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Community Day a tradition that spans generations



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The Green on the University of Delaware campus is the perfect place to take a quiet walk, either alone or with someone special. It's a favorite spot for UD students to plop down on a blanket and read a good book, or study for an upcoming exam. And occasionally, you might see a Frisbee being tossed among friends, or a football spiraling through the air.

But no matter the activity, or in some cases, a lack thereof, The Green is about as serene a place as there is on a Sunday afternoon. That is, unless it's the Sunday afternoon of Newark Community Day, when The Green is transformed into a sea of tents and the sidewalks are packed with more people than at any other time of the year.

"It's a great event that brings everyone together for fun and the exchange of ideas," Mayor Vance Funk III said of the

annual event.

Community Day has become more than just a yearly event. For many, it's a tradition that marks the end of summer and the onset of fall. And for the moms and dads in attendance, it's an opportunity to not only bask in the present, but to reminisce about their own childhood experiences, the same ones they are now seeing through the eyes of their own children.

"When I was a kid my favorite part was watching the UD cheerleaders perform," Betsey Coleman, of Bear, said as she watched her son play one of the many games offered. "It was always, and still is, a fun and exciting day. It's a great community event and a nice way for families to spend the day in beautiful weather."

This year's weather was picture-perfect as the community celebrated the 40th anniversary of an event that has become a team effort between the city, the

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Vice President Biden speaks, donates papers

By ANN MANSER

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

From the moment the U.S. Constitution was written, its meaning has been fiercely debated, but in the end it provides the principles and mechanisms for political compromise and the path to progress, Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. told an audience at the University of Delaware on Friday, Sept. 16.

"The true accomplishment of our founders was not that they spoke with one voice" but that they brought together many voices to forge the Constitution, he said. "That is the genius of the document."

Biden, a U.S. Senator from Delaware for 36 years until his election as vice president in 2008, and a 1965 graduate of UD, was on campus to donate his Senatorial papers to the University Library and to deliver the inaugural James R. Soles Lecture on the Constitution and Citizenship. The lecture, to be given

annually in celebration of national Constitution Day, is named in honor of the late Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus Jim Soles.

The audience filled the 650-seat Mitchell Hall, while other students, faculty and friends watched on television screens around campus. Guests included Biden's wife, Jill Biden, who earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees at UD; other members of the vice president's family; guests, friends and many former students of Prof. Soles; and a host of dignitaries, including U.S. Sens. Tom Carper and Chris Coons and Delaware Gov. Jack Markell.

"The Constitution doesn't provide certainty," Biden said, adding that the founders knew they couldn't create a document that would settle all questions that might ever arise. "But they could be settled by the institutions to which the Constitution gave rise and power. ... They built a framework for government that allowed many disparate voices to be heard."

Political disagreements and, eventually, compromises have moved the nation forward throughout its history, Biden said, with the Constitution holding out the promise that every voice in a diverse society can be heard and blended together — "not always in harmony, but in unity." If Americans trust the process of government, he said, today's generation will successfully get through "this temporary period of political paralysis."

At the conclusion of the lecture, Biden urged students in the audience and others to get involved in public service: "Politics is not a dirty word. Politics is the only way a community can govern itself and resolve its differences without the sword."

In introducing Biden, Joseph Pika, who is the University's James R. Soles Professor of Political Science and International Relations, said Prof. Soles was "a mentor for scores of UD alumni,

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Thomas Capano found dead in cell 2

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IN THE NEWS

Town & Gown sparks debate at Council meeting

By **JOSH SHANNON**

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The Town & Gown Committee has outlived its usefulness and should be eliminated, several city officials said last week, sparking a lengthy, and at times heated, debate at the Sept. 12 council meeting.

"In the late '90s where we had a lot of issues and consternation between the university and the city residents and so forth, it truly had a purpose," Councilman Jerry Clifton said. "I don't know that the same sense of purpose exists today."

Mayor Vance A. Funk III echoed those sentiments.

"When I first went on the thing, there was much more student dissension. Over the years, there's been less and less of that," Funk said. "I've probably been to 80 meetings, and I'd say maybe four of them really did anything."

Created decades ago, the committee is intended to foster cooperation between the University of Delaware and the city of Newark.

According to its bylaws, membership is to include: the mayor or a councilman,

a senior UD administrator, the Newark police chief, a current or former member of the UD Board of Trustees, a member of student government, a representative of the UD Greek community, the city manager, two city residents, a landlord, a member of UD's Residence Life staff and a member of the Downtown Newark Partnership.

However, university participation has been lacking in recent years.

A Newark Post analysis of meeting minutes shows that the only UD-affiliated members to regularly attend meetings are Patrick Ogden, chief of UD police, and Jim Neal, a former university trustee who serves as chairman of the Town & Gown Committee.

No other UD administrator or student has attended a committee meeting in more than a year.

Molly Sullivan, a UD senior and newly elected president of the Student Government Association, was not present at the council meeting but said later she intends to begin attending committee meetings herself or sending another representative from SGA.

"I think it's definitely ben-

eficial," Sullivan said, noting that she already has a relationship with the mayor's office. "There are issues that students are bringing to us all the time."

Councilman Ezra Temko said that since the committee was restructured a few years ago, its usefulness has been limited, but he feels that with a more defined mission and members who truly want to be there, it could still be beneficial.

"I think there is still a distinct purpose for the committee," Temko said, noting that it's a place for ideas to be discussed.

Clifton responded by saying that discussions can happen without having a dedicated committee.

"It looks like we're looking for a problem to fit the solution," he said. "I don't know that that is necessarily wise."

Even the chairman of the committee, Neal, said he is unsure of its current relevance. However, he cautioned against eliminating it completely.

"It's a toss up to say whether you really need this committee or not," Neal said. "But if you don't need it,

you're really depending on everyone else to hold things together. While we're doing that now, you can't guarantee that's always going to happen."

After nearly an hour of

debate, council agreed to a request by Rick Armitage, UD's liaison to the city, to table the discussion. Armitage said he would discuss the situation with university administrators and come

back to council with ideas to improve the Town & Gown Committee.

"I really do feel there is a sincere interest on the part of the university to continue to work on this," Armitage said.

Capano dies in prison

Thomas Capano, a once wealthy corporate attorney serving life in prison for killing a mistress in 1996, has been found dead in his prison cell. Foul play is not suspected.

Delaware officials said the 61-year-old Capano, who spent time on death row before his death sentence was overturned, was found unresponsive Monday morning in his cell at the state prison in Smyrna. He was pronounced dead shortly after noon. A former state prosecutor and advisor to a governor, he had been in solitary confinement.

Capano was convicted of shooting his mistress, Ann Marie Fahey, after she decided to end an affair with him.

Fahey was the scheduling secretary to then-Gov. Tom Carper, now Delaware's senior U.S. senator. Carper issued the following statement regarding the news:

"Tom Capano's death does not change the fact that Anne Marie was taken from us far too soon. Sadly, nothing will ever bring her back to her family and to those of us who knew and deeply admired her. She was one of the loveliest, kindest persons I've ever had the privilege of serving with. We miss her still and will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with her fam-



Thomas Capano

ily during this difficult time."

The investigation of Capano and the trial made national headlines and was the subject of a number of books and TV specials.

The case had all the elements of a crime thriller. Capano was a powerful, well-connected former state prosecutor who came from a family that had made a fortune in real estate and development in Delaware. But he was no match for an aggressive federal investigation of the case led by Colm Connolly, who would later become the U.S. Attorney for Delaware.

In an interview with WDEL radio on Monday, Connolly said the tragedy

that came to light during the Capano investigation was that the attorney was involved in a stalking case prior to his involvement with Fahey. But due to his connections, Capano ended up being cleared.

Connolly also said he thoughts were with the Fahey family and not Capano, who continued to claim that the death was an accident.

The Capano family also played a key role in the case and formed a sharp contrast with the working class Fahey family that had struggles of its own that were recounted in testimony and numerous newspaper accounts.

Capano was convicted of the murder, even though Fahey's body was never found. His brother testified that he assisted in disposing of Fahey's body, which he said was stuffed in a large fishing cooler. The cooler was later found. Another brother was accused of helping to dispose of furniture in the home where the crime was believed to have taken place.

