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West Park Place Elementary paraprofessional Anna Maria DiNatale greets students on the first day of school in 2018. The school was recently honored as a National Blue Ribbon School.

West Park Place Elementary wins national honor

By JOSH SHANNON

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Principal Tracy Novack got the news shortly before school dismissed last Thursday – West Park Place Elementary had been named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. She got on the public address system and quickly announced the honor to teachers and students.

“Teachers were coming in and high-fiving each other,” Novack recalled the following day. “Kids were excited.”

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools where students achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Schools are first nominated



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

West Park Place Elementary School teacher Jamett Garlick helps two students with a reading lesson shortly after being named the Christina School District's teacher of the year in 2014.

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Police propose \$4.7M gun range

NPD in talks to partner with Maryland police dept.

By JOSH SHANNON AND CARL HAMILTON
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The Newark Police Department and the Cecil County Sheriff's Office are in talks to partner to build a \$4.7 million indoor firearms training range.

Under the proposed deal, first made public last week, CCSO would acquire a property in Cecil County, Md., and lease it to NPD for a nominal fee. The two agencies would share the cost of construction and be full partners in operating the 13,000-square-foot facility, which would have 10 firing lanes as well as classroom space.

Coming on the heels of Newark's failed proposal to build a firing range near Delaware City, the plan is intended to address what both agencies describe as a critical shortage of range availability that affects the quality of training for officers.

Officials did not disclose where the range will be built, though an NPD representative said it will be “very, very close to the city of Newark.”

CCSO Maj. George Stanko said there are a couple possible locations under consideration, but, because the proposed shooting range is still in the “discussion phase,” he declined to specify those spots.

“It would have to be on land that the county already owns to make it possible. We're looking at county properties. We're not looking at private properties,” Stanko said, explaining that it would be too costly to purchase property as part of the proposed shooting

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Outdoor movie: Tonight, 7 p.m., at the University of Delaware Athletic Complex, 605 S. College Ave. Newark Parks and Recreation and UD will host an outdoor showing of Disney's "Coco." Parking opens at 6 p.m. There will be concessions on site. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Free.

Main Street Mile: Saturday, 9 a.m., at The Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St. Annual 1-mile race down Main Street raises money for the Newark Police Department K-9 unit. Registration \$20 at www.fusionracetiming.com.

Harvest Festival: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Olan Thomas Park, 89 Paper Mill Road. The Newark Parks and Recreation Department will host a day of fall fun with pony rides, hayrides, games, crafts, local food vendors, inflatables and more. Free.

City council meeting: Monday, 7 p.m., at city hall, 220 S. Main St. Council will discuss the 2020 budget.

School board meeting: Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Sarah Pyle Academy, 501 N. Lombard Street in Wilmington. The school board will discuss who to appoint to the open board seat.

Halloween costume making workshop: Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. The Friends of the Newark Free Library will host a workshop to help children and families create a costume of their favorite character to wear in the Halloween parade down Main Street on Oct. 27. Participants will be invited to march in the parade as a group. During the workshop, the Friends group will provide materials and volunteers to help in creating a costume.

For more events, visit newarkpostonline.com/calendar. To submit listings, go online or email news@newarkpostonline.com. Information runs in the print edition as space is available.



Riley Jones, 5, paints a pumpkin at last year's harvest festival.

Tri-Valley Trail connects Newark and Pike Creek

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Standing at a trailhead of the new Tri-Valley Trail on a perfect fall afternoon, State Rep. Paul Baumbach looked around at the scenery and offered a corollary to the old expression, "If a tree falls in the woods, does it make a sound."

"If a park is beautiful, but nobody sees it, is it a park?" Baumbach asked last Friday. "This stretch up here is a beautiful stretch that very, very few people have seen. This phase two of the Tri-Valley Trail is part of a vision of making sure that beauty is seen."

In the works for years, the paved trail links Newark and Pike Creek and is the first continuous trail that allows visitors with mobility challenges to enjoy the opportunity to hunt, fish, and participate in accessible hay wagon rides, officials said.

The 2.8-mile trail runs between Thompson Station Road and Smith Mill Road, with an additional spur running to the intersection of Paper Mill and Polly Drummond roads. It offers connections to Newark's Redd Park and New Castle County's Paper Mill Park and Middle Run Valley Natural Area Park.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

State ADA coordinator John McNeal, DelDOT ADA coordinator Todd Webb and Sen. Tom Carper explore the Tri-Valley Trail last Friday.

"This trail is a vertebrae, but we have a lot of different appendages going off," Baumbach said.

The \$2.3 million trail project, much of which was funded by the federal government, also included a parking area and bathrooms off Smith Mill Road. The parking area and part of the trail opened in 2017, while the second phase opened this fall. Meanwhile, work is underway on primitive campsites near the trail, which will open later this fall.

Sen. Tom Carper said trails like this encourage people to walk rather than drive, which helps improve the environment while also

tackling obesity.

"This planet of ours is a gift," Carper said. "We're expected to be its stewards. There's been times in my lifetime where we haven't been good stewards. As it turns out, we're getting a lot better."

State Rep. Mike Smith said the local trail system is also an economic driver.

"A lot of people from out of state are coming here and parking in our areas, they're going on their bikes, they're taking walks, they're doing all these things," Smith said. "And then they're buying the Gatorade or the water and everything up the street at our local shops."

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Workers use a crane to build an addition to the University of Delaware's Life Sciences Research Facility.

Crane towers over downtown as UD adds onto building

By JOSH SHANNON
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A large crane towered over downtown Newark last week, as workers used it to lift steel into place for an addition to a University of Delaware building.

The project is adding lab and storage space to UD's Life Sciences Research Facility on Delaware Avenue.

The space will be used as transition space as UD prepares to rebuild McKinly Lab, which sustained significant damage in a fire in 2017, university spokesman

Peter Kerwin said.

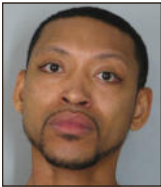
The construction resulted in the weeklong closure of part of Academy Street, as well as a lane restriction on Delaware Avenue.

Last week marked the second time roads were closed to allow a crane to work on the life sciences building. In the wee hours of a frigid morning in January 2016, workers used a crane to lift into place a 15-ton, state-of-the-art functional MRI machine that students and researchers use to study the brains of humans, chickens, goats and other animals.

Man gets 33 years for fatally stabbing girlfriend

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A Newark man who fatally stabbed his girlfriend two years ago will spend the next three decades in prison, a judge decided last week.



Rondell Veal – who could have faced up to life in prison – was sentenced to 33 years for murdering 34-year-old Sherrie L. Campbell in the home they shared on Westfield Drive, a seven-home cul-de-sac off Casho Mill Road.

Campbell's family grew worried when she didn't pick up her son from day-care and called Newark Police to check on her. When officers arrived around 11:45 p.m. Sept. 22, 2017, they found Campbell dead from multiple stab wounds.

The home had been locked and barricaded, prosecutors said. Detectives found evidence linking Veal to the murder and learned he had fled to New York City.

Two days later, Veal reportedly used a knife to slash his wrists and neck and then jumped onto train



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON
A Newark man has pleaded guilty but mentally ill to killing his girlfriend inside this home on Westfield Drive, police said.

tracks in an apparent suicide attempt in Grand Central Terminal. Police and paramedics saved him and rushed him to a hospital before later discovering he was wanted for murder.

Veal underwent surgery to repair his trachea before being extradited back to Delaware.

Veal, 38, originally was charged with first-degree murder but in April, he instead pleaded guilty but mentally ill to second-degree murder and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

A "guilty but mentally ill" plea – which is different than an insanity defense – means the defendant is sentenced to prison but will receive mental health treatment first.

