Al Lawler, a veteran of the Korean War, salutes the memorial on the Academy Lawn last Friday. 105TH YEAR | 35TH ISSUE

Remembering the missing

By KARIE SIMMONS ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com

Single red, white and blue roses were placed at the foot of the Academy Lawn memorial last Friday in remembrance of the thousands of soldiers who never came home from war. The service was in observance of Na-tional POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day to remember

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Brazen robberies cause concern

10 incidents reported this month

By JOSH SHANNON ishannon@newarkpostonline.com

Police are stepping up patrols throughout Newark as a rash of brazen robberies continues to plague the city.

Since the beginning of September, there have been eight robberies and two attempted robberies, most targeting University of Delaware students. Six involved a weapon, and in the other four, the victim was assaulted.

The city almost always sees a rise in crime in September, when the return of the students brings an increase in the number of potential targets.

However, what is particularly alarming this year, police say, is that many of the robberies are occurring in

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Josh, 10, relaxes in the grass during Community Day on Sunday with his scarecrow, which he named Jerry.



Visitors, vendors enjoy annual Community Day festival

By KARIE SIMMONS ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com

Thousands flocked to the University of Delaware Green on Sunday for Community Day, some for the first time and others as part of an annual fall tradition.

"I've been coming since I was little, make a scarecrow in front of Memoand it's always fun," said Bear resident rial Hall. She said they plan to take the Christina Johnston. "It's just great to see old friends and booths from the as a fall decoration. community.

Johnston watched as her daughters Lily, 4, and Juliana, 7, stuffed handfuls of hay into a shirt and pair of pants to scarecrow home and place it outside

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Jaycees putt their way down Main Street in annual fundraiser

By JOSH SHANNON jshannon@newarkpostonline.com

It didn't take much to convince James Keenan to par-ticipate in the Pub Putt, held Saturday at five downtown Newark bars.

"It sounded like fun. It's playing golf and drinking beer," Keenan said.

However, organizers say, the simple concept belies the event's bigger purpose: to raise money for the Delaware Jaycees, a leadership training organization for young professionals. The Pub Putt, now in its fifth year, raised nearly \$1,000 from participants' entry fees, according to event coordinator Karly Nesson.

In teams of four, approximately two-dozen people here, Mili said.

traveled from bar to bar, playing mini-golf on holes set up by each bar. The participat-ing bars – Santa Fe Mexican Grill, Klondike Kate's, Deer Park Tavern, Pat's Pizzeria and Greene Turtle - also offered drink specials, and the day ended with an after-party at the Greene Turtle.

"People have so much fun, they forget it was a fundraiser," said Alex Mili, president of the Delaware Jaycees. "Anyone who has ever seen 'Caddyshack' or 'Happy Gilmore' knows how much fun it is to combine golf with socializing at pubs.'

A Jaycees chapter in Colorado invented the Pub Putt concept, and local Jaycees officials decided to adopt it



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHAN James Keenan participates in the Delaware Jaycees' Pub Putt on Saturday.

Donald White, president of the Wilmington Jaycees, was putting with three friends.

"It's a good time for a good cause," he said.

Laurence Bolotin, vice president of the national Jaycees organization, flew in from Indianapolis for the event.

"It's a clever way to bring members together with people who aren't members yet," Bolotin said.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

Drug take-back day set for Saturday

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Newarkers will have an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Local agencies have part-nered with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the ninth drug take-back day in four years.

Last April, Americans turned in 390 tons (over 780,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 6,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,400 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

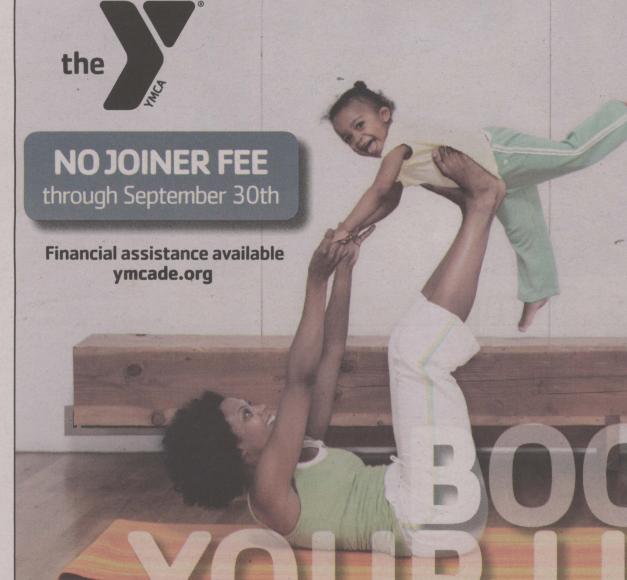
The service is free and anonymous, and local drop off locations include Delaware State Police located in the Christiana Care Medical Arts Pavilion II at 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road, and the University of Delaware Police Department at 413 Academy St.

Correction

The Sept. 19 article "Solar park nears finish" incorrectly reported that the Green **Energy Program is through** Delmarva Power. The Green Energy Program is through the State of Delaware.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Donald White participates in the Delaware Jaycees' Pub Putt at Santa Fe Mexican Grill on Saturday.



Police bought license plate cameras without approval

By JOSH SHANNON ishannon@newarkpostonline.com

An investigation by City Manager Carol Houck has revealed that the Newark Police Department violated city policy when it bought additional license plate tracking cameras late last year.

Under the established procedures, city council must vote on purchases greater than \$25,000. However, NPD spent \$45,000 for the two cameras without seeking council's input.

"An error was made," Houck said. "It was an oversight by staff."

On Monday, Houck ordered NPD to return the cameras, which had not yet been installed. However, she learned Wednesday that the vendor will not accept the cameras back.

"The reasons given were that they have been in our possession for six months, they already have a newer model and they would need to be sold as used," she said.

Instead, Houck will ask council to retroactively approve the purchase next month. If council votes no, the city will likely give the cameras to the state, because a state grant paid for them.

Houck's decision does not affect the two cameras already in operation but instead puts on hold NPD's plan to double the reach of the license plate tracking system this fall.

