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## Best night of the year

By JIM STREIT
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MY prepared remarks before me, suddenly I blurted into the microphone, "This is my favorite night of the year." And it was. It was
Monday night when I stood at the podium inside the Bank One Center at the Riverfront in Wilmington. Four-hundredforty people -
 mostly students, Streit their families and teachers - sat before me as I began a 90 -minute program that presented awards and summer camp scholarships to nearly six dozen students in the Christina School District.

Elsewhere in this issue, the names of the outstanding students are listed. In this column, I want to salute the volunteers behind the "my favorite night of the year."

I call it that because of the heartwarming experience it is each year to see student after student saluted for kindness, caring, passion, tenacity and citizenship.

That's what I like about the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund programs - while academic excellence is a factor, their awards program salutes kids for being the kind of people that par-

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# More <br> hoops for hops 

Council must approve special-use permits for alcohol in city
By KAYTIE DOWLING
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DESPITE eliminating protected areas in the downtown, new restaurants in Newark will have to jump through a few more hoops to be able to serve alcohol after the Monday May 23 City Council meeting. Council approved a two-part change to existing liquor laws at the meeting. Restaurants will now have to obtain a special use permit to serve liquor anywhere within city limits, but will be able to - for the first time in a decade - serve alcohol in buildings adjacent to dormitories, libraries and churches.

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## Boundaries under study

Public meetings set to discuss school feeder pattern options

## By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

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LL residents of the Christina School District will now have an equal opportunity to voice thei opinions on three different options for realignment of the school feeder pat terns.

Public meetings are scheduled for the next several weeks throughout the district to inform residents of the options that will improve grade configurations

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## Boy, 4 drowns in pond

TTHE New Castle County Police are investigating the death of a four-yearold boy who apparently drowned while fishing for tadpoles with his mother at Beck's Pond.

Officers and paramedics responded to a call on Tuesday, May 24, after receiving a report of the possible drowning of a child.

County officers performed CPR on the boy with the assistance of the child's mother. The boy was rushed to the Christiana Hospital where he died approximately one hour later.

Police said, at press time, the investigation has revealed the victim was fishing for tadpoles at the pond with his 40 -yearold mother. She temporarily lost sight of the child and thought he might have walked to the nearby playground.

Police said the mother started to shout for her son and began searching the area. She approached a man, who had been fishing at the pond, and asked him if he had seen her son.

He had not, he told the mother, and continued fishing for several moments until he saw and object floating in the water. He then reached into the pond and pulled the child from the water, police said.

The mother attempted to give CPR while the man called 911.
Investigators are interviewing the mother and man who assisted in pulling the child from the water. No charges have been filed.

Beck's Pond is a county recreational area located off Salem Church Road less than one mile northeast of Rt. 40

## Newark police charge five, seize illegal drugs

The Newark Police Department made five arrests on Tuesday, May 24, for use of a stolen credit card and drug-related charges.

Bryan D. Flowers, Bryan D. Lane, Bertha L. Lapointe, Michael C. Jagger and Scott L. Moon were arrested after officers responded to a stolen credit card complaint at the Kmart in College Square Shopping Center.

The defendants were stopped in the area and officers were able to verify the unlawful use of credit cards and recover property purchased with the cards. Police said

> Arrest made in NHS bomb threats

NEWARK Police have arrested a 16 -year-old student as a result of two bomb threats made at Newark High School last week
On Monday, May 16, at approximately $7: 40$ a.m., a suspicious note and package was discovered in stairwell C. prompting New Castle County Police Bomb Squad and K-9 units, as well as Newark Police, to respond.

Following normal evacuation procedures, the students and staff left the building and spent approximately three hours in the football stadium until a thorough investigation was completed. The "package" was destroyed by the police unit.
On Thursday, May 19, at approximately the same time of day, another note was found in the same stairwell. Again, evacuation procedures were followed and
police did another investigation This time the item was x -rayed and determined to be a hoax Students were away from classes and the scheduled DSTP testing for 11th graders for several hours.

Because video cameras are located in the stairwell, police and staff could view film from both days to see who was in the vicinity prior to the times the notes were discovered by other students.

Newark Police went to the 10th grade student's home on Upper Pike Creek Road and arrested the boy for two counts of terroristic threatening, two counts of hoax device, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and carrying a concealed deadly weapon in safe school.

He was committed to New Castle County Detention Center for juveniles in lieu of \$6,000 secured bail.
some of the defendants attempted to conceal cocaine, heroin and marijuana packaged for sale by passing it off to a female accomplice. The female was apprehended after a brief pursuit, police reported.

Officers seized 3.4 grams of heroin, 45.4 grams of cocaine, and 77.3 grams of marijuana.

## Woman robs bank

THE Wachovia bank branch at 622 S. College Ave. was robbed by a female suspect shortly after 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22.

Witnesses told police the col-lege-aged woman approached the counter and handed a teller a note announcing the robbery and indicating that the suspect had a gun.

After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the woman fled out the front door heading northbound across College Avenue in the direction of the Bob Carpenter Center.

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| TRAFFIC SUMMONSES | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2004 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This week } \\ & 2004 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { This week } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ |
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| Moving | 1399 | 1174 | 50 | 99 |
| Non-moving | 934 | 758 | 68 | 56 |
| Total | 2333 | 1932 | 118 | 155 |
| PARKING SUMMONSES | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2004 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | This week 2004 | This week 2005 |
| Meter tickets | 19381 | 16969 | 1049 | 905 |
| Parking summonses | 3570 | 4281 | 166 | 246 |
| Total | 22951 | 21250 | 1215 | 1151 |
| TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2004 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year to date } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | This week 2004 | This week 2005 |
| Fatal | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Personal injury | 84 | 109 | 2 | 4 |
| Property damage (reportable | (e) 222 | 172 | 7 | 4 |
| Property damage (non-report | table) 200 | 202 | 12 | 5 |
| Total | 506 | 484 | 21 | 13 |
| Hit-and-run reports | 149 | 85 | 4 | 6 |
| DUI cases | 67 | 53 | 2 | 2 |

Hospital, where he was pronounced dead of head and internal injuries. The driver of the Cavalier, Parker Stinson, 19, of Newark, was not injured in the crash.

Police said the accident still is under investigation. Any person with information on the accident is asked to call 477-8501.

## School vandalized

Grafitti "artists" attacked three sides of the West Park Place Elementary School, 193 W. Park Pl., Newark police were told on Sunday, May 22, at 9:16 a.m.

Black and white spray paint was written around the main entrance on the east side of the building, on the back wall and in a small courtyard on the west side, police said. The area of the vandalism generally was out of public view from passers-by.

Late Saturday night, May 21, at 11:35 p.m., a City of Newark, employee on his way to a nearby city water plant noticed fresh grafitti on the rear of the former Curtis paper mill building at 225 Paper Mill Road.

Police were called and discovered 10 unused cans of spray paint near the building.

The city worker told officers that the paint was not sprayed when he left the area an hour earlier and police theorize the returning worker interrupted the vandalism.

## Attack after party

A resident of the unit block Annabelle Street told Newark police he was attacked as he attempted to stop a car vandalism in progress.

Newark police were called to the area on Sunday, May 22, at 1:32 a.m. after receiving a report of a fight. Officers arrived to discover about 50 people in the area, some screaming and fighting.

As the disorderly crowd dis-
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# New homes may bring new rules 

## By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark City Council decided on Monday, May 23 that eight new homes will be built on Capitol Trail despite months of protests from neighbors.

Council also decided that its standing rules and zoning ordinances needed beefing up when it comes to protecting watershed areas in the city, and will likely consider changing zoning code at an upcoming meeting.

The controversial plan received approval to build the eight homes on a 4.49 acre property that backs up to the banks of the White Clay Creek and its flood plain. Opponents said that the subdivision, which will be known as Laura's Glen, will only cause damage to city residents, citing increased runoff and traffic as major issues.
"Disturbing the 500-year flood plain would severely disrupt the safety, health and well being of this community," Stan Tucker, a neighboring property owner, said. He fears that reducing natural vegetation and increasing impervious ground cover will only increase the number of floods in the area.

Several council members voiced their concerns.
"I believe with all my heart that this is a safety concern," said Councilman Jerry Clifton, who
voted against the proposal. "Will we be able to put this many units on one drive? I see the dangers of this type of egress out to a road that has a speed limit of 35 m.p.h., but this is one where our officers pull people over going 70 or $75 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{h}$."