Armed with his personal fortune, Thomas Capano pursued appeals in the case, with the death penalty portion of the case being overturned. However, the courts eventually closed the door to any further appeals and the prediction of one observer that one way or another Tom Capano would leave prison in a box came true

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IN THE NEWS

Man charged with death of New Castle Police officer

By JOSH SHANNON

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New Castle County Police have charged David Salasky, 32, of the 1600 block of North Rodney Street Wilmington, in connection with the murder of Sergeant Joseph Szczerba.

Salasky was released Sunday morning from the Christiana Hospital where he had been receiving treatment for a medical condition unrelated to his arrest.

Salasky was charged with First Degree Murder and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

He was arraigned and taken to the Howard Young Correctional Facility. Further charges are expected, according to County Police.

Szczerba, an 18-year veteran of the force, was responding to a report of a disorderly person in the Penn Acres community near New Castle around midnight, Friday, police reported. While officers were en route to the scene, they learned that the man was suspected of stealing an item from a vehicle. The 45 year-old owner of the car had chased the suspect, who assaulted him before fleeing on foot.

Officers set up a perimeter, and Szczerba saw a man meeting the suspect's description walking along East Roosevelt Avenue.

Szczerba stopped his car and approached the man. The sergeant chased the suspect down East Roosevelt Avenue in Penn Acres, a community in the New Castle area. A struggle took place, during which Szczerba was stabbed and fatally wounded.

Other officers arrived on scene, and three more were injured before finally taking Salasky into custody.

Szczerba was taken to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At police headquarters in Minquadale, Friday, flags were lowered to half-mast, the entrance was draped in black cloth, and flowers were laid in



Sergeant Joseph Szczerba

front of the building. Throughout the day on Friday, praise for Szczerba poured in from public officials.

"Joe Szczerba left his home each day and went to work proud to protect and serve the communities he loved. His death is a tragedy, but his life and his service are an inspiration," said Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, who ordered flags around the state lowered to half-mast in honor of the fallen officer. "While we cannot fathom the pain this has caused his family, our state grieves with them. We will never forget his service or his sacrifice."

NCC executive Paul Clark said the incident should serve as a reminder of the risk law enforcement personnel assume whenever they put on their badge.

"We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for putting their lives on the line for us," Clark said.

Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.), a former New Castle County executive, called Szczerba a "good person and a good officer."

"It is my hope that we pause today as a community to honor and remember all of those who risk their lives to keep us safe," Coons said. "We are truly blessed to have brave men and women willing to take on the risks that come with putting on the uniform each and every day. Sgt. Szczerba's sacrifice will not be

Armed robbery of Embassy Suites

The Newark Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that occurred on September 17 at approximately 3 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 654 South College Avenue. During this incident the suspect entered the lobby while the clerk was in a back room. When the clerk exited the back room she observed the suspect behind the counter removing cash from the register. When confronted the suspect raised his shirt to display a black handgun in his waistband. The suspect then fled the hotel lobby with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect is described as an unknown race male, 6' tall with an average build. He was described as wearing black sneakers, dark colored jeans, black hooded sweatshirt and a black ski mask covering his face.

There is no surveillance video available for this incident.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Gregory Delia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or greg.delia@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

Troopers investigate AutoZone robbery

Troopers are investigating the armed robbery of an AutoZone Store, located at 1727 Pulaski Highway, that occurred on Monday, September 19, in Bear.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:50 p.m. as two male suspects entered the AutoZone, armed with a knife and unknown type handgun. The suspects confronted the store employees and demanded cash. The employees com-

plied and turned over an undisclosed amount of money. The suspects fled the business on foot. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

The first suspect is described as a black male, 20-25 years of age, 5'10" tall, 180 lbs. Last seen wearing all dark clothing with dark colored mask covering his face. Suspect armed with unknown type handgun. The second suspect is a black male, 20-25 years of age, 6'0" tall, 180 lbs. Last seen wearing gray long sleeved t-shirt and blue jeans with dark mask covering his face. Suspect armed with a knife.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2 at 302-834-2630 Extension#6 or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333. Information may also be provided via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com.

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Elkton man arrested for attempted pharmacy robbery

Delaware State Troopers have arrested Kevin W. Smith, 46, of Elkton, MD in connection with the attempted robbery of a Stanton area pharmacy that took place Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:15 p.m., Monday, September 19, as Defendant Kevin W. Smith entered the Walgreens Pharmacy, located at 536 Main Street, Wilmington, and removed a pair of tinted eyeglass lenses from display and placed them over his own eyeglasses in an attempt to conceal his identity. Smith then approached 22 year-old female employee at the pharmacy counter and produced a written note demanding Oxycodone and Oxycontin. After passing the demand note, Smith exited the busi-



Smith

ness empty handed and fled on foot. Troopers investigating the robbery were able to provide a detailed suspect description obtained through interviews and surveillance footage. Troopers responding to the robbery and checking the area were able to locate Smith in the parking lot of the Wawa, 2000 block Limestone Road, and took him into custody. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

Kevin W. Smith was charged with Attempted Robbery Second Degree and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony and committed to HRYCI on \$10,000 Cash Bond.

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest

New Castle County Police have arrested Claude Lacombe, a 23 year-old male who resides in the 1800 block of Varsity Lane in the School Bell Apartments in Bear. He has been charged with traffic and drug offenses after police conducted a vehicle stop and found him in possession of marijuana that was packaged for sale.

On Thursday afternoon, September 15, a county officer was on routine patrol in the area of Route 7 and Route 273, when a black Ford Taurus was observed with tinted windows. At 2:02 p.m., the vehicle was stopped while on Route 273 just prior to the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike. Upon approaching the car, the officer immediately smelled an odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the vehicle.

The driver, Claude Lacombe, appeared nervous after being removed from the vehicle. A computer inquiry revealed Lacombe was driving with a suspended driver's license. During a search of the car, the officer located 8.3 grams of marijuana, a digital scale, grinder and rolling papers hidden inside of a dashboard



Lacombe

console. A subsequent search revealed a plastic grocery bag containing five individually wrapped plastic bags containing 138.6 grams of marijuana hidden behind a speaker box in the trunk of the vehicle.

Lacombe was charged with the following crimes: Driving with a Suspended License, Operating a Vehicle with Improper Window Tint, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$4,001 secured bond.

Lottery tickets taken in pair of robberies

Newark Police were called to investigate a pair of robberies that occurred last week.

The first incident happened on last Monday, September 12, at Malin's Market, located at 812 S. College Avenue. Employees at the businesses told officers that an unidentified black male entered the store around 7 p.m., reached behind the counter, took four

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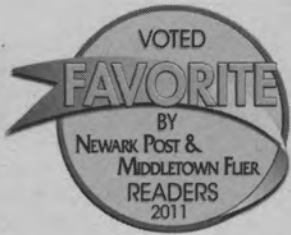
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Lavelle seeks probe of DeIDOT land deals

State House Minority Leader Greg Lavelle (R-Sharples) has asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate a suspicious land deal between a state agency and a developer.

Rep. Lavelle's request for a meeting with Charles M. Oberly, III (U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware) was sparked by the recent publication of the latest in a series of investigative stories detailing apparent sweetheart deals between the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT) and well-connected businessmen and developers.

In the latest story broken by The News Journal, developer Dennis E. Silicato was sold 2.2 acres of land adjacent to his existing property for \$1. According to the News Journal, DeIDOT specified in the 2006 deed that the parcel needed to remain "in its natural, wooded state." Just three years later, the agency not only issued Mr. Silicato a revised deed removing the development restrictions, it also facilitated the creation of a lucrative connection to the busy Delaware 1, which runs along the property's eastern border.

Royal Farms reportedly just concluded the purchase of 3.4 acres of land from Mr. Silicato

— about half of which was comprised of the former DeIDOT parcel — for \$2.25 million.

"Delaware 1 is a limited access highway," Rep. Lavelle said. "We're actually spending tens-of-millions of dollars in ongoing projects to reduce ingress and egress points associated with this road. Yet in this case, for unexplained reasons, we created a new access point to the highway, making an asset that was sold for \$1 worth millions. The developer pockets a boatload of cash and the taxpayers lose out on money that could have been used on the public's behalf."

