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**Do Newark's politicians need a raise?**  
 Chapman floats idea of increasing pay

By **KARIE SIMMONS**  
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Newark's mayor and council members have not received salary increases in more than 10 years, but Councilman Luke Chapman thinks it's time the idea was revisited. He asked city administrators to come forward with suggestions for raises and on Wednesday, Finance Director Lou Vitola released a recommendation.



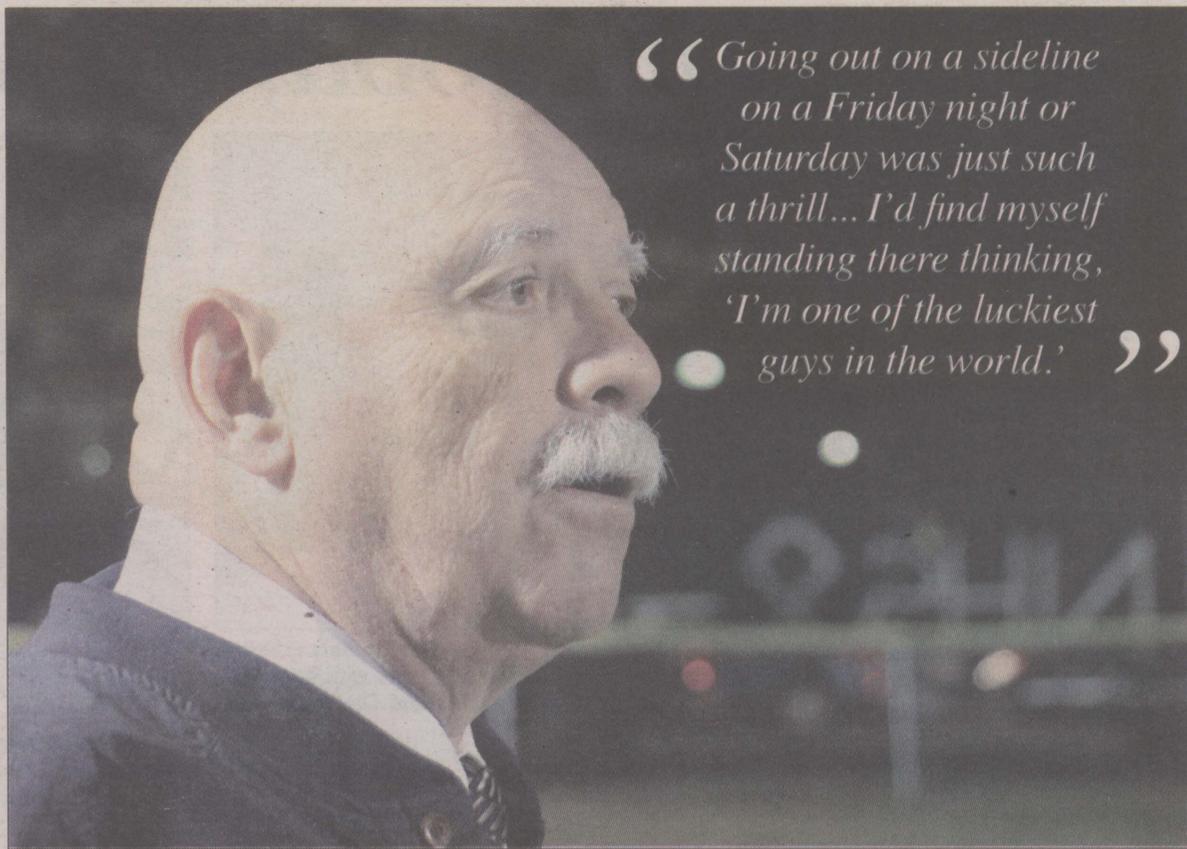
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Council members currently make an annual salary of \$7,000, while the mayor takes in \$8,400, but Vitola said those numbers have not kept up with the consumer price index (CPI). Salaries would have reached \$8,868 for council and \$10,641 for the mayor had they been adjusted each year.

Vitola is recommending rates for mayor and council be increased to \$11,000 and \$9,000, respectively, as soon as permitted by the city charter, meaning raises could go into effect May 1, 2017, provided an ordinance is adopted on or before Nov. 1, 2016.

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**Honoring Coach Simpson \*\* A special keepsake edition**



“Going out on a sideline on a Friday night or Saturday was just such a thrill... I'd find myself standing there thinking, 'I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world.'”

**A legend retires**

Newark's Simpson to coach final game tonight

By **JON BUZBY**  
 Special to the Post

When Louis "Skip" Kraft put on the yellow-and-black jersey in 1977 and took the field under first-year head coach Butch Simpson, he couldn't help but get a sense he was about to be part of something bigger.

"None of us knew, at that time, that Coach Simpson would become the legendary coach he is today," said Kraft, a two-way lineman on Simpson's first team. "However, we all knew we were a part of something very special when we earned the right to put on that Newark jersey."

Kraft learned quickly that the saying "There is no 'I' in team" would ring truer than ever before in his life.

"Coach Simpson was intensely focused on developing young men as a team," Kraft explained. "He knew how to take you to that line, not to break you, but to make you. Whether it was physical, mental or emotional, he could get inside your brain, figure out each player's motivational button, and he would push it, which pushed us to develop pride in ourselves and Newark High School football. I was blessed to be surrounded by some very talented teammates which, together, we only lost four games in four years. It was not because we were all that good, but because we played as a team. Coach Simpson is one of the best at bringing out the best in people. The wins took care of themselves because he took care of us."



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Butch Simpson talks to lineman Eric Hunter during an October game at The Charter School of Wilmington.

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# 'War is no good; no one ever wins'

## Veterans share stories at apple pie social

By KATIE TABELING  
Special to the Post

Dozens of Newark residents flocked to the Judge Morris Estate on Sunday for an afternoon cup of coffee, a slice of apple pie and to honor Delaware veterans for their commitment to their country.

The Veterans Apple Pie Social attracted approximately 40 people to hear presentations, poems and music from veterans who served in World War II and the Korean War. The event has evolved several times over the last decade, but the informal storytelling has been around for years, according to White Clay Creek State Park naturalist Kathleen Sullivan, who organized the program.

"These guys started at the Crossroads Restaurant regularly and they started telling stories, almost like a lecture," Sullivan said. "At some point around 2004, they asked to meet at Judge Morris Estate,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KATIE TABELING

World War II veteran Warren Schlaupitz speaks with attendees over a slice of apple pie during a Veterans Day event held Sunday at the Judge Morris Estate.

and we got involved in finding veterans and organizing a event."

When fewer WWII vets wanted to speak as years went on, the event slowly expanded to Korean War vets.

"We see the stone monuments and people love watching movies about it, but there's men behind it," Sullivan said. "And some of them are open, and some aren't so much. We want to give them the opportunity to speak."

Before pie and coffee were served, George Taylor, a Korean War veteran, performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the bugle. Retired Marine Staff Sgt. Robert Austin read a poem he wrote about the Battle of Saipan. Donna Johnson, of Rising Sun, Md., also shared a personal poem about her father, who was a WWII veteran.

The keynote speaker was Warner Schlaupitz, 92, of Dover, who was drafted into



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KATIE TABELING

WWII Navy veteran Joseph Gwiazdowski (right) signs a 1944 Jeep brought to the event by Joe LaRosch (left). Gwiazdowski was a 1st class shipman working with radar during the war. His signature joins about 310 others on the vehicle.

WWII in 1943. He talked about his training at Fort Meade and when he saw combat as a rifleman in New Guinea and the Philippines, and told stories of foxhole warfare and running through crossfire across a mined beach.

"It's like a negative," he said. "I close my eyes and I still see images of my two years on the front line and having a gun to my head."

Schlaupitz, a recipient of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, also brought an American flag that was flown over the Capitol in May 2014 in his

honor. Sunday was his fourth time speaking at the event.

"I used to teach math and science near Media, [Pa.], so I'm used to speaking in front of people," Schlaupitz said after his speech. "Each time I talk about this, it relieves an internal pressure in me."

For others, like Bill Kitchens of New Castle, the event was a time to educate younger Delawareans about the war.

"I do this because younger generations have a hard time conceptualizing years and don't ask questions," said Kitchens, who served in the Navy as a motor machinist

from 1942 to 1946. "I usually tell how the war was started and moments that aren't really talked about."

One of those moments not often seen in textbooks—a ship carrying President Franklin D. Roosevelt nearly getting hit by a torpedo—was featured at his display. He also had a poster about the types of Navy ships sunk at Pearl Harbor.

Beyond sharing the lesser-known details about WWII, Kitchens had one other lesson he wanted attendees to take away from the social.

"War's no good," he said. "No one ever wins."

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A student walks along a path on the flag-covered Green on Wednesday.



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Former mayor Vance Funk III speaks at a Veterans Day ceremony in front of Memorial Hall.

# Veterans share 'common bond among uncommon men and women'

## UD ceremony honors vets' sacrifices

By JOSH SHANNON  
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When Vance Funk III returned from serving in Vietnam, he made sure not to tell anyone where he had been.

"I was afraid they'd spit

on me or call me names," the former Newark mayor recalled Wednesday morning, speaking at a Veterans Day ceremony in front of the University of Delaware's Memorial Hall.

"It's a wonderful thing you're doing here," Funk added, as he looked out over The Green, which was covered with 6,841 American flags — one for each U.S. service member killed since 9/11.

The ceremony was orga-

nized by the student group Blue Hen Veterans, which provides a support system for veterans while they earn their degrees at UD so that those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan don't feel as alone as Vietnam veterans did a generation ago. Two hundred volunteers from ROTC and various fraternities and sororities helped place the flags, which covered The Green from Memorial Hall all the way back to Delaware Avenue.

Brandon Bristor, a UD senior and president of Blue Hen Veterans, said there are approximately 80 to 100 veterans attending UD.

"Our main goal is to provide a place for veterans to meet other veterans and have someone to share stories with," said Bristor, a native of Nebraska who served in the Navy from 2009 to 2013 and did a tour of duty stationed in the tiny Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain.

He said support for veter-

ans on campus is "getting better every year," but could still use improvement. One challenge, he said, is that there are no Veterans Affairs representatives on campus, so veterans are often left to navigate their educational benefits by themselves.