Despite all of the contention surrounding Laura's Glen, council voted 4-3 in favor of construction.

The split decision is reminiscent of the plan's progress in the city's approval process.

In all, the decision was delayed three times - twice by the Newark City Council and once by the Planning Commission.

Despite all of the indecision, construction is likely to begin by this fall.

In the end, the vote passed with a simple majority of council members who believed the plan was code compliant, despite heightened flooding concerns. In particular, council members had a hard time swallowing the builder's objections to leaving the 500 -year flood plain undisturbed. Instead, 74 percent of the flood plain will be protected, while about a quarter of the area will house part of the storm water management system. There is no law on the books at this time that would require 100 percent protection of the flood plain, a fact that the builder, Glen Prechtl and his lawyer Lisa Goodman often

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Cyclists came out in throngs to raise safety awareness among drivers on Tuesday, May 17.

# Cyclists cruise Newark to raise safety awareness 

## By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TAKING what should be a leisurely bike ride around town can be a harrowing experience.

According to the Office of Highway Safety, 108 Delaware bicyclists were involved in a bike-car crash in 2002. Of those, 89 bikers sustained serious injuries and five cyclists died. In 2003, 113 bikers had a crash and 103 were injured. Two died. Every year, the majority of those accidents occur in New Castle County.

Cyclists have had enough. That's why on May 17, bikers joined together for the Ride of Silence and trekked through the
streets of Newark to increase awareness and encourage sharing the road.

All along the 10 -mile route, bikes were placed at intersections where a crash had occurred as a poignant reminder. In all, 18 bikes marked the route.

But that is only the beginning of how many accidents really occur. Last year in Newark alone, 36 cyclists were involved in a serious crash.
"The majority of cars give no respect to bikes," said David Vispy, the man behind Tuesday's ride. "There is a big time recreation biking community here, and too often cars will run us right off the road."

While Vispy has never had any serious accidents himself, a good friend of his was nearly driven off
the road just three weeks ago.
A fellow member of the White Clay Bicycle Club was riding in Avondale when three buses came zipping around a corner, driving dangerously far over the road's divider. The biker narrowly missed the buses, but as he tried to regain control of his bike, the tire clipped the curb. He fell and shattered his collar bone.

Accidents like that are what the cyclists hope to avoid.
"We're just hoping that the Ride of Silence raised some awareness," Vispy said.

So the next time you pass a cyclist on Papermill Road, think about his safety and the dozens of accidents that happen each year in Newark.

# Fifth graders to return to West Park 

Newark school hasn't housed grade 5 since 1978
By ROBIN BROOMALL NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AFTER a long and arduous discussion, the Christina School Board approved fifth grade classes for West Park Elementary School beginning in August 2005.
A maximum of 60 seats will be available, with a lottery sys-
tem being used to determine who fills those seats.

West Park, located in the heart of Newark, has not had fifth grade classes since 1978 when court-ordered desegregation realigned the schools in the entire New Castle County and most elementary schools became K-3.

Grades four, five and six were formed into the middle schools and students had to travel to Wilmington for three years.

Fourth grades were added back to the elementaries just a few years ago.

Now with the district's. Transformation Plan in place, a

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...time and logistics were right to move forward..."
few of the Christina elementary schools have added fifth grades where space was available.

The enrollment of West Park has been declining and space is now available for additional
classes. It was not on the list of schools to have the additional classes in 2005-2006.

However, school PTA secretary Kim McKenna, representing many of the West Park families, addressed the Board of Education at the last three meetings, listing the advantages to having fifth grades at their school.

One reason cited was the clear possibility of many fourth graders applying to attend charter or private schools rather than being bused to Wilmington for one year.

One concession that will need to be made is that the pilot full-
day kindergarten that was planned for West Park will now be moved to Maclary Elementary School in Chapel Hill.

Dr. John Mackenzie said the "time and logistics were right to move forward with this."

Fellow board member George Evans was opposed to the motion, saying it was against policy and that formal protocol needed to be followed if any changes were to be approved.
Evans and Brenda Phillips voted against the motion. Cecila Scherer, Jim Durr, Beverly Howell and Mackenzie voted in favor.

# In Our Schools 

Education News For Newark From Local Schools

## Note Pad

## Kids are out Drive carefully

BE on the lookout for children who may dart out into the streets near school zones, playgrounds, bus stops and in neighborhoods. Kids get caught up in the excitement of being outdoors and may forget to look out for cars. They also have trouble mak ing accurate judgements about traffic speed and distance.

According to AAA, almost one fourth of all pedestrians who die in crashes are children and 70 percent of those occur at non-intersection locations.

## Memorial Day holiday

All schools and offices in the Christina School District will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. They will re-open on Tuesday.

## Student of the week

Peter Briccotto, a junior at Newark High School, was selected by Prineipal Dr. Emmanuel Caulk as this week's Student of the week. Peter is a "Rennaisance man" when it comes to the performing arts. He recently appeared in the lead role of NHS's Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, served as dance captain and set designer as well as worked on the stage crew for last fall's production of Harvey. He choreographed the NHS show choir's performance for competition. In his spare time, Peter does community theater and skates with the UD Figure Skating Club.

# Not for the faint of art 

## AP art classes demanding of time, talents

By ROBIN BROOMALL
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TIYPICAL students will try to slide by in high school classes, then cram at the last minute to pass exams. That can't take place in Pat Yount's Advanced Placement art class at Newark High. The final exam is a portfolio representing a year's worth of study and hard work.

For the first time, the AP Studio Art class was offered at both Newark and Glasgow High schools and AP Art History was offered at Christiana High.

Yount's students were involved in the study of two-dimentional drawing and design.

Ten students at NHS prepared portfolios, under the watchful eye of proctors, to be submitted to the College Boards, just as if they were taking a written exam. Classroom doors were locked and no one could enter unless they were one of the ten submitting their works. Twenty-four slides of their works had been prepared and were carefully labeled and organized for the presentation.

This course is designed for the


NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL
Newark High senior Nathan Nguyen chose animated human forms as his area of concentration for his AP art portfolio. His self-portrait was part of his display in the Jazz/Arts Fest held in the school library.
very serious, talented and committed students who are interested in art-related fields after graduation. This college level program requires students to compile a collection of work that includes three areas - Quality, Concentration and Breadth.

Five pieces of their best works are submitted to show the Quality of their skills.

For Concentration, every student selects a theme or topic that shows their development over the year. They must explore, experiment and create, then write about their works, helping the reader understand their visual thinking.

What started out to be a joke, turned into the area of concentration for Jordyn Hepler. Every piece she designed had a rodent
somewhere in the picture.
For Nathan Nguyen, it was animated human forms. Anna Lewis chose distorted reality.

Samples, plus 12 slides of other art works are submitted showing the Breadth of their ability to work in a variety of media.

When the portfolios are judged at the national level by a panel of high school and university art instructors, the composite score will determine whether or not they can receive three college credits for their course work. Some colleges will also permit the incoming freshmen to skip introductory level art courses.

Because this is a new course, it is very challenging, said Yount, making the point that art is about thinking and combining images.
"It's a no-slouch system. The grading is very hard," said Yount.
Even with the level of intensity and extra hours outside of class that were necessary to complete the course, many students said they would take it again.
"Since Mrs. Yount has pushed us so hard, and the environment was so creative, everyone was helping out and giving each other advice," said Lewis. "It was so

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## Safety patrolman graded outstanding

## By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN fifth grader Samira Fernandes takes her post outside the first grade classroom at Wilson Elementary School, she is all business. Nobody is going to act up or be too loud while this safety patrolman is on duty. And if they do, she is quick to point out the school rules they are not obeying.
For her dedication and commitment to being a role model for other students, Samira was one of two students recently awarded the New Castle County Outstanding School Safety Patrol for 2004-2005 by the AAA Mid Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education. She received a and Education. She
$\$ 150$ savings bond.

Recipients of the award are selected for leadership, dependability, academics, promptness, neatness and industriousness.

Those are exactly the qualities
first grade teachers Mrs. Gizzi and Mrs. Long see in Samira when she is guiding their students through the hallways and up the stairs. They nominated her for the award.
"She is just so responsible. She always has a friendly morning greeting and she compliments the students when they are doing the right thing," said Mrs. Long. "She goes above and beyond what's expected."