Rep. Lavelle also noted that since Delaware 1 is a limited access highway, constructed with a large contribution of federal money, federal transportation officials must give their approval before a new access point is established. According to the News Journal, there is no record of any such authorization.

"I would like to know who in DeIDOT signed off on approving this project, without the needed federal endorsement," said State House Minority Whip Gerald Hocker (R-Ocean View). "I plan to file a Freedom of Information Act request for this documentation.

My concern isn't so much about the lack of consultation with the feds as it is with the apparent deliberate circumvention of established protocols so a select few could benefit."

The story detailed in Sunday's edition of the News Journal is the latest in a series of embarrassing land deals made by DeIDOT on bizarrely favorable terms to a handful of wealthy individuals. Another deal involved the lease of property to Christopher Tigani, a former manager of NKS Distributors, located adjacent to the lot sold to Mr. Silicato. That deal involved a lease of more than 60-years at a price that was a fraction of market value. Still other deals had DeIDOT paying developers tens-of-thousands of dollars monthly to delay the building of homes on land that might have been needed for a U.S. 113 bypass near Millsboro. DeIDOT cut the deal, despite the fact that the housing market crash all but guaranteed that neither project would move ahead in the foreseeable future.

"The details of these deals have been coming to light for years and continue to surface," Rep. Lavelle said. "Yet, state officials just seemingly shrug

their shoulders and move on without holding anyone accountable for the apparent soft corruption of these insider deals. Thus far, we've had two DeIDOT senior officials implicated: one retired and the other was reassigned. That's not justice, that's shuffling the deck to hide the jokers."

In a letter to U.S. Attorney Oberly, Rep. Lavelle wrote: "While I do not lightly invite the federal government into the affairs of Delaware,

many aspects of this case do involve the federal government and I question the ability of Delaware officials to fully and honestly investigate this issue and impose accountability on those involved."

In a brief reply, Mr. Oberly said while he is recused from probing the DeIDOT land deal, he has turned over Rep. Lavelle's request to the Criminal Division Chief Keith Rosen.

Rep. Lavelle says he hopes

Mr. Rosen will meet with him to discuss what the U.S. Justice Department can do to thoroughly scrutinize the deals that have been publicly reported, as well as any new incidents a detailed investigation may reveal.

"Why should anyone have faith in their state or federal government if neither is willing to fully examine the scandalous practices that have come to the public's attention?" Rep. Hocker said.

Rep. Barbieri tapped for national post

Recognizing a career body of work in the social services field, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has appointed Rep. Michael A. Barbieri as vice chair of the group's Human Services and Welfare Committee.

NCSL president and Kansas State Senate President Sen. Stephen Morris tapped Rep. Barbieri, who is a licensed social worker and runs Crossroads of Delaware, a youth counseling center in Wilmington. Rep. Barbieri also chairs the Delaware House Health and Human Development Committee.

"I am honored and excited to put my skills and experience to work on this NCSL committee," said Rep. Barbieri, D-Newark. "We all



of both parties across the country."

The Human Services and Welfare Committee has jurisdiction over NCSL's state and federal work in four major categories: social services, income security, food and nutrition, and immigration. Social services involve child welfare, child care, Head Start, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

NCSL is a bipartisan research and technical assistance organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. The leadership of NCSL is composed of legislators and staff from across the country.

can agree that social services is a vital, challenging issue, and solving the problems we face is critical to protecting those services for millions of Americans. I hope to represent Delaware well in this new role and look forward to working with colleagues

► POLICE, from 3

\$20 scratch-off lottery tickets and fled the store.

A short time later, a customer with the store told workers at Malin's that the suspect was seen behind the store scratching off the tickets. When employees went to confront the man, he had fled the area.

Two of the four tickets were left behind, one of them a \$50 winning ticket.

Police recovered the evidence for fingerprinting, as well as a copy of video footage showing the suspect reaching behind the counter and leaving

the store. No suspects have been named at this time.


A second robbery occurred in the early morning on Saturday, September 17, at the Sunoco station, located at 287 Elkton Road.

The clerk on duty told authorities that two black males and two white males entered the store. The black males were known as regular customers, but the employee said that she did not recognize the white males. All four men ordered food, which the clerk went to go prepare. As the order was being put together, she noticed one of the white males leaning against the counter. Later she heard a noise

like items being knocked over. The order was being rung up, she saw that several items had been moved and/or disturbed, including the glass case where the lottery tickets were kept. When the two pairs of men left separately, the employee discovered that several of the tickets were missing.

The suspect is described as a white male with pale, pasty skin, reddish brown hair, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, heavy set, and wearing a baseball cap and red basketball shorts. The man also said that he worked at Acme.

Police have recovered video footage of the incident, but have not named the suspect.




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IN THE NEWS

The future looks good for Newark soccer team

By **JON BUZBY**

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On the field, it would appear to be the same.

"The outlook for this year looks bright," third-year coach Adam Flanigan said. "We have a strong returning group, as well as some up-and-coming players from our successful junior varsity team from last season. In addition to that we have some

very talented freshmen involved with the varsity group."

Leading the way is four-year starter Mickey Junkins, a first team All-Conference and second team All-State selection last season after scoring eight goals and tallying two assists as a defender.

"Mickey is a very important player for our team," Flanigan said about his senior co-captain. "He defends well and keeps the back four [defenders] organized. But he also can get forward and score goals for us, especially in set piece situations. If he continues to improve and progress I think he has the potential to play at the next level."

The other co-captain is returning starter Aaron Brown, a senior who Flanigan says in addition to

being an excellent leader is "an excellent player both as a goalkeeper and field player."

The Yellowjackets, who finished last season with a 4-10-1 record, will be tested early, and Flanigan pointed to a September 29 matchup against district-rival Glasgow as a key game to gauge just how good this year's team can be.

"Glasgow will be a good test for us, given that we are close geographically and many of the players know one another," he said. "Also, we lost a very close game to them last season, so there is a lot of motivation within the group to do better this season."

Flanigan pointed to his team's balance and depth as being its greatest strength, especially

in the key midfield positions where Brown, Kyle Gerhart (jr.), Christian Ruiz (jr.), Dustin Tresolini (sr.) and Paul Tobin (jr.) will all receive quality playing time.

As for the team's biggest challenge, Flanigan added, "It's finding the right mix of new and returning players to be able to compete against its opponents."

He also said that there's a challenge for the coaches as well.

"Our biggest challenge as coaches is to instill a winning mentality through the entire program," he said. "In order for us to be successful, [the team] must be willing to give 100 percent commitment and concentration both in training and in matches."

Run for the Buds 5k and half marathon

The third annual Run for the Buds — benefits Best Buddies Delaware and Down Syndrome Association of Delaware — will take place Saturday, Oct. 15, at Rockford Park in Wilmington. Cost for the 5k Race/Walk is \$20 (\$25 day of). Cost for the half marathon is \$50 (\$60 day of). To register online visit www.bestbuddiesdelaware.org.

Quote of the Week

"The first win is definitely special to a new head coach," said Christiana head coach Barry Zehnder following the Vikings' 22-0 win over Pencader Charter last Saturday. "I am sure I will remember it forever. The thing I will most remember is the team playing with the emotion and passion that our coaching staff knew they had inside of them. The look they had in their eyes and the excitement they had after the game certainly reminded me why we choose to endure all the frustrations that can accompany coaching. They showed a lot of character and took the first step to building the confidence they need to accomplish the goals they set."

Reach Jon Buzby at jonbuzby@hotmail.com.

Local football teams on radio

Several local football teams will have their Friday night games aired live on 1290 The Ticket's Friday Night High School Football Game of the Week. The schedule is: Sept. 30 - St. Mark's at Caesar Rodney; Oct. 14 - Paul IV Catholic at Red Lion; Oct. 21 - Concord at Glasgow; Nov. 4 - St. Mark's at St. Elizabeth; and Nov. 11 - Middletown at Newark. Tune in to 1290AM or listen online at www.1290theticket.com to hear all the action.

Closure on Paper Mill Road

The Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces the closure of Route 72/Paper Mill Road at Polly Drummond Hill Road to Route 7/Limestone Road for the removal and replacement of crossroad pipes.

The road closure will occur at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 23, weather permitting. The road will reopen on or before 4 p.m. on Monday, September 26, pending weather.