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Newark man facing charges after 'vicious' dog attack

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark man is facing charges after one of his dogs knocked an 89-year-old man to the ground and caused fatal injuries to the elderly man's dog.

The incident happened Sept. 12 in the 100 block of Panorama Drive in the Timber Creek neighborhood, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The victim was walking his dog – a 9-year-old Morkie, which is a cross between a Yorkshire terrier and a Maltese – near his home when two loose dogs

approached.

One of the dogs, a pit bull, suddenly charged and attacked the leashed Morkie, causing serious injuries to the small dog. The force of the attack also caused the victim to fall to the ground, Rubin said.

The Morkie was rushed to a veterinarian and underwent surgery, but ultimately had to be euthanized.

The two loose dogs ran off after the attack, and the victim told police he had never seen the dogs in the neighborhood before.

After an investigation, NPD's animal control officer, Donna Vickers, determined that the dogs had

escaped from the yard of a home located a block away. Their owner, identified as 39-year-old Joseph Kowalski, was not present at the time of the attack, Rubin said.

Last week, police charged Kowalski with two counts of a dog running at large and one count of keeping a vicious animal, both misdemeanors, Rubin said. He was released on his own recognizance.

Kowalski still has custody of the pit bull, but if Kowalski is found guilty in Newark Alderman's Court, the alderman could order the dog removed from the city, Rubin said.

Bullets hit two Newark homes; no one injured

Shots were fired at two homes in the Williamsburg Village neighborhood of Newark last week, police said.

The homes were occupied, but no one was injured, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The shots were fired just after 2 a.m. Sept. 22 in the 200 block of King William Street.

Bullets penetrated two adjoining townhomes, as well as two cars that were parked

on the street. Detectives found shell casings in the street.

Witnesses reported that the shots were fired from a moving vehicle, Rubin said.

Detectives are investigating but have not released any information about a possible suspect.

Police could not yet say whether they believe the homes were specifically targeted.

"At this point, we don't have enough information to say," Rubin said.

Anyone with information as to this incident is asked to call Det. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100 x. 3474 or tgerasimov@newark.de.us.



MCCULLOUGH

Newark man charged with firing gun in Alder Creek

A man is facing charges after firing a gun in a Newark neighborhood Sunday night, police said.

The shooting happened just after 11 p.m. in the 300 block of Terrace Drive in Alder

Creek, the Newark Housing Authority complex off Cleveland Avenue, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Shortly before the shooting, several people were standing around outside of a home, and two of the men got into an argument, Rubin said.

One of the men went into his home and returned with a handgun. He pointed the gun toward the ground near the other man and fired one round, Rubin said.

The victim, 31, was not injured.

Police arrived and recovered the bullet and shell casing. Witnesses identified

the shooter as 27-year-old George McCullough.

On Monday, McCullough turned himself in to face charges of reckless endangering and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. He was released on \$13,000 unsecured bail.

Shootings are relatively rare in Newark, but Sunday's

shooting marks the third one in six weeks. On Sept. 22, shots were fired at two homes in the Williamsburg Village neighborhood. On Aug. 18, a man was shot and killed inside a room at the Red Roof Inn on South College Avenue. No arrests have been made in any of the incidents.

Truck driver cited for crash that brought down tree

By JOSH SHANNON

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A tractor-trailer driver was cited last week after his rig brought down a tree on West Park Place, police said.

The crash happened just before 9 p.m. Sept. 24 between Townsend Road and Orchard Road, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

At the time, Interstate 95 was closed due to a fatal crash. The truck driver told police that after he was diverted off the interstate, his GPS sent him through Newark via West Park Place, Rubin said.

As the truck drove down the tree-lined, residential road, its smoke stack hit a tree branch. The branch got caught on the truck, causing the tree to split and bring down cable wires as it fell.

The road was closed for several hours while the crash was cleaned up. Firefighters from Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company helped remove the tree and cut part of the side off the truck so it could be towed away.

The driver, Matthew Richard, 36, of Winchester, Va.,



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILL OREMUS

A tractor-trailer hit a tree branch on West Park Place on Tuesday night, causing the tree to become entangled with the truck and ultimately fall down, blocking the road for several hours.

was cited for operating an oversized vehicle, Rubin said.

Will Oremus, who lives nearby, said he heard the tree fall and went outside to investigate.

"The wrecked trailer and the tree came to rest blocking the full street at West Park and Townsend Road, causing further traffic snarls," Oremus said. "The whole area was a mess for a while afterward, and the city spent much of last night removing the tree from the trailer and chopping down what was left of the original tree."

During the interstate clo-

sure, there was a number of tractor-trailers diverting onto West Park Place, according to Oremus, who said he believes the incident demonstrates that the city needs to better designate alternative routes for when I-95 is closed.

Christina Parkway is a more direct route, but trucks are banned there unless they are making local deliveries. Both Newark Police and Delaware State Police routinely park in the median of the highway and pull over any trucks that come by as part of toll-evasion patrols that are funded by the state.

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7-Eleven robbed at gunpoint Police warn Newarkers after spike in vehicle thefts

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Police are searching for a masked gunman who robbed a convenience store in Ogetown early Sunday morning.

The robbery happened around 3:30 a.m. at the 7-Eleven in Augusta Square Shopping Center at 699 E. Chestnut Hill Road, according to Sgt. Richard Bratz, a spokesman for Delaware

State Police.

The robber walked into the store, displayed a handgun and demanded money from the clerk, Bratz said. The clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of cash, and the robber ran out of the store.

The robber was described as a black man between 5 feet 7 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall. He was wearing dark clothing and had his faced covered. No surveil-

lance footage was released.

According to Newark Post records, this marks at least the 11th time the store has been robbed in the past five years.

Anyone with information about the robbery should contact the Troop 2 Robbery unit at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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Police are advising Newarkers and University of Delaware students to be vigilant after a recent increase in vehicle thefts in the city.

In one week, six vehicles were stolen, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. Only two have been recovered.

All the thefts happened overnight in areas dominated by student rental homes. In some of the instances, the vehicle was stolen using a spare key that had been hidden inside the vehicle.

"The public is reminded to lock their vehicle, park in a well-lit area and not to leave a key to the vehicle inside," Rubin said.

Authorities have already made one arrest, charging Derrick Sudler, 40, with burglarizing a North Chapel Street home Sept. 23 or 24, stealing a set of car keys and driving away in a 2015 Mercedes 350. The car was recovered undamaged in Elkton, Md.

A Newark officer reviewing surveillance footage identified the suspect as Sudler, who was arrested in Elkton on Sept. 28 and charged with second-degree burglary, theft of a motor vehicle and theft under \$1,500. He was released on \$6,000 unsecured bail.

Meanwhile, charges are pending against a second man who was seen driving a Subaru Legacy that had been stolen from the unit block of West Park Place on Sept. 25 or 26, Rubin said. The vehicle was later recovered at a motel in New Castle.

Rubin said detectives are still investigating whether those men were involved in any of the other thefts. Surveillance footage shows that multiple people were involved, but it's not yet clear whether they were working together or if the thefts were isolated incidents, he added.

Meanwhile, police released descriptions of three men who were caught on surveillance cameras at the Christiana Mall using credit cards that were inside a VW Jetta that was stolen from outside a home in the 200 block of South Chapel Street between 8:30 p.m. Sept. 23 and 11 a.m. Sept. 24.

The first was a black man, 20 to 25 years old, about 6 feet 1 inch tall, with short dark hair, a thin build and wearing a dark Calvin Klein windbreaker. The second was a black man, 20 to 25 years old, between 5 feet 3 inches and 5 feet 5 inches tall, with a thin athletic build, tattoos on both hands and wearing a dark sweatshirt with New York City or Nike written across the front. The third was a black man, 20 to 25 years old, between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 5 inches tall, heavy set, with short dark hair and wearing a gray shirt with white lettering across the front.