Samira's safety patrol duties include morning and afternoon stints outside the first grade rooms and escorting kindergartners to their building, as well as raising and lowering the flag two days a week.
"When the children are doing something wrong, I try to handle the situation calmly and diplomatically," said Samira. "Many time someone else hits or scratches them, or knocks their glasses off, I have to remind them of the PBS rules, be respectful, be responsible, manage yourself and


NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL
Samira Fernandes takes her responsibility as safety patrolman seriously as she waits for first graders to get ready to leave their classroom. She was one of two students in New Castle County recognized by AAA for outstanding service.
follow directions."
Samira tells them which rule they are breaking and follows it with a warning that the next time they misbehave, she will have to tell their teacher they are being irresponsible.

When not wearing her bright yellow safety patrol sash to indi-
cate she is captain of the school's unit, Samira is busy in her own classroom, playing the violin and involved with science and math Olympiads, book club and economics competition. She wants to be a veterinarian.

Samira's parents are Richard and Indira Fernandes.

## BRIFRY

## Culinary arts students medal in state competition

THE Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed in the annual state competitions in Dover in April. Eleven Christiana High School Culinary Arts students participated and brought home four Gold, two Silver and three Bronze medals.

The following CHS students were awarded certificates and medals:

Reava Potter, senior, Senior Level - Pie- Gold Medal; Sha'aista Clark, junior, Junior Level - Place setting - Gold Medal; Alyssa Miller, freshman, Junior Level - Salad - Gold Medal; Kristen Daggett and Sheri Hunley, both freshmen, Junior Level - Snacks - Gold Medals and Cake Decorating - Silver Medals; Yoshawn Rollins, freshman, Junior Level - Decorative Design - Bronze Medal; Mike Booker Cruz, freshman, Junior Level - Appetizer - Bronze Medal; Frank Minatee, freshman, and Nycole Davis, senior, Junior Level - Breads - Bronze Medals.

Christiana FCCLA students also contributed to the state effort "Cookie Drop." These baked goods were donated by the many chapters for the troops that are passing through the Dover Air Force Base.

Donte Linton and Jantel Williams assisted at the competition.

## Education awards at state banquet

Delaware public schools, students and parents were honored at the annual School Improvement Awards banquet held in Dover on May 11, with Lt. Gov. John Carney, Sec. of Ed. Valerie

Woodruff, and other education officials on hand to recognize schools, teachers, students and parents for superior achievement and for establishing systems and processes that have made a major impact on school improvement.

Jennie Smith Elementary School, of the Christina School District, was awarded the State of Delaware Family School Partnership Award.

Sophie DeAngelo, from Glasgow High School, and Andrew Ramsaran, of Christiana High School, were both recognized with distinguished Advanced Placement awards.

## Young historians take prizes

Eleven students from St. Mark's High School won prizes at the National History Day in Delaware competition held at Delaware Technical and Community College on April 16. The theme for this year's competition was "Communication: Key to Understanding."

The award winners, all members of the Advanced Placement U.S. History class from St. Mark's, include:

Lauren Eilola, sophomore, first place in individual performance; Adriana Devine, senior, second place in individual performance; Julie Gladnick, Varudhini Reddy and Evelyn Sievert, all sophomores, first place in group media. These five students will participate in the national competition, June 12-16 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Other award winners include: Diva Bole, Mary Landskroener and Sara White, all sophomores, third prize in group media; Tim Keeler and Edward Seage, both sophomores, third place in group performance; and Thomas Bailey, sophomore, individual prize.

NHS teacher accepted to Shakespeare program

## By ROBIN BROOMALL

## NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK High School's English and drama teacher, Susan Mitchell, is one of 15 teachers selected nationwide to participate in a summerseminar, "Shakespeare: Enacting the Text," beginning at the University of Delaware in July and ending in Stratford-uponAvon, England in August.

Offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the five-week seminar provides teachers with the opportunity for substantive study of significant humanities ideas and texts. The focus of Mitchell's program is not to stage the plays themselves, but to read, look at and listen to professional performances, to grasp an understanding of how literary and theatrical analysis can work together to give a fuller understanding of Shakespeare's plays.

The group will study the significance of sections of play and the vocabulary used as well as the costumes, stage setups and music.

The first three weeks of the seminar will be held at the

University of Delaware, viewing and discussing videos of the BBC-TV Shakespeare plays as well as other performances, with in depth study of The Merchant of Venice and Romeo and Juliet. Participants will also write short stories and make oral presen-


Theatre and The Swan Theatre and have the opportunity to talk informally with the professional actors following the performances. Most of the seminar will take place in the area where Shakespeare was born and grew up.

Mitchell graduated from Miami University, majoring in English with a minor in speech/telecommunications. She has taught English and gifted education in Ohio and English as a second language in The Netherlands. Prior to joining the NHS faculty, she taught at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School where she was named Teacher of the year in 1998. She spent two years working in Washington D.C. to develop a research-based staff development program which won an award from the American Educational Research Association. She
tations on selected topics and begin work on a project involving one play they will see in England.

The following two weeks will take place in Stratford at the Shakespeare Centre on Henly Street for lectures, forums and post-theater discussions. They will see several Shakespeare plays at the Royal Shakespeare has taught at NHS for three years, during which time she directed six theatrical and musical performances.
"I think it's about time the Newark High Thespians tackled Shakespeare and I'm looking forward to the seminar to help get the creative juices flowing," said Mitchell.

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cool."
Students learned other skills during the class besides refining their art techniques.

I learned the management of time," said Hepler. "I was used to quality over quantity. I learned to manage my time with other classes and do two art projects a week."
Just as it's hard to adjust to a new subject, Yount said, it is also hard to take such an advanced level class.

"As kids come through the system, they will have a better understanding of the standards," said Yount. Her students are competing against those in private classes.
"The thinking of the AP class is not to score high but to understand the rigor of college art classes and what to expect."

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#### Abstract

his week, Out of the Attic features a photograph provided to us by longtime Newark resident Bob Sheaffer. It shows his father, Harold Sheaffer, painting the wrought iron fencing around the home of E. B. Wright on Kent Way in Newark. Wright and his family owned Continental Diamond Fibres, one of Newark's largest employers for many years. Sheaffer reports that his father came to Newark in 1922 to paint the then-recently completed Memorial Hall on the University of Delaware campus. Later, the elder Mr. Sheaffer ran a painting contracting business and retail paint outlet from headquarters at 77 Main St., now the home of UniglobeCharlie B Travels. Bob Sheaffer took over the retail operation and ran it for many years until Sheaffer's Paints closed about 1980. The building shown in this photo remans in use today as the home of the Blue and Gold Club. Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic, Suite 206, 168 Elkton Road, Newark 19711. Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724.


## POST COLUMNIST

# Fuel from corn stalks 

## By ALFRED GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST
In mid-April last, a headline in the Wall Street Journal declared "Governors seek wider ethanol use." Thirty three governors endorsed billions in incentives to convert cornstalks and straw into an alcohol fuel called ethanol and reduce vulnerability from crude oil.

After experiencing the failure of the Newark solar cell manufacturer, Astropower, I tend to skip the details in these pieces.

Within a week of the WSJ piece, came a disclaimer re: alcohol and then a disclaimer of the disclaimer. These were letters by people who should know (better). What are the facts?

One of our local reference librarians performed some magic on the internet to find a chap named David Morris, who is vice president of the Minneapolis Institute

- Retired after 32 years with Dupont, the writer also was a Christmas tree farmer for 25 years. He is a member of the Scribblers group at Newark Senior Center and has lived in Newark for four decades.
for Local Self-Reliance. He wrote about what's happening in Minnesota and Brazil with ethanol fuel generation. He traveled to South America to check out the situation there.

Every moonshiner and soldier knows how to cook up alcohol from most anything containing sugar or starch like fruit, potatoes or corn kernels. The Brazilians are using another source, cleverly converting cellulose into ethanol. They are the world's leader in sugar cane (a cellulose) production with 371 million
 tons per year. The cane is hauled to refineries and the juice squeezed out to make sugar. The left over stalks can be cooked up for ethanol even using part of it for the cooking fuel. Nice. Today, forty percent of automotive fuel in Brazil is ethanol. Their new cars are designed to burn 100 percent alcohol. Some reports note ethanol is cheaper than gasoline there. But in 1998, the last year reported in the 2005 World Almanac, Brazilian gasoline

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## Pages From The Past

## News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ May 29, 1930

## Parade, civic exercises

Newark will fittingly observe Memorial Day on Friday with exercises on the Campus of the Old Academy Building and a general parade.