Detour Route: Polly Drummond Hill Road to New Linden Hill Road onto Route 7/Limestone Road (and reverse).

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IN THE NEWS

Win a Master Gardener Workshop — Test your Insect IQ

By **CARRIE MURPHY**

UD COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is defined by the Northeast IPM Center as “a sound, sensible approach to dealing with pests—insects, plant diseases, weeds, and more—with methods that protect human health and the environment while saving money.” This approach to handling pests is integrated because, as the Center explains, it brings together, or



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integrates, a range of biological, organic, cultural, mechanical, and chemical options for pest problems. And, it’s about management because you can only manage, not completely eliminate, pests. Finally, to understand IPM you must also understand the nature of a pest. A pest can be defined loosely as an organism in a place where you don’t want it to be. For instance, a weed is a pest because it grows amongst your garden where you don’t want it to grow. An insect or a disease that takes advantage of a stressed or otherwise unhealthy plant in your garden is also a good example of a pest.

Integrated Pest

Management is used broadly in agricultural and commercial settings as well as community and residential settings, including home gardens. It’s an effective way to manage pests, and reduce pesticide use and exposure. Through IPM you can begin to manage pest problems with just a few steps. First, monitor your garden and keep detailed records. Next, if you identify a problem, seek help in correctly identifying the pest, and then understanding your options in attempting to manage the pest. Decide how much damage you can tolerate, and then consider all control options, including cultural, biological, and physical controls, and lastly, chemical

control when necessary. Here are just a few suggestions.

Cultural control methods: Select native plants that are well-suited to this area and to your garden spaces. Plant the right plant in the right place to reduce stress and encourage strong and healthy growth. Diversify your plantings to encourage a diversity of insect organisms that will help you to combat your pest problems.

Biological control methods: Encourage and conserve beneficial insects. Beneficial insects such as lacewings and lady beetles are already present in your garden and help prey on, and combat, insect pests like aphids.

Physical control methods: Physically remove pests; hand weed, prune out the dead, diseased and damaged plant material. Hand pick insects from plants and remove them from the garden— place them in another location, squish them, or dunk them in soapy water.

Integrated Pest Management is an effective way to manage pest problems in your home, gardens, and your community. IPM reduces our use of chemicals, and helps protect the environment and our community.

Test your IPM IQ- Good Bug, Bad Bug: Win a gift certificate to

attend a Master Gardener Home Gardener Workshop. Here’s how: visit us online at <https://ag.udel.edu/nccmg> under Master Gardener Updates follow the Test your IPM IQ heading to view photographs of common insects send the common name of each insect, and next to the common name, identify if each insect is either a beneficial insect or an insect pest in the garden. E-mail your answers to Carrie Murphy, Horticulture Educator, cjmurphy@udel.edu, subject line: “Newark Post and IPM.” The first individual to respond with all the correct answers will win the workshop gift certificate

Donation called “...An incredible asset”

► **BIDEN, from 1**

inspired hundreds more and was the most memorable teacher that thousands of students ever encountered.” He described Biden as “unusually well-qualified to discuss both the Constitution and citizenship,” citing his years of public service and longtime membership on the Senate Judiciary

Committee.

Ralph Begleiter, Rosenberg Professor of Communication and director of UD’s Center for Political Communication, also welcomed Biden to the ceremony and thanked him for donating his Senatorial papers. He said the University expects someday to have “an institute built around the policy themes to which Joe Biden has devoted his lifetime of

public service—constitutional law and equal justice, political participation and responsible citizenship, economic opportunity and prosperity, effective government, and foreign policy and international relations.”

The vice president’s Senatorial papers—a collection that also includes records in various formats such as recordings and web pages—will be processed, pre-

served and housed in the UD Library’s Special Collections Department, where staff members are nationally known for their expertise in managing political archives.

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IN THE NEWS

West Park Place Elementary School honored by U.S. Dept. of Education

West Park Place Elementary School is one of three Delaware schools recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2011. West Park Place is one of 300 schools nationwide that U.S. Secretary of Education

Arne Duncan recognized as 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools. West Park Place Elementary School Principal Ledonnis A. Hernandez will

be honored at an awards ceremony on November 14 in Washington, D.C.

The National Blue Ribbon School designation is given

to public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds. In the past 29 years, more than 6,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award. The Christina School District has had a total of six schools designated as Blue Ribbon Schools. Gallaher Elementary earned the designation in 2010, Wilson Elementary and McVey Elementary were named Blue Ribbon Schools in 2007, and Christiana High School and Shue-Medill Middle School earned the

designation in 1983. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools based on one of two criteria: 1) schools whose students, regardless of backgrounds, are ranked among the state's highest performing; and 2) schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that improve student performance to high levels.

"We are extremely proud of West Park Place Elementary School for this accomplishment. Being designated a Blue Ribbon School is a deserving tribute to both the teachers and staff," said Christina Superintendent Dr. Marcia V. Lyles. "West Park has earned its place among the best schools in the nation and the state, and is proving its commitment to student achievement each and every day."

Christina renames school for Oberle, Jr.

On September 12, the Christina School District Board of Education officially renamed Porter Road Elementary School for former Delaware State Representative William A. Oberle, Jr. The dedication ceremony was held at the school and was attended by students, staff, invited guests, and Mr. Oberle's family and friends.

Guest speakers included a surprise visit from U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, followed by

Christina Superintendent Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Christina Board President Eric Anderson, Delaware Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff Daniel Cruce, Christina Board Member John Young, former State Representative Vincent Lofink, and Delaware State PTA Director of Unit Services Bonnie S. Mucha.

Oberle retired from the Delaware House of Representatives in 2010 after representing the 24th

District in Newark for 34 years. He is considered a true advocate for the children of the Christina School District, and throughout his service in the Delaware legislature he was a consistent supporter of initiatives that would increase the success of District students. He was influential in helping the District to secure funding for many capital projects, including the completion of Porter Road Elementary School. The construc-

tion of the new elementary school allowed Christina to implement its approved Neighborhood Schools Plan, the Community Consensus Plan. The school opened in August, 2009. Representative Oberle's assistance in securing funding and supporting the project was a key factor in its completion, and his efforts helped the Christina School District achieve the goal of implementing its Neighborhood Schools Plan.

OUT OF THE ATTIC

This week's Out of the Attic item is a picture circa 1930 of the Mayer Farm that stretched on both sides of Elkton Road from Casho Mill Road to a point where the Du Pont Stine and Haskell Labs are now. It included lands along the southwest side of Casho Mill Road to Cherry Lane where it abutted the Wilson Farm. On the east side of Elkton Road it included land between Elkton Road and the then Pennsylvania Railroad from Gravenor Lane into the Industrial Park.

The picture shows farmer John Mayer riding the tractor past the dairy barn and other farm buildings. Cows were moved back and forth across two lanes of Elkton Road to grazing fields. In addition to the cows and milk products Mayer raised pigs, chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Crops included corn, wheat, patches of garden vegetables, and orchards. Mayer had a stand at the Farmer's Market on King Street in Wilmington.

Always looking for innovation, he was the first to sell chicken parts. The barn stood at what is now the southwest corner of the Elkton Road and Christina Parkway intersection. Family members of the next two generations homes extended from

the barnyard along Elkton Road. The farm is now the site of a professional office complex at Casho Mill and Elkton Roads, an apartment complex, the Suburban Plaza Shopping Center and Home Depot, The Newark Charter School, and the Industrial Park. The State of Delaware also owns a portion to preserve wetlands in the area. (Photo courtesy of Frank Mayer, Jr.)

Visit the Newark History Museum located at the historic 1877 passenger train station on South College Avenue beside the bridge on the town side of the tracks.

The museum will be open Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. through November.

Individuals, groups, clubs, or organizations are welcome to visit at other times all year by appointment. Call 368-9845 for arrangements. The Newark Historical Society invites donations or loans of objects, stories, pictures, and other artifacts of places, activities, people, and life styles in the Greater Newark Area for its permanent collections and display.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Szczerba

Sgt. Joseph Szczerba, 44, of Wilmington, died September 16.

Joseph was born June 26, 1967 in Wilmington; he was the son of Jean "Ray" Szczerba and the late Edward Joseph Szczerba. He was the husband of Kathy Szczerba, his wife of 19 years.