The other difficult part for veterans is fitting in with other students, as veterans are typically older and have entirely different experiences than students who went to college immediately after

high school.

"It was difficult to find my place and to fit in," said Bristor, who was 22 years old during his freshman year.

However, the veterans group helped ease the transition.

"Having a support group of these veterans has been the best part of my campus experience," Bristor said.

"What we all share is a common bond among uncommon men and women," he added.

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# Council narrowly rejects country club rezoning

By KARIE SIMMONS

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After months of mulling over the issue, city council decided Monday night not to rezone the Newark Country Club property — essentially rejecting the very ordinance it instructed staff to draft back in August.

The bill, which would have “downzoned” the country club’s 120 acres at 300 W. Main St. from RS to RH and cut the allowable density in half, was defeated 4 to 3. Only Mayor Polly Sierer and council members Marge Hadden and Luke Chapman were in favor of the rezoning.

Sierer and Chapman were both members of the country club but gave up their membership earlier this year in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

Talk of rezoning the club began at an Aug. 3 special meeting about Newark’s comprehensive development plan, during which several council members expressed their desire to protect the golf course from future development, should declining membership and financial hardship force the club to close. Increased traffic and preserving open space were also concerns.

They directed staff to draft a bill to “downzone” the country club to an RH zone that would only allow for 112 half-acre lots — significantly less than the 270-unit plan that was approved by the city in 2008 but never built due to the recession.

In response, the club filed a lawsuit in Chancery Court claiming the Aug. 3 meeting violated



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

City council rejected a proposed “downzoning” of the Newark Country Club property on West Main Street.

the Freedom of Information Act, which requires a public body to provide notice of items that will be discussed and possibly voted on at a particular meeting. The meeting was advertised only as a discussion about the comprehensive plan and did not mention the Newark Country Club or indicate a possible vote on the property, the lawsuit states.

The club also argued that the downzoning would reduce its property value by \$7 million.

In September, council referred the controversial proposal to the planning commission, which unanimously recommended against re-

zoning.

Council revisited the issue Monday night to take a final vote, and several members of the public urged council to consider the consequences.

Resident Chris Scherf said that as a taxpayer of the city and a member of the country club, he could potentially be funding both sides of a future legal battle between the city and the club if council chooses to move forward.

“I’m finding that absolutely disastrous,” he said.

Scherf said he doesn’t see any reason why council needs to downzone the property.

“The only explanation is, ‘Because I can,’” he said. “That will burn bridges.”

Resident John Morgan believes there is a slim chance the city would win future litigation over the country club and said attempting to is “gambling with taxpayers’ money.”

“And not just gambling, but taking a very bad bet,” he added.

The country club is already suing the city and has threatened to pursue further legal action if the rezoning goes through, which worried resident Donna Means. She said the city is “overstepping their bounds” in trying to tell the owners of the golf course what to do with the property.

She reminded council how much the city has already spent in legal fees from last year’s data center and power plant controversy and from the Newark Reservoir debacle, urging them not to mess with the country club.

“They’re not fooling around,” Means said. “They will push a lawsuit.”

Councilman Rob Gifford said he’s been “skeptical” about the approach to rezoning the country club from the beginning and thinks the process over the past few months has been eroding the city’s relationship with the club as well as setting the city up to get sued.

He said council didn’t collaborate with the club on a plan for the property’s future and would like both parties to move forward with the “little bit of trust that remains.” If they don’t, he is worried about a legal battle and what it might cost the city in the long run.

“The likelihood of litigation definitely outweighs the benefits of RH rezoning,” he said.

Chapman, whose district includes the country club, said his intention when he originally proposed the rezoning ordinance was to address his constituents’ concerns about traffic and open space. He said several residents were fearful of a large housing development and the stress it might put on the city’s aging stormwater infrastructure.

He encouraged council to consider shaping how the property is developed.

“This is our opportunity to be proactive,” he said. “A council-initiated rezoning is unprecedented. Another way of saying that is, ‘It’s different than the way it’s always been done.’”

Councilman Stu Markham was “torn” on Monday night, noting that he understands Chapman is merely “sticking up for his constituents.” Still, he said he agrees with the planning commission’s decision and thinks there is a possibility for future collaboration with the club.

“I hope the country club will be true to their comments and their words and come back to council with their ideas,” he said.

Councilman Mark Morehead also echoed the commission’s recommendation.

“When they unanimously agree on something, I think we would do well to listen,” he said.

Following the meeting, Shawn Tucker, an attorney representing the country club, said his client will be considering over the next few days whether to drop the current lawsuit against the city.

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# Gunman robs woman on Pomeroy Trail

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A woman was robbed at gunpoint late Monday night while walking on the Pomeroy Trail.

The robbery happened at approximately 11 p.m. on the part of the trail that runs past Kershaw Street, said Lt. Bill Hargrove, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Hargrove said the robber came up behind the woman, who was alone,

and pulled out a handgun. He took the woman's purse and cell phone and then ran away toward Paper Mill Road.

The 26-year-old victim, who was not injured, called police after returning home.

The robber is described as a black man with an average build, 18 to 35 years old and between 5 feet, 8 inches and 5 feet, 10 inches. He was wearing dark pants and had a dark bandana concealing his face.

No surveillance photos are available, Hargrove said.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7100 ext. 3136 or Daniel.Bystricky@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

## Police searching for Honey Bun thief

The Newark Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying a man who allegedly stole 10 packages of Honey Buns from a 7-Eleven last Friday.

According to NPD spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Nov. 6 when a shirtless man entered the convenience store located at 202 South Main Street.

Spadola said the suspect, described as a 6-foot-tall white male, 35 to 40 years old with an average build and short blonde hair, stole approximately 10 Honey Buns and left. He then returned immediately after and pushed a lottery ticket machine off the counter before fleeing the store again.

The suspect was caught on camera and police are asking for help in identifying him. Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Cpl. Ryan Martin at 302-366-7100 ext. 3470 or ryan.martin@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

## Construction equipment damaged on South Main Street

A person or group of people caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to several pieces of heavy machinery parked at a construction site

on South Main Street last week, police say.

According to Cpl. James Spadola, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the incident occurred sometime between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Nov. 6 in the 200 block of South Main Street.

Spadola said an employee working at the site left at 4 p.m. Nov. 5 and returned at 9 a.m. the next day to find that several pieces of machinery and construction equipment had been destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$6,000.

Spadola said a neighbor told police her husband heard loud noises coming from the site between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Nov. 6, leading officers to believe the incident occurred during that timeframe.

Spadola said police continue to look into the incident and have no suspects at this time.

## Mailbox on Old Cooches Bridge Road damaged again

A mailbox on Old Cooches Bridge Road holding mail from 32 businesses was pried open over the weekend, marking the second time it has been broken into this year.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the first incident occurred sometime between 6 p.m. on July 27 and 9 a.m. July 28 in the 1200 block of Old Cooches Bridge Road.

Spadola said an employee discovered the mailbox had been pried open, and mail from the 32 businesses that use the box was strewn about and rifled through. Police at the time did not know if any specific mail was stolen; how-

ever, businesses were advised to cancel any outstanding checks.

A similar incident happened sometime between Nov. 6 and Monday, but this time the vandal caused \$1,059 in damage to the mailbox. Spadola said police do not know how much mail was stolen.

Spadola said it is unknown at this time if the two incidents are related, but police continue to investigate. There are no suspects at this time.

## Decking stolen from 84 Lumber

Someone stole thousands of dollars worth of composite decking from a lumber yard on Ogletown Road, police say.

According to Cpl. James Spadola, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the theft occurred sometime between Oct. 5 and Monday at 84 Lumber, located at 700 Ogletown Road.

An employee told police he noticed 120 boards of composite decking stored outside in the rear of the lumber yard were missing. The materials are estimated to be worth a total of \$3,360.

Spadola said surveillance

footage of the yard is not available and police continue to investigate, however, there are no suspects at this time.

## Man grabs women's buttocks, punches man on Main Street

Police are looking for a man who allegedly grabbed two women's buttocks while they were walking down Main Street earlier this month.

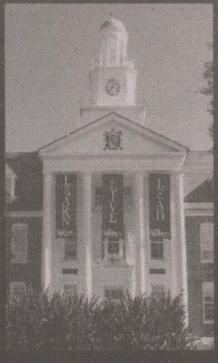
According to Cpl. James Spadola, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, the incident occurred at approximately 12:15 a.m. Nov. 1 on the sidewalk between Klondike Kate's and Home Grown Cafe.

Spadola said the two women were walking down the street when a black man wearing a white tank top and tan pants grabbed both of their buttocks. One of the women turned around to look at the man, and he slapped her upper arm, prompting her boyfriend to intervene.

The suspect punched the boyfriend in the face and left the area, prompting the victims to call police.

Spadola said officers are still investigating the incident.

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On Tuesday, Newark officials will host a workshop to educate the public about two threats to local trees — the emerald ash borer, an invasive insect that affects ash trees; and bacterial leaf scorch, a disease that affects oak trees.

Newark Parks and Recreation

staff will be joined by experts from the University of Delaware, Delaware State Forest Service and others to explain how to identify tree species that may be affected, how to identify a tree currently affected and measures that can be taken to minimize damage.

The emerald ash borer has killed millions of trees in the Midwest and has been spotted recently in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Bacterial leaf scorch has already claimed trees in Newark, officials said.

The meeting will be held in city council chambers at 6 p.m.

**Newark High to host 'Hoops for Hunger' program**

Newark High's boys basketball squad is teaming up with the New-

ark Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host a Hoops for Hunger Community Service Event that will include a free basketball clinic for children ages 7-13 and a Thanksgiving dinner handout on Nov. 21 at Newark High School.

The clinic is from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and is open to all children ages 7-13, regardless of whether their family is requesting a dinner.

Pre-registration is required for the clinic by contacting Kevin

Scannell at 302.631.4700 ext. 14430 or at NewarkFCA@gmail.com. Space is limited for the clinic. The dinner handout takes place immediately following the clinic. Families interested in receiving the dinner should also contact Kevin Scannell.

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# NPD's 'Full beards, full bellies' fundraiser supports food bank



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Deputy Chief Mark Farrall won the Newark Police Department's beard-growing contest last year.