The other thefts include:

- A gray 2017 Jeep Wrangler, Pennsylvania tag KGN5115, was stolen from in front of a home in the unit block of Benny Street between 10 p.m. Sept. 21 and 6:30 a.m. Sept. 22. A spare key had been left inside the locked vehicle.

- A silver 2001 Honda CRV, Delaware tag PC181138, was stolen from outside a home in the unit block of East Cleveland Avenue between 12:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sept. 22.

- A blue Chevrolet Cobalt, NJ tag ZS-B76W, was stolen from outside a home in the unit block of Prospect Avenue between 11 p.m. Sept. 27 and 11 a.m. Sept. 28.

Prior to the recent theft spree, Newark had seen 31 auto thefts in 2019, down nearly 25 percent over this time last year.

Anyone with information about the thefts is asked to call Det. Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7100, ext. 3136, or dbystricky@newark.de.us.

Police: Woman stole credit cards, punched witness in the face

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Police are asking for the public's help identifying a woman accused of stealing credit cards at a downtown Newark restaurant and then punching a witness who confronted her.

The incident happened around 12:45 p.m. Sunday as the victim was eating lunch at Caffé Gelato, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

"While seated at the table, the victim felt her purse moving and turned to find that her credit cards were missing," Rubin said. "As the victim stated out loud that her



Police believe this woman stole credit cards at a downtown Newark restaurant and then punched a witness who confronted her.

cards were missing, a female seated at a table behind the victim stood up and left the business."

The victim and her friends attempted to confront the suspect and ended up chasing her down Main Street. When one of them caught up with the suspect, the suspected thief punched her in the face and fled north on Center Street, toward New Street, Rubin said.

The 19-year-old woman who was punched did not require medical attention.

The alleged thief was described as a black woman wearing a white Adidas shirt, gray pants, white shoes and a white hat. Anyone with information about the woman's identity should contact Officer Andrew Maiura at 302-366-7100, ext. 3495, or amaiura@newark.de.us.

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Applicants make their case for vacant Christina School Board seat

By JOSH SHANNON

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The four applicants vying for a vacant position on the Christina School Board made their cases Tuesday night for why they are best suited for the job.

In the running are Naveed Baqir, a software developer and community activist; Katie Gifford, an assistant policy scientist at the University of Delaware; Tim Kim, assistant director of student life for UD's English Language Institute; and Claire O'Neal, a visiting assistant professor at UD and president of the Newark High School PTA.

During a public meeting in Bear, the four spent 90 minutes answering questions from current board members.

The board will vote Oct. 8 to appoint one of the applicants to serve until the next school board election in May 2020. Then, voters will select someone to serve the remaining four years of the vacant term.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Catherine Hegedus, who quit the board just minutes after being sworn in July 9.

Hegedus, who ousted two-term incumbent John Young in May, announced during her campaign that she would not be able to serve should she be elected, due to family health issues that arose after the filing deadline passed. However, Hegedus decided to leave her name on the ballot to give voters a choice. Had she dropped out, the election would have been canceled, and Young would have automatically received a third term.

Voters weren't deterred by the unusual circumstances, electing Hegedus by a landslide. The election saw the highest turnout for a Christina board election in the last 10 years, with Hegedus earning the most votes of any single candidate in that time frame.

Board President Meredith Griffin said that regardless of who is chosen, the district is already a winner because there are four dedicated, highly qualified applicants seeking to make a difference.

"This really does bode well for the future of our district," Griffin said.



School board applicants (from left) Naveed Baqir, Katie Gifford, Tim Kim and Claire O'Neal are interviewed by the board on Tuesday night.

Naveed Baqir

Baqir, a 41-year-old resident of the Westover Woods neighborhood, talked about his humble upbringing in Pakistan and said he wants to serve on the board to provide Christina's students the resources he didn't have growing up.

"Every single student who goes to the Christina School District is my child, and I can see the potential in those children that even their birth parents may not be able to see," Baqir said. "That's why I want to make sure all of those children have the resources that they need, and their teachers have the resources, so they can make sure that those children are able to achieve their God-given potential."

Baqir was an elementary school teacher in Pakistan and has also taught at UD and other universities. He also served as a founding board member of the Tarbiyah Islamic School of Delaware.

His ultimate goal, he said, is to make sure teachers feel more valued.

"Give them the respect we give our soldiers and pay them like we pay our doctors," he said.

Baqir said he can use his relationships in the community to win Christina the support of traditionally disenfranchised populations.

"I want to be a trailblazer," he said. "I want to make sure any other brown, yellow or red kid in the district tomorrow does not have any problems standing up and offering solutions."

Katie Gifford

Gifford, 41, of Devon, said one of the issues facing education in Delaware is fragmentation, pointing out that any one neighborhood has kids who attend a wide variety of traditional, charter and private schools.

"I think that's really a lost opportunity for building community," she said. "Let's work toward making the traditional feeder schools people's first choice instead of what they do if they can't get into charter or choice or a private school."

She speaks from experience, as her son once attended West Park Place Elementary before she had him transferred to the private Newark Center for Creative Learning due to dissatisfaction with Christina's since-rescinded policy prohibiting parents from opting their children out of state assessments.

Gifford said Christina should consider consolidating grade levels in its schools, such as creating buildings that house kindergarten through eighth grade or sixth through 12 grade. The biggest enrollment drop-offs come when students are switching schools, she said.

"You might retain more of those students and have them in the same building for a longer time and be able to have multi-grade participation in some of these programs. The arts and music are especially suited to that."

If appointed to the board, she plans to engage constituents with

regular email updates and meet-and-greet events.

"I'd really like to be part of strengthening the district for the future," she said.

Tim Kim

Kim, 36-year-old resident of Brookside, said he often gets a negative reaction when he tells people he graduated from Glasgow High School.

"They make a face every time, like, 'Wow you survived,'" Kim said. "That's terrible. We had a great experience at Glasgow."

He said the district needs to focus on changing its public perception by doing a better job telling its story.

"We're going to have to get creative. Storytelling is not a simple thing. We might have to dedicate resources to crafting that message well and getting it out there," Kim said. "That enthusiasm can change everything. It's been tough recently, but it can change and be a source of strength and pride."

He said the district needs to focus on improving and modernizing the way it approaches teaching in the high schools.

"The world is changing extremely rapidly. Higher education is working very hard to keep up with it," Kim said. "We're facing a reality we cannot even imagine, and we're still preparing our students with a 20th-century mindset."

He added that Christina should adopt a curriculum with more cre-

ative, autonomous learning that goes beyond just preparing students for college and also teaches them how to be "an effective citizen."

Claire O'Neal

O'Neal, a 40-year-old resident of Devon, said both her sons attend Christina schools – Shue-Medill Middle School and Newark High School – and that she has been involved with the PTA for a number of years. She was one of several district parents who spoke out prior to the May election, saying that the district needed a change from Young and urging voters to vote for Hegedus so the board could appoint a new member.

She said Christina's biggest challenge is a lack of communication, noting that she spent a lot of time campaigning in support of the district's referendum in May and found many people were misinformed about the district.

Changing the perception of Christina is crucial to its success, she said.

"My primary goal as a board member would be to reach out and communicate with our constituents and our stakeholders about all of the wonderful opportunities that await all children at Christina School District traditional public schools," O'Neal said. "That's how our communities grow and that's how our communities blossom – by having a greater number of families stay in the district as opposed to choice out of the district."