The city's ALPR system,



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month from the weekly de-

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city manager's office. Howev-

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article last week that detailed

This camera photographs and deciphers license plates as cars pass through the intersection of Main and Chapel streets. The Newark Police Department planned to install two more but that project is on hold because the proper purchasing procedure was not followed.

from some privacy advocates, uses cameras to take high-speed photos of license plates and utilizes optical character recognition software to discern the numbers or letters on the plates. The cameras can alert officers to stolen vehicles, and the plate information collected is stored in a database for up to six months.

In 2009, NPD used a \$20,000 federal grant to purchase a mobile ALPR unit, which is

which has drawn criticism mounted to a patrol car. Two investigating the purchase years later, it bought a fixed Monday afternoon after unit for \$22,000, also funded Councilman Rob Gifford by a grant. That camera is inraised concerns. stalled at the corner of Main Gifford said he first learned Street and Chapel Street. of the purchase earlier this

At the end of last year, NPD bought two additional fixed cameras for a total of \$45,000, using money from a program funded by a surcharge added to traffic fines. It planned to after reading a newspaper install them this fall at undisthe ALPR system and the closed intersections "at the edge of the city."

plans for expansion. However, Houck began "I saw in the Newark

Post that it was \$45,000, and that spurred me to ask Carol [Houck] how it was approved," Gifford said, adding that he was concerned because the price is above the threshold for council approval.

Houck said she looked into it and concluded that the proper procedures were not followed. Typically, she said, a purchase request should be sent to the city's purchasing department, which is part of Houck's office. From there, requests over \$25,000 are put on the council agenda

She did not name the employee who erred but said the person likely thought council approval was not needed because there are already ALPRs in use and the purchase was funded entirely by grants.

"We're taking steps to put procedures in place so this doesn't happen again," Houck said.

The city is working with the vendor in an attempt to return the cameras. The money will be given back to the state.

It is possible NPD will ask council to approve the purchase now.

"We have that option," Houck said.

The purchases of the ALPRs in 2009 and 2011 followed the correct procedure, she added.

Gifford said he was pleased Houck took his concerns seriously.

"We have to do these

things properly," he said. "It seems we have a system problem."

He noted that his concern was merely about the procedures not being followed. He declined to take a stance on the merits of the ALPR program but said he would "want a robust public discussion before we approved any more."

Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for NPD, did not respond to a request for comment. However, in a previous interview, he extolled the benefits of the ALPR system.

"It's an integral part of our use of technology to combat criminal activity," Farrall said. "It's helped in a number of cases.'

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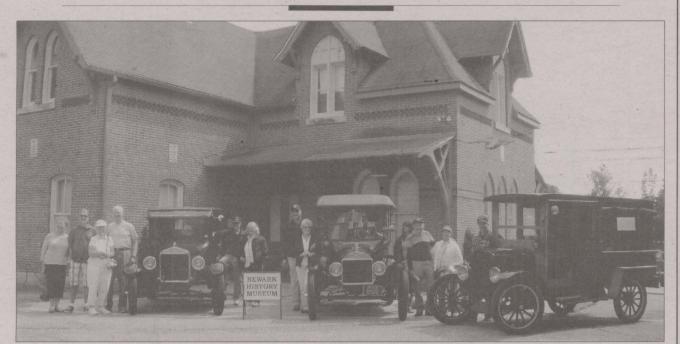
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Three centuries meet at 2014 event

Attic item is a Sept. 14 photograph of elements from three centuries of Newark history combined to become one event.

From the 19th century is the building erected as the Newark railroad passenger station in 1877 by the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company that replaced an older building. The station, closed by Amtrak in 1974, was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981 and sold to the City of Newark

This week's Out of the in 1987. It has since been re- Kalmbacher and next is Wilstored to its original design and now houses the Newark History Museum.

The cars and the people are from the 20th century. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Eva Walker, Scott Moxley, Emile Schuler, Michael Walker, a 1926 model "T" two-door sedan and its owners Dave and Pam Krim. Next are John and Regina Polakovic and their 1916 model "T" touring car. Next is Robin Moxley standing behind Leo Douville and Charlotte

liam Schuler and his 1924 model "T" huckster truck.

The 21st century element was a mystery trip for its own members sponsored by the Model "T" Club of Delaware. Antique car groups often participate in auto shows for charitable organizations or community festivals. This event was a road rally ending at a destination of interest for the members' own enjoyment. The total visiting group to the museum was 25 members with 14 model "T" vehicles.

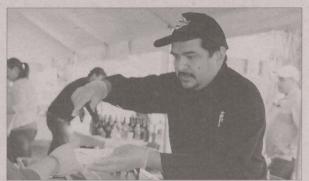
Eva Walker wrote in a follow-up e-mail, "Everyone enjoyed the museum and the great folks who came out to make this such a wonderful visit. Our thanks

The Newark History Museum has welcomed many groups for private appointment visits. Appointments can be morning, afternoon or evening on weekdays or weekends throughout the year.

Learn more at the Newark History Museum located on South College Avenue beside the bridge. It is open Sun-days from 2 to 5 now through November. Make appointments to visit at other times by calling 302-368-9845 to schedule. For more information go to the website www. NewarkDeHistoricalSociety. org. or their message phone at 302-224-2408. e-mail at newarkdehistoricalsociety@ yahoo.com, or postal mail to P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715-0711.







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Miguel Carillo, of Kildare's, gives attendees samples of the restaurant's Irish specialties at last year's Taste of Newark.

Taste of Newark to show off city's 'culinary culture'

By JOSH SHANNON

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Downtown Newark is often defined by its restaurant scene, and on Sunday, that food-centric spirit will be on display at the annual Taste of Newark Festival.

The event, now in its 11th year, runs from noon to 3 p.m. on the Old College Lawn.

"It's a wonderful event to highlight our culinary culture, not just downtown but all around town," said Ricky Nietubicz, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership.

A total of 48 downtown restaurants will offer samples of their food, according to former mayor Vance A. Funk III, who created the event and co-chaired it this year with current Mayor Polly Sierer. Several new restaurants will participate, including El Diablo, the burrito chain slated to open in the former D.P. Dough location on Main Street later this year.

There are also several additional wineries attending.

"We've got a lot of wine this year," Funk said.