By **JOSH SHANNON**  
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Once again, several Newark Police Department officers are shelving their razors for the month of November and growing beards for a good cause.

Officers are typically prohibited from having beards – though mustaches are permitted – but NPD leadership is relaxing that restriction during the fundraising campaign.

Twenty officers will pay \$25 a week for the privilege, and the money will go to the

Food Bank of Delaware. In addition, six officers are participating in contests to see whose photo gets the most “likes” on NPD’s Facebook page and who can collect the most food donations for the food bank.

Each of the six – Deputy Chief Mark Farrall, Deputy Chief Kevin Feeney, Sgt. Scott Simpson, Cpl. Dan Bystricky, Cpl. James Spadola and Ofc. Nate Graber – have a bin with their name on it in the lobby of the Newark Municipal Building. Newarkers are encouraged to support

their favorite officer by placing food donations in his bin.

Residents can also drop off checks or money orders made out to the Food Bank of Delaware.

This year, NPD is calling the campaign “Full beards, full bellies” to distinguish it from the popular No Shave November and November efforts that raise awareness of cancer research.

Last year, NPD’s beard fundraiser brought in \$2,700 and 800 pounds of food.

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## Board of Trustees set to elect new university president Wednesday

By **KARIE SIMMONS**  
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The University of Delaware’s Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday to vote on the university’s next president.

The special meeting, which is open to the public, will take place at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room inside the Trabant University Center.

A 15-member search committee made up of the dean of students, four faculty members, one student and several trustees and business leaders, has been in-

terviewing candidates to replace former president Patrick Harker over the last several months.

Harker announced March 2 he would step down to become president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Nancy Targett, dean of the University of Delaware’s College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, has been leading the university since June 30, when the Board of Trustees named her interim president of UD. She will remain in the position until a permanent successor is selected.



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### Car wash provides free service for veterans

Blue Hen Car Wash on Capitol Trail provided free car washes for veterans in honor of Veterans Day on Wednesday. The giveaway was part of the nationwide Grace for Vets program, founded by a car wash owner from Pennsylvania. More than 2,800 businesses across the country participated.

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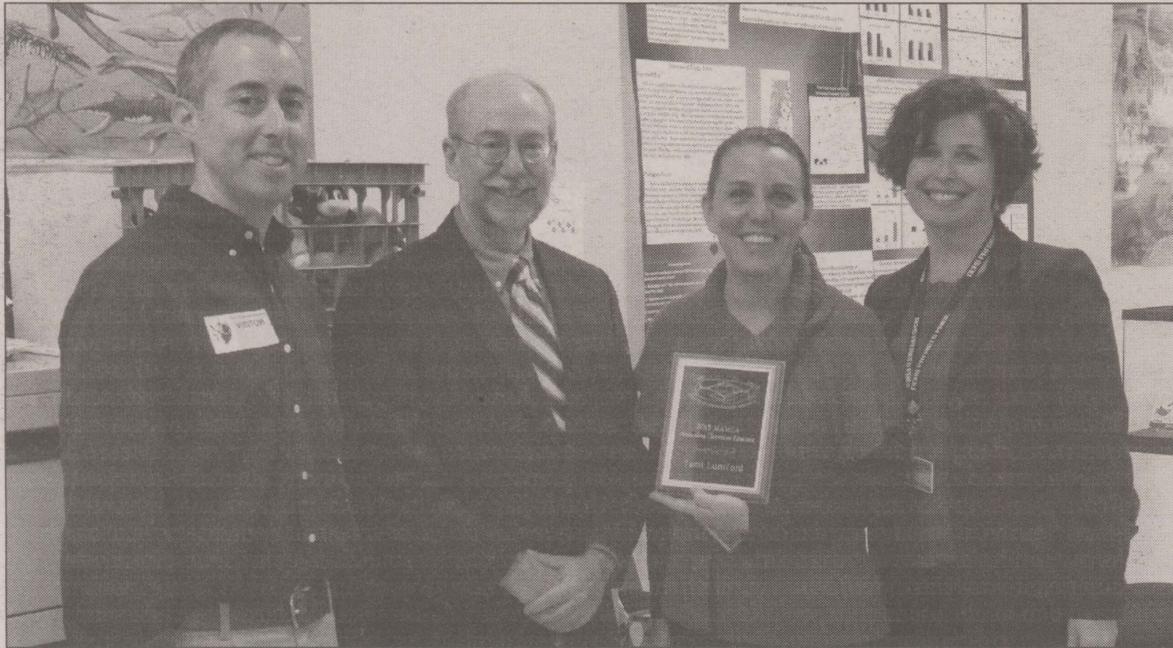
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# Teacher uses oceans to hook students on science



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Newark Charter High School teacher Tami Lunsford (third from left) poses with UD's Christopher Petrone, School Director Greg Meece and Principal Lisa Ueltzhoffer.

By JOSH SHANNON

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When Tami Lunsford teaches her sophomore biology students about photosynthesis, she doesn't confine her lessons to the traditional land-based plants. Instead, she also delves into algae and how different types get their distinctive colors.

In fact, the Newark Charter High School teacher tries to find a way to work marine science into as many lessons as possible.

"Oceans are exciting," Lunsford said. "It's a way to get people excited about science in general. I use it as a hook to get kids excited."

That's part of the reason Lunsford received this year's Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association classroom teacher award, presented each year to a teacher in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina or Washington, D.C. Christopher Petrone of the University of Delaware's College of Earth,

Ocean and Environment presented the award to Lunsford on Tuesday, surprising her in her classroom as students looked on.

Lunsford, who holds an environmental science degree from UD and a master's degree in marine science from the College of William and Mary, joined Newark Charter when its high school opened in 2013. Previously, she taught at UD's Associate in Arts Program, Newark High School and Howard High School.

She was recently elected president of the National Marine Educators Association.

At Newark Charter, she teaches biology and AP Biology. She also runs a marine science club and next year will teach a marine science elective class.

"Her passion is unmatched," Newark Charter High School Principal Lisa Ueltzhoffer said. "She truly goes above and beyond and incites excitement in her students."

# Maintain your fitness standards during the holiday eating season

Healthy Newark  
Nic DeCaire



Fall is a great season of change. But the falling leaves aren't the only change looming on our horizon — our healthy habits also can crumble when faced with the

temptations of tasty foods and limited daylight.

Take Halloween, for example. Who was more excited for candy this year — you or your child? I tried my first Take 5 candy bar this year. That was a mistake. It is my new favorite. Unfortunately I just heard UDairy Creamery has its own ice cream version called "Take 6." Boy, am I in trouble now.

Of course, Halloween is just

the beginning. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, partially because of all the traditional Puerto Rican food that my mom makes. Like most people, I overindulge and later feel guilty about it.

In almost the two decades I have been working with clients, I always make sure we are focusing on the most important health and fitness goals this time of year. I am talking about maintenance. It sounds simple, but just keeping the status quo can be challenging.

Right now, all I want my clients to do is maintain their current fitness level and body

weight until the new year. After Jan. 1, we can focus on anything they want, but until then, they just have to hold the line.

Why do I focus so much on this? Because my clients are human.

This time of year is filled with so much joy and happiness the last thing I want someone to do is worry about what it will do to the scale if they have a cookie. (I said one cookie, not 10, remember.)

So in order to maintain during the holidays, I need you to focus on just a couple of areas:

1. Don't miss your work-

outs. If you currently exercise three times a week, you need to continue that no matter what during the holiday season. It may be harder to find the time, but make sure you keep up your routine in order to maintain.

2. Taste, do not gorge. There are so many wonderful foods and desserts to try during the holiday season. I encourage you to taste them if you get the opportunity. But make sure you are just tasting. Don't fill up like you are about to go into hibernation.

3. Hydrate. It's easy to forget about the H2O and just

drink the holiday punch, but remember the importance of water. Not only does it keep you hydrated, but it also fills you up — which is key to keeping your belt in the same notch this season.

As the New Year approaches, make sure you are starting from an even playing field and not at a deficit because you didn't maintain over the holidays. Remember to enjoy yourself and maintain what you currently have achieved.

Nic DeCaire is the owner of Fusion Fitness Center on Main Street. He writes a monthly column for the Newark Post.

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# Robber who disguised himself as a woman gets prison time

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark-area man who robbed 14 businesses in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania — dressing as a woman during some of the incidents — has been sentenced to more than five years in prison.

United States District Court Judge Sue L. Robinson sentenced 36-year-old Kent Buckson to 70 months in federal prison for the robberies, all of which occurred in June and July 2014.

"A dangerous criminal has been brought to justice after the determined work

of investigators," Kevin Perkins, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Wilmington, said in a statement Monday.

Officials said Buckson's robbery spree included six stores, three pharmacies and five banks. In some incidents, he displayed a knife and in others, he threatened to shoot the clerk.

Locations in the Newark area included a Wawa on Salem Church Road, a 7-Eleven on Four Seasons Parkway and a 7-Eleven on Christiana Road.

However, Buckson drew the most attention for six robberies in which he disguised himself as a woman.

According to Maryland State Police, during a bank robbery in Rising Sun, Buckson was clad in a



Kent Buckson, who disguised himself as a woman during several robberies, was sentenced to 70 months in prison.

flower-print skirt, a purple turtleneck, black sneakers and a knit hat.

Following that July 23, 2014, incident, police developed Buckson as a suspect and eventually arrested him at the Rodeway Inn on South College Avenue.

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# School plans tribute ceremony after Simpson's final game

By **JOSH SHANNON**  
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There will be no shortage of tributes to Coach Butch Simpson at tonight's game, but per his wishes, the celebration will be carefully orchestrated to avoid overshadowing the traditional senior night festivities.

As he does every year, Simpson will honor senior players and their families in a pre-game ceremony. At halftime, senior band members will have their turn in the spotlight.

However, after the final down is played, players, fans and alumni will get their chance to honor the legendary coach, who is retiring after 39 years.

Athletic Director Steve

Bastianelli said there will be a series of speakers and presentations on the field. The Newark High School Alumni Association is planning to present Simpson with a book of memories from former players, and the Football Boosters are selling T-shirts to commemorate Simpson's last game.

In addition, alumni players will meet at a tailgate before the game.

Bastianelli is expecting a big turnout.