Joe was an eighteen-year veteran of the New Castle County Police Department. Joe was hired as a police officer on July 11, 1994. After completing his training and graduating from the New Castle County Police Academy on January 13, 1995, he was assigned to the patrol division. After completing five years on patrol, he was transferred into the Criminal Investigations Unit in 2000, where he was assigned to the Family Services Unit. Joe also served in the Research, Development and Inspections Unit during his career.

Joe was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 23, 2008 and he was currently assigned to "E-Squad" as a patrol supervisor for the central district. Joe received three unit citations, which included two for homicide investigations and one for a burglary investigation. He also received one commendation of merit for a robbery investigation. Joe also received numerous letters of commendations and appreciation.

Joe attended Corpus Christi grade school in Elsmere, before attending Salesianum High School in Wilmington, where he played football and then graduated in 1985. In his senior year, he was named to the All-State second team. He furthered his education and his football career when he attended West Chester University in West Chester, PA, where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Liberal Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice and Public Administration. He went on to attend Wilmington University in New Castle, DE, where he graduated with a Masters of Science degree in Administration of Justice. He also attended the West Point Command and Leadership program and completed the curriculum in 2009.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are his siblings; Stephen and his wife Karen, Edward and his wife Florence, Karen



Campbell and her husband David of Carmel, IN, Nancy Anderson and her husband Paul, Gerald, Peter and his wife Stephanie. He took great pride in his 11 nieces and nephews, Stephen and his wife Chelsea, Ashley, Elizabeth and her husband Larry, Edward, Philip, Julianna, Andrew, David, Ann Marie, Jacob, and Hannah; four great nieces and nephews, Christopher, Cameron, Lidia and Jack. Joe was predeceased by his father, Edward Joseph Szczerba.

The public is invited to attend a viewing beginning at 9 a.m., on Friday, September 23, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, which will be followed by a mass of Christian Burial starting at 1 p.m. The burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the following organizations: Faithful Friends, 12 Germay Drive in Wilmington, DE 19804; Delaware Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Attn: Hilary Taylor, 113 Barksdale Professional Center in Newark, DE 19711; Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Inc., 110 Possum Hollow Road in Newark, DE 19711; Sunday Breakfast Mission, 110 North Poplar Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. Supplied by the New Castle County Police Department.

William Betts Sr.

William W. Betts, Sr., 82, of Newark, died Friday, September 9. Since 1970, Mr. Betts was owner/operator of Betts Garage and B&G Glass. Previously, he worked for the DuPont Company Chambers Works and the Delaware SPCA.

He is survived by his son, William

W. Betts, Jr.; daughters, Helen Jarrett and Lynn Mobley; siblings, Ruth Ann Martens, Ronald Betts and Marie Morris; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. Mr. Betts was preceded in death by his



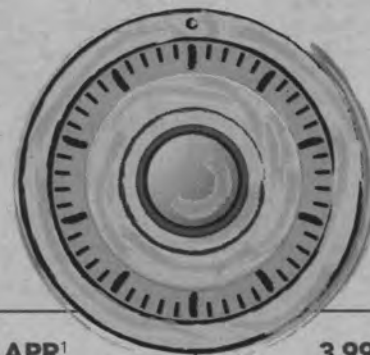
wife, Irene (Starobynski) Betts and his son, David B. Betts, Sr.

Funeral services were Friday, September 16, at the Beeson Funeral Home of Newark, 2053 Pulaski Highway, Newark. Burial was in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear.

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To leave an online condolence, please visit www.griecocares.com.

Sean Carroll

Sean Patrick Carroll, 31, of Newark, died on Thursday, September 15.

A proud graduate of Christiana High School, class of 1999, Sean was an active and dedicated member of the Christiana Volunteer Fire Company and was honored with the President's Award in 2009. He recently began his own lawn service, and was lovingly known as "The Mayor" of his neighborhood, where he routinely could be seen walking, riding his bike or pushing his lawn mower.

His father, Robert F. Carroll, Sr., passed away in 1997. Sean will be dearly missed and remembered by his mother, Eileen Graney Carroll; his brothers, Robert F., Jr. and his wife, Katherine and Michael and his wife, Kelly; his nieces, Katelyn and Madison; his nephew, Kaysen; and his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A visitation was held at Parish of the Resurrection, 3000 Videre Drive, Skyline Ridge, Wilmington on Tuesday, September 20. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Resurrection on Wednesday, September 21, with

interment following in All Saints Cemetery.

In place of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations in memory of Sean to the Christiana Volunteer Fire Company, 2 E. Main St., Newark, DE 19702 or Parish of the Resurrection, 3000 Videre Drive, Wilm., DE 19808.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dohertyfh.com.

Ava Ogu

Mrs. Ava Marie Markham Ogu, 65, of Newark, died on Friday, September 9, at Christiana Hospital. Born in Los Angeles, CA, on December 20, 1945, Mrs. Ogu was the daughter of the late James C. Markham and Florence (Bessey) Markham; and a sister to the late William Case and George Case.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 38 years, Dr. Echezazu Ogu; children, Uchenna, Chinyere, Ahamefule, and Emeka; grandchildren, Ameer, Xeniyah, Anthony and Aaron; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; and many nephews and nieces in the USA and Nigeria.

Ava graduated from Cleveland High in St. Louis, MO in 1964, and obtained her B.S. in Education from Harris-Stowe State College in St. Louis in 1979, earning a Lifetime Missouri Teacher's Certificate.

Ava, a member of the Baha'i Faith, truly celebrated the oneness of mankind in her multi-cultural family. Ava and family previously lived in St. Louis, MO; Lagos, Nigeria; Norwich, NY; and Clermont-Ferrand, France. Prior to volunteering her time as an educator and raising her family, she worked at Barnes Hospital and in the Dean's Office of the School of Engineering at Washington University, both in St. Louis.

Visitation and funeral service were on Friday, September 16, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

To sign her guest book, visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/avaogu.

Margaret Phillips-Waithe

Margaret Ann Phillips-Waithe, 74, of Newark, died on Tuesday September 13, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Phila. PA, on July 10, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Levonda Briggs-Mack and William Briggs.

Margaret was a graduate of the Wilfred Academy of Hair Beauty Culture where she later became a Licensed Teacher of Cosmetology. She was also a well-known Licensed Barber. Margaret was employed in meaningful positions in various fields including medical assistant, early childhood educator and counselor for individuals who were developmentally challenged. She has also worked with geriatric patients.

In Philadelphia she attended the Deliverance Evangelistic Church. Once settled in Delaware, she became a member of The Victory Christian Fellowship Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory; six children: Antoinette Ibrahim, Annetta Briggs, Joan Boyd, Abdul-Zahir, Jerome Phillips, LaTonya Phillips-Roberts, eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Funeral Services were celebrated on Wednesday September 21 at the Victory Christian Fellowship, 100 Wilton Blvd., New Castle. Burial followed in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear.

To offer condolences, visit www.dohertyfh.com.

Joseph Purcell

Joseph A. Purcell, 68, of Bear, died on Tuesday, August 23, in the VA Medical Center in Wilmington, DE. Mr. Purcell was born in Reading, PA. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and worked at Providence and Worcester Railroad before his retirement.

Mr. Purcell is survived by his daughters, Anne Hood and husband Barry, and Julia Sonne and husband Peter, both of South Carolina; brother, William Purcell; five sisters: Mary Thren and husband J. Richard, Julia Burke and husband Miles, Mollie Purcell, Katherine Klick and husband Lawrence, Anne Purcell and partner Charlotte Fiorito; three grandchildren: Justin Hood, Ellie and Christian Sonne; dear friends, Lee and Darlene Janvier, who lovingly cared for Joseph during his illness. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Purcell, Jr.; and parents, John and Katherine (Garrigan) Purcell.

A Memorial Service in celebration of Mr. Purcell's life was held on Thursday, September 15, in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear. To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Cloud Rutter III

Cloud C. "Clay" Rutter III, 64, of Newark, died on Monday September

12, at Christiana Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was a John Dickinson High School and University of Delaware graduate. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army with the 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam. Clay worked for ChristianaCare in the IT Dept. for 13 years. He also owned the SelecTronS DJs, which he started in high school. He owned the Electric Gramophone, a popular teen dance club in the 70's.