In addition to the food samples, attendees will be able to watch a "Battle of the Chefs" event, in which three local chefs will compete to make the best dishes. Chefs from Skipjack, 16 Mile Taphouse and Home Grown Café are participating.

Tickets are \$50 and include unlimited food and beverages. Ticket sales have been slower than in past years, so there will be tickets available at the door, Funk said.

All the food is donated by the restaurants, and the money raised benefits the DNP and the University of Delaware's Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management Department. Last year's event raised \$68,000.

Sierer said the event is "really important for the city," because it highlights Newark's restaurants. "Tasting the food is always a lot of fun," she said. "It's fun

to see what the restaurants put together.'

She praised Funk for continuing to stay involved with The Taste of Newark, which last year served as a retirement party for the former mayor.

'It's a great legacy that he has carried on for several vears." she said.



Cash, credit card stolen from woman's purse

After shopping at Goodwill over the weekend, a woman realized she had left her purse in a shopping cart inside the store, police say.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred sometime between 11:30 and 11:40 a.m. on Sunday at the Goodwill store in the Newark Shopping Center.

The victim told police that she came back to the store within five minutes after realizing she had left her purse in the shopping cart and found it under a clothing rack with several items were missing.

Spadola said an undisclosed

amount of cash, a credit card, at approximately 8 p.m., while school ID, makeup and a copy the game was still going on. of the victim's passport had been stolen from the purse.

No security footage was available from Goodwill and police continue to investigate the incident.

Student robbed after leaving **Newark-Glasgow** football game

A 15-year-old student was kicked, punched and thrown to the ground by a group of robbers Sept. 19 as he walked stolen last week home from the Newark-Glasgow football game.

Delaware State Police say the teen attended the game at Glasgow High School but left time frame. **POLICE BRIEFS**

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the first incident A group of six to eight men attacked him from behind on occurred sometime between South College Avenue, across Sept. 12 and Sept. 14 when the street from the school. the victim's bike was locked The robbers searched the outside an apartment comteen's pockets but took only

plex at 260 S. Main St. She told police she locked the bike there Friday and when she came back two days, later the lock was cut, her bike was gone and her helmet was on the ground. The bicycle is described as a pink Magna bike with a black metal basket worth an estimated \$100, Spadola said. The second theft occurred

sometime between Sept. 13 and Sept. 16 outside a townhome in the 200 block of Veterans Drive. Spadola said the victim

locked her blue Trek Shift 3 bike worth an estimated \$500 to a bike rack, but the lock and the bike were gone when she returned a few days later.

Another bike was stolen sometime between 6:45 p.m. Sept. 14 and 9 a.m. Sept. 15 from a bike rack outside of an apartment complex in the 600 block of Lehigh Road.

Spadola said the victim locked her black Mongoose Saga worth an estimated \$200 in the rack, but when she came back ,the lock had been cut and her bike was missing.

The fourth incident happened a house on Plymouth Drive sometime between 8 a.m. Sept. 16 and 5 p.m. Sept. 17 when the victim left the bike on the side of a garage unsecured. The bike is described as a Schwinn blue mountain bike worth \$300.

POLICE BLOTTER

Spadola said a fifth bike was stolen outside of Jimmy John's at 133 E. Main St. sometime between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 19.

The victim, a Jimmy John's delivery driver, told police that he parked his blue Next Power Climber outside between deliveries and when he came out it was missing. The bike is valued at approximately \$100.

Spadola said it's unclear whether all five incidents are related, although it is possible as most occurred on the west side of town. He said police continue to investigate and have no suspects at this time.

ROBBERIES

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broad daylight, including one incident in which a student was robbed on The Green as dozens of students milled around.

"That's something unique in this spate of robberies," said Cpl. James Spadola, spokesman and crime analysis officer for the Newark Police Department.

The most recent incident came at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday when a 24-year-old UD student was jumped by four men, one of whom had a handgun, on Orchard Road near Kent Way. They grabbed the victim from behind and demanded his cell phone. When the victim refused, the robbers told him to walk away.

Responding officers stopped three men fitting the description of the robbers on South College Avenue, as well as a fourth man driving a car on Orchard Road. All four were arrested and charged with attempted robbery and conspiracy

As of Wednesday evening, police had not released the suspects' names because detectives are investigating their involvement in some of the other robberies.

Spadola said police are stepping up their patrols in the ar- they should call 911 immedi-

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occurred. Newark and UD Police are already in the midst of their "fall crime suppression plan," which concentrates uniformed and plainclothes officers in areas where students will be walking. The extra patrols in the fall were added in response to a similar rash of robberies several years ago.

With the influx of students walking around, criminals see an opportunity, Spadola said.

"The criminal sees what he views as easy targets," he said. "He's just looking for quick cash.

One thing hampering investigators this year is a problem with the city's surveillance camera system, which covers most of downtown and likely would have captured many of the robberies.

The system was down for several days, Spadola said. City Manager Carol Houck attributed it to a server failure. Spadola urged students and residents to stay aware of their surroundings, walk in groups rather than alone and avoid visibly carrying valuables.

"One reoccurring trend is the victims had cell phones in their hands," he said. "Obviously people will talk on their cell phones, but it's also advertising a \$500 piece of equipment.

He reminded citizens that if they fall victim to a robbery, eas where the robberies have ately so police have the best

chance of finding the perpetrator. A woman robbed on Lehigh Road waited an hour to call police, and a student robbed Sunday on Apple Road waited a day.

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The Lehigh Road victim, 29, was attacked outside her home in the Binns neighborhood at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. She was standing in her driveway when a man approached and demanded her wallet.

When she told the assailant she didn't have a wallet with her, he shoved her to the ground and ran. She suffered scrapes on her arm and cheek but declined medical treatment.

This past weekend saw three separate robberies involving four students.

At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, a student walking on Apple Road near Sunset Road was approached by two men, one of whom claimed to be lost. One of the men pulled out a handgun and demanded the victim's cash and cell phone.