"We've gotten a lot of interest," he said. "I've gotten calls from pretty far away."

School officials have arranged to use a section of College Square Shopping Center for overflow parking. The game against A.I. DuPont begins at 7 p.m.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Surrounded by members of his team, retiring Newark High School football coach Butch Simpson is honored by Mayor Polly Sierer.

# Mayor, council honor coach

POST STAFF REPORT

On Monday, Newark City Council paid tribute to retiring Newark High School football coach Butch Simpson, four days before his final game.

Simpson accepted the award from Mayor Polly Sierer while surrounded by several players.

The resolution, passed unanimously by council, read as follows:

WHEREAS, Coach Butch Simpson was hired by Newark High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Coach Simpson has served as head coach of the Newark High School football team for many years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure,

Coach Simpson has led the Newark High School varsity football team to 9 Delaware Division I State Football Championships and 14 Championship Game appearances during his 39 years of coaching, including serving as Head Coach for 419 games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Simpson is the second all-time winningest high school football coach in Delaware with 283 victories during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Coach Simpson has affected the lives of thousands of young people in the City of Newark through his lessons of leadership, perseverance, teamwork and discipline which have impacted them long after their time at Newark High School has ended; and

WHEREAS, Coach Simpson will be coaching his final game on November 13, 2015 and retiring after a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that this is a suitable moment to acknowledge Coach Simpson's many years of dedication, exemplary conduct, commitment, and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Newark, Delaware, hereby expresses its appreciation to Coach Butch Simpson for his many years of diligent public service to the people of the City of Newark through his work at Newark High School and extends its best wishes for good health and happiness for many years to come.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

On senior night, Butch Simpson honors not just the players — like Joe Burton, one of the stars of last year's team, seen here — but also their families. This year's senior night will also include a ceremony honoring Simpson after the game.

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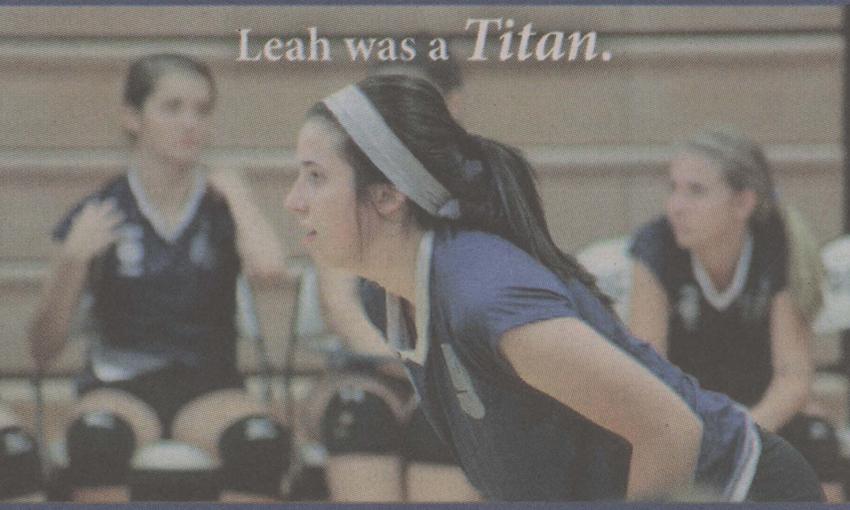
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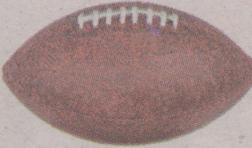
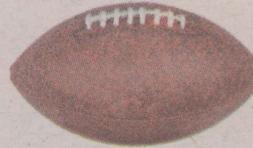
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## SIMPSON

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Simpson was born, raised and played high school football in western Pennsylvania. He chose special education as his career path at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Fresh out of college, Simpson arrived in Newark in 1970 at the age of 22 knowing nary a soul, but quickly entrenched himself into the school as a teacher and assistant baseball and football coach.

"I could see firsthand his love for coaching and the effect he would have on a lot of athletes," said Mel Gardner, a junior on the baseball team who went on to make his own mark as the baseball head coach at William Penn and remains one of Simpson's close friends.

Simpson was an assistant coach under the legendary Bob Hoffman and then served as a defensive coordinator on the staffs of Jim Auch and Rocky Rees.

"Rocky really gave [the defense] to me," Simpson recalled. "It was mine. I thought I was in a great place. I really didn't want to be a head coach."

Simpson was the defensive coordinator when Newark won the school's first football state championship in 1976 with a 22-12 win over Caesar Rodney. The following year, Simpson, at the age of 29, took over as head coach when Rees left to coach at the college level.

"I felt so fortunate," Simpson recalled. "But I also remember thinking to myself, 'Oh my goodness, what happens now?'"

Simpson led his first team to the state finals, and although the Yellowjackets lost 18-6 to Dover, that first team set the stage for the rest of Simpson's career.

"That 1977 team made a complete difference in my life," Simpson said. "They made me believe I could do it. And it just kind of went from there."

Even as a rookie head coach on that first team, Simpson had an impact on his players off the field.

"Coach Simpson has impacted my life in so many ways on and off the field, which I am sure I, along with

Simpson's record through the years						
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many others, have shared his wisdom and his teachings with others throughout our lives," said Kraft, who went on to become a teacher, coach and administrator. "I would not be the man I am today if it had not been for Coach Simpson. It was an honor to play for Newark, but more of an honor to play for Coach Simpson."

### Simpson's philosophy: Every kid gets a chance

Simpson decided early in his career he would not make cuts, despite consistently having more than 100 kids show up for preseason practice.

"Football is the one sport where you see the most significant growth over a player's career," he said in a 2011 interview. "So you'd hate to cut a player his freshman or sophomore year before he's even given a chance to learn the game of football, let alone mature physically."

The teacher at heart was also determined to not only give every kid a chance to play football, but to try to impact each and every one of their lives off the field.

"Coach Simpson had a unique ability to apply the game of football to real life," recalled Justin Caserta, an All-State linebacker on the 1997 and 1998 championship teams who is now a New Castle County police officer. "Outside of practice, Coach Simpson would not even talk about football but rather discuss personal responsibility as it pertained to everyday life. Coach Simpson taught every player that the same intangibles in the game of football, if applied to real life, would create the same success off the field."

First championship comes in 1984

It was in Simpson's eighth season when he finally hoisted his first state cham-

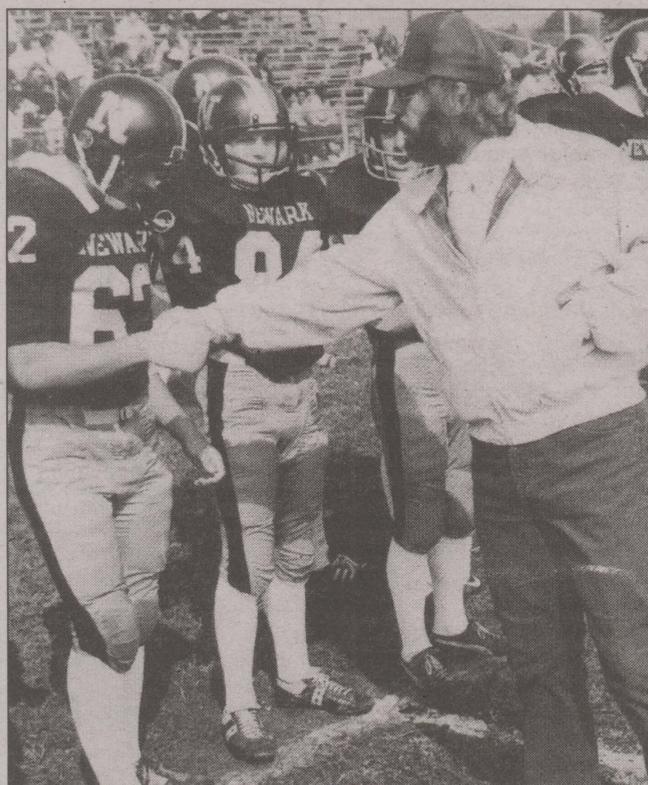


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In this photo from the Newark High School yearbook "Krawen," Butch Simpson congratulates player Artie Angelo in 1982.

pionship trophy as a head coach after leading Newark to a 29-7 victory over Cape Henlopen in the 1984 championship game.

That title would become the first of nine under Simpson, including a second-straight championship in 1985 when Newark defeated district rival and crosstown foe Glasgow, 25-10.

But Newark would then go more than a decade without winning a state title during a stretch dominated by William Penn as the Colonials captured four Division 1 championships under head coach Bruce Reynolds. Simpson and Reynolds squared off every season from Simpson's first until Reynolds' retirement in 2000. Many considered it the biggest football rivalry in the state at the time.

"The Newark-William Penn rivalry was special," Reynolds recalled. "Our games were always exciting, competitive and fun to

be a part of them. Coach Simpson was and still is an outstanding coach who was very creative and always a problem to prepare for. You never knew exactly what to expect in the game. His 39 years of coaching will best be remembered not only for his success but also for his development of young players into men."

### A dynasty in the making

Newark lost to William Penn in the state championship game in 1995 (22-12) and 1996 (26-6). But in 1997, the Yellowjackets finally broke through and captured their third state championship under Simpson with a hard fought 7-0 win over the Colonials.

"That 1997 title really got the William Penn monkey off our back," linebacker Caserta said. "That team had one goal - to win the state championship. Coach

Simpson convinced us that we were part of the greatest football tradition in the state of Delaware."

That great tradition continued as Newark went on to win the next four Division I championships with victories over four different teams: Caesar Rodney, St. Mark's, Sussex Central and Dover. No other school in either division has won four straight football titles, let alone five.

William Penn took the title back in 2002, but Newark retaliated by winning in 2003 (28-21 over St. Mark's in two overtimes) and 2004 (14-0 over Middletown). Those two-straight titles put the finishing touches on an 11-year stretch during which Simpson guided the Yellowjackets to the state title game 10 times, winning seven.

During that run, Simpson's pregame speeches became legendary among his players.

"My fondest memories of Coach Simpson are his pregame speeches," said Orien Harris, a four-year starter on the 1997-2000 championship teams who went on to play at the University of Miami and in the NFL for four years. "He is a great motivator, and his game-day speeches hit home for me. It was something I always looked forward to."