Most recently he owned, with his family, Websites4Sports.com, a sports website for all schools in Delaware. Clay was an active member of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church where he created CD recordings of the services.

He is survived by, and will be remembered with love by, his wife of 40 years, Barbara; his three children, Brian and his wife Wendy, Jennifer and Mark; his brother David and his wife Mary Beth and niece Heather Mosca; his two grandchildren Dewey and Bethany; and beloved dog Sebastian.

A celebration of Clay's life was held on Thursday, September 15, at St. Barnabas' Church, 2800 Duncan Rd, Wilmington. Interment followed in the adjoining memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.mccrearyandharra.com.

Warren Zebley

Warren Guy (Squeaky) Zebley, 57, of Bear, died September 10, at Heartland Hospice in Wilmington, with his children by his side.



Born in Seattle, WA, and raised in Media, PA where he participated in all the local youth sports programs and achieved great success as a water skier in competitions. Warren graduated from Penncrest High School class of 1972. He attended the University of Wisconsin, where he played football and coached football at McKean High School in Wilmington. He worked for thirty-five years as a building manager for the Public Ledger Building in Philadelphia, PA.

Survivors include his son, Wayne Zebley; daughters, Lisa Pesce (Pietro Pesce), and Lauren Zebley all of Wilmington, DE; mother, Margaret "Peg" Zebley of Elkton, MD; sisters, Susan Z. Day (Richard) of Elkton, MD; Carol Lynn Zebley of Torrance, CA; brother, Stephen D. Zebley (Erin) of Pottstown, PA; also survived by grandchildren, Gianni, Adriana, Faith and Laila and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, September 17, at the Rigby Harting & Hagan Funeral Home 15 E. Fourth Street Media, PA. Burial in Chester Bethel Methodist Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, 321 Norristown Road Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002.

Arrangements by Rigby Harting & Hagan Funeral Home, 15 E. Fourth St., Media, PA.

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Every home project begins with an idea and ends with the culmination of the job. In between, there are three main components of an improvement project that can mean the difference between success and frustration: Planning, permits and protection.

PLANNING

The initial stage of a renovation is the planning stage. Planning is when a homeowner works through the concept of the project and determines what is necessary to complete the task.

Many people find it helpful to write out plans and draw up the concept on paper. This doesn't require expensive architectural software. A simple piece of graph paper plotted with measurements and a sketch is often sufficient for small projects. If the job will be expansive and require an architect or engineer, he or she will often provide a technical drawing.

If the project focuses more on decorating than building, some find it helpful to create a design board. This is where fabric swatches, paint color samples, pictures of furniture and accessories, and any other components of the room are put together. Having a design board enables the homeowner to go to the store with board in tow and match up items to things in the store.

Another part of the planning stage is establishing a budget and determining the project's financing. It can be

helpful to make a list of all income and expenses and find out how much funding is left over for a project. When getting estimates on the work, whether it will be done by a contractor or a DIY project, the homeowner should then make a list of approximate costs (rounding up) and then compare it against the available funds.

PERMITS

Many projects, especially those involving building, demolition, electrical work, or mold remediation, require permits issued by the town, province or city in which the work will be taking place.

The purpose of permits and subsequent inspections is often questioned by homeowners looking to circumvent the system. However, building permits are required to ensure public safety, health and welfare as they are affected by building construction, structural strength, zoning, and code requirements. In essence, building permits are how the government regulates safety and protects both current and future residents of the property.

In many cases, homeowners will need to visit the municipal building in their respective towns and apply for a permit. The permit may not immediately be issued. Oftentimes, there is a waiting period during which the project's legality and safety is examined. Once the project is approved, the applicant will

be able to file for the actual permit(s). There is usually a fee or fees for permit application, which covers any clerical work.

Work should not begin until a permit is received, and then the permit generally has to be placed in plain sight, such as in a window of the building. Depending on building codes, inspections of the work may need to take place after all of the project is completed or during certain phases. For example, the building of a deck may require inspections after footings are installed and secured, and before the upper portions of the decking materials are attached. If an inspection takes place afterward, the inspector will be looking for key code issues to determine whether the work was completed successfully. If a contractor was used, he or she may have to be present at the time of the inspection. If the work passes, an approval will be given and put on record. If the work fails, applicable repairs will have to be made and a re-inspection will be scheduled.

Should a home be put on the market, all permits may need to be on file or in the homeowners' possession in order for a certificate of occupancy to be issued to the new buyer. Failure to have permits can hold up the process or result in fines.

PROTECTION

Homeowners about to

begin a project also need to emphasize safety. There are a number of things that can be on hand to make a work environment safer. These include:

- Eye protection: This is especially important when working with flying debris, cutting items, mixing caustic chemicals, etc.
- Respirator or face mask: Cover the nose or mouth when there is dust or debris in the air that can enter the lungs. When working with toxic fumes, such as when using spray paints or chemical lubricants, a respirator can offer clean air.
- Boots: Proper footwear ensures protection should an item fall on the foot or when walking where nails or other sharp items are located.
- Fire extinguisher: A fire extinguisher should be nearby in the event of a mishap.
- First aid kit: An abrasion or cut may occur, requiring



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Before starting any project, be sure to consider the 3 Ps.

prompt care.

• Gloves: When the hands need to be protected or extra traction on surfaces is required, gloves can be a necessity.

• Headphones: Safety headphones can protect the ears against loud, consistent noises from power equipment and tools.

• Locks: A locked cabinet

can store tools, paints, chemicals, and other improvement supplies so that young children or pets won't have access.

When homeowners take the time to plan, obtain permits, and secure the needed protection for a job, they help ensure a safer job that is done correctly.

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By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

Yesterday at the **Ramada**, locals lined up to cash in on their gold and silver, antiques, collectibles, at the "As seen on TV," Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Newark** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his father had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow specialist that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$300.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow, commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches and jewelry are valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow specialists find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase

them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment: "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.



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While on an ocean adventure far from home, Viola and her twin brother, Sebastian, find themselves separated and cast away on the shores of Illiria. As strangers in a strange land, the lost siblings — each believing the other has drowned — encounter the most challenging adventure of their lives: love. Identity and gender roles further complicate the situation when unwanted

advances, unrequited longing, and a cast of unruly servants converge and conspire in Shakespeare's romantic comedy of love in all of its manifestations.

Adult tickets: \$15.00, Senior tickets: \$10.00, Student tickets: \$5.00. Show dates: Friday, September 23, 24, 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m.

Flea Market/Apple Fest

Saturday September 24. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Salem United Methodist Church, 469 Salem Church Rd., Newark, DE 19702. Flea market, bake table & food. Vendor tables

available. For more information, please call Jim Perialas at 302-326-1938.

Roller Derby in Newark

The Diamond State Roller Girls are gearing up for their home bout on September 24, which promises bigger hits, better moves and first class entertainment for the whole family. Roller derby is an emerging sport that encourages healthy and active lifestyles, empowers women and brings communities closer together.

The Diamond State Roller Girl All Stars will take on the Shore Points Boardwalk Brawlers Saturday, September 24. The bout will take place at

the Christiana Skating Center, 801 Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the first whistle is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 at www.diamondstateroller-girls.com, or \$12 at the door. Children ages 10 and younger are admitted free with an adult. It is recommended that attendees bring their own chair.

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Each day will feature military skirmishes, tactical demonstrations and drills, colonial crafts, food vendors, and of course a full-fledged Revolutionary War Encampment of both British and "Rebels" (the good guys, continental and militia groups) will be at hand. The public will be able to: tour the encampments, shop at the colonial faire, enjoy chil-

dren's activities, hearth cooking demonstrations, manor house tours, nature walks, and more. Tickets: \$5 per person, Children 12 & under & FOMH Members Free

Reenactment to Celebrate the 1777 Campaign of the Revolutionary War: The Campaign of 1777 began when the British fleet anchored at the mouth of the Sassafras River and landed at Oldfield Point, as part of the largest amphibious landing of the Revolutionary War. General Howe marched his British troops onto Head of Elk, and continued north toward the then American Capital of Philadelphia. General Howe's goal was to

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Renowned Professor leaves lasting legacy

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recently stored in the National Archives and Records Administration. The papers will be sealed for two years after Biden retires from public office.