Still, she said, there are promising signs for Christina, such as news that enrollment is up this year at Newark High and Shue-Medill Middle.

"I think the Christina School District's stature is on the up and up," she said.

O'Neal said that her deep involvement in the school district as a parent and volunteer makes her an ideal candidate to serve on the board.

"I'm somebody who's already familiar with the district, with district issues, district politics, building issues, and who also is a stalwart supporter of the district," she said.

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Newark seeking feedback on rental housing recommendations

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The city of Newark is looking for feedback on a number of recommendations related to rental housing in the city.

For the past several months, a committee – made up of residents, students, landlords, city officials and University of Delaware officials – has been meeting to discuss issues around rental housing and develop a series of recommended solutions.

Now, officials are asking Newarkers and other interested parties to weigh in about the recommendations via an online survey. The survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPXSHRH>, is open through Oct. 11.

The recommendations and survey results will be presented to city council on Oct. 28.

Here's a look at some of the committee's recommendations.

Community relations campaign: The city and UD should partner on a community relations campaign to help students living off

campus understand expectations and common courtesies as a community member in the city of Newark. That could include a "Good Neighbor Guide" pamphlet and a Student Government Association program to organize community events for off-campus students.

Data collection: UD should survey students about where they live off campus in order to provide better data to city planners.

Complaint database: To the extent legally allowed, the city should create a public online database of code enforcement complaints so residents can check on the status of complaints they filed.

Rental home inspections: The city should start a marketing campaign to encourage tenants to allow code enforcement officers to inspect their houses and apartments. This would address concerns about the safety of rental properties that have not been inspected for several years because the landlord tells tenants to deny access to the inspectors. The city should also create a public database of rental homes that are up-to-

date with their inspections.

Report citations to landlords: The city should notify landlords when their tenants are cited for offenses such as underage drinking, littering, disorderly premises, standing on roofs, etc. Currently, landlords are only notified of noise violations.

Student-home ordinance: The city should reassess the effectiveness of the 20-year-old student-home ordinance, which regulates rental permits for single-family homes occupied by more than two college students.

Problem landlords: The city should consider penalizing landlords for repeat code and criminal offenses and consider escalating fines for repeat offenders and problem properties that require excessive enforcement.

Late fees: The city should reduce rental permit late fees from 25 percent to 5 percent, to match the late fees for other city permits.

Promoting affordable housing: The city should require developers to include a percentage of units designated as affordable

housing or pay a fee-in-lieu that would be collected by the city and used for affordable housing initiatives. The city should also consider a density bonus if affordable units are included in development projects.

Promoting housing for non-students: The city should allow for accessory dwelling units (such as an apartment over a garage) at owner-occupied homes. Those units should be restricted to "non-transient" tenants. The city should also allow duplexes in areas with single-family zoning.

Promote homeownership: The city should reinstate the Promoting Owner-Occupancy of Homes Program, which provided incentives to people who bought rental properties and committed to living there. The city should also rename the program to avoid the unfortunate acronym POOH. Incentives could be in the form of reduced mortgage rates, tax abatement, waiving development/permit fees, and/or grants or low-interest loans for property renovations.

Affordable housing initiatives: The city should



An artist's rendering shows the apartments and townhouses planned for the Dickinson dorm site. The city of Newark is seeking opinions on a series of broad recommendations aimed at changing how the city approaches rental housing.

partner with the Diamond State Community Land Trust, Habitat for Humanity or other affordable housing developers to purchase and manage homes to renovate and sell to qualifying families. This would promote owner-occupancy of homes and prevent homes from turning into rentals.

Reducing stigmas: The city should work with civic associations and police to improve the safety and in-

crease the appeal of neighborhoods that have rental housing opportunities but have a negative stigma from the general public and are considered unsafe or undesirable to live in.

Increase density downtown: The city should revise the zoning code and comprehensive development plan to increase housing density in downtown areas within close proximity to UD.



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Yellowjacket harriers have their eyes on championship

By JON BUZBY

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In a sport where the mental part of the “game” is sometimes more important than the physical requirements, Zeke Dawkins knows what it takes to win.

Last year, as a sophomore, he won the individual title at the Blue Hen Conference cross-country championships, helping lead Newark to a second-place finish. He then finished 15th at the state meet as the Yellowjackets placed sixth overall.

This year, Dawkins has set the bar even higher for himself.

“My personal goal this season is to beat our school record currently held by Jarod Wilson at 16:01,” Dawkins said.

Always the consummate teammate, he admitted that his personal goal takes a back seat to a high team finish at any meet.

“I genuinely think our team is stronger than it’s been in years, and I feel that if our team stays healthy and stays consistent, we could win the Blue Hen Conference championship,” Dawkins said.

Dawkins may be the leader of the pack, but he certainly isn’t running alone.

Sophomore Alejandro Lobo has earned a spot as the No. 2 runner in just his first season of running cross-country.

“He got started during spring track and built on that by running a lot of miles over the summer,” head coach Mike Mooney said.

Seniors Isaiah Gerard and Matt Guckenberger train year-round and are “way ahead of where there were last year,” according to Mooney.

Mooney pointed out seniors Evan Prusisz and Bailey Polecaro as having solid seasons so far, and a pair of juniors are proving to be solid contenders.

“Evan and Bailey have been giving it their all to make this final season something special,” Mooney said. “Juniors Caleb Cutler and Colin Seeman have grown into young men and are taking on more work and responsibility.”

The Yellowjackets have a nice balance of running acumen and experience, and there’s not a big difference in times from top to bottom, which is exactly how Mooney likes it.

“I think everyone sees what is happening,” Mooney explained. “We have a lot of guys on or near



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Newark High’s cross-country boys team is off to a fast start in its first season competing in the Blue Hen Flight B conference.

the same level. These guys will push and encourage each other day in and day out. Our best teams have always taken on a pack mentality. They are very conscious that this is a team effort and that it takes everyone to make the most of this opportunity.”

That opportunity comes in

Division 2 for the first time in school history, and the Yellowjackets are taking advantage of the move to Flight B in the Blue Hen Conference. Newark outran Glasgow and McKean in a Tri-Meet on Sept. 17 with Lobo finishing first in 18:42 and Dawkins second, crossing the finish line with a time of 19:26.

“I am pleased with the overall makeup and effort being put forth by this team,” Mooney said. “It will be a little different being in Flight B and D-2 this year. We will continue to seek out the highest level of competition to keep it interesting as we prepare for the championship meets at the end of the season.”

Those competitions include the White Clay Creek Classic in Newark, Bull Run Invitational in Parkton, Md., Paul Short Invitational in Lehigh, Pa., Manhattan Invitational in New York City and the Joe O’Neill Invitational at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington.

Mooney is hopeful that the Yellowjackets’ treks across several state lines pay off when it’s time to compete at the conference, county and state championships, and that it pays off down the road in life as well.

“We consider competing in a varsity sport to be a vital part of a student’s education,” Mooney explained. “Concepts of preparation and teamwork provide a tangible foundation for much of what is to come in their lives. Traveling affords the opportunity for our students to learn from experiences, adapt to different situations and to build self-confidence.”

Injuries sting Newark in 42-0 loss at A.I. duPont

Buzz from
the Hive



An insider's look at Yellowjacket football

By JON BUZBY

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Newark High picked up its first win of the season last week. It just wasn’t on the field.

Glasgow High has forfeited the opening game of the season – in which the Dragons beat the Yellowjackets, 26-0 – resulting in a 2-0 victory for the Yellowjackets. The reason for the forfeit has yet to be disclosed.

Unfortunately for the

Yellowjackets, their first win on the field still eludes them, as they lost 42-0 last Friday night at A.I. duPont.