All civic and patriotic organizations are expected to be in the line of march, which will assemble on Academy street and proceed to and on Delaware avenue to South Chapel street to New street to Choate street to Main street thence out Main street to Elkton avenue to Delaware avenue to Memorial Library, where placing of the community's tribute to Delaware's State Memorial Library will be observed.

## School to be completed

The state Board of Education has approved an
appropriation of \$128,000 to Newark for the completion of the public schoo building. Mr. Cann, of Newark, made the motion for this appropriation.

It is hoped that work on the project will begin very soon after July 1.

The new addition will consist of the south wing of the present high school building, which was provided for in the plans when the building

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"Pages From The Past" is compiled from early editions of the Newark Post and its forerunners by staffers. Efforts are made to retain original headlines and style.
was built, but what was not erected on account of insufficient funds.

## Levy court opened bids

The levy court on Tuesday opened bids for furnishing approximately 70 barrels of cement and 40 tons of sand for the completion of sidewalks at Hockessin. Bids were submitted by the following: T.L. Woodward, A.H. Angerstein and Hockessin Supply Company.

Bids were also opened for furnishing and erecting approximately 7800 lineal feet of wire fencing with necessary end posts, gate posts and gates, where the widening of the right of-way has encroached upon adjacent lands along the Corner Ketch-Little Baltimore Road in Mill Creek Hundred.

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# Recognizing the good kids in our midst 

## - UP FRONT, from 1

ents hope for when they become a Mom or Dad.

Every parent wants their offspring to care about others, be kind and considerate, respectful, resouceful and determined. Each year, the CEEF awards find their way into the hands of exemplary students - from kindergarten to 12 th grade - who demonstrate these and other admirable traits.
The most frequently used term in the nomination letters to CEEF is "positive role model." Reinforcement of this is the goal of all the Enrichment Fund awards.
I am no longer on the board but they graciously allow me to continue to chair the PriceCantera Award Committee.
Asia Price and Nicole Cantera were Christina students who died in accidents a decade ago. Memorial funds are used to fund awards to students at all elementary and intermediate schools who exhibit the same exemplary qualities as Asia and Nicole.
I wish you could read the pas-
sionate nominations from teachers and administrators. Each one tells the story of an exceptional child. Often, a teacher details how his or her life has been enriched by the actions of a single student. Frequently, the nominees just arrived here from another country, the family doesn't speak English, or there is a handicap that has been overcome. I simply cannot read the letters without wiping a tear or two from my eyes.

For example, the districtwide Price-Cantera winner this year was praised for constantly helping others, seeking out friends who are difficult to deal with, and creating "a quiet, calm and positive atmosphere just by her presence."

I was convinced. Then another letter tells how the nominee has accomplished all this (she's only in the third grade) while overcoming a serious speech problem.

A lateral lisp made it hard at times for others to understand what the young girl was saying. After six years of using her tongue muscles incorrectly, repetitious drill work was required


I simply cannot read the letters without wiping a tear or two from my eyes."
to change the way she shaped and sealed her tongue. Her speech therapist said the girl's task was "huge, demanding" and required daily practice outside of formal sessions.

Not only did this youngster endure the difficult process, she became an inspiration to others working to correct speech problems. "She was a terrific motivator of her peers," the therapist said, without prompting, offering unsolicited reinforcement to her peers and giving them suggestions as to how the other students could overcome their problems.
This girl's story was just one of 70 Monday night and why I
love being a part of the Success Banquet each spring.

The dinner ended another year of hard work by the dedicated volunteer board of the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund. This small band of businesspeople operate independent of the school district. They work yearround to raise funds to put on the Success Banquet, CEEF's 12th such event and a costly endeavor to produce. There is no charge to the award-winning students and their families.

Les Dukart, operator of McDonald's restaurants in Newark, Glasgow and Bear, is stepping down after being on the board since Day One. Les has been an important leader of CEEF as it has transformed from an idea into the dinner for 440 Monday night.

Florist John Mayer, financial planner Fred Dawson, travel agent Donna Friswell, Happy Harry's honcho Wayne Nelson and former Christina School Board member Bud Mullin coninue their years-long work for CEEF. So do Butch Read, operator of the Dairy Queen on Rt.

4, Discover Card's Jim Regan Robert Kwapinski and Newark High alumni leader Gail Russell. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise also sits on the board.

These individuals work yearround putting on innovative fundraisers to support their awards programs. They host a skating party for hundreds of middleschoolers (imagine chaperoning that event), a luxurious Office Professional Appreciation Luncheon in the Gold Ballroom at the Hotel Dupont during Secretaries Week, and the everpopular rubber ducky race on the Christina that pays out $\$ 1,500$ in cash prizes.

I consider it a privilege to have been associated with these people and salute them for their continuing and long-term efforts to reinforce the accomplishments of good kids in our midst.

- The writer has been publisher of the Newark Post since 1992. He and his wife, Linda, are parents of two graduates from Christina schools. The Streits live in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.


# 2000: Yellowjackets return to NHS for 'Reunion of the Millenium' 

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May 28, 1980

## Bars cited for overcrowding

The cities battle against alcohol related crimes has moved in off the streets - three nightspots in town have been charged with overcrowding violations following surprise inspections by city officials.
On May 22, one of the owners of Deer Park, pleaded innocent to an overcrowding charge. The establishment was charged with exceeding the occupancy limit
of 300 people when city officials counted about 380 people there on Thursday May 8. A trial has been set for June 18.

## New basic skills schools

Two Basic Skills pilot schools are being considered for Area III of the New Castle County school district.

Leasure Lower School, located in Bear, and its Wilmington feeder school, Drew Pyle, could both receive a quarter of the $\$ 60,000$ appropriation offered by Gov. du Pont for the establishment of Basic Skills, formerly known as Basics Plus.

The Board of Education voted last month to give the program
a try in the district despite its unpopularity with the public.

## Avon plans plant expansion

Avon Products, Inc. announced plans for expansion of its Newark plant, including a $\$ 10$ million automated warehouse.

The warehouse, with a projected completion date of March 1982, will result in "moderate" employment growth, according to Fred Robinson, general manager of Avon's Newark branch.
The expansion will make possible distribution and service to the metropolitan New York area, Robinson said. The Newark branch currently services six states, the District of Columbia
and parts of North Carolina.
May 26, 2000

## The old gang is coming

The city of Newark will swarm with Yellowjackets on June 3; as a century's worth of Newark High School graduates celebrate the school's Reunion of the Millenium.

A trio of events spanning almost 12 hours includes a daytime open house from 1 to 5 p.m. at the high school, Newark Nite at 7 p.m. and an adults-only evening cocktail reception from 8 p.m. to midnight at the University of Delaware Trabant Center.

## Carson to address grads

Benjamin S. Carson, who went from an angry street fighter in Detroit to become director of pediatric neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital, will deliver the commencement address tomorrow at the University of Delaware.
"Dr. Ben Carson, who received an honorary degree from the University of Delaware in 1997 , is a gifted physician, a pioneering scientist and a man whose triumphs over his own personal hardships have encouraged countless others," said University vicepresident Robert R. Davis.

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## Encourage summer learning

## By CAROL SCOTT

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

SUMMER is right around the corner as kids and parents begin the countdown until the last day of school. For kids, it means the anticipation of long, carefree days spent playing, but for parents and teachers the summer learning loss is a concern.

Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same test as school lets out. The 10 weeks of summer break can seriously impact a child's retention of learning if
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Service opportunities for growth are not provided. To encourage continued learning over June, July and August, teachers often send home suggested summer reading. Some schools even require that students read from a designated booklist in summer as a way to keep them engaged in learning and to exercise skills developed over the previous school year.
With some advance planning, parents can successfully fit summer learning into children's daily routines. Here are some simple ideas to have fun while you add reading and writing skills to your children's summer activities:

Labeling: Ask children to help you label items around your house. Plan a project to organize and label the grocery storage shelves in your kitchen, the toiletries in your bathroom closet or the storage shelf in your garage or basement. The bonus for you is a clutter-free house, and a way to teach youngsters good organizational habits. Together, read the labels on cleaning product for safety purposes

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# Memorial Day is not an afternoon at the beach 

## By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MEMORIAL Day can be a forgotten holiday in the minds of some Americans. It can be the most overlooked day of the year. More often than not, it's heralded for the coming of summer rather than celebrating 200 years of valor and honor. But in the hearts of an Army family, its real meaning is not lost.