That robbery came just three hours after a similar cell phone robbery on Tyre Avenue. At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, a robber approached a UD English Language Institute student holding a cell phone while walking on Tyre Avenue near Main Street.

handgun and demanded the victim's cell phone. After taking the phone, he ordered the Avenue while the gunman fled north toward Main Street. The previous day, two UD

students fell victim to a similar robbery on South College Avenue, near Winslow Road. The students were

proached from behind at 7:30 p.m. Saturday by a man with a gun who demanded their phones. They complied, and the man ran west on Winslow

On Sept. 19, a 21-year-old UD student was robbed while walking on the Pomeroy Trail near North College Avenue at 7:40 p.m. Two men riding bicycles approached her from behind and demanded money. When she said she didn't have any money, they assaulted her and knocked her to the ground, Spadola said. They then went through her bag and took a pink can of pepper spray

Police identified one of the suspects as Kyle Price, 20, of Earleville, Md., and issued a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested in Elkton, Md., on Sunday after Elkton Police officers, responding to a tip, found him in the woods behind an Acme market. Price, who police said was found with a needle used to inject heroin, was committed to the Cecil County Detention Cen-

On Sept. 13 at 2:15 a.m., a Domino's Pizza delivery driver was robbed on Linden have a knife. The robber took cash and ran away toward Main Street.

On Sept. 12 at the Nuevo Inn on South College Avenue, two men pulled a gun on a clerk and demanded cash.

On Sept. 5, a student sitting on a bench on the UD Green at 11:46 a.m. was assaulted and robbed of her laptop.

Along with several bystanders, the student chased the man onto Main Street, where he stopped and threw the laptop at her. A police officer happened to be in the area and was able to arrest him after a brief struggle. UD Police identified the suspect as Carlton V. Kilson, 25, of Elsmere.

Two days earlier, an 18-year-old student told police he was walking on South College Avenue near Kent Way at 10:30 p.m. when he was approached by two men who punched him in the face, threw him to the ground and

stole cash from his wallet.

Anyone with information about any of the robberies should contact Newark Police at 302-366-7110. 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.

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furnished electricity for was ordered. Purchase of town streetlights. Investigation into purchase cost of new or used dynamos to power the lights was begun.

Council borrowed \$1,000 from resident Sallie Lumb at 4.5 percent interest to put toward cost streets for needed repairs

one or two cars of crushed stone for street repairs was approved, with the cost not to exceed \$1.25 per ton.

June 1896: John Miller requested a new street-light on Delaware Avenue. Councilman Donnell was granted his request for two taller poles in front of his property to raise elec-

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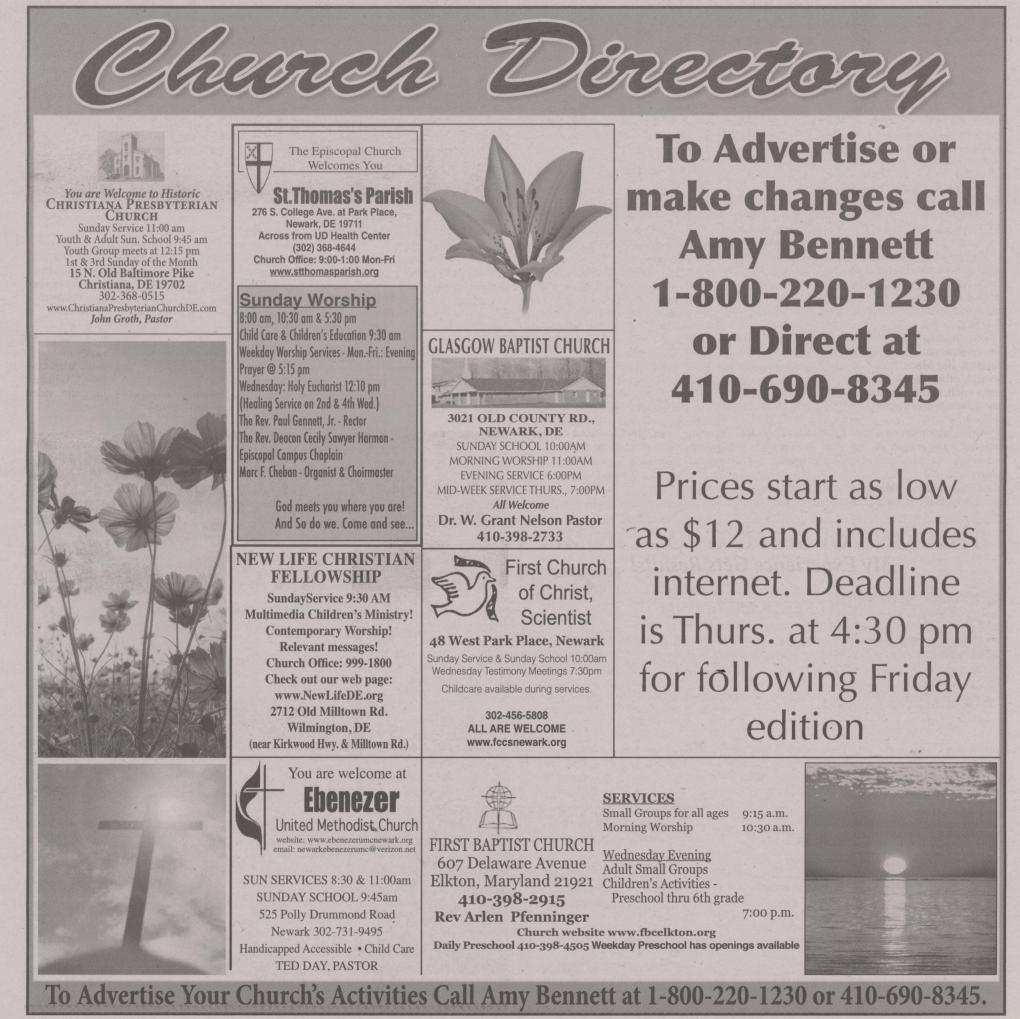
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building.

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Modern, high-tech McDonald's opens on Main St.

Restaurant rebuilt for second time

By JOSH SHANNON

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The first McDonald's in Delaware became a cultural icon for many Newarkers, but when the restaurant opened on Main Street in March 1960, its opening days were not quite a rousing success

"We had a lot of snow. It was slow," Les Dukart recalled last week. Dukart was 13 when his father, Leonard, introduced the fast-food concept to Delawareans.