“A.I. came out ready to play and scored on the opening possession,” head coach Jody Russell said. “We ran 26 plays on our first two offensive drives and came away with no points. Finishing offensively is still a problem for us. Special teams looked better this week after some personnel changes and practice through the week.”

The win was the third straight for A.I. (3-1), while the loss for Newark (1-3) was its third in a row.

Injury bug strikes

Newark was down five starters on offense against

A.I. due to injuries, forcing freshmen to fill key roles earlier than expected.

Ben Pittman and Bryndon Jones started at guard for the first time in their varsity careers, Jayden Smith started at wide receiver, and Dajour White filled in at running back.

Senior captain Donald Burton will miss several weeks after suffering an injury in the game.

“We are looking for our leaders to step up and fill the void of Don Burton,” Russell emphasized.

Russell is hopeful that junior running back/linebacker Tyran Rice will be back in the lineup Saturday.

Rice has not seen action since suffering an injury in the Glasgow game.

Captains say ...

“I felt like we played nowhere near our full potential and didn’t put our whole entire effort onto the field that night and we paid for it,” Jason Mitchell-Dickerson said. “But we will not let that [linger] on our minds. We will move past it and have a good week at practice.”

“A lot of new [offensive] pieces were put in due to injuries from the previous game and it didn’t give us a lot of time to get the new pieces up to speed,” Mele Stallings said.

Game 5

It’s homecoming on Saturday at Newark High with kickoff scheduled for noon.

“The message to the team about homecoming is that it is a special weekend [with a game] that no one in the current program has ever won,” Russell said. “The focus on the past and all of the tradition of the school and program is great, but we need to learn how to win. This will give us a short term goal of trying to win the week and win a homecoming game may give us a sharper focus.”

The Yellowjackets square off against a Dickinson High team seeking its first win. Following a 9-8 loss to Pitman High School (N.J.) in Week 1, the Rams failed to score in each of their three subsequent games. Dickinson’s opponents,

on the other hand, haven’t had any problems scoring, racking up at least 40 points in all three contests.

“Dickinson is in a building phase of the program, as are we,” Russell pointed out. “We will see Saturday who has come further in there rebuilding quest.”

The Buzz from the Hive will be posted online each Monday morning during the high school football season and also in Friday’s print edition. It will include some game analysis and exclusive quotes from Newark High football coach Jody Russell and select members of the team after they’ve had a chance to watch game film, evaluate their performance, and begin preparation for the next game.

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Casper is the lone white calf of the three Asian water buffalo youngsters at Hill Billy Farms.



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Two-year-old Newark resident River Ries bravely feeds a male alpaca on Sunday at Hill Billy Farms alpaca farm. Ries visited the farm for the second time with his mother Sara, this time with new brother Beckett in tow. "He seems much more comfortable around the animals this year," said his mother.

Newark-area alpaca farm celebrates fall

By B. RAE PERRYMAN

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When they think of alpaca, many people think of South America. The camelid mammals are native to our neighbor continent.

Not many people would think of Delaware.

But alpaca farms thrive in the mid-Atlantic region and New England, and Hill Billy Farms south of Newark is one example.

The family farm only opens to the public a few times per year, and an event on Sunday brought out more than 100 guests to enjoy a beautiful, sunny day on the 28-acre property.

There were hayride tours around the property, where participants brought snacks and drinks to enjoy while riding in a fall-themed trailer. Adults, college kids and children all enjoyed the sights and sounds of Hill Billy Farms.

Cups of carrot slices, apples and grains for guests to feed to the alpaca and horses were available. Dozens of families and community members mingled peacefully through the pastures, barns and central path.

The main attraction, of course, were the alpaca. Twelve in all — six of each sex — boast quaint

names like Sunflower, Pepper, Cervo and Patriot. Ranging in color from black and white to taupe to a ruddy brown, two separate alpaca pens drew crowds of all ages.

Next to the alpaca, horses and small ponies were hungry for carrots, while ducks and geese bathed and splashed in the farm's central pond.

Even the farm's mottled cat could sense it was a special day, as she positioned herself in the central area and solicited pets for several afternoon hours.

Among the families, friends and couples visiting, New Castle amateur photographer Terry Balascio clicked artistic pictures with her camera.

"I came out last year, and it was a blast," she said. "But the weather was really miserable. So I decided to come again this year. It is such a gorgeous day."

All in the family

William "Billy" Betts has lived on the 28-acre farm known as Hill Billy Farms since the 1960s. His wife, Esther, and now several of their children, also inhabit the land.

"We all live here, we're all family," said Betts's daughter, Heather Strong. Strong and her family live in one house on the land, while

sister April Haupt and her family live in another. The matriarch and patriarch live in a third home towards the back of the land.

"This weekend is National Alpaca Farm Weekend," said Strong on Sunday.

"Alpaca farms around the country open up and invite visitors. We've been doing it for the past six or seven years. Today, people come and we have food out so they can feed the animals. We're going to do some hayrides, and we have some of our alpaca products for sale."

All of the adult family members work full time, so "this is something we do for fun," said Strong.

The cheeky alpaca — shorn once per year for fiber and wool — are friendly and gentle. Toothy-looking mouths delicately take small kernels of grain from young children and adults.

But they aren't the only attraction on the sprawl of farmland off Frazer Road. There are pastures and woods home to a small herd of Asian water buffalo, as well as horses, ponies, cows, pigs, chickens, ducks and geese.

As the Betts family gathered with friends and visitors, two large turkeys hobbled nearby, seemingly comfortable with the hustle and

bustle of the dozen people congregating near picnic tables.

"They just wander," Strong said with a smile and a shrug.

Children ran around as freely as the animals during the community day, while some families even brought babies in strollers.

"We have a lot of repeat people," said Esther Betts. "But we have a lot of new faces every time we're open. There's a lot of new faces today."

Strong said the family members only open up the farm a few times per year, due to work and school schedules.

"We've had six or seven pig roasts," Billy Betts said. "I've been doing this [weekend event] for about six years."

The pig roast took place the weekend prior to the National Alpaca Farm Weekend open house, and Strong said it's also a large gathering.

Guests shopped for alpaca products, strolled through the farm or sat at picnic tables within view of the animals.

Haupt is the crafter in the family, and spins yarn from the alpaca's soft but hardy wool. Strong and Haupt together make Christmas ornaments filled with alpaca wool and other small home wares.

"We've had one baby [alpaca] born here," said Strong. "His name is Patriot. He was born on July 3, so we knew we needed to do something. We had a poll on our Facebook page. It was between Patriot, Captain America and a few other names. Patriot won out."

Alpaca have quirky personalities and are known for their distinct and expressive faces. If one gets man, they are known to spit. The family gives sheepish visitors a primer in how to feed and pet the alpaca.

"Usually they just spit at each other," Strong said. "But if we give them a shot or something, they will spit."

The Asian water buffalo, with majestic horns and peaceful temperament, were also a favorite of the crowds.

"We have three babies," said Esther Betts, gesturing toward the water buffalo calves.

There were two dark-colored calves among the herd of similarly hued bovines, but among the chaos emerged a streak of white. A female calf named Casper bears a different color than her family and herd.

"Grandpa thought she was a boy," Strong's daughter, Emma, said. "But it turns out she's a girl."

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Tracy Novack began as principal at West Park in December.

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by their state's education department and submit detailed applications for consideration by federal officials.

West Park, which was chosen for its "exemplary high performance," is one of 362 schools nationwide that received the award this year and will be honored during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in November. Two other Delaware schools, The Charter School of Wilmington and Delaware Military Academy, also received the honor this year.

West Park was previously named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2011. The last Newark school to be

awarded was Newark Charter School in 2016.