In 2004, Simpson captured win No. 219 to surpass Reynolds, becoming the state's winningest high school football coach, though he, too, was later surpassed. As he always has done, Simpson deflected the credit to those who helped him achieve the milestone.

"Coach Simpson has always put his players and assistant coaches ahead of himself," said assistant coach Mike Brogan, who has been on Simpson's staff for 30 years. "He allows us to coach up our players, assess our players and really run our own groups.

He was never afraid to delegate. ... Empowering us, I feel, made us better as a staff. Testament to that is most of those who coached with him, coached numerous years."

### The fourth and final decade

By the time the calendar turned into Simpson's fourth decade of coaching, the Yellowjackets had captured nine state championships, a staggering number made even more impressive by the fact he not only won multiple titles with the same core group of players, but essentially did so four different times.

Newark lost in the 2005 title game and reached the semifinals the next three years. But the Yellowjackets fell on tough times in 2009 when their enrollment was affected by school choice, a resurgence of nearby vocational schools and the establishment of charter schools across the county.

"You should see my roster of kids who live in the district boundaries and don't attend Newark," Simpson would often say, smiling.

When asked why he kept coming back despite the struggles — Newark did not make the playoffs after the 2011 season — he answered without hesitation: "I believe in my relationships with my players and I enjoy that. I'm moved by those relationships. By being their big brother when I first started coaching, and then a father figure as the years went on, and to now, as their grandfather."

Former quarterback Taylor Reynolds, now a defensive back at James Madison, was one of Simpson's many "grandchildren."

"I would describe Coach Simpson as a grandfather figure," Reynolds said. "He is filled with knowledge and experience that you just have to respect and admire. ... He always pushed me to be the best I could be on the field and also checked up on my academics to make sure that I was eligible to proceed to the college level. Coach and I have a very tight relationship even though we are far away. When we link up, it's

1999



Newark 22, St. Mark's 0

2000



Newark 29, Sussex Central 13

2001



Newark 28, Dover 24

2003



Newark 28, St. Mark's 21 (2 OT)

2004



Newark 14, Middletown 0

like nothing ever changed. He is like family to me."

Simpson's fourth decade of coaching included his retirement from teaching — or "from the building," as he liked to say — at the end of the 2009-10 school year. But he wasn't yet ready to hang up his whistle and was grateful to be given the opportunity by the school district to continue coaching.

"I don't have to beg kids to play or people to coach and so I figure as long as I'm enjoying it, why not," Simpson said shortly after his retirement as a faculty member. "Coaching is all I know. I don't golf and I quit playing softball. But seriously, the kids keep me alive. I feel like I can still relate."

Simpson's many former players who came back to coach with him also had a hand in him wanting to continue.

"It's an honor to have former players come join us, and so the positive working

environment is still in place and inspires me to accept the challenge each season," Simpson said in the years just before what would become his final title run.

Simpson made his 14th and final championship game appearance in 2011 when Reynolds and future Division 1 college players Xavier Griffin and David Grinnage led the Yellow-jackets to an undefeated regular season before falling to Middletown 27-23 in the championship game.

"Coach Simpson helped contribute to our success by just putting us in the right position to be successful," Reynolds said. "He changed the offense to fit his players. He was very cooperative in his coaching style by working with his players and the talent he had. He was also close with most of his players off of the field, and that is what made us gel more together and go play for each other this senior year. He

made sure we were all on the right page on the field, off the field and in school."

Simpson, as he did for dozens of others, helped Reynolds make one of the most important decisions of his life at the time — where to attend college and play football at the next level.

"Coach basically told me to go where my heart was and to consider that if football ever ended, go somewhere where I would enjoy going to school and being a student," Reynolds recalled. "He also told me not to make a decision for anyone in my family, even though I was under a lot of pressure to stay home [and play at UD]. He told me that I have a strong support system and that they would eventually buy into my decision and travel to visit me and watch me play just as they did at Newark."

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Butch Simpson congratulates his players as they run off the field during this season's opener at St. Mark's.

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## SIMPSON

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### Simpson's final season

Simpson announced his retirement this past summer toward the end of preseason practice.

"As you get older, you watch other coaches retire and you realize you want to do it on your terms," Simpson explained of his decision. "I believe it's time for another voice at Newark. Somebody else needs to have an opportunity."

Simpson's final season

started out with a bang when the Yellowjackets defeated St. Mark's, 19-14. But consecutive conference losses early in the schedule against Appoquinimink and Mount Pleasant followed by mid-season back-to-back losses to Concord and William Penn put in jeopardy the Yellowjackets' chances of sending Simpson into retirement with a 23rd post-season appearance. Newark's loss to Middletown last week officially eliminated the Yellowjackets from the postseason.

### Simpson heads into retirement

Simpson, 67, and his wife, Charlotte, have purchased a home in Sarasota, Fla. The couple plans to winter in Florida — "I guess that puts us in the category of snowbirds," Simpson said, laughing — but will keep their home in Newark.

"I love Newark, Delaware," Simpson said. "I love the people I hang out with, so it would be very difficult to break that tie."

Simpson quickly pushed aside any consideration to wintering in Florida and still coaching football.

"You can't be a football coach and be in Florida for five months," he said. "There's just too much

everyday responsibility. It would be something I wouldn't believe would be the right thing to do."

For a man who ventured to the First State not knowing what he was getting into or who he would be working with, Simpson sure got a lot out of, and gave even more, during his time here.

"It seems to have all gone so very quickly," Simpson said, with emotion in his voice. "I am very grateful to the people who gave me a chance. It's a people business. I'm going to miss all the relationships. It's all about the players. There's such change that takes place in these 14- to 18-year-old kids. If you have anything to do with affecting the change, it brings that satisfaction."

"I am really going to miss the sideline," he continued. "I love practice. I love coaching the sport. I love watching a player get better. But going out on a sideline on a Friday night or Saturday was just such a thrill. I'll particularly miss Friday nights here in Newark because that's just such a beautiful stadium. I feel so fortunate that I spent half my coaching career on that sideline. I'd find myself standing there thinking, 'I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world.'"

There are a lot of men out there who consider themselves lucky to have played for Simpson.

"To the players who were part of the Newark football tradition, the championships and football win totals were not the greatest achievement in Coach Simpson's career," Caserta said. "Rather, the manner in which those players live their lives and carry on the Newark High football tradition for generations to come is the true testament to Coach Simpson's legacy."

Simpson's legacy away from the gridiron includes seven years teaching special education, 27 years teaching driver education and six years serving as dean of students. He also served as Newark's head baseball coach from 2007-2011, compiling a 70-30 record. He spent six other seasons as an assistant baseball coach and was an assistant basketball coach from 1977-1995, during which the Yellowjackets won three state titles.

On the gridiron, Simpson compiled 283 wins heading into his final game, which is the second most ever by a Delaware high school football coach (Wilmington Friends' Bob Tattersall has 291). Simpson led Newark to 22 state tournament ap-

pearances, 14 state championship game appearances and nine state titles.

Simpson will be missed. And not just by his players and assistant coaches, but the families whose lives he directly or indirectly touched and the fans who were forever loyal.

Harris said that Simpson was like a "father figure" to him and others, always stressing the importance of building relationships and trying to be a role model on the field and off.

"He cares more about what happens to you off the field than on the field," Harris said. "I'm very close to him and his wife. They have become a part of my family. And their love and devotion to my family has been a blessing. The same guidance I needed when I was at Newark was still available to me when I went to college and the NFL. I am truly grateful that a person like him is a phone call away and I could always get some advice or a much needed laugh."

"The one word I'd use to describe Coach would be 'blessing.'"

Butch Simpson's record on the field speaks for itself.

However, clearly, his impact off it will forever be immeasurable.



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# Simpson cared about much more than winning

Marty Valania



As Butch Simpson's legendary coaching career comes to an end this week, you will read and hear a lot about his wins and titles:

- Nine state championships

- 14 state title game appearances

- 22 state tournament appearances

- 283 wins ... and counting

- A parade of players to top college football programs in the country such as Penn State, Miami, Cal, Maryland and Stanford to name a few.

The numbers themselves are amazing. In addition, I believe the reason there are so many current Delaware high school players on col-

lege rosters throughout the country is because so many recruiters started coming to the First State to see Simpson's teams.

While these football achievements deserve every word written or spoken close to telling the entire story. As somebody that covered Simpson for more than 15 years, what I'll remember most is how much he cared.

He cared about his players. He cared about his coaches. He cared about people.

While most people are rightfully lauding Simpson's championship pedigree, it would be misguided to let this moment pass without noting a couple of personal examples that separated Coach Simpson from most.

It was a March afternoon, and Butch Simpson could've

been anywhere else but in the sweltering Newark High gym. Yet, there he was watching some of his football players wrestling in an off-season AAU regional qualifier. As I settled in to watch my 10-year-old son, Michael, wrestle his youth match in the same tournament, I looked over to see Simpson intently watching.

Michael often accompanied me to Newark High football games. He would sit in the Hive door with Simpson's wife, Charlotte, and watch the game while I worked. So Butch knew Michael a little bit and talked to him - but not like a typical adult talking down to a child. He would take the time to have legitimate conversations with my son. Michael always loved that about Coach Simpson.

After Michael's match, Butch came over and talked

to my son and then gave me a complete breakdown of Michael's focus before, during and after the match. He was genuinely interested in him and he genuinely appreciated the way my son competed that day - even though he was just a young kid. Butch loved competitors of all ages.

Simpson cared. He cared about his players outside of football. He cared about a kid that he saw eight or nine times a year.

It was August of 1990, and I was a new sports reporter trying to work on my first fall sports previews for the Newark Post.

That process generally meant trying to grab a coach after a practice and getting a few names and quotes. I had done it before for other publications and, basically, knew the drill. I showed up at Newark High and tried to

grab Butch Simpson after his morning practice. Simpson had already won two state titles at that time and was considered one of the best coaches in the state. I was just hoping for a few quotes.

What I got was an invitation to lunch at the old East End Cafe. About two hours later, I walked out with about 50 player names, heights and weights. This became an August ritual that I looked forward to. No other coach ever gave me more than a handful of names. No other coach cared to give me that much time. Simpson made sure he got as many names in the paper as possible.