BobbyandMichaelaMcGowan know exactly how they will spend Monday, and it won't be with a day trip to Rehoboth. The mother and daughter duo plan to spend the afternoon by the side of son and brother Stephen McGowan in Arlington National Cemetery.

Stephen was killed in battle on March 4 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was a medic. He was also a hero. Stephen was the one who would leave the security of the Army base, throw himself into the chaos and terror of a war zone and pick up any injured bodies and run them back to safety. He was the man you called on when you had no one else.

That heroic selflessness is something that Stephen picked
up from the firefighters in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.
"He was very inspired by what he saw in 9/11," Bobby says of her son. She says that the courage and honor that so many people across the nation showed that day fueled him to take his own action. He enlisted soon after.

A wallet-sized photo of Stephen and two friends exemplify that heroism. A shadow of the three men, who were just boys in so many ways, is highlighted by the setting Afghani sun. Below it, in white writing reads the words, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." It was that sentiment that pushed Stephen to not just enlist, but ask for his job.

Twice he could have left for a promotion. Twice he turned down the offer. But even before he went to Iraq, Stephen asked for his assignment. He was stationed in Korea when a fellow medic was to be reassigned to Iraq. The other medic was older than Stephen. He was married. He was a father. And in Stephen's eyes, sending a man with that much to come home to while he, a bachelor in his 20 s, stayed far from the war zone was a crime. So Stephen volunteered to go.



Stephen and two of his friends pose in Iraq.

Occassionally, Stephen wrote to his mother's students at Wilmington Charter. In one of his letters, he explained why he felt compelled to fight.
"I personally don't think I am a hero. I have chosen this life," he wrote. "What about the civilians who charged back into the burning Twin Towers? Or the civilians who downed the plane and saved who knows how many lives? These people were untrained and unprepared for battle. These people are heroes in my book.

I'm just and ordinary guy who took an extraordinary opportunity. I appreciate your support and thank you all for it, but I ask a favor of you as well. Be heroic in your own lives. Keep the United States of America something worth preserving and fighting for. Go out and make your mark on life. Make it beautiful and memorable."

These are words that Stephen's family live by. And everyday Michaela and Bobby do what they can to honor and remember their Stephen.

His medals and 20 awards are proudly displayed in a glass case in their living room. Snapshots of him line the home.
"He is my brother, my hero, my savior, my friend," Michaela says, explaining their tight bond. They were always unusually close for brother and sister. Pictures of the two fill photo albums and the family's Newark home.
"I don't think she's ever loved anyone as much as her brother," Bobby says, to which Michaela nods in agreement.

While the family may never be the same, they will never forget who they are, even if Memorial Day is the most forgotten holiday. Because in the hearts of an Army family, the day's real meaning is never lost.

# Weird surprises, multiple twists 

Author of children's books visits local students

By ROBIN BROOMALL
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FTORMER Newark resident and author, Julianna Baggett, visited several schools in the tri-state area this week as part of her latest book tour.

Baggett, author of a children's series called The Anybodies, told a group of fifth and sixth graders at Newark Charter School what it was like to be a writer, the challenges of explaining a pen name and what inspires her to write.

Written in development with Nickelodeon Movies atParamount Pictures, her second book in the children's series, written under the pen name N. E. Bode, is The Nobodies, the adventures of two children at Camp Happy Good Times Sunshine.

According to reviewers, the book promises weird surprises and multiple plot twists. A sign on the tree at the entrance to camp

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

tells it all: Things aren't always what they seem, are they?

In addition to the children's series and four novels, Baggett has written short stories and poems for dozens of literary journals. Her book, The Madam, was based on the life of her grandmother who was raised in a house of prostitution in the 20 s and 30s.
Since the age of 10 , Baggett said, she wanted to be a playwright. She always found people to be fascinating and uses many of their unique characteristics in all of her writings.

In speaking with school groups, Baggett describes her six characteristics of a young "writer in disguise."

Fibber. Since all fiction is telling lies and it's the writer's job to get others to believe them, a good writer is a perfectionist

## and a liar.

- Collector of odd things. Whether it be dead bugs or old keys to nothing, everything can be used in a story.
- Jabbermouth. Someone who is very social, chatty and articulate is also fascinated by other people. They make great characters in stories.
- Come from a strange family. If your family is reason for embarrassment, their experiences can be used in your writings. Tuck those "special moments of embarrassment: away in your mind and bring them out later to add to your stories.
- Slow thinker. Ideas that come to you hours later are still great thoughts.

Reluctant reader. If you are not challenged by books you must read, you are probably more creative that that writer. Keep


NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL
Students at Newark Charter lined up to have their copies of The Nobodies signed by author Julianna Baggett. This is her second book in the children's series, The Anybodies.
looking for the right book.
Baggett now teaches at Florida
State University. She lives in

Florida with her husband David G. W. Scott and three children.

## Plan now for summertime reading, writing and fun

## OUTLOOK, from 8

## and use instructions. <br> Writing: Ask your children explain what they did during the

 day, or "tell me a story" about a favorite TV show. For younger children, you can write the words and phrases down on separate pages and have them illustrate their stories with crayons or magazine cut-outs. Older children can write and illustrate with photos or scrap book supplies. Encourage your child to write about family outings, keep a diary or journal, write letters or post cards to friends or relatives, help with shopping lists, or create stories just for fun.Reading: Read recipes when cooking. Take turns reading the ingredients list and the directions.

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Have your child transfer your old tattered recipes onto neatly printed index cards for easy filing by category for a recipe box. Read instructions to board games. Write out instructions to active outdoor games. This helps children with comprehension and decreases arguments over rules.

Find time every day to read
together. Take turns reading aloud, and assign each other different character parts. Discuss what you're reading by asking questions such as: Why did the characters do what they did? What would you do in that situation? Or how would you re-write the end of the story? For younger children, write the highlights of
the story on slips of paper and let them put them in sequential order.

Summer reading and writing activities can add some hands-on family fun to a summer's day, while keeping children's learned skills honed and ready for school in the fall.


# Diversions 

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LIVE MUSIC $7-10$ p.m. Bluegrass band The Delaware Rag will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 2666993.

THE 2X4 SQUARE DANCE CLUB 8 - 10:30 p.m. Class level and plus level square dance. $\$ 6$. Medill School, 1550 Capitol Trail Rd., Kirkwood Highway. Info., 738-5382.

## SATTRDAY

ANIMAL SCULPTURE IN THE FOLK
TRADITION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through June 24. An exhibit of folk art and sculptures. \$8 adults. $\$ 5$ seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-$388-2700$ or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org. CONCERT 1-3 p.m. Also available May 29. The Flutes and Friends Trio will perform at the Annual Brandywine River Museum Antiques Show. Free with admission to antiques show. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org. BIRDS \& BREAKFAST Birding at 8 a.m. Breakfast at 10 a.m. Special Family Birding from 8-9 a.m. Also available June 25 , Join us for an early morning hike through the park in search of some of the spring arrivals. Breakfast will be served after the hike. Pre-registration is required. \$6 for adults. $\$ 3$ for children under 12. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.
COMMENCEMENT 9 a.m. Graduation for the University of Delaware. Delaware Stadium, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-2341.

## - SUNDAY, MAY 29

AN AMERICAN TAPESTY II 7:30 p.m. Choral music celebrating American heritage. New Ark Chorale will perform. $\$ 12$ adults, $\$ 10$ seniors, $\$ 5$ students. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-4946.

## MONDAY, MAY 30

5K RUN/WALK 8 a.m. Registration. 9 a.m. Race. Proceeds to benefit Friends of Mary Husty fund. $\$ 15$ pre-registration. $\$ 20$ day of event. Carpenter Sports Building, E. Main Street and N. College Avenue. Info., 410-398-2557.

## I WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30-8 p.m. Series runs through August 31 . The Newark Community Band will perform classical marches. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.
ART GALLERY 5-7 p.m. Runs through June 30. Frances Hart's water color paintings will be on display. Caffe Gelato, 90 E. Main St. Info., 7338-5811.
FAMILY PICNIC AND NATURE PROGRAMS Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Program at $7: 30$ p.m. Runs every Wednesday till August 17 . Bring your own picnic. Fees vary. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740. HAYRIDE Enjoy a scenic hayride through our park. After the ride, eat smores around the campfire. \$5. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

SPRING CONCERT SERIES $7-8$ p.m. Marc and Maxx Moss, singer songwriters, will perform. Academy Building Lawn. Info., 366-7060.