"This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content," said Alison May, a spokeswoman for the Delaware Department of Education.

Novack attributed the school's success to the hard work of all the teachers and students.

"We work as a great team," she said.

She added that the school's relatively small size – around 340 students – means that everyone knows one another and works well together.

West Park has been recognized for its "superior" test scores by the state educa-

tion department since 2003 and it received the 2018 Elementary & Secondary Education Act Distinguished School Award.

The school is well known for its diversity, in part due to its proximity to the University of Delaware and the international graduate students who bring their families with them while studying in Newark. West Park has students representing 10 countries and 11 different languages, and the school celebrates that each year with its popular multicultural night.

The school has a number of extra-curricular activities for students, and it recently partnered with Exceptional Care for Children, a local pediatric nursing home, for a community service project. The partnership involved a year-long, multi-stage project involving visits to the ECC, the creation of a book for a "buddy," as well as a collection drive and fundraising event, all of which was intended to develop students' compassion and connectedness to the greater world.

"West Park Place is the hidden jewel in a wooded community in Newark," Novack said.

She said she and other school leaders are working to plan a school-wide celebration of the Blue Ribbon status later this year.

"It's really incredible," she said. "It's quite an honor."

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Donald R. Hartwig

NEWARK, DE — Donald R. Hartwig, age 92, of Newark, DE passed away on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. He was born on March 25, 1927 in Tamaqua, PA to the late Robert A. Hartwig and Catherine Elizabeth (Rosenberger) Hartwig.

Donald graduated in 1944 from Tamaqua High School. After high school he proudly served in the US Navy during the World War II and was in the South Pacific Theater. He worked as the Supervisor of building and grounds for the New Castle County Vo-Tech school district for 16 years. During his retirement years, Donald drove a school bus for 10 years at

the Christina School District. He was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. In his free time Donald enjoyed fishing, traveling throughout the US, and made his own furniture, as he had a talent for wood working.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Jessie Hartwig; son, Donald (Cheryl) Hartwig II; two grandchildren: Adrian Hartwig and Chase Hartwig; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his par-



DONALD HARTWIG

ents, Donald is preceded in death by his brother, Robert A. Hartwig, Jr.

A celebration of Donald's life will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at R.T Foard and Jones Funeral Home, 122. W Main St. Newark, DE 19711, where friends and family may begin visiting at 5:30 PM. Burial will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Skyview Memorial Park Cemetery 108 Lafayette Ave, Hometown, PA 18252. To send online condolences please visit, www.rtfoard.com.

R.T. Foard Funeral Home, P.A.
A Life Celebration * Home

Former UD athlete found guilty of rape

By **RANDALL CHASE**
Associated Press

An ex-University of Delaware baseball player accused of a string of sexual assaults was convicted last Friday in the first case brought to jurors, who found that he raped a woman he met online but declined to apply the harshest charge.

After a 10-day trial, the jury deliberated for about three hours before finding 23-year-old Clay Conaway of Georgetown guilty of fourth-degree rape. Conaway, who faced a possible life sentence if convicted of first-degree rape, was taken away in handcuffs as friends and relatives wept.

Fourth-degree rape carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, but no mandatory prison time. The charge is defined as intentional penetration with any object or body part without consent. Sentences for this type of offense typically carry imprisonment of between zero and 30 months. Sentencing is set for Nov. 22.

"The message today is no means no," Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings said in a statement, adding that Conaway's accuser "endured needless disrespect and insinuations about her integrity."

The 21-year-old woman, who cried after the verdict was read, declined to comment as she and her family left the courthouse.

She is among six women whom Conaway, 23, is charged with sexually assaulting between 2013 and 2018. A judge ordered separate trials involving each accuser.

Conaway was charged last year with second-degree rape of five other women in Sussex County, where his family lives. One of those cases was dismissed by prosecutors. Additionally, he faces attempted second-degree rape and strangulation charges involving a fellow University of Delaware student in Newark, which resulted in a complaint filed with the university's Title IX office. Conaway is scheduled to stand trial again in December in one of the other cases.

The woman in the concluded case testified that Conaway raped her after she drove to his house in June 2018. The encounter happened three weeks after the two connected

on the online meeting site Bumble, and he sent her a nude picture of himself.

The woman testified that she was surprised, then anxious and afraid, when consensual cuddling and kissing with Conaway quickly escalated to physical force and violence. The woman told a detective hours after the incident that she repeatedly told Conaway to stop what he was doing.

The defense noted that a three-page chronology she typed up before a second police interview several days later does not indicate that she ever told Conaway "no," only that she asked him several times what he was doing. Defense attorneys suggested that the woman became angry and upset after Conaway received a phone call and told her abruptly that she had to leave because he was going to the gym with a friend.

Defense attorney Joe Hurley was outraged by the verdict, saying Conaway's accuser bears responsibility for what happened.

"In our law, she has to give an indication to a reasonable person, or a reasonable degree, 'I don't want this.' And the easiest way to say that is 'No!' with a loud voice," he said.

"To me, if it was my kid ... I'd say it's unjust," Hurley added.

A sexual assault examiner testified that she found no visible injuries on the woman, and that she did not tell her she had been strangled or choked. The nurse said the woman, who testified that Conaway put his hand on her throat and choked her, complained only that her right wrist hurt.

Two days after her sexual assault exam, the woman returned to the hospital complaining of hip pain. She was diagnosed with hip strain and told to take ibuprofen.

Prosecutors alleged that the women suffered a hip injury when Conaway pinned her legs up near her shoulders. They needed to prove injury to sustain a conviction for first-degree rape. Jurors declined to convict Conaway on the charge, as well as the charge of second-degree rape, which does not require a showing of injury.



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On Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, Costco Wholesale Corp., applied to the Delaware Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for an extension of its package store liquor license. The store is located at 900 Center Boulevard, Newark, DE 19702. Persons who oppose this application may provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive a written protest containing at least ten signatures of residents or property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. Protests must be filed with the Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. Protests must be received by the Commissioner's Office on or before November 2nd, 2019. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office at (302) 577-5222.

np 10/4,11,18

2873738

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Stephanie Javier-Duverge, residing at 10 Chatham Lane, Apt. H, Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Stephanie Javier-Duverge,
9/20/19

np 10/4

2872132

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Stephen P Miller, residing at 13 Eastwind Ct., Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Stephen P Miller,
9/25/19

np 10/4

2872452

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
LEAH KATE LOUNSBURY

Petitioner(s)

TO

LEAH-KATE LOUNSBURY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LEAH KATE LOUNSBURY intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to LEAH-KATE LOUNSBURY.

LEAH KATE LOUNSBURY

Petitioner

Dated: 9/17/2019

2870851

np 9/27,10/4,11

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
NORMA DEENA SMITH

Petitioner(s)

TO

NORMA DEENA BARROW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NORMA DEENA SMITH intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to NORMA DEENA BARROW.

NORMA DEENA SMITH

Petitioner

Dated: 9/20/2019

2871309

np 9/27,10/4,11

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2019 – 6:00 P.M. – CC

There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b) (4) for the purposes of a strategy session, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body
- B. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b) (4) for the purposes of a strategy session, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body

(Executive Session to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Executive Session after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*1. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (Ending August 31, 2019) (20 minutes)

*2. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. Recommendation on Activities Proposed for 45th Year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) Community Development Block Grant and 2020 (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020) Revenue Sharing Program – Planning and Development (25 minutes)
- B. FY2020 Budget Workshop – City Manager/Finance Director (75 minutes)

*3. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Council Members: None
- B. Others: None

*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Posted – September 30, 2019

np 10/4

2873591

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

OCTOBER 17, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 32, Article XIX of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware, to hear the following appeal:

1. **The appeal of Dental Associates of Delaware, property address 301 South Chapel Street, for the following variances:**

- **Sec. 32-60(a)(2) – Schedule of Sign Regulations.** – The maximum number of ground signs is 1 per parcel. The applicant's plan indicates two ground signs. This requires a variance of one ground sign.
- **Sec. 32-60(a)(2) – Schedule of Sign Regulations.** – Ground signs must be a minimum of 100 feet from residential zoning areas. Since the parcel is only 100 feet wide and is bordered by residentially zoned properties, this requires a variance to be able to place a ground sign on the property.