Maybe that's why so many former players showed up at games after they graduated. Whenever I walked into Hoffman Stadium on a fall Friday night, I would

run into guys that I covered in previous years. Many came back, not necessarily to watch, but to support Simpson and the program. That's the type of loyalty he engendered. They knew he cared.

These types of examples could go on forever. That's just the type of guy Butch Simpson is.

Words can't describe how much I enjoyed the countless hours I spent with him, his staff and his team. He was always more than a great coach.

Here's hoping that he has a great time in retirement in Florida. He certainly deserves it. But also know he will be sorely missed here.

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## Newark coach lived up to the hype

Jon Buzby



I still remember the first day I drove over to Newark High to introduce myself to the legendary Butch Simpson.

I was the new sports writer for the Newark Post and even though it was my first official job for a newspaper, I wasn't an intern or even close to just being out of college. It was more of a mid-life, always-wanted-to-be-a-sportswriter type of thing. And yet I pulled into the parking lot nervous about meeting this local icon who I had heard so much about but never met or even seen before in my 15-plus years living and working in Newark.

My editor at the time, Marty Valania, said to just look for the balding guy with a bushy mustache.

And so I sauntered over and introduced myself: "Hi Coach Simpson, how are you?"

The reply I got was, "He's probably fine, but you'll have to ask him yourself. He's right over there." I would later learn assistant coach Mike Brogan told me.

Fortunately, that was the only struggle I had covering the Yellowjackets as I would soon learn Coach Simpson is as media-friendly as they come.

I quickly learned email was not Coach's thing. Nor was text messaging. His cell phone voice inbox has been full since the day I met him. But it never failed that if he didn't answer my call, I'd always get a return one back.

I annually met with Coach at "The Hive" before each season, and he'd have his probable starters, complete with current heights and weights, scrawled out on a piece of paper for me. He'd always stress to me his appreciation if I could get as

many names as possible in print, sometimes telling me why and other times, it was just an assumption there was a good reason.

He'd remind me several times during the conversation that "These are 15-, 16- and 17-year-old boys, and you just never know who is going to show up on any given day." He quickly entrusted me with off-the-record comments about players that were never negative, but often told a story within a story.

Every conversation I ever had with Coach, whether in person or on the phone, ended the same way - him telling me: "Thanks for what you do." Coach firmly believed in and supported the media, us locals especially, and that we were a team making sure "these kids get the coverage they deserve."

Coach was always good for a quip, whether there was a microphone turned on or not. I might have been the one to term them

"Butchisms," or maybe not. Either way, one of my favorite "Butchisms" was on a sweltering morning during a preseason practice when he wasn't happy with the effort he was getting from his team. He blew the whistle, stopped practice and didn't even bother gathering everyone in. Instead, he just bellowed across the practice field.

"If you want to get to the mountain top, you have to work hard to do it. I'm not doing this for me. I've already been to the mountain top. Nobody on this field right now wearing a helmet has. We are doing this for you!"

And that moment, in hindsight, kind of summed up Coach's career. He was never in coaching for himself.

Coach could have left The Hive years before he did, but chose instead to continue doing what he loved doing for 39 years even after his retirement from teaching.

And not for selfish rea-

sons. He knew in this day and age of private and charter schools, it would be very, very difficult to get back to consistently vying for state titles like the school once did. He did it for the same reason many coaches continue to coach: He simply loved the game - "It's all I know," he would often say - and the players who played it for him and the coaches who coached it with him.

His staggering on-the-field numbers aside, Coach Simpson made the difference in hundreds of lives over his 39 years at the helm of one of Delaware's most respected football programs.

Coach has softened up a bit in the last few years. And by that, I mean he now does text on occasion. I even got an email from him early this season.

Who knows, now that he's retired maybe a friend request from him will pop up on my Facebook page.

Ok, that's stretching it.

Newark is a better place because of Butch Simpson. And I don't mean just the high school campus.

The town will miss him as he ventures off to winter in the south and enjoy retirement as a husband and grandfather. And so will a certain part-time sports writer who someday will tell his own grandchildren that "I got to cover arguably the best high school football coach who ever coached in the state of Delaware."

Coach Simpson made this rookie sportswriter's job easy, accepting me into the "Newark football tradition" like so many other coaches, players and media members before me.

So as you head off into retirement coach, I'll leave you with one last comment: Thanks for what you did. For every single person fortunate enough to cross your path.

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**Elkton Yard Sale.** 119 Cherry Tree Lane in Washington Woods. Saturday 11/14 8am-1pm.

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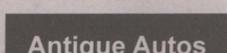


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Michael Edward McCarter  
11/11/15  
np 11/13 2590954

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON  
I, David A. Stewart Jr., residing at 33 Old Fence Ln., Newark, DE 19702 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.  
David A. Stewart Jr.  
11/9/15  
np 11/13 2590440

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON  
I, John J. Netta, residing at 21 North Valley Stream Circle, Newark, DE 19702 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.  
John J. Netta  
11/5/15  
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**Traffic Committee Meeting Notice**  
The Traffic Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Police Department upper level conference room to discuss the following:  
1. Request to eliminate street parking on the west side of Center Street.  
2. Request to add a no parking zone on the south side of Bellevue Road.  
3. Discuss adding a u-turn restriction at the intersection of Library Avenue and Cleveland Avenue.  
The Traffic Committee may add items to the agenda at the time of the meeting and make recommendations to the City Manager on all issues discussed.  
Any questions regarding the above topics may be directed to Chief Paul Tiernan of the Newark Police Department at 366-7104 prior to the meeting.  
np 11/13 2590329

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JENINE LORAE MILLS  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
JENINE LORAE MILLS GORDY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JENINE LORAE MILLS 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 JENINE LORAE MILLS GORDY.  
JENINE LORAE MILLS  
Petitioner  
Dated: 10/29/2015  
2588840  
np 11/6,13,20

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF AIRYN RICHARDSON JAYAIR RICHARDSON TRINITY RICHARDSON  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
AIRYN ZIMMERMAN JAYAIR ZIMMERMAN TRINITY ZIMMERMAN  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JILL ZIMMERMAN intend to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor children's names to AIRYN ZIMMERMAN, JAYAIR ZIMMERMAN, TRINITY ZIMMERMAN.  
JILL ZIMMERMAN  
Petitioner  
Dated: 10/28/2015  
2587491  
np 11/6,13,20

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF HABIBU JOSEPH WRIGHT  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
HABIBU JOSEPH KAMARA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FAMATTA KIAWU intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change their minor child's name to HABIBU JOSEPH KAMARA.  
FAMATTA KIAWU  
Petitioner  
Dated: 10/28/2015  
2587823  
np 11/6,13,20

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF BRIAN CASEY PIERCE.  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
MISTY LANA HILL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BRIAN CASEY PIERCE 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 MISTY LANA HILL.  
BRIAN CASEY PIERCE  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/2/2015  
2589263  
np 11/13,20,27

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF BETTY LERNER GREENBLATT  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
BETTY LERNER  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BETTY LERNER GREENBLATT 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 BETTY LERNER.  
BETTY LERNER GREENBLATT  
Petitioner  
Dated: 10/28/2015  
2587550  
np 11/6,13,20

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JAMES MICHAEL RAWLEY  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
JAMES MICHAEL ALFORD  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAMELA L. ALFORD intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor child's name to JAMES MICHAEL ALFORD.  
PAMELA L. ALFORD  
Petitioner  
Dated: 10/28/2015  
2587629  
np 11/6,13,20

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Fiscal year 2016 Annual Plan Public Hearing Notice  
Public Hearing Scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2015 at 5:00 PM  
The Newark Housing Authority's 2016 Annual Plan is available for review by the public. The Plan can be reviewed during normal business hours from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, from Friday, October 30th - Friday, December 18th. All comments must be in writing and submitted within the review period. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, December 18th at 5:00 PM at the Newark Housing Authority.  
np 10/30,11/6,13,20,27,12/4,11,18 2587308

**PUBLIC AUCTION SENTINEL SELF STORAGE**

465 Pulaski Hwy  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 328-5810  
A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, December 10th, 2015 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:  
**Unit #133 - Luilka Figueroa** - Bags, Boxes, Pictures, Coffee Table, Totes  
**Unit #5111 - Nicole Crawford** - Bags, Boxes, Books, Sofa, Fan, Table Lamps, Microwave, Pictures, Vacuum, Misc. Household Items  
**Unit #2030 - Tara Hess** - Crib, Bags, Bed, Boxes, Clothing, Couch, Dresser, Lamp, Tables, Totes

1100 Elkton Road  
Newark, DE 19711  
(302) 731-8108  
A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 12/9/15 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:  
**Unit #2110 - Olumuyiwa Adebamiro** - Mattress, boxes, couch, love seat, leather chair, toys, filing cabinet, misc. household items  
**Unit #6052 - James Thorpe** - Boxes, chair, stereo, tables, totes tire and Aquarian.  
**Unit #6060 - Brandon K. Clark** - mattress, boxes, sofa, fishing equipment, lamps, table, totes, TV stand, mini bike, toys.  
**Unit #9160 - Abdulyahman Taha** - Bags, Box, Flat screen TV, luggage  
**Unit #8014 - Darlene Haynes** - Bags, boxes, clothing, dresser, microwave, shelving, totes, tv, mirror

200 First State Blvd  
Wilmington, DE 19804  
(302) 999-0704  
A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:  
**Unit #5117 - David Stevens** - bags, boxes, fishing equip, suitcases, coffee table, totes, vacuum, safe  
**Unit #6119 - Omar Grayson** - bags, boxsprings, mattresses, boxes, clothing, couch, hamper, microwave, speakers, stools, tv stand, sectional  
**Unit #6159 - Amy Ironside** - boxspring, mattress, boxes, kitchen chairs, couch, fans, fish tank & stand, table lamp, loveseat, shelving, stool, tables, totes, tvs, tv stand, gumball machine, misc household items  
**Unit #6282 - Kelli Snavelly** - baby chair, bags, mattress, boxes, stereo, toys  
**Unit #9426 - Kyrsten Martin** - bags, bedframe, boxspring, mattress, boxes, kitchen chair, sofa, dryer, kitchen table, tv

333 E. Lea Blvd.,  
Wilmington, DE 19802  
(302) 764-6300  
A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 2:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:  
**Unit #518 - Maurice C. Wilson** - Baby stroller, bags, boxes, fishing equipment, ice chest, ladder, lawn equipment, lawn mower, power tools, stereo, tool box, toys, air compressor, keyboard, shop vac, lap top.  
**Unit #862 - Chico Fernandez** - Bags, bed frame, boxes, ladder, monitor, pictures, speakers, stool, tires, vacuum, weight bench, weights, flat screen TV, keyboard.  
**Unit #323 - Danielle Davis** - Bags, bicycle, boxes, totes, vacuum, weights.  
**Unit #237 - Michelle Brown** - Box, bag, totes.  
**Unit #224 - Laquille Flowers** - (2) gas cans, 4 wheel ATV (Yamaha), tire, bolt cutter.