Fast-forward 54 vears to early Saturday morning when the newly rebuilt, technology-heavy McDon-ald's opened on the site of the original building.

"It's a lot different," Dukart said, as he looked around at the overflow crowd that gathered at midnight for the official grand opening of the new building.

From midnight to 4 a.m., the restaurant sold hamburgers, Big Macs, fries and several other items for 60 cents each, a price meant to pay tribute to the year it first opened.

"We're honoring our past and we want people to see our future," said Dukart, who along with his brother and sons run Dukart Management, which operates a doz-



PK POST PHOTO BY IOSH S Guang Yan Zhu plays a touch-screen video game built into the booth at the rebuilt McDonald's on Main Street.

en McDonald's in the area. The old building was de-

molished in May, and crews spent the summer rebuilding the eatery at 374 E. Main St. It's actually the second time the restaurant was rebuilt; the first structure was destroyed Dec. 1, 1976, when a midmorning explosion ripped through the eatery, injuring 23 people. According to news reports at the time, police attributed the blast to a gas leak in the kitchen that was ignited by an oven's pilot light.

The building that opened last week is smaller than the one it replaced, going from 6,900 square feet to approximately 4,600 square feet, according to plans submitted to the city. There is no children's

play area, and the amount of seating was reduced from 130 seats to 83, Dukart said.

Reducing the size of the building allowed for the parking lot and drive-thru lane to be reconfigured to reduce traffic congestion. The restaurant does 70 percent of its business in the drive-thru, which will be open 24/7, Dukart said.

The rebuilt restaurant has a two-lane drive-thru, popular at many newer McDonald's restaurants. Customers can order in either lane, and then the two lanes converge into one before drivers get to the pick-up window. There's also a third window that can be used when a particularly large order is creating a back



There is also a different sys-

tem for ordering than at most

McDonald's. Patrons are

given an order number, and

when the food is ready, an

employee at a separate coun-

Among the customers gath-

ered for the midnight open-

ing was Vanessa Gallaher, and

ter calls their number.

A newly rebuilt McDonald's opened on Main Street last week.

up in the drive-thru line. on the wall next to some of the booths.

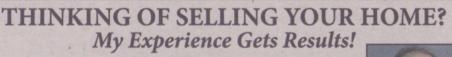
'If you just ordered a Coke, and somebody else has a \$10 order, you can just go around," Dukart explained.

The eatery has a larger kitchen to increase efficiency and also includes some of what Dukart termed "experimental" features, such as digital menu boards and touchscreen video games mounted NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

her three children, Victoria, 12, Elijah, 10, and Zachariah, 8. The kids were absorbed in playing a baseball-themed game on the video screen at their booth.

"The kids were disappointed there's no Play Place, so they wanted to see what cool things are inside," Gallaher said. "They like the video games.







Council allows Del Pez to serve spirits

By KARIE SIMMONS

On Monday night, city council voted unanimously to lift a deed restriction banning the sale of spirits at Del Pez.

The Mexican seafood restaurant, located at 76

ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com allowed to sell beer and wine since opening in June. Owner Javier Acuna of Hakuna Hospitality Group asked council to lift the restriction that had been put in place for the previous restaurants at that site, Cucina di Napoli and Tar-

E. Main St., has only been antella di Napoli.

District 6 Councilman Stu Markham said Monday he was concerned that allowing Del Pez to serve spirits would change the focus of the business.

"What I'm trying to avoid is another bar," he said. Acuna said liquor will not



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be the restaurant's main source of income and in-

ing" to the food offered on the menu. "It's hard to explain to our guests that you can't enjoy a margarita here," he said

stead is viewed as a "pair-

District 1 Councilman Mark Morehead suggested mandating the restaurant close at 11 p.m. in order to avoid creating another late-night bar on Main Street, however Acuna said the Del Pez only has eight seats at the bar and therefore is not fit to serve alcohol into the wee hours of the night.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS The outside patio of Del Pez, a coastal Mexican-inspired restaurant which opened in June at 76 E. Main St.

open until 1 a.m.," he said. Council voted to unani- spirits.

"I don't think eight seats mously lift the deed restric-

Newark Natural Foods Co-Op granted special use permit for new storefront

City council voted Monday to give Newark Natural Foods Co-Op a special use permit necessary to operate its new grocery store and cafe in the Newark Shopping Center.

The Co-Op is currently in the Market East Plaza on Main Street but will soon take over a 17,610-square-foot, double storefront space that will have 20 percent more shelf space and house a grocery store, cafe and a larger community education room for landscape conservation seminars, CPR training and events for children.

The shopping center will also provide more room for the co-op's Sunday farmers market.

Co-Op representatives said that according to city code, the permit is needed for gro-cery stores over 5,000 feet and on Monday night, council voted 5 to 0 to grant the permit. Mayor Polly Sierer and District 1 Coun-

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prisoners of war and those

still missing in action. The

day is observed across the

nation each year on the

third Friday of September.

soldiers, veterans, VFW

members and other mili-

tary supporters huddled

in a circle on the Academy

Lawn, said a prayer and lit

a candle each hour, while

University of Delaware

ROTC cadets ran up and down Main Street carry-ing the POW/MIA flag.

Al Lawler, who helped coordinate the event, served in the Korean

War and said most civil-

ians aren't aware of the

many Americans still

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For 24 hours, a group of

and bring them home. As of Sept. 9, there are 83,189 Americans listed by the Defense Depart-ment's POW/MIA Office as still missing and unaccounted for from WWII, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, Iraq and other conflicts.

Lawler said soldiers can become prisoners of war or missing in action if their unit gets cut off, their position becomes compromised or they're knocked unconscious.

Cages on the Academy Lawn demonstrated the types of enclosures prisoners of war were kept in. On display was a bamboo cage used during the Vietnam War and a tall, metal cage that was most likely used during World War II and the Korean War.

