of Newark's economy."

The Greater Newark Network is a partnership among business, civic and academic leaders founded in 2006 with the goal of helping to attract new businesses to the city and to develop a local,

highly skilled workforce.

Last winter, the organization held a series of public discussion sessions to gather input from the community at large.

At the next meeting, Pomeroy and Kleinschmidt are slated to provide the audience with an update on some of the recommended actions gleaned from those public sessions.

Some of the suggestions being pursued include establishing opportunity zones in

the city zoning law to provide incentives for attracting "sustainable 21st century industrial growth" to Newark; streamlining the city's approval and permitting processes; and fostering a partnership between the network and the Downtown Newark Partnership.

The 7 p.m. meeting on June 25 will be held at the Courtyard Marriott next to the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall on New London Road. The meeting is open to the public.

UD at Chrysler?

► **UPFRONT**, from 1

Patrick Harker has plans to make the school more national in scope — this land right here in town couldn't have become available at a more perfect time in the school's history.

A law school? A technology hub? More classroom buildings? More dormitories? New and updated athletic facilities? A new stadium?

Clearly, the university has its critics in town, but it's hard for me to believe that Newark would be such a lively and vibrant community without the University of Delaware.

A university that grows in national prestige can only be a good thing for Newark.

I'm sure there is a tax structure that can be negotiated that will work for both the city and

the university.

The University of Delaware, the state and Newark all have big stakes in what happens on those 244 acres.

It would only stand to reason that the three of them would collaborate and have a proven entity (the university) take on the task of making all three stronger. This eliminates taking a chance on the unknown — whether it be an unknown industry, an unknown company or an unknown developer.

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Health Sciences dean to retire at end of 2008

Betty J. Paulanka, dean of the university's college of health sciences since 1992, has announced she will retire at the end of 2008. Steven J. Stanhope, a professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences with a joint appointment as professor of mechanical engineering, has been named interim dean effective Jan. 1, 2009.

Paulanka, only the third



Betty Paulanka, dean of the college of health sciences, will retire at the end of 2008. Professor Steven Stanhope has been named interim dean effective Jan. 1.

dean in the 42-year-old college's history, joined the university faculty as a professor in 1977 and was named chairperson of the department in 1987. Stanhope joined the university in 2007 after a stint at the National Institutes of Health, where he conducted research in biomechanics and rehabilitative medicine as the founding director of the Physical Disabilities Branch.

A search committee has been formed to fill the position on a permanent basis, according to Provost Dan Rich.

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Bio. Prof. wins award for scientists of Indian origin

University biological sciences professor Ulhas Naik has been named the 2008 recipient of the Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award from the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America. The award is given to an established senior scientist of Indian origin who has made outstanding contributions to the sciences. Naik's research centers on the molecular mechanisms of signal transduction in cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

Nanocomposite article among top research papers

Scopus, the world's largest abstract and citation databases of research literature, has named an article published by three researchers in the university's mechani-

cal engineering department among its most cited papers. Published in Composites Science and Technology in March 2005 "Nanocomposites in Context" was authored by associate scientist Chunyi Li, research assistant professor Erik Thostenson and Tsu-Wei Chou, the Pierre S. du Pont Chair of Engineering. The paper is ranked No. 14 in Scopus' materials science category.

Music department to assist with public school curriculum

The university's music department, in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Education, will host the Arts by Design Institute from June 17 to June 19. The institute will focus on the development of curriculum and assessments for Delaware public schools, as well as the devel-

opment of curricular units for the visual and performing arts. Material from the institute will be made available on the Delaware Department of Education's Web site as a resource for teachers.

NOAA funds development of ocean observation system

The university has received \$400,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to continue development of an ocean observing system spanning the waters from Cape Hatteras, N.C., to Cape Cod, Mass., and out to the continental shelf. The initiative is part of the national Integrated Ocean Observing System, which coordinates ocean data to enhance storm forecasting, emergency response to

oil spills, natural disasters, shipping, Homeland Security, fishing, boater safety and other applications.

University's African-American seniors saluted

The university's Center for Black Culture and Black Student Union sponsored the 11th annual Kente Stole ceremony in Pearson Hall Auditorium on May 30. The colorful, striped Kente Stole is native to Ghana and is used for special occasions. This year, students were presented with a gift bag containing a statue of a Sankofa bird, which symbolizes looking back to the past in order to build for the future, and a certificate of recognition for students to give to parents or other persons who encouraged them during their college years.

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SCHOOLS, from 1

in The Philadelphia Inquirer, the economy is complicating the annual summer meal demand in the Philadelphia public schools because, "to compensate for the [free-and-reduced-price school breakfasts and lunches] parents typically crowd into food pantries...but pantries have lower supplies because donors believe family food emergencies come

dressed in winter boots, not summer sandals."

Elsewhere, the executive director of the Connecticut Food Bank reported that her organization has received fewer donations from manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers than it has in the past, while the executive director of a food bank in Fairfield, Conn., said some of the food pantries her organization supports have seen their lines double in the past year.

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAMS

Summer meal programs will be available for eligible children later this month. The following is a list of locations where eligible children can receive free meals.

Newark area: Monday - Thursday:

Henry M. Brader Elementary School ... 107 Four Season's Parkway
Jennie E. Smith Elementary School 142 Brennen Drive
Shue-Medill Middle School 1550 Old Capital Trail

Wilmington area: Monday - Thursday:

Douglass Alternative School 1800 Prospect Road
Elbert-Palmer Intermediate School 1210 Lobdell St.
Casimir Pulaski Intermediate School 1300 Cedar St.
Sarah Pyle Academy School 501 N. Lombard St.