141 Edgemoor Rd.  
Wilmington, DE 19809  
(302) 762-3626  
A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:  
**Unit #235 - Tremelle Godwin** - bags, boxes, exercise equipment, dining chair, chest of drawers, stools, skis, totes, & tables  
**Unit #422 - Charles J. Phillips** - bags, boxes, chair, ice chest, speakers, tires, totes, compressor, motorcycle frame, boat propellers, car seat  
np 11/6,13 2586849

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DECEMBER 9, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

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2005 FORD FREESTY ..... VIN #1FMDK05165GA27601  
2001 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER ..... VIN #JTEHF21A010028480  
np 11/13 2590349

# Offensive woes continue for Delaware in loss to Albany

By SEAN GROGAN  
Special to the Post

The offensive struggles continued for the University of Delaware football team on Saturday.

One week after being shut out at Towson, the Blue Hens could only manage a pair of field goals in a 17-6 loss to visiting Albany in CAA action at Delaware Stadium.

Delaware was held scoreless until Frank Raggo kicked a 33-yard field goal 12 seconds before halftime. Raggo connected again from 21 yards with 1:49 left in the third quarter to account for all of the Hens' points on the

afternoon.

"We have to fix what's broken offensively. So far, to date, we have not been able to do it," third-year head coach Dave Brock said. "Guys were trying to do too much, trying to bounce a run outside. We'd take what could be a one-yard gain or a no-yard gain and turn it into a seven-yard loss."

Delaware struggled to protect the ball all game, fumbling six times and losing three. The Hens' most costly turnover came following a defensive stand with a 6-3 lead late in the third quarter. Wide receiver Diante Cherry signaled for a fair catch on an Albany punt at the Dela-

ware 4-yard line, but was unable to field the kick cleanly.

Cory Parker recovered in the end zone for the Great Danes.

"The punt return is a catastrophic play," Brock said. "The error in judgement to attempt to field it is as significant as not catching it ... He shouldn't have been anywhere near the ball, he probably lost track of himself there."

Cherry accounted for two of Delaware's fumbles, both of which were recovered by Albany.

Freshman quarterback Joe Walker fumbled three times, losing one. The Blue Hens went three-and-out on each

of their first two second-half possessions, leading Brock to substitute junior quarterback Blake Rankin for Walker.

Walker had completed 7-10 passes for 52 yards.

"I made the change because I felt like we needed the spark. I didn't make the change because I thought Joe played poorly," Brock said. "Obviously, the change didn't work; we scored three more points. When you look at it, evaluate it, ultimately, it's did you score points? I think everybody wants to look at the quarterback and make that the issue, but if somebody drops the ball, it doesn't really matter who

throws it. If we don't protect, it doesn't matter who's back there getting sacked."

Rankin led a 48-yard drive on his first possession that led to Delaware's (3-6 overall, 2-4 CAA) second field goal. He completed 5-9 passes for 51 yards.

Albany (3-6, 2-4) freshman quarterback Neven Sussman left the game on a stretcher in the first quarter following a hit from defensive tackle Blaine Woodson. He was able to give the crowd a thumbs up as he was being wheeled off.

His replacement, DJ Crook, rushed for 134 yards and completed 4-11 passes including a touchdown.

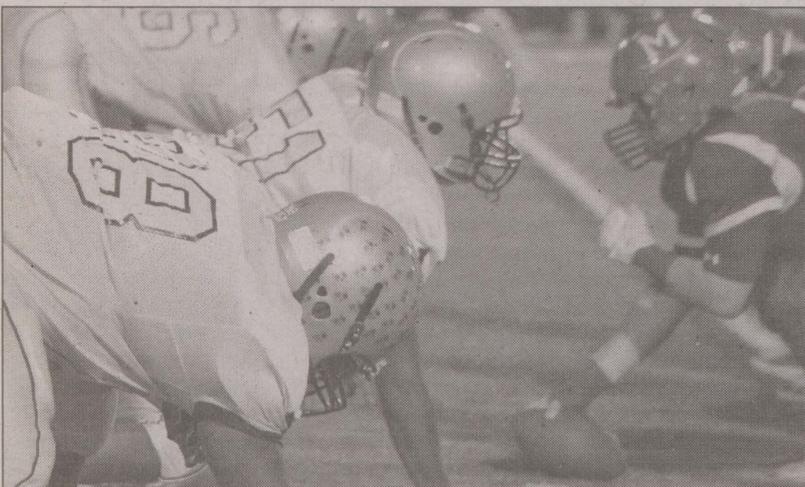
"I thought we battled defensively," Brock said. "We had a couple issues with some quarterback run stuff that they were able to do that was a little bit different."

Freshman running back Elijah Ibotokun-Hank ran for 135 yards for the Great Danes. Albany's 262 rushing yards were the most Delaware has surrendered since a Week 1 loss at Pittsburgh last season.

"They just schemed something up," senior defensive tackle David Tinsley said. "They had a plan and they executed it."

Freshman Thomas Jefferson led the Hens with 57 yards on the ground.

## Newark falls to Middletown in Simpson's final road game



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOE BACKER

Newark fell to Middletown, 27-14, in a Nov. 6 road game.

By JOE BACKER  
Special to the Post

**MIDDLETOWN** — Middletown's stingy defense helped lift the Cavaliers to a 27-14 home victory over Newark last Friday night, in a game that marked the final road battle for Newark coach Butch Simpson, who is retiring at the end of the season.

Despite the loss, Simpson said he was proud of his team's effort. "We played hard, we played to win, so it's hard for a coach to ask for anything but that, and so we got that tonight," he said.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the two conference archrivals were deadlocked at 14-14, thanks

to a 64-yard touchdown reception by Mekhi Pressey.

Newark had several more scoring opportunities throughout the contest, but couldn't overcome Middletown's rugged defense near the red zone.

The Middletown offense, however, put together a nice drive in the fourth quarter as Isiah Mitchell scored on a 24-yard run, his second touchdown of the night. Later in the period, Ernst Washington scored on a 30-yard interception return to secure the Cavalier victory.

"We made a lot of big plays, a lot of plays for negative yardage, and that (Middletown) is a very good football team that I'm sure feels

it can win a state championship," Simpson said. "And they played good defense, and that's what they are noted for."

Middletown opened the scoring in the first quarter on a 79-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Anthony DelPercio to Mitchell.

The Newark defense put some points on the board in the second period when Pressey raced 35-yards with an interception to tie the game at 7-7.

The Cavs, meanwhile, regained the lead later in the second period on a determined drive led by DelPercio, who rumbled the final five yards for a 14-7 advantage heading into halftime.

## Out of the Attic

### Newark guardsmen on the Mexican border — 1916

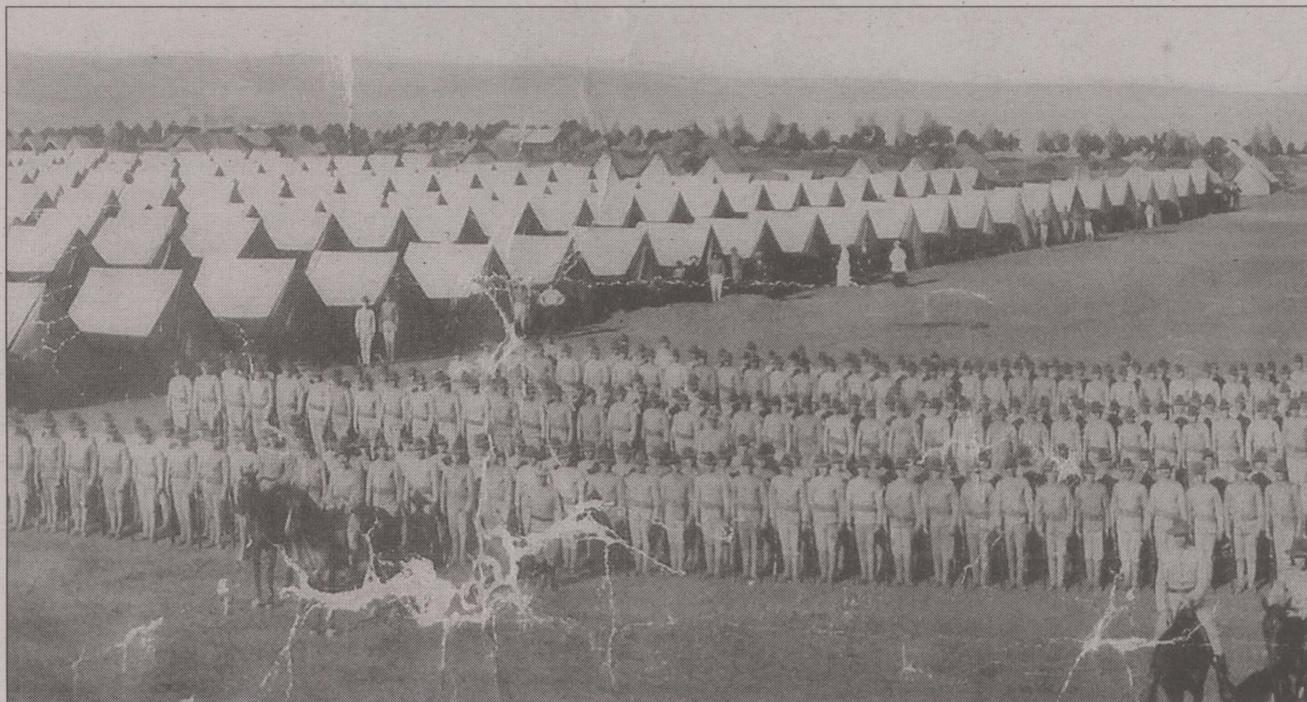
This week's Out of the Attic item is a July 9, 1916, picture of the men in Company E, First Delaware Infantry of the National Guard.