Amos Aiken, of New-ark, is a WWII veteran missing to this day and ark, is a WWII veteran "It's important the "lack of effort" over of the infantry army that know we haven the years to find them stormed the beaches of them," he said.

are going to pay for us to stay tion on Del Pez and allow the restaurant to serve

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By KARIE SIMMONS NEWARK NATURAL FOODS C. ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com



Newark Natural Foods Co-op is currently located in the Market East Plaza on Main Street but will soon move to a new, 17,610-squarefoot, double storefront space in the Newark Shopping Center.

cilman Mark Morhead recused themselves. The Co-Op's move to Newark Shopping Center is part of a broader plan to renovate and revitalize the aging shopping center.

> Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944

> He joined approximately 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces to kick off the Battle of Normandy, one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history. Aiken came back from

the war unharmed, as did his brothers who also served in the military, but that doesn't make POW/ MIA Day any less meaningful for him, he said.

"I didn't know anyone who died, but they're all family," he said.

Lawler said National POW/MIA Day serves as a way to make civilians aware that there are still Americans lost overseas and also let the missing soldiers know they are still praying for them to come home.

"It's important that they know we haven't forgotten

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Ben Campbell has Newark football back in the headlines

By JON BUZBY Newark Post

It seems like forever since that unforgettable 2011 season when the Newark Yellowjackets went 11-0 before losing to Middletown in the Division I football state championship game. Perhaps what has made the past two years seem like an eternity is the limited success Newark has had on the gridiron since.

Newark finished 1-9 in 2012 and 3-7 last year, losing its first two games in each of those seasons.

But it's 2014, and senior quarterback Ben Campbell so far is enjoying an exceptional season both statistically and where he cares about the most: in the win column.

We prepare week to week, day to day," Campbell said while sitting in the bleach-ers watching the William Penn – A.I. du Pont game on Saturday, less than 24 hours after the Yellowjackets shutout Glasgow 16-0 to win their third straight game to open the season. "There's always room for improvement. I tell my teammates, 'We have to gain respect, it's never a given."

Veteran coach Butch Simpson has seen it all in his 38 years at the helm of the father could better manage

Newark program. He's been the care of their mother, Carthrough the good and the bad, and admitted he is happy to be seeing some good again.

"Life is always good when you are winning some games," he said.

As for the win over Glasgow, a game marred by nine turnovers and more than 20 penalties between the two teams, he added, "It's nice to win an ugly game for a change. We've been losing ugly games the past two years.

Simpson has watched dozens of quarterbacks mature from one year to the next, and Campbell is no different.

"He's comfortable with his surrounding environment," Simpson said of the secondyear starter. "He made the adjustments of moving from a successful program where he was the starting quarterback as a sophomore and also survived the life changes he underwent."

The life changes Simpson referred to are the fact that Campbell spent six years enrolled at the Milton Hershey School, a private boarding school for kids who face 'exceptional challenges at home." He was sent there in third grade, along with two of his three siblings, so his

la, who was diagnosed with leukemia

"My dad did what he thought was best for us kids," Campbell said.

Carla passed away the day before Campbell was due to arrive home at the end of his eighth-grade year. It was decided that Campbell would return to Hershey and he eventually started under center as a sophomore for the traditionally successful football squad.

At the end of that school year, Campbell was given the option to return to his hometown of Newark. He jumped at the opportunity, but quickly pointed out that the decision had nothing to do with football.

"It was all about coming back to be with my family," Campbell explained. "I had no idea about football. I didn't talk to any of the [Newark] coaches until I was already enrolled at Newark.'

Simpson said once he saw film of Campbell, he knew the young man had talent and the potential to be even That improvement better. happened over the summer. spent almost \$1,000

of my own money attending camps and playing in leagues," Campbell said. "I knew what I had to do in the



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON Newark quarterback Ben Campbell prepares to stiff-arm a Glasgow defender as he runs downfield.

offseason and I did it."

Simpson pointed to his quarterback's new and improved confidence as a key to the team's early success this season.

"He felt really good about how he was playing," Simpson said of Campbell's success in a 7-on-7 summer league. "And confidence is the core of the quarterback position.'

Campbell's stats back up that notion. The 6-foot-2, 185-pound right-hander has completed 56 percent of his passes for 535 yards and

seven touchdowns. He also leads the team in rushing with 379 yards and three touchdowns. "Ben has taken the offense

on his shoulders and has a variety of receivers that compliment his style well," Simpson explained. "All of them are veterans who, as we coaches like to see, got better since last year."

Those receivers are seniors Peter Suski, James Bond, James MacDonnell and Darryl Chambers, along with junior Brendan Sherman.

"Ben has great poise and he's making great deci-sions," Simpson said. "He's resilient. And what makes him even better is that one of the coaches commented that our quarterback might be the toughest kid on the team.'

Campbell showed his toughness for six years while away at school. It was there that he learned discipline and the leadership skills he is relying on as a captain of this year's team.

"The only way you can go far is to be disciplined," he said. "You can't ever take

anything for granted." Campbell went back to Hershey a few weeks ago to watch his former teammates play. It was a bittersweet moment for the Yellowjackets' newest star, especially when he hopped in the car to head back to Newark.

That was my home away from home for years," said Campbell, who hopes to earn a football scholarship. "I've never questioned my decision to come back to Newark. I know how my life turns out is on me. I'm the only person who can control that. I don't regret a thing.'

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Defense forces 6 turnovers, carries Newark to victory over Glasgow

By KEVIN PHILLIPS Special to the Post

GLASGOW—With the offense playing its sloppiest game of the season, Newark High School's defense picked up the slack in a dominant performance against host

Glasgow. The Yellowjackets forced six turnovers, five of which came in the first half, and held the Dragons to 153 total yards in a 16-0 victory Friday night in Blue Hen **Conference Flight A football** action. Newark improved to 3-0 this season.

Junior lineman Eric Hunter attributed the defense's success to being able to get pressure on Glasgow quarterback Isaiah Wilson.

"All the pressure on the quarterback made him scared, and he starts throwing the ball too soon," Hunter said. "A couple of times, their running back couldn't hold onto the ball. When you can't put the ball away, you'll lose it."

Newark's defense made its presence felt on the opening possession of the game



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHAN Newark's Tymeer Jones brings down Glasgow quarterback Isaiah Wilson.

when it forced a fumble on Glasgow's second offensive play and recovered it on the 8-vard line.