A spokesperson for the Food Bank of Delaware said the organization serves approximately 16,400 people each week, which predominately include families living below the federal poverty line. That poverty makes their children eligible for subsidized breakfast and lunch programs during the school year.

In April, U.S. Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., and the Food Bank of Delaware organized a statewide drive called "Donating Food to Fight Foreclosure."

In a spring survey of 180 food banks conducted by America's Second Harvest, 99 percent of respondents reported an increase in the number of people being served today compared to one year ago. The average increase reported was between 15 and 20 percent.

More than 90 percent of the survey's respondents cited rising food and fuel prices as the primary factors driving the increases in need.

Other factors included inadequate food stamp benefits, unemployment, under employment and high rent or mortgage costs.

The Christina schools' award-winning Summer Lunch Crew program runs until Aug. 6.

This year, the program is

expanding its operations to include breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon until 1 p.m. at seven sites in within the school district.

The district also will be providing Wednesday Family Dinner Nights from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Smith Elementary School in Newark, as well as at Pulaski Intermediate School and Sarah Pyle Academy in Wilmington beginning on June 25.

"This is our most ambitious community investment project yet," CNS director Marc-Antony Williams said. "The impact that we can make on our community can be huge. Hopefully every child that sees a bus or hears us on the radio is one that shows up and is fed. For some, this may be their sole

source of nutritious meals this summer."

Williams said he hopes the added visibility will increase participation in the summer meal program by 10 to 15 percent, resulting in an additional 10,000 meals served over the course of the program.

"We will see a significant return on investment with our marketing effort," Williams said. "We were careful to evaluate what worked and what did not in previous years and maximized the value of the Summer Lunch Crew marketing budget this year."

CNS is dedicated solely to the nutritional health of the children in the Christina School District. More information about the program is available at www.summerlunchcrew.org.

Funk returns from first world diplomacy conference in Hague

Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III recently returned from a week-long trip to The Hague in Netherlands where he attended the First World Conference on City Diplomacy.

"I have to say the experience I had during the past week was

probably one of the things I will remember the rest of my life," Funk said upon his return.

Funk had planned to be only a participant in the conference, but was asked to serve as the moderator of a panel discussion called "Template for Peace."

"They were very much interested in the dynamics of our university community and how the level of cooperation between the university, the city, the students and the residents has greatly increased over the past four years," he said. "They wanted to know how that happened."

On the panel was Jan Breyne, the city manager for Ypres, Belgium; Irma Dioli, vice-president of Italy's Milan province; and Semih Borovac, the mayor of Sarajevo, Bosnia.

Funk said Breyne biggest problem in Ypres was bringing back former residents who had left after the first and second World Wars.

Dioli said Milan has been struggling with problems created by the influx of both legal and illegal immigrants.

But Funk said he earned the most respect for Borovac, who must try to work with a council of 23 members, all from different ethnic groups.

"After listening to her, any problem you can possibly imagine happening in our community does not have any relevance compared to what she has been through over the last five years," he said.

Funk said that during his trip it became obvious that good communication is the bearer of peace.

"Fortunately, we are a community that has very good communication," he said. "I think that is why we are so successful."

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City appoints 'Redevelopment Team'

► CHRYSLER, from 1

Newark plant, confirming what many had suspected since the world's eighth largest vehicle manufacturer announced it would cease production there in 2009.

Other than the sales notice, the car company has not said much else, however.

Chrysler spokeswoman Mary Beth Halprin declined this week to disclose the property's asking price, the real estate firm listing the property, a timeline for the sale or even the future of the plant's production.

"The plant will continue production through 2009 and soon our company's very first hybrid vehicle will be coming from that plant," she said. "That's what we're focusing on right now."

Halprin also said it is too early to say whether the 1,100 jobs at the plant, plus another 150 jobs at the Mopar parts distribution center, will be relocated or phased out entirely.

In anticipation of the plant's sale, state and county officials – including the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce – have been trying to reach out to other auto manufacturers that might be willing to open a production facility at the plant but with no reported success.

If an auto manufacturer cannot be found, city officials are hoping to direct a potential buyer to develop something with a little more future growth potential, said interim City Manager Roy H. Lopata, who has been appointed to a three-man "Chrysler Redevelopment

Liaison Team" that also includes Pomeroy and Mayor Vance A. Funk III.

"We have the opportunity to do something really exciting through smart growth and smart development," he said. "We're looking for high-quality development that can be a showcase for Newark."

Pomeroy said he would like to see that showcase include a company – or companies – that are focused on cutting edge technologies and can contribute to future economic growth.

"This opportunity rests on us recognizing emerging 21st century trends and then capitalizing on them to steer the best possible product to this location," Pomeroy said.

Newark City Council does have some leverage when it comes to determining the future use of the Chrysler property, according to city officials.

Council, for instance, would have the final say over any proposed change to the property's zoning designation, which would be necessary if the property were to be used for something other than manufacturing or warehousing.

As a practical matter, the sale of the Chrysler plant will mean a one-time windfall for the city as a result of Newark's



3-percent transfer tax, which the city splits with the state.

While Newark would not see any immediate increased revenue in the form of property taxes, city taxpayers could see future property tax increases deferred as a result of the sale.

Currently, the city generates \$14 million or slightly less than half of its net annual

revenue from the sale of electricity, yet the Chrysler plant is not one of the city's customers under a special arrangement established when the property was first annexed into town 56 years ago.

Lopata said city council would likely seek to undo that

arraignment when the property is sold to new owners.

City Finance Director Dennis W. McFarland said the Chrysler site, as it exists today, would either be the city's largest or second largest electricity customer if it were to purchase its power from Newark.

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