The political papers already housed in Special Collections span more than two centuries and include those of federal legislators Michael N. Castle, Thomas R. Carper, Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman, John Williams and J. Allen Frear Jr.

UD President Patrick Harker, speaking at Friday's ceremony, thanked Biden "for this extraordinary donation of Senatorial papers, an abundance of materials that will illuminate decades of U.S. policy and diplomacy and the vice president's critical role in its development." The papers, Harker said, will provide students and scholars "an incredible asset for generations to come."

Susan Brynteson, vice provost and May Morris Director of Libraries, called the donation priceless. "The Biden Senatorial papers will document a remarkable personal career but equally will help scholars understand a great deal about those significant decades in the history of Congress, the nation and the world," she said.

Through donations of alumni and friends, the James R. Soles Citizenship Endowment has been established to honor Prof. Soles and his lifelong commitment to public service.

The endowment supports the Soles Undergraduate Citizenship Stipends, which allow political science and international relations majors to take part in special civic participation projects or service internships; the Soles Graduate Fellowships in Political Science, which assists graduate students planning

public service careers; and the Soles Professorship in Political Science, which was awarded to Pika in 2008.

The Soles Lecture on the Constitution and Citizenship will be sponsored annually by the Department of Political Science and International Relations as the University's official recognition of the approval of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The lecture will feature a public address by a prominent individual and an opportunity for students receiving support from the Soles Endowment to

meet and interact with former students of Prof. Soles, many of whom are now working in public service at the local, state and federal levels.

Prof. Soles joined the UD Department of Political Science and International Relations in 1968 and taught courses specializing in American government and public law until he retired in 2002. He died in October 2010.

Twice a recipient of the University's Excellence in Teaching Award and a winner of the Excellence in Advising Award, he was named UD's

first Alumni Distinguished Professor, a position created to recognize outstanding teaching and mentoring. He was known not only for teaching but also for mentoring countless students and for his knowledge of politics, particularly Delaware politics.

"Colleges and universities across the nation strive to create graduates who are lifelong learners," Pika said at the first Soles lecture Friday. "Lifelong learners, it turns out, need lifelong teachers, and Jim Soles was just that sort of committed teacher. He continued to

answer the questions of scores of UD grads well after they had left the campus—questions about politics, about careers and about life."

Biden, who was a student at UD before Prof. Soles joined the faculty, spoke of other professors who profoundly affected his own life and career — in particular, Paul Dolan, Leroy Bennett, David Ingersoll and Yaroslav Bilinsky — and said Prof. Soles had that kind of impact on a large scale.

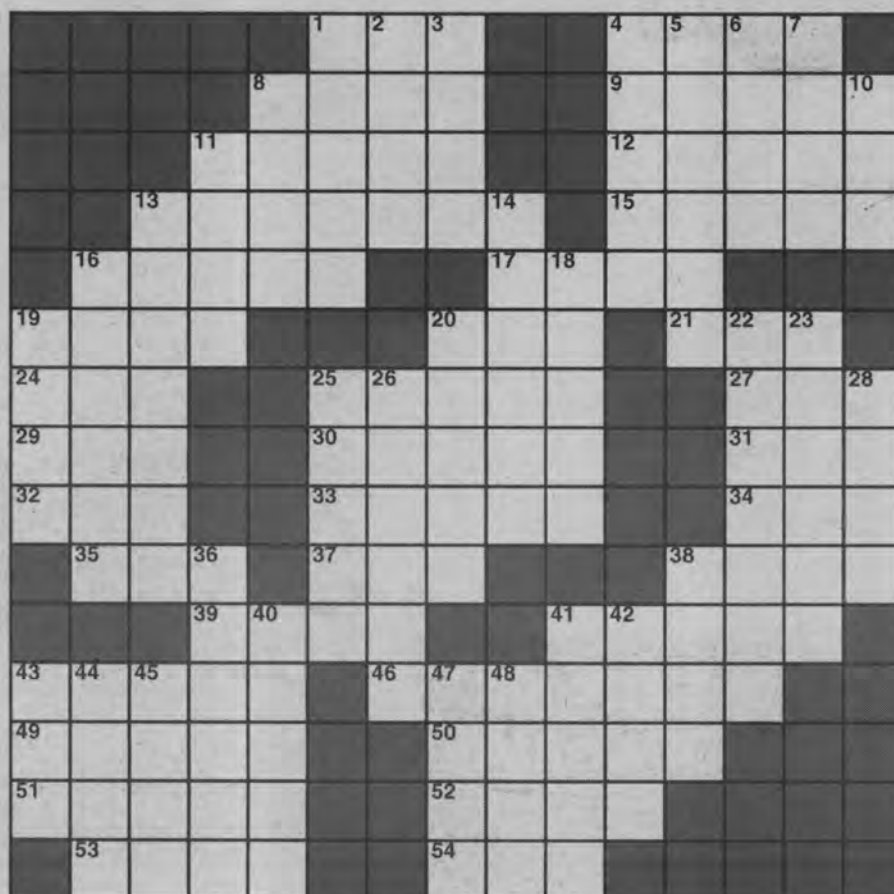
"Governors, senators, judges, state legislators all passed through Jim's office," Biden

said. "Jim influenced an entire generation of public servants. That's his legacy, a living legacy."

Harker thanked the wide network of friends who have supported the Soles Citizenship Endowment, saying those supporters not only honor Prof. Soles but also extend his commitment to public service to current students. "You're enabling a powerful legacy of devoted civic participation here in Delaware and across this nation—a legacy that surely Jim would have wanted most in the world," Harker said.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 2



ACROSS

- 1. Political Action Committee: abbr.
- 4. Word to end a prayer
- 8. Supernatural force
- 9. Impersonated a sheep
- 11. Port city in S. Korea
- 12. Crime involving fire
- 13. Can't move
- 15. Italian city
- 16. S. China seaport
- 17. Scores off of the serve
- 19. Peer
- 20. ___ mode, with ice cream
- 21. American Institute of Technology: abbr.
- 24. Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper
- 25. Absorption unit
- 27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 29. Have already done
- 30. A citizen of Oman
- 31. Upper body appendage
- 32. "___ no evil, hear no evil..."
- 33. Italian princes
- 34. Cheat (slang)

DOWN

- 14. Solution used to clean contact lenses
- 16. Environment; surroundings
- 18. Type genus of the Canidae
- 19. Where peas live
- 20. With "taken," means dumbfounded or startled
- 22. Insects in their adult stages
- 23. Opposition party to the Whigs
- 25. Colas
- 26. Makes one laugh; entertains
- 28. Current units
- 36. Stadiums
- 38. Type genus of the Gliridae
- 40. Strangely
- 41. ___ wrap, clear packaging film
- 42. Research labs
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. An Asian river between China and Russia
- 45. In stories, for example, one who saves the day
- 47. S. American armadillo with three bands of bony plates
- 48. Mammal genus



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Covenant Discipleship Weekend

September 24-25 - The Rev. Dr. Steven W. Manskar, Director of Wesleyan Leadership of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Discipleship, will visit Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St., Newark, to conduct a day-long workshop on covenant discipleship and preach at three Sunday morning worship services. Workshop registration due by Sept. 18. For more information, visit www.newark-umc.org or call 302-368-8774.

Find-A-Fido Dog Adoption and Family Fun Event

Delaware Humane Association and other local animal rescue and shelter groups will be bringing adoptable puppies and dogs of all ages to Camp Bow Wow on Sunday, September 25. The free Find-A-Fido Dog Adoption and Family Fun Event will run from 1 to 4 pm at Camp Bow Wow, 301 Ruthar Drive,

Newark, DE 19711.

Come join us whether you're looking for your first pet or interested in adding another furry friend to your family! Stop by even if you're not planning on adopting—enjoy a vendor marketplace, raffles, dog trainers, and Waggies treats by Maggie & Friends.

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Since Camp Bow Wow is mindful of dog safety, guests are asked not to bring dogs that have not been to Camp before.

For more information, check out Camp Bow Wow online at campbowwow.com/delawarenorth and facebook.com/campbowwowde.