The application and related materials may be examined at the City Secretary's Office, 366-7000, prior to the meeting.

Jeffrey Bergstrom
Chairman

np 10/4

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PUBLIC SALE AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING,
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PARCEL: 1004310638
SHERIFF 19-006806

ADDRESS: 29 WHITE CLAY
DRIVE NEWARK 19711
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1801400278
SHERIFF 19-006809

ADDRESS: 9 PRINTZ DRIVE
BEAR 19701
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1003930186
SHERIFF 19-006879

ADDRESS: 4 DASHER
AVENUE BEAR 19701
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1003320106
SHERIFF 19-006881

ADDRESS: 22 LOWER
VALLEY LANE NEWARK 19711
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 0805530037
SHERIFF 19-006967

ADDRESS: 537 STANTON
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NEWARK 19713
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 0901100060C0106
SHERIFF 19-006973

ADDRESS: 136 MCCORMICK
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TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1102110044
SHERIFF 19-006976

ADDRESS: 805 BRENNEN
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SHERIFF 19-007134

ADDRESS: 5905 ORCHARD
AVENUE WILMINGTON 19808
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 0804940007
SHERIFF 19-007141

ADDRESS: 4916 BLOSSOM
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TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 0803640165
SHERIFF 19-007154

ADDRESS: 16 WRIGHT
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TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1003240095
SHERIFF 19-007181

ADDRESS: 201 WARFIELD
ROAD NEWARK 19713
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 1100620348
SHERIFF 19-007183

ADDRESS: 44 HUNTING
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CREEK NEWARK 19702
TYPE: MTG
PARCEL: 0904110099
SHERIFF 19-007188

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DRIVE BEAR 19701
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PARCEL: 1103740192
SHERIFF 19-007192

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PARCEL: 0902820124
SHERIFF 19-007227

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PARCEL: 1003920126
SHERIFF 19-007234

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PARCEL: 1102310031
SHERIFF 19-007249

ADDRESS: 10 WALNUT
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PARCEL: 0903730146
SHERIFF 19-007253

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SHERIFF 19-007338

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SHERIFF 19-007340

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SHERIFF 19-007355

ADDRESS: 5 BYRD COURT
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SHERIFF 19-007378

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SHERIFF 19-007381

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SHERIFF 19-007397

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PARCEL: 0904020063
SHERIFF 19-007513

ADDRESS: 1101
DORCHESTER DRIVE
NEWARK 19713
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PARCEL: 0902310057
SHERIFF 19-007522

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Alfred Nicholas Clemen-
toni, residing at 33 Chaucer
Drive, Newark, DE 19713, will
make application to the judg-
es of the Superior Court of the
State of Delaware in and for
New Castle County at Wilm-
ington for the next term for a
license to carry a concealed
deadly weapon, or weapons
for the protection of my per-
son(s), or property, or both.

Alfred Nicholas Clementoni,
9/30/19

np 10/4 2873409

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following person will be sold
at public auction on
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214 Bear Christiana Road,
Bear, DE 19701
on Wed. October 16, 2019

Courtney Urban –
Bear, DE

np 10/4,11 2873375

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
HARPER LILLIAN ELIZABETH GEBHART
Petitioner(s)
TO
HARPER LILLIAN ELIZABETH MARSHALL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VICTORIA LEE WINGATE in-
tends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the
State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/
her minor children's names to HARPER LILLIAN ELIZABETH
MARSHALL.
VICTORIA LEE WINGATE
Petitioner
Dated: 9/30/2019
np 10/4,11,18 2873625

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF
DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ANDREW DAVID SHANER
Petitioner(s)
TO
KAELEA LOUISE SHANER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW DAVID SHANER
intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the
State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/
her name to KAELEA LOUISE SHANER.
ANDREW DAVID SHANER
Petitioner
Dated: 9/26/2019
np 10/4,11,18 2872865

LEGAL NOTICE

OCTOBER QUARTER 2019/20 SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The new assessed values for each parcel on the Supplemental
Assessment roll for New Castle County and school taxes for the
October Quarter of the 2019/20 tax year may be inspected in the
Office of Finance – Assessment of New Castle County ("Assess-
ment"). The office is located at the New Castle County Govern-
ment Service Center, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons, New
Castle, DE, 19720, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through
Friday.

These Supplemental Assessments will become effective Octo-
ber 1, 2019. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments
may be obtained from Assessment at the address aforesaid and
must be filed with Assessment no later than 4:00 p.m. on October
31, 2019. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle Coun-
ty will meet in the New Castle County Government Center, or
some other public place to be announced, to hear appeals from
these Supplemental Assessments. The exact dates and times of
such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance
with 9 Del. C. Sec. 8311.
np 9/27,10/4 2870236

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Morgan Elizabeth Schulz,
residing at 29 Danvers Cir-
cle, Newark, DE 19702, will
make application to the judg-
es of the Superior Court of the
State of Delaware in and for
New Castle County at Wilm-
ington for the next term for a
license to carry a concealed
deadly weapon, or weapons
for the protection of my per-
son(s), or property, or both.
Morgan Elizabeth Schulz,
10/1/19
np 10/4 2873662

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PUBLIC STORAGE # 20496, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0556 Time: 10:00 AM

A117 - Chavis, Kawaun; A120 - Blake, Lavada; A137 - Williams, Nola; A139 - Stevenson, Randolph;
A210 - Holmes, Roslynn; A218 - watson, kathy; A244 - Thornton, Archie; A245 - Jones, Reide; A249
- Brown, Shareef; A264 - Eldridge, Kiaya; B307 - Coverdale, Gregory; B434 - Latina, Salvatore;
B450 - Laster, Shamar; B453 - Phillips, Bryan; C516 - Johnson, Richard; C611 - Taylor, Kenny; C630
- Prinski, Jason; C641 - Williams, Chudilya; D721 - Conkey, Ebonique; D730 - Cooke, Linval; E1021
- Jones, Sabrina; E905 - Potts, Latosha; E921 - Difebo Jr, John; F1045 - Winter, Dennis; F1059 -
Woulard, Dorothy; F1073 - DePasquale, Sara; G1117 - Todd, Sharon; G1134 - HARMON, CHANTAY;
H1176 - Wilson, Lainie; H1183 - Chambers, Maurice; H1192 - Osborne, Justin

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24114, 425 New Churchmans Road, New Castle, DE 19720, (302) 273-0621 Time: 10:00 AM

B014 - Chinski, Richard; B029 - Butler, Tracey; C047 - Moss, Sonya; C052 - Sutler, Reginald; C058
- Mciver, Patricia; C061 - Grisson, Joben; C099 - jackson, shawn-er'e; C137 - Fitzgerald, Yusef;
D006 - Victoria, Petra; D033 - Peak, Erica; E017 - Richardson, Steven; E027 - Mitchell, Kameron;
E049 - Ross, Kenneth; E062 - Lloyd, Kimberly; F022 - Jones, Tameshia; F035 - Breedy, Alea; F056
- Lewis, Jay; F093 - Carter, Elizabeth; F116 - Devose, Shirley; G011 - Mariano, Michael; G021 - Da-
vis, Donta; G023 - Fox, Eric; H019 - King, Karin; H027 - Johnson, Sherrie; H033 - Wescott, Glenice