Three plays later, quar-terback Ben Campbell barreled his way into the en-dzone from 1 yard out for the touchdown, which was followed by an Alan Becker extra point.

was set up by the push he got from up front.

"I couldn't have done it without the line. I can't do anything without the line," Campbell said. "The line played great. I wouldn't want to play with anybody else."

For the remainder of the first half, it seemed that neither team could get out Campbell said the score of its own way as the Yel-

lowjackets committed three turnovers, and the Dragons turned the ball over four more times in the half.

Holding a 7-point lead coming out of halftime, the Yellowjackets got the ball first and easily worked their way down the field. Joseph Burton capped a seven-play, 59-yard drive when he powered his way into the endzone to make the score 13-0. Newark forced its final turnover on the ensuing possession when James Bond picked off Wilson's pass at the Glasgow's 28-yard-line. The Yellowjackets capitalized on the turnover five plays later when Becker hit a 29-yard field goal.

Glasgow threatened to score early in the fourth quarter, but Newark's defense made a goal-line stand on fourth-and-goal from the 1 to preserve the shutout.

Campbell said the Yel-lowjackets' strong secondhalf effort was a result of the team regaining its focus and wanting to make it a point that the way they played in the first half was not up to the standard they

set for themselves. "We had a good halftime talk. We talked about re-

spect. That's all we want to earn. In the first half, the way we played is not and made it happen.'

how you earn respect," said Campbell, who had 58 yards rushing and 85 yards passing. "We came back in the second half

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POLICE BRIEF

Intruder sets stovetop fires in two University **Commons apartments**

An intruder set small fires in two off-campus student apartments by piling combustible materials on stovetops early Saturday morning.

The fires were set just after midnight in the University Commons apartment complex at 100 Victoria Court, off Haines Street. In the first incident, the intrud-

er entered an unlocked apartment, piled loose pieces of mail on top the stove and set them ablaze by turning on the stove burners, said Lt. Mark A. Farrall, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The two residents, both 21, were in their bedrooms at the time. They heard the smoke alarm go off and were able to extinguish the fire before the fire department arrived.

were investigating, the resident of a neighboring apartment approached them to report a simi lar fire

Farrall said the intruder had entered that apartment while the resident was away and used the stove burners to ignite a roll of paper towels. The fire burned itself out, but the apartment was filled with smoke when the resident returned.

The resident told officers he While police and fire officials may not have locked the door,

Farrall said, noting there no signs of forced entry.

"NPD are reminding residents to secure their homes and report any and all suspicious activity to the police right away by dialing 911." he said.

The suspect, caught on surveillance cameras, is described as a college-aged white man with short, dark hair. He was shirtless and wearing maroon or red pants and dark sneakers with white laces.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Daniel Marsilii at 302-366-7110 ext. 9554 or daniel.marsilii@cj.state.de.us You can send an anonymous message tip by texting text 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.

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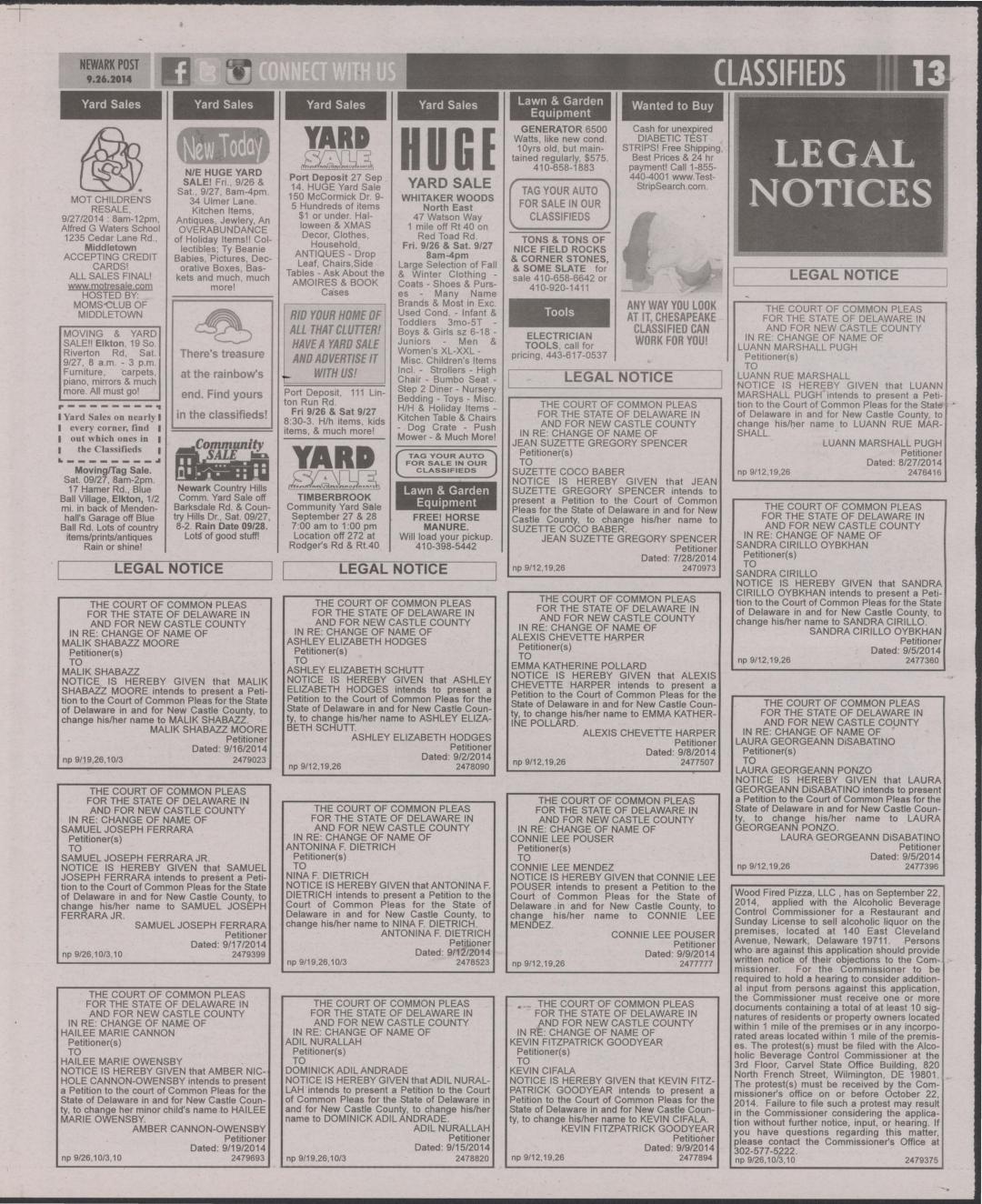
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Oktoberfest gives Delaware a taste of Germany

By KARIE SIMMONS ksimmons@newarkpostonline.com

Whether half German, full German or not German at all, everyone got a little taste of Deutschland over the weekend at the Delaware Saengerbund's Oktoberfest celebration.