For more information about Delaware Humane Association, visit dehumane.org or call 302-571-0111.

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Fall Career Expo

The University of Delaware Career Services Center will sponsor the 2011 Fall Career Expo from 1-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Bob Carpenter Center.

The expo will offer a great deal of information for those who are looking for a full-time

job or an internship this year or next summer.

The Fall Career Expo is UD's largest career fair for all majors and all degree levels with over 150 employers expected to attend, and it marks the beginning of the campus interviewing season.

UD students and alumni can find these organizations and apply through Blue Hen Careers account.

The expo is open to all UD students and alumni.

For more information, visit the Fall Career Expo website at http://www.udel.edu/CSC/fallexpo.html or contact: Kristal Olowolafe, Career Services Center events manager, at career-events@udel.edu.

Wine Tasting & Reception

Southern Wine & Spirits of Delaware will present a Wine Tasting to benefit Delaware Hospice on Thursday, September 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., following the Delaware Hospice Golf Outing at the Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club, 507 Thompson Station Rd., Newark.

The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment by Mario Rocco, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a Cliff Lee Autographed Jersey raffle.

Tickets are \$50 per person, and can be purchased by

contacting Joyce Bensinger, Associate Director of Development, at 302-478-5707 or jbensinger@delawarehospice.org.

Delaware Hospice Golf Outing

The Delaware Hospice Golf Outing, sponsored by the Chesapeake Companies and Chesapeake Insurance Advisors, will be held on Thursday, September 29, at White Clay Creek Country Club at Delaware Park in Stanton.

The fee is \$300 per person, which includes green fees, cart, box lunch, goodie bag, golf jacket, course refreshments, and an awards dinner and wine tasting. Early registration is recommended and participation will be limited to ensure the best possible experience.

The format will be a scramble. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12 p.m. The awards dinner and wine tasting, with live entertainment by Mario Rocco and open bar will begin at 5 p.m.

The Golf Outing will feature the following contests: Putting, Team Prizes for Low Gross, Closest to the Pin Men and Ladies, and Straightest Drive Men and Ladies.

Sponsorships at varying levels are available.

Delaware Hospice is the

largest, most experienced and only nonprofit hospice in the area. Funds raised from the Golf Outing will help Delaware Hospice continue to provide a high standard of excellence in the programs and services it provides to the community.

For more information about the Delaware Hospice Golf Outing or about how you can support Delaware Hospice, contact Joyce Bensinger, Associate Director of Development, at 302-478-5707, x 1135, or jbensinger@delawarehospice.org. Online donations can be made to Delaware Hospice at www.delawarehospice.org/help-us-help-others/donate.html.

Dinner - Dance at Newark Senior Center

Dance the night away to the Honeycombs at the Newark Senior Center on Friday, September 30. The Dinner - Dance runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Dinner includes tossed salad, chicken parmesan with pasta, rolls and dessert. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner. A cash bar will be available. To purchase tickets please call the Newark Senior Center at (302) 737-2336 or visit the Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

Visiting Nurse Association Offers Free Workshops

The Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is holding a series of three free workshops for family and other caregivers supporting loved ones healing at home. The Caregivers Education Series takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Christiana Hospital, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Room 7 on Tuesdays, October 4, 11 and 18. A light supper will be provided.

This series is ideal for anyone who is a spouse, parent, other relative or friend caring for an individual. The Caregivers Education Series presents the following topics: community resources available to help with caregiving duties, managing daily tasks such as bathing, managing medications and making the home environment safe and reducing stress in the caregiver role.

To register or for more information, please visit www.christianacare.org/helpforcaregivers or call Christiana Care at 800-693-CARE. For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/whowear.

The series is co-hosted by the Delaware Health and Social Services' CARE Delaware program.

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IN THE NEWS

UD singing group to compete on NBC

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A University of Delaware a capella group will compete for a recording contract this fall when they square off against 15 other groups on NBC's "The Sing-off." Members of The Deltones, a co-ed student group that just celebrated its 20th year on campus, traveled to Los Angeles this summer to film the show.

"The whole thing is like 'American Idol,'" said Walter Pendleton, a sophomore communications major from Newark and a Deltones member. "They give you a theme each week." "The Sing-off," in its third season, debuted Monday, but the UD group will not appear until this coming Monday at 8 p.m.

Hosted by Nick Lachey, the show features Ben Folds, Shawn Stockman and Sara Bareilles as judges. The series was filmed over the summer, but the finale will be shown live

so audience members can vote for the winner.

The winning group gets \$100,000 and a Sony recording contract.

The Deltones sent in an audition tape earlier this year, but never expected to be selected.

"The odds were so slim that we tried to think it wouldn't happen so as not to get our hopes up," Pendleton said.

However, the Deltones were chosen from among hundreds of entries and heard news that they had been selected shortly after the school year ended.

"It was really exciting," Pendleton said.

In Los Angeles, the group members spent 13 hours a day rehearsing, picking out their wardrobes and filming segments.

If nothing else, all that work will help improve their campus performances, said Alex Bliziotis, a junior chemical-engineering major from Hamilton, N.J.

"It's a learning experience," he said. "A lot of us aren't

music majors, but now we can bring back what we learned in L.A."

Pendleton said the members enjoyed working with the other a cappella groups, several of which were also from universities.

"It didn't really feel like a competition as much as a bunch of a cappella groups performing together," he said.

The members aren't allowed to discuss details of how well they did on the show. They plan to host a viewing party on campus next week for their on-camera debut.

Pendleton said group members have already been recognized on campus more this year, with many classmates and professors noting they have seen them featured in commercials for the show. The Deltones perform several on-campus concerts each year, but the members are getting the sense their newfound fame will make them more in-demand.

"This year, I expect a lot of singing," Pendleton said.



UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHOTO BY THE DELTONES

The University of Delaware group The Deltones will compete in the NBC reality competition "The Sing-Off."

Event caters to adults and children

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University of Delaware and the Christina School District. The three entities helped recruit over 250 vendors offering all types of entertainment, activities, food, information and merchandise.

"We have four stages of performances, an outstanding food court area and plenty of activities for the children in our game area," Newark Parks and Recreation superintendent Joe Spadafino said. "We have vendors ranging from community information to fine arts and homemade crafts."

One of the vendors, Gina Valania, of Newark, first stumbled

onto Community Day as a student at Delaware in the mid-1980s. She continued to attend even after graduation, and eventually brought her own children to enjoy the day.

"I've always loved the family atmosphere," Valania said. "It's like a homecoming for me."

Now that her kids are off to college, Valania finds herself on the other side of the vendor table, selling what she calls her "saltwater and sand creations."

"I like to share my love of the ocean and my creativity with using items of the sea to make shadow-boxes and wreaths," the middle school science teacher said. "This is my favorite way to bring the two to others who love the same."

While adults appeared to be taking care of some early holiday shopping at a variety of merchandise tents, kids of all ages could be seen romping ahead of their parents to be first in line to play a game, have their face painted, or even pet a giant dog.

"Mommy, I want one of these big dogs," a wide-eyed child was overheard saying at the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue tent.

While some vendors' merchandise or information was clearly aimed for an adult audience, other activities were geared for children of all ages. One of the favorites, though, required the creativity of the entire family ... and a little help from the sisters of two UD sororities.

"I'm a scarecrow expert now," UD sophomore Sydney Finkelstein said with a smile. "It's pretty amazing how the entire community comes together. I'll definitely volunteer again next year."

As for next year, when the event enters its fifth decade, there will be one family very well represented, by no less than three generations.

"As a child coming here, one of my most vivid memories was always seeing [the late Sen.] Bill Roth with his St. Bernard," said Ashley Conway, of Bear. "And now my husband and I bring our boys as a way to see what is going on in the community, and of course, to walk up and down what we still call 'the mall.'"

"We always brought the kids

because we thought it was important for them to see all that our community has to offer," said Conway's mother, Carolyn Progdgers. "It was a tradition my husband and I enjoyed then as parents, and do now as grandparents."

Community Day has grown in popularity so much that it also attracts people from outside the Newark area. Jon Evans, of Nottingham, Pa., said a friend of his from the local Lion's Club tipped him off about Community Day.

"They told me it was a wonderful event," Evans said as his kids took turns sinking putts at the golf activity. "And they were right."

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