## Bell to Bell Bike Rde

Registration is now open for the Bell to Bell Bike Ride in Philadelphia. Bikers can register at www.belltobell.org. The ride, which will be held on Friday, May 27, tours through historic Pennsylvania, starting at the Liberty Bell in Independence National Historical Park to the Justice Bell in Valley Forge National Historical Park. For more information, call 1-866-VF. VISIT.

## - FRIDAY, MAY 27

STRENGTH TRAINING 9-10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45-7:45 p.m. a.m. Mondays; $6: 45-7: 45$ p.m.
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Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Senior Center, 200 W
Dr. Info., 737-2336.

## E SATURDAY, MAY 28

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. $\$ 5$ donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.
KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info., 410-3989720.

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. noon. Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., 369-3905 or 764 1714.

WOMAN'S MINISTRY Meeting to unite and share fellowship. Dale United Methodist Church, 143 E. Lake St., Middletown. Info., 378-9744.

## - MONDAY, MAY 30

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP $7-9$ p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.
SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., $737-$ 2336.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children \& Families First, 62 N. Chapel St.. Info., 658 5177, ext. 260.
NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 $-7: 30$ p.m. The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853. NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon.
The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville, Info., 324-4444.
SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.
TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Monday or Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Friday. $\$ 20$ per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

## TUESDAY, MAY 31

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 368-3052 DIVORCECARE 6:30-8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737 7239 .
SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

Meeting

SCRAPBOOKING 7-9 p.m. Nursery, $\$ 2$ per child. Glasgow Nursery, $\$ 2$ per child. Glasgow
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church,
Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Summit Bridge R
Info., 834-GRPC.
MS SUPPORT 4-6 p.m. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

## CONSTIUENT BREAKFAST

7:30-8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.
SPINAL CORD INJURY SUPPORT GROUP $5-7$ p.m. Meetings feature speakers and topics of interest to people with spinal cord injuries, as well as the opportunity to speak with therapists and social workers. Wilmington Hospital, Floor 6, OT Gym. Info., 428-6669.

## CONSTITUENT MEETING

 7 a.m. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will meet for morning coffee and discuss a wide variety of concerns with constituents. Bob Evans Restaurant, Governor's Square, Bear.DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old

Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-3544. GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those and support group for those
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Baltimore Pike. Info., $737-5040$.
PROSTATE CANCER
SUPPORT GROUP 6:30
p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagsurvivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office
92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New
Castle. Info., 234-4227.
LA LECHE LEAGUE 9:45
a.m. Meeting and discussion on breast-feeding and mothering. The Bible Fellowship Church, Newark. Info., 838-9444.
FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m.
Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658 5177.

MOMS CLUB/BEAR 9:30 a.m. 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 832-2604.
AT HOME MOTHERS
CONNECTION 7:30 p.m
Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165.
BINGO $12: 45$ p.m. Lunch available for $\$ 2.25$ a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737. 2336.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

MIDDLETOWN LUNCHEON GROUP Noon. Social group.

McGlynn's Pub \& Restaurant. Route 40 and Route 896. Info., 378-2573.
COFFEE \& CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m.- Noon. A peerfacilitated group. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. Info., 764-4335.
STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller. Near the Otter exhibit, Brandywine Zoo. Info., 5717747
WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7-9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.
EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance. and peace of mind. $\$ 15$ per month. Newark Senior Center 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 7372336.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE 7
p.m. Real estate seminar on home buying and selling. Free. Refreshments will be provided, seating is limited. DEXTA Federal Credit Union, 300 Foulk Rd... Wilmington. Info., 772 1200.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30-10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue.

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DIVORCECARE 7-8:30 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, East Battimore Pike, Jen.
Pa. Info., 610-869-2140. NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7-8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue \& Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 7370724.

## Honor society

The following University of Delaware students from Newark were recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society that recognizes superior scholarship in a students first year at the university:

Andrew E. Cunningham
Audrey R. Dandoy
Megan M. Denver

Elizabeth M. Keighley
Kimberly A Kostes
Melissa A. Martel James W. Nelson Tapan P. Patel
Stacey A. Schecter Katherine L. Wood
The following University of Delaware students from Newark were recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor society that recognizes
leadership, scholarship and service:

Daralene M. Gogola Elizabeth M. Keighley Amy L. Sedar
Robert J. Maguire
Katherine V. Morton
The following University of Delaware students from Newark were recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of superior scholarly attainment in
the liberal arts and sciences: Camile Sawak Erin Kenaley Jacqueline Feely Heather Johnson Shweta Patel Lillian Ridge Stacey Shertok Anne Marie Steadman Jacqueline Teti Melanie Thomson Lauren Ware

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## 'Wine Online'

 course launchedTTHE University of Delaware's Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management (HRIM) held a wine education event at Vita Nova, the student-run restaurant on the Newark campus, to honor ARAMARK student fellows and introduce "Wine Online," a new course offered over the Internet for those interested in learning more about wine, wine tasting and pairing wine with food.

The ARAMARK student fellows honored were seniors Sara Conte, Kit Shi "Joanna" Lam and Adam Lazarick.

Taught by Marnie Old, Philadelphia's leading wine educator and highest profile sommelier, "Wine Online" is designed to enhance understanding of wine tasting, world-wide wine production, the selection of wines to fit various menus and foods.

To learn more about the course and for a demonstration by Old, visit www.con-tinuingstudies.udel.edu/udonline/wine/description.html.

## UD procurement director wins national award

Victoria "Tory" Windley, UD director of procurement services, received the Neil Markee Communicator Award at the National Association of Educational Buyers (NAEB) 84th annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.
"I am very flattered that my NAEB colleagues nominated me for this honor. But, I had the opportunity to receive this award because UD supports memberships in professional organizations. The award is for me, but also for the University," she said.

Windley has been an active member of NAEB for 15 years. She has served on the faculty of the NAEB's Procurement Academy for 10 years teaching at both the introductory and advanced levels. She has made presentations at NAEB meetings and institutes, and is on the editorial board.

# Senior from Newark wins prestigious fellowship 

LAUREN Elizabeth Ware, a senior in the University of Delaware's College of Arts and Sciences, has won the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi Award of Excellence for 2004-05.

The award is given annually by the national honor society to outstanding students for their first year of graduate study. Only 100 scholarships are awarded across the nation on a competitive basis.

Ware, a foreign languages and literatures major from Newark, received $\$ 2,000$ to pursue graduate studies in French at the University of Pennsylvania.
"It was a great honor to represent the University of Delaware at the national level for the Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship competition, and an even greater one to win the Award of Excellence," Ware said. "In a broader sense, it will help me to achieve my goal of becoming a professor of 19th-Century French literature."

Mary Donaldson-Evans, Elias Ahuja Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, said Ware's outstanding skills and abilities mean that she will easily meet her academic goals and eventually make her an inspiring professor.

Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest national honor society dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence.

Since its founding, the organization has initiated more than 1 million members. Its chapters are on nearly 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

The organization annually awards $\$ 380,000$ in fellowships for first-year graduate study.

Fellowship selection is based on undergraduate academic performance, leadership, evidence of potential success in graduate study, personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives and three letters of recommendation.


PHOTO BY KATHY ATKINSON
UD senior Lauren Elizabeth Ware, of Newark, has wor the Phi Kappa Phi fellowship.

## Graduation speaker to sign books Friday

HISTORICAL novelist Jeff Shaara, whose bestselling works have chronicled the American experience during the Revolutionary War, before and after the Civil War and during World War I, will autograph copies of his books for readers from 2-4:30 p.m., Friday, May 27, at the University of Delaware Bookstore in the Perkins Student Center on Academy Street.

The next day, Shaara will be the featured speaker at UD's 156th Commencement, scheduled at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 28, in Delaware Stadium. Commencement, which is free and open to the public, is held outdoors, rain or shine.

Shaara's novels have been praised for their attention to factual details of the historical events and eras described, as well as for the development of emotional ties between the reader and the characters.

He is the son of Michael Shaara, whose works included the Pulitzer Prize-winning Civil War novel about the battle of Gettysburg, "The Killer Angels." After his father's death in 1988, Shaara took over the management of his father's estate.