The three-day, Munich-style festival has been an annual event since 1979 and drew thousands of people to the organization's Salem Church Road fairgrounds. Large white tents were packed full of men and women of all ages dressed in lederhosen (buck skin leather pants) and dirndls (a traditional German-style dress with apron, shawl and special hat).

Cindy Hall and her hus-band, Alexis, of Newark, brought their three children to Oktoberfest on Saturday night. The two oldest, Alexis Jr., 5, and Pippa, 3, donned authentic German attire and danced on stage to the music of "Those Austrian Guys," a Colorado-based Austrian folk band.

Hall said she and her family members are "threedayers," referring to their tradition of attending the Friday, Saturday and Sun-

day festivities at the Delaware Saengerbund.

We love the atmosphere, the culture, the history," she said. "We look forward to it every year.'

Throughout the weekend, 'Enzian Volkstanzgruppe,' the Bavarian dance group of the Delaware Saengerbund, performed on stage while visitors chowed down on grilled Bratwurst (pork sausage), Weisswurst (veal sausage), Frankfurters and Bauernwurst (beef and pork sausage). Potato salad and sauerkraut made in the Delaware Saengerbund kitchen were also served, as well as desserts like plum cake and traditional German chocolate cake.

Dominick Hinderer, of New Castle, said on Satur-day night that he was too busy enjoying the authentic German beer that he hadn't tried any of the food yet.

"I've got a pocketful of tickets so I got to get some," he said.

Hinderer said he's half German and has always loved the Oktoberfest celebration in Newark, but stayed away the last few years to avoid the congested parking, large crowds and long lines. He decided



A couple dances to the music by "Those Austrian Guys" during the annual Oktoberfest celebration at the Delaware Saengerbund on Saturday.

to come back to the festival to see what all the hype was this year for the camaraderie and "for the beer," he said.

"I love the event, but not the hassle," Hinderer said. You get to see old friends you haven't seen in a long time.'

Heather Whelan and Kelly Brookings, both of Newark, had never been to Oktoberfest before and decided to check out the festivities over the weekend

about.

"Everyone we know is here," Whelan said.

"It's crazy in here, but I like it," Brookings added.

Derek Pecorini, of Dover, said he may be part German, but at Oktoberfest. that's more than enough.

"People really feel their German roots when they come here," he said. "They forget it, but then they come here and it comes out.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SI Several visitors attempted to make large towers using their beer cups during Saturday's Oktoberfest.

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Page 1 scarecrow home and place it

outside as a fall decoration. "My daughters do this

every year," Johnston said. "They love it."

The Newark Parks and **Recreation Department has** organized Community Day for the past 43 years. More than 200 vendors participated this year. While some visitors sat

on hay bales and listened to live music performed from bands like The Rodjects and Freelance, others walked the pathways along The Green during the festival, perusing booths like Sugar House Studio, a candle bakery and sweet soap business.

Owner Denise DeSantis, of Bear, said Sunday was her first time bringing her business to Community Day and she was surprised how popular her candles and soaps shaped like desserts were among visitors. She said the apple pie candle is one of her best sellers for the fall, while the pink and purple cupcakes are always a fan favorite.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIM

Riley, 2, sits on the University of Delaware Green on Sunday with a balloon from the annual Community Day festival.

pates returning to the festival next year after such a

positive experience. "It's a beautiful day and it's

a lot of fun," she said. Nick Flanagan, owner of Cassidy's Crystals, sold rocks, crystals and gems as decorations and pendants on Sunday and said Community Day is great for business. He said many visitors like the bowenite serpentine, which he found locally in Newark.

DeSantis said she antici- back," Flanagan said. "We do really well."

Gail Rys, president and foster coordinator of Greyhound Pets of America Delaware, couldn't catch a break Sunday with crowds of visitors swarming her booth to pet the greyhounds she brought to Community Day.

We worry about blocking the sidewalk because everybody wants to stop and pet the dogs," she said laughing

Contrary to popular belief We'll always be coming that greyhounds are hyper were entertained with perfor-



Sisters Lily, 4, and Juliana, 7, of Bear, sit on bales of hay Sunday during the annual Community Day festival on the University of Delaware Green.

dogs, she said the slender mances by groups like Mid-canines make for great pets, Atlantic Ballet and Delaware especially for seniors.

"They're actually really lazy," Rys said. "They sleep

for 16 to 20 hours a day." She said the Newark festival is important for the organization because most of the greyhounds are retried racers turned foster dogs looking for homes.

"We always get several adoptions out of this event," she said.

Community Day visitors



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIM Members of the Delaware Dance Company perform for visitors in front of Wolf Hall on Sunday during Community Dav.

Dance Company, and the fes-

tival boasted several food ven-

dors along Delaware Avenue.

However, those who want-ed to work a little for their

refreshment hopped on "The Blender Bike" at the Dela-

ware Academy of Nutrition

and Dietetics booth and rode

The stationary bike, which

was built by the Newark Bike

Project and donated to the

Newark Center for Creative

for a fruit smoothie.

a rider pedaling to power a blender.

"We were just looking for something fun to do" said Natalie McKenney, president of the Delaware Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "It's a way to connect calories burned to calories consumed."

She said the bike was a hit on Sunday and everyone from local politicians to Newark Police officers to cartoon mascots tried it out.

"We even had Spongebob Learning, uses energy from on it," she said.