They were called to national service by President Woodrow Wilson as part of a force of some 117,000 guardsmen to reinforce the United States troops guarding the Mexico-U.S. border in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. When the Mexican Revolution broke out in 1910, U. S. soldiers were sent to the border to protect the American citizens and the integrity of the border. By 1915, hostilities and cross-border raids were more frequent.

Company E, mostly from Newark, was led by Capt. L. B. Jacobs, 1st Lt. I. D. McKeon, 2nd Lt. J. W.

Ramsey, 1st Sgts. Ira C. Shellender and Byron C. Foster, Supply Sgt. John W. O'Daniel, Sgts. Henry Sargent, Henry C. Bounds, John W. Jones, and George H. Ferguson, and Corporals Ellis C. Pierson, James A. O'Daniel, James A. Chothers, Stanley D. Loomis, Ralph B. Pierson, and Hugh W. Downing. Company E also included two cooks, one mechanic, two musicians and 47 privates.

*Out of the Attic is produced in partnership with the Newark Historical Society. The Newark History Museum, located in the old train station under the South College Avenue bridge is open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 302-234-4145 or visit [www.newarkhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newarkhistoricalsociety.org).*



# RAISE

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There will be no impact to next year's budget and no changes have been made to accommodate the raises, according to Vitola.

Chapman said he hopes the proposal will inspire a discussion.

"I don't know what the right thing is, but I want us to talk about it and include the public in doing so," he said.

Chapman, who works full-time as a financial planner, was first elected in 2012 and said he originally ran for the District 5 seat not knowing it was a paid position. Now in his second term, he feels mayor and council might not be getting paid enough and worries the current rate could turn away potential future candidates. He said the demands of the job have increased "drastically" since he was first elected, while the salary has not kept up.

According to City Secretary Renee Bensley, the number of council meetings, which include workshops and special meetings, has increased 63 percent since 2011 when council attended 24 meetings. This year, there have been 39 meetings, including those scheduled

through the end of 2015.

Additionally, the number of executive sessions alone have doubled to 18.

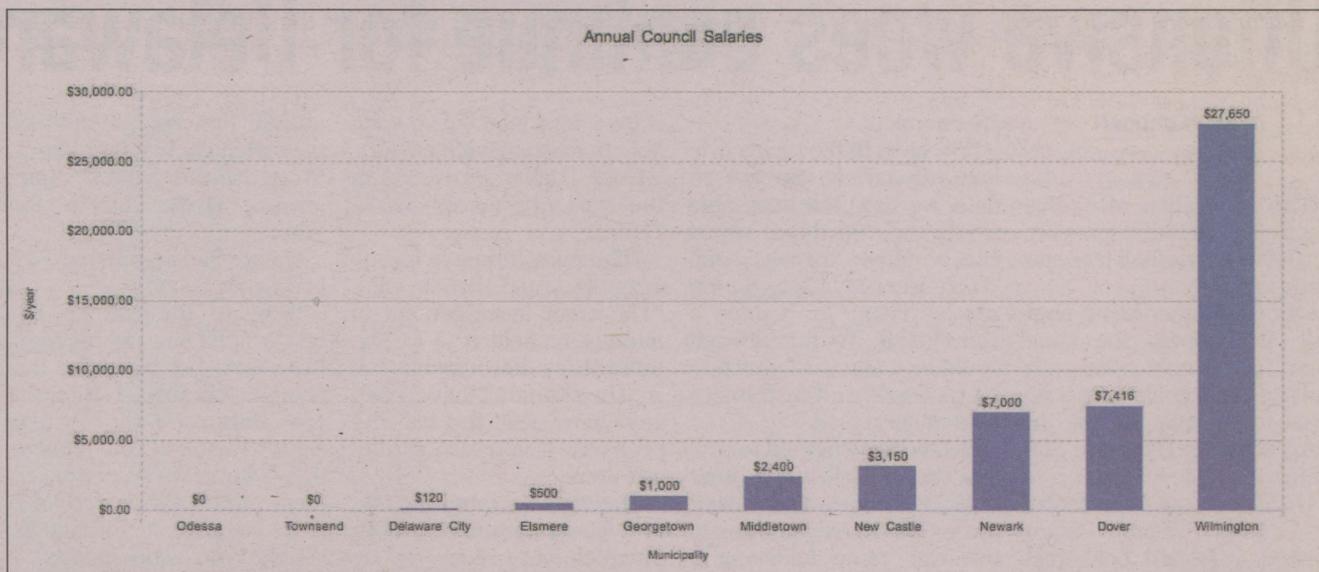
Council meetings have also grown longer over the past few years. In 2011, the average length of a meeting was 106 minutes. It has since increased by 71 percent to an average of more than 3 hours, according to data Bensley collected from minutes and recordings through the most recent meeting held Monday night.

On top of that, Chapman contends he easily spends three to six hours preparing for each council meeting, including reading all of the items on the agenda, talking with city staff and conducting independent research.

Councilman Stu Markham, the board's longest-serving member, said his current responsibilities are "very different" than when he was first elected in 2006.

"Today, I think you're expected to know all aspects of how the city runs, where the money goes and what people are doing at any point in time," he said. "I think the job has expanded, or at least the expectations people have for their councilmen have expanded."

Mayor Polly Sierer said her duties as mayor go beyond the walls of the council



chambers — whether it's ribbon cuttings, conferences, meetings across the state, talking with constituents or collaborating with business owners and city staff.

Elected officials in Newark do not receive city employee benefits or an expense account, but some work-related expenses and travel costs are reimbursed.

"It's far from a part-time job, and it think there's some value in taking a look at the compensation and the contribution of people serving in an elected capacity," Sierer said.

Salaries for mayor and council vary across the state

and depend largely on the size of the municipality and the structure of its government. In Wilmington, which boasts more than twice the population of Newark, the mayor banks \$115,000 a year, council members make \$27,650, and the president of council makes \$34,950, with the opportunity to receive city health benefits.

Dover, while roughly the same population, is much larger than Newark. The city's mayor rakes in \$44,100 a year with health benefits and has an expense account of up to \$5,000 that is included in the city's annual budget for miscellaneous expenses. Dover council members make \$7,416, and the president of council makes \$8,652.

The mayor of New Castle and the council president both make \$3,750, while board members take in \$3,150 a year. Meanwhile, in Elsmere, the mayor makes \$600 and council members get \$500. In smaller towns like Odessa and Townsend, elected officials are volunteers and do not receive an annual salary.

Newark's elected officials last saw an increase in 2004, when the annual rate went from \$6,600 to \$8,400 for the mayor and from \$5,400 to \$7,000 for council members. In 2013, city administrators proposed an ordinance that would have increased the mayor's salary from \$8,400 to \$10,500 and council's salary from \$7,000 to \$8,500, but council unanimously

voted it down.

Chapman believes it's time to have the conversation again and instructed staff during the budget hearing on Nov. 2 to come back to council with numbers.

"I didn't want to go through another season, another year, having it on my mind and not saying anything," he said.

To start, Chapman suggests that administrators look into how the original salaries were determined and how the last approved raises were justified. He said he would be in favor of putting cost-of-living increases in place, so that any future raises are automatic and don't require a discussion every budget year or election year.

"Let's take it out of the political cycle," he said.

Sierer also said she would entertain cost-of-living increases.

"It's not a comfortable conversation, raises," she said. "But if we just started with that, I think that would be a good approach."

Councilman Todd Ruckle, who works as a real estate agent, said he joined council for the chance to give back to the community, not for the money. Even so, he said the rate is too low and he is spending more than he makes from the job every month just performing his normal council responsibilities.

He said mayor and council should at least make minimum wage and suggested

city health benefits as well as an expense account. But before all that, council should establish a review committee to delve deeper, gauge public opinion and compare rates with those of similar municipalities, he said.

"There has to be a happy medium," Ruckle said.

Whatever is decided, Councilman Mark Morehead said it's important that council and staff find an appropriate balance between making the salary high enough that it attracts the best candidates, but not too high that money becomes a motivation.

"We don't want to make it enough salary that people run for the money, that people campaign for the money, that's just kind of the wrong reason," he said.

As it stands, Markham said, \$7,000 a year is not enough for someone to financially justify being a full-time councilperson, let alone mayor for \$8,400. He believes the current rate is only attractive to candidates who are retired, independently wealthy or have a "very understanding employer."

He said he's not on board with raises yet and would like a commission to take a deeper look into the responsibilities of mayor and council in order to determine if the current rate is still appropriate.

"Council shouldn't get involved in the money; it should be a constituent discussion," he said.

Morehead said he is in favor of a cost-of-living increase "just as a routine," but wouldn't support giving mayor and council a "huge raise."

"It's not a living wage, it's not intended to be a living wage, it's meant to be some form of acknowledgement and I'm okay with that," he said. "I look at council as a service to the community and that has its own reward and if that's all it has, then that's all it has."

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

January-June 1915: President Hossinger and Councilman Frazer were appointed to appear before the legislature regarding

repeal of tax-free status of fraternity houses. An ordinance governing use of automobiles and requiring lights on them was passed.

The board of health complained of public health nuisances on properties owned by Newark Academy and the board of education. The town checking account earned \$10.21 interest. Speed limit signs

were repainted. The bailiff was allowed to order a new uniform and an extra pants, cost not to exceed \$20. Both railroad companies were warned not to blow train whistles or exhaust steam while on sidings at night, nor stoke the firebox while in the station.

George Moore asked permission for use of a traction engine to move Jones

Rink Building across Main Street from South College Avenue to North College Avenue. Permission was given, provided he use planks under the engine to protect the street.

Extension of water pipe on Corbit Street was under consideration. New London Avenue residents asked that a Special Colored Officer be assigned to

that area. Council agreed when after one month's trial, the citizens requested the officer be retained at \$15 per month. Council agreed to purchase a used steam roller but had to raise its price limit to \$1,200.00, when the best deal became available in Elkton. Arthur Draper was hired to run the steam roller at \$2.50 per day.

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