While working on the production of the film "Gettysburg," based on "The Killer Angels," he became friends with film director Ron Maxwell, who had been
close to Michael Shaara for the many years it took to bring the book to the screen. After the critical and commercial success of "Gettysburg," Maxwell approached Shaara about the possibility of finding someone to continue the story, and Shaara decided to take on the project himself.

The result was "Gods and Generals," a prequel to his father's work that went on to spend 15 weeks as a national bestseller. He followed that book in 1998 with "The Last Full Measure," a sequel to "The Killer Angels," and it, too, became a national bestseller.

In 2000, he published "Gone
for Soldiers," which described many of the Civil War characters' experiences in the MexicanAmerican War of the 1840s.

The next year, he published, "Rise to Rebellion," the first in a two-volume story of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of key participants. The concluding volume, "The Glorious Cause," was released in 2002, and both volumes became national bestsellers.

Shaara's most recent book, "To the Last Man," published last year, is a World War I novel that has received praise from Gen. Tommy Franks, Gen. Wesley Clark and Steve Forbes.

## Descendant turns Book of the Dead page

MARIE Godfrey, of Newark, visited the University of Delaware campus recently to honor the memory of James Allison O'Daniels, a relative and former Newark resident who died in the service of his country during World War I.

Godfrey, who was accompanied by Clint Slack Jr., vice president of VFW Post 475 in Newark, was invited to turn the page of the Book of the Dead in Memorial Hall on which the name of James O'Daniels is recorded, along with the names of all Delawareans who died in World War I. A page in the book is turned each day.

James Allison O'Daniels, for whom the Newark VFW Post is named, was killed when his plane was shot down over France. He died July 27, 1918, and is buried in Brittany Cemetery, near

His brother was John W. "Iron Mike" O'Daniels, a 1917 UD graduate who also received an honorary degree from UD in 1956. "Iron Mike," who died in 1975, served for more than 40 years in the U.S. Army, including tours of duty in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.
"It was such an honor to do this," Godfrey said. "Our families go back to the Revolutionary War. It's hard to go off to war, and so many Americans have died in all the wars that our country has been involved in."

Memorial Hall, on The Green of UD's Newark campus, was dedicated on May 23, 1925.

The building and the book commemorate the 270 persons from Delaware who died in World War I.

## UD prof to direct Romanian workshops

Jeanne Murray Walker, poet and professor of English at the University of Delaware, has been invited to read her poetry and give a lecture next month at Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

She will then attend a threeday conference of approximately 170 Romanian poets, who are members of a group called Words Exchange.

At the conference, Walker will direct several workshops and give readings of her poetry with groups who will
discuss and critique English and Romanian poems. "The conference participants will consider issues of poetic forms, translation, globalization and publication both in Romania and abroad," Walker said.

After the conference, Words Exchange plans to publish the poetry read during the conference and make it available to the public. Walker also has been asked by periodicals that publish poetry in the U.S. to write about the poets and poetry she discovers on her trip.


Photo by kathy atinson
Marie Godfrey and Clint Slack Jr. of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 475 in Newark turn the page in the Book of the Dead honoring the memory of James Allison O'Daniels. O'Daniels, for whom the Newark VFW Post is named, was killed when his plane was shot down over France. He died July 27, 1918.

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# Third graders learn lesson about helping others 

## By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FRRIDAY, May 13 was a lucky 1 day for Emmaus House of Newark.
Far on the other side of the city a charity bazaar was being held to benefit the center for homeless families. Those running the event were 19 third-graders from Denise Levering's class at Maclary Elementary School.
On Monday, May 23, the class presented Mary Ellen Green, codirector of Emmaus House with a check for $\$ 2,005.29$.

Planning for the event started months ago, when groups of students choose a country to name their booth. They researched their country, finding facts and objects to use in designing a group poster and presenting oral reports to their classmates.
Posters were hung throughout the school advertising the event and live commercials were made to other classrooms. Letters were sent to more than 130 businesses soliciting their help. 36 responded.

Then the creative businessminded third graders really got to work on finding objects to sell at their booths. Some made crafts, painted faces, brought in food and clean unwanted items, such as toys, games and small house-

## hold items.

Chocolate covered pretzels went fast. With raffle tickets at only 25 cents, the students were not sure they would raise much money. But when the tickets started selling like hot cakes, they soon learned the meaning of volume sales.

On the day of the sale, all first to fifth graders in the school were invited for 10 minutes of shopping.
Levering had the idea for the bazaar 10 years ago after having one student in her class who was not turning in homework every day. A phone call to the parent revealed the family was homeless and living in a car. Completing homework was not high on their list of priorities.

Since then Levering has helped her students combine academics and business skills with valuable life lessons. While the students work on math, language arts, and social studies, they also learn the importance of teamwork, cooperation and negotiation.

But the greatest lesson the students learned was not about reading, writing, or teamwork. It was about giving to others less fortunate than themselves, they said.
Student Mac Ferguson saw how effective just 19 nine and ten year-olds can be.
"Focusing on a goal is stronger with more people focusing
on it. We did it because of hope, effort...and friendship," he said.

More than $\$ 12,500$ has been $\mid 10$ years Levering has sponsored raised for Emmaus House in the the event.


Students in Denise Levering's third grade class presented a check for \$2,005 to Mary Ellen Green, front right, for programs at Emmaus House. Their charity bazaar has raised more than $\$ 12,500$ in ten years.


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# 77 students honored for caring, citizenship 

SEVENTY-SEVEN of the most kind, caring and compassionate students in Delaware's largest school district surfaced to the top Monday at the Bank One Center at Wilmington's


Wayne Nelson, a CEEF board member and vice president of Happy Harry's, presents to the Raymond T. Metts Jr. Memoriai Award to Noah Conaway, of R. Elisabeth Maclary Elementary School.


Riverfront.
The Christina Educational Enrichment Fund (CEEF), an independent nonprofit that salutes outstanding students in the Christina School District, hosted its 12 th Success Banquet.

CEEF awards go to students of all ages who demonstrate admirable qualities. Academic achievement is considered but many of the awards handed out Monday night were based on the students' helpfulness, citizenship, respect for others, and determination, "role models for all" said Jim Regan, a Discover card executive who serves as CEEF president.

For nearly two hours, CEEF leaders detailed the accomplishments of students. Some have overcome serious and physical handicaps. Others are new to the United States yet have transformed into role models for their peers. Kindergartners to high school seniors, the presenters praised the students' outstanding qualities.

Gail Russell and John Mayer presented $\$ 1,500$ scholarships to four soon-to-be graduates in the district.


NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY SCOTT MCALLISTER
Former Christina School Board member and a director of the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund Charles "Bud" Mullin, left, presents the Raymond T. Metts Jr. Memorial Award to Brenden Agorilla, of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

Jim Streit announced winners of the Asia Price-Nicole Cantera Memorial Award at each elemnentary and intermediate school. Price and Cantera died in accidents at young ages. The award honors students who share their outstanding qualities.

The wife of William B. Keene presented the writing award to a student at the Bear school named in the late education leader's honor.

The Lend A Hand Award goes to outstanding middle school students who reach out to help oth-
ers, said chair Wayne Nelson. Donna Friswell announced that the Charlie B. Friswell Memorial Award program has expanded to fund 16 elementary and middle school students at a week-long aerospace-centered summer camp.

Regan offered often emotional descriptions of the progress tallied by winners of the Raymond T. Metts Jr. Memorial Award. The son of a former Christina superintendent, Metts was handicapped and died at a young age. The award in his memory salutes a
student at each school that excells even when forced to overcome obstacles not encountered by most students.

The program ended with a new award category. Judy Walls presented HOSTS Awards to five students involved in the Helping One Student To Succeed mentoring program.

- Related commentary, see Up Front on page one. Winners listed on page 19.


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- signifies Districtwide Award Winner


Fred Dawson, vice president of Bassett, Brosius \& Dawson, presents a plaque proclaiming Julia Seamans, of Joseph M. McVey Elementary School, the districtwide winner of the Asia Price-Nicole Cantera Memorial Award.

## The race is on

The Christina Educational Enrichment Fund hosts a variety of fundraisers throughout each year to support its awards program.