PUBLIC STORAGE # 24115, 201 Bellevue Road, Newark, DE 19713, (302) 266-1773 Time: 10:00 AM

A072 - Jeter, Yolanda Y; A099 - Warren, Deara; B023 - Warren, Laura; B046 - Lancaster, Naomi;
B057 - Fields, Hattie; B089 - Rasheed, Chelsee; B119 - Dekler, Roy; C018 - Hunt, Michael; C047
- Dorsey, Natasha; C066 - Hill, Donald; F018 - Amaro, Sonia; F027 - Mobe, Mark; F076 - Casen,
Latya; F093 - Simmons, Ona; F100 - May, Sierra; H003 - Odell, sandra; H012 - Dempsey, Charese;
H029 - Hill, Donald

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25716, 3800 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 268-6201 Time: 10:00 AM

1080 - Liston, Carolyn; 3018 - Williams, Wendy S.; 4056 - Dodd, Thomas; 4117 - Riello, Jason M.;
5071 - Jackson, Ronald

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LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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Sarah Julia Campanelli,
9/30/19

np 10/4

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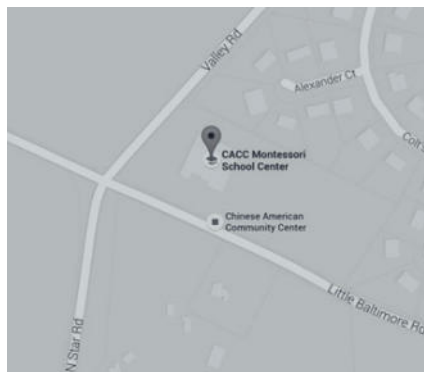
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range project. "Right now, we're like children in the woods, looking for a place to go."

Newark Mayor Jerry Clifton said that while there are still a number of issues to be worked out – not the least of which is how the agencies will pay for the project – moving forward needs to be a priority.

"Both sides know this is a critical issue, but we're looking at creative ways of financing it," Clifton said. "We can't say that substandard training is OK. We just can't say that."

Lack of range time creates liability concern

Sgt. Chris Jones, a Newark Police firearms instructor, said the range would solve a problem NPD has struggled with for years: a lack of range time.

NPD needs approximately 55 days at the gun range each year to meet the minimum standard for firearms-related training, including ongoing training for each officer, twice-monthly SWAT team training, monthly sniper/observer training and other functions like citizens police academy demonstrations and open-range days for off-duty officers.

Currently, NPD shares a gun range on National Guard property near New Castle with nearly 2,500 officers from 17 other police agencies, making it difficult to schedule enough time there as larger police agencies take precedence. Complicating the issue is the fact that the range is located along the Delaware River and, as a precaution, shooting has to be stopped every time a boat passes by.

When the National Guard range is unavailable, NPD has to pay to rent time at ranges in Pennsylvania,



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Newark Police officers train at the firing range near New Castle. The department wants to build its own range because of overcrowding there.

some of which add more than two hours of travel time to a training day.

The lack of range time means NPD is giving its officers the minimum required firearms training but is not able to go above and beyond that or offer personalized training catered to an officer's strengths and weaknesses. He referred to it as "training to the lowest common denominator."

"Having a facility of our own where we can totally change that dynamic would give us the ability to take one or two people at a time, train them to their strengths, push them in those areas and if there's weaknesses, focus on those weaknesses and get rid of those because you've addressed what the weakness is and you've offered them drills and exercises to correct those weaknesses," Jones said. "Now they have strengths and you can start bringing everybody up."

Jones framed the issue as one of liability, noting that if there is a police-involved shooting, NPD's lack of additional training could be used against the department in a

civil lawsuit.

"If you look across the country in the last three years at firearms-related lawsuits with police departments, some of the highest numbers come from the fact of failing to train," he said.

He noted that other police departments have been sued for not training their officers with moving targets, something that NPD does not do either.

"Officers are always going to be under the binoculars of everybody, certainly the attorneys who are going to Monday morning quarterback what they do. Are we providing them the training that they can protect themselves and we can protect ourselves as an organization, should, God forbid, something happen?" Jones said. "These low-frequency, high-liability incidents are the ones that can really wreak havoc and create huge issues, liability and financially, for you."

CCSO faces similar challenges

Stanko is quite familiar

with the shooting range problems that Newark faces because he served with NPD from 1987 to 2015, when he left at the rank of lieutenant to join CCSO.

With approximately 200 deputies who must qualify annually at the shooting range, CCSO has the same issue scheduling range time, according to Stanko, who emphasized that the proposed shooting range partnership with NPD would fix it.

For several years, CCSO had been sending its deputies to an outdoor shooting range operated by the Aberdeen Police Department in neighboring Harford County. However, that range closed recently, and the officers now use a range at Elk Neck State Park.

If CCSO and NPD partnered on the proposed around-the-clock indoor shooting range, those agencies could schedule their deputies and officers whenever deemed necessary. More time on the shooting range would increase proficiency, according to Stanko.

"Two days a year is the

minimum requirement, but we want to exceed that minimum requirement. The biggest problem I see is we do the bare minimum now because training days are limited, so that's all we are able to do," Stanko said.

He continued, "Does an NBA basketball player practice shooting baskets twice a year? No, he practices shooting baskets every day. It's all muscle memory, so the more you train, the more proficient you become. It increases proficiency and safety."

The proposed shooting range also would make scheduling easier regarding the required "night firing" session, according to Stanko, who explained that lights at that facility simply would be turned off during that segment of the required training, regardless of whether it is day or night.

Proposal is NPD's second attempt

Jones' proposal is NPD's second firing range proposal in as many years.

Last fall, the department pitched a plan to partner with the Delaware City Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration to build an outdoor range north of Delaware City. The facility would have cost \$1.2 million, with Newark paying \$700,000 of that.

However, the proposal began to unravel – "in dramatic fashion," as Jones described it last week – after NPD went public with the plan.

NPD had been discussing the idea with Delaware City Police Chief David Baylor and Delaware City Manager Carol Houck, who previously served as Newark's city manager. However, the proposal apparently surprised local state legislators and the Delaware City mayor, who later said he first learned of the plan via a newspaper article. The officials expressed concern about the effect noise from the range would have on

nearby homes, and Newark agreed not to move forward.

This time, NPD decided to pursue an indoor range, which is significantly more expensive but doesn't create the same noise concerns.

"We're not in Montana; we're not in Utah and Wyoming," Jones said. "Really, the only feasible option for us locally would be an indoor range. The problem is that costs a whole lot more money than an outdoor range."

Cost an issue for both agencies

Speaking during the police department's annual budget presentation to city council, Jones acknowledged that a firing range won't come cheap.

Still, he argued that the benefits justify the price tag and pointed out that the cost would be partially offset by not having to rent range time from other agencies.

The yearly costs of operating the range would be covered by renting the facility to other police agencies during times at which NPD and CCSO are not using it.

NPD Chief Paul Tiernan said the department has \$500,000 in drug seizure money that could be put toward the project. Beyond that, though, city officials are still trying to figure out how to come up with the rest of the money.

"The big takeaway is to try to figure out some funding options and bring them to council," City Manager Tom Coleman said.

Clifton said one option under discussion is using money from the city's reserve fund.

CCSO Chief Deputy Gerald Widdoes said the proposed shooting range "will last 30 or 40 years," ample time to "spread out the costs" and possibly even generate revenue through rental fees if such an option is considered.

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