Each April, the group hosts an Office Professional Appreciation Luncheon in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel Dupont.
This past, a local rock-androll band, Club Phred, joined Mark Farner, of Grand Funk Railroad fame, for a benefit concert at Kahuanaville.

Right now, the nonprofit group is selling tickets for its annual "rubber ducky" race. The top two winners receive $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ cash prizes. The race will be held Sept. 20 in the water behind John R. Downes Elementary School in Newark. Race tickets are available by calling 832-5879.

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## CAA to have ownfootball league

Colonial Athletic Association Commissioner Thomas E. Yeager announced today that the conference will sponsor football beginning with the 2007 season.
"We are pleased to announce the addition of football to the CAA, Yeager said. "College football, with all of its tradition, pageantry, and rivalries, creates an interest and excitement on campus and across communities that is unmatched. We look forward to having the CAA name attached to such a distinguished group of institutions and building on the successes that those members have had in the past."

Members of the CAA's
Division I-AA football conference will be the
University of Delaware, Hofstra University, James Madison University, the University of Maine, the University of
Massachusetts, the
University of New
Hampshire, Northeastern
University, the University of Rhode Island, the
University of Richmond,
Towson University,
Villanova University and the College of William \& Mary.

All 12 teams are currently members of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference and will continue that affiliation through the 2006 season.
"The addition of
Northeastern as a full CAA member and the sixth foot-ball-playing institution qualified the CAA for football conference recognition by the NCAA," Yeager said.
"With the commitment to begin conference competition, invitations were sent to the other six institutions and we are thrilled that the long, competitive history of this league will be preserved."

The conference is already considered one of the finest in Division I-AA football, having produced

See FOOTBALL, 22 -

# Glasgow girls win track title 

## Newark boys edged by Salesianum

## By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WAIITER
It came down to a whisker, but in the end, Salesianum edged Newark 110-109, to win the 2005 Delaware High School Boys Division One Spring Track Title at Polytech High in Woodside. Salesianum slipped past a strong Yellowjacket team on the strength of their distance runners and relay teams, but the winning points were scored at the end of the day when Nate reed place fifth in the Pole Vault. Reed's two points proved to hold the margin of victory for the Sals. Newark's Kevin Muhammad won the Triple jump, and teammate Kimphus Daniels placed second. Daniels won the Long Jump with a leap of $21-\mathrm{ft}, 10,25$ in., with Muhammad finished second. Daniels also placed fourth in the high jump. The Jackets 800 m relay team of Leon Tann, Joe Whitmarsh, Ken Black and Muhammad won with a time of $1: 39.40$. The team of Tann, James Snyder, Jameel Jackson and Whitmarsh won the 400 m relay in 43.79 . Tann, Whitmarsh and Muhammad finished second, third, and fifth, respectively in the 100 meters. Christiana (93), Brandywine (52) and Charter (40) rounded out the top five in the boys Division One competition In the Division One Girls Division, junior Jernail Hayes led


NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

The Glasgow High girls ran away the Division I track and field championship Saturday at Polytech High. The Dragons won by over 20 points.
her Glasgow Dragons to a state title for the first time in eight years.

The Lady Dragons outscored Caesar Rodney 102 to 79.3. Padua, Charter and Dover rounded out the top five finishers. Hayes won four events for the second year in a row. She won the 100 m Hurdles in 15.53 , the 100
m dash in 12.7, the 200 m in 25.21 and the 400 m in 57.57 . Hayes said she was thrilled to be part of the winning team.
"Last year I ran several relays, but this year I stayed with the opens. I wanted to do well to score some points for my team," she
The Lady Dragons team of

Quinncee Payne, Sahara Parks, Eysha Wanamaker and Ciara Davis won both the 800 m Relay ( $1: 45.00$ ) and the 1600 m Relay (3:59.58).

Caesar Rodney's Jennifer Johnson set a record in the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet, 7

See TRACK, 22

## UD baseball team seeks CAA title

The University of Delaware baseball team will be looking for its first-ever Colonial Athletic Association tournament title this weekend as the Blue Hens take part in the annual CAA Tournament at UNC Wilmington's Brooks Field.

Delaware, which earned the CAA's No. 5 seed with a conference record of 13-11 and an overall mark of 26-29, took on No. 2 George Mason (33-17, 15-9

CAA) to open the double elimination tournament
on Wednesday..

Live updates on Delaware's games will be available on the CAA website at www.caasports.com while selected games will be broadcast on the internet. Check the University of Delaware website at www.udel.edu/sportsinfo/baseball for links to the site.

In other first round games
played Wednesday, No. 3 Virginia Commonwealth (29-20, 14-10 CAA) will take on No. 4 Towson (32-22, 13-11 CAA) at 3:30 p.m. followed by No. 1 seed and defending champion UNC Wilmington (39-17, 21-3 CAA) squaring off vs. No. 6 Hofstra (24-30, 10-14 CAA) at 7 p.m.

The tournament will continue Thursday and Friday with the championship game set for Saturday, May 28 at 1 p.m. The
tournament champion will earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. Last season UNC Wilmington defeated No. 6 seed Delaware twice on the final day to capture the championship. Delaware had won its first three games of the tournament, including an 8-5 win over top-seed George Mason in the opener.

Delaware, entered the tourna-

# Hens knock off VCU in regular-season finale 

Todd Davison, Kelly Buber, and Bryan Hagerich (right) each delivered run-scoring hits in the sixth inning as the University of Delaware baseball team rallied from an early six-run deficit to post an 8-7 Colonial Athletic Association victory over Virginia Commonwealth in the final regular season game of the season Saturday afternoon at the Petersburg Sports Complex.

Down 7-1 after three innings, the Blue Hens (26-29, 13-11 CAA) scored two runs in the fourth inning, two more in the fifth, and three in the pivotal sixth to mount the comeback and defeat the Rams (29-21, 14-10) for the second straight day.

Delaware's Mitch Heckert got out of a big jam in the ninth inning when VCU put runners on first and third with no out. But
Blue Hens seek NCAA

## Tournament berth

CAA, from 21
ment riding a two-game win streak after wins of 7-3 and 8-2 over VCU this past weekend. Overall, the Hens have won four of their last six conference games. George Mason swept the regular season series over Delaware May 6-8 at Bob Hannah Stadium, winning by scores of 9-0, 3-1, and 7-4.

The Blue Hens, who have now faced George Mason in their CAA Tournament opener all three years that they have qualified, will be looking for their first conference tournament title since winning the 2001 America East title.

George Mason, which led the CAA in pitching this season with
a team earned run average of 3.96, is led by pitcher Stacen Grant ( $9-2,2.85$ ERA). The Patriots ranked third in the league in batting with a team mark of .316 led by Matt Cooksey, who batted .396 with seven home runs and 30 runs batted in.

Delaware ranked third in the CAA in pitching with a 4.82 earned run average this season and is No. 2 in fielding with a mark of .961 . The Hens are led offensively by sophomore outfielder Bryan Hagerich and freshman first baseman Adam Tsakonas (right). Hagerich leads the team with a .311 batting average and 38 RBI while Tsakonas is batting 306 with seven home runs and 36 RBI.


VCU's Kwan Evans lined into a double play to UD third baseman Brent Rogers and Sergio Miranda lined out to first baseman Adam Tsakonas with two runners on to end the game.

The win assured Delaware of a fifth place standing in next week's CAA Championships which will be held at Brooks Field on the campus of UNC Wilmington in Wilmington, NC. Virginia Commonwealth will either be the No. 2 or No. 3 seed in the tournament. The tournament will begin Wed., May 25 with the championship game of the double elimination tournament set for May 28. UNC Wilmington is the defending champion, having defeated Delaware in last year's championship.
VCU jumped out to the quick 7-1 lead off UD starter Chris Garrick, who allowed five runs in $11 / 3$ innings, and Darrell Lewis, scoring two runs in the first inning on a two-run single by Tim St. Clair, three in the second on a sacrifice fly by Joe Meador, a bases loaded hit by pitch by St. Clair, and a based loaded walk by Barrett Ripley, and two in the
third when Evans knocked in a run on a ground out and Alex Gary scored on a wild pitch.

While Delaware relievers Billy Harris, Kevin Brown, and Heckert blanked VCU on just three hits the rest of the way, the Blue Hens offense mounted its comeback. Tsakonas, who knocked in two runs in Friday night's $7-3$ win, hit his seventh home run of the season in the second inning and the Hens followed with two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings and three more in the sixth.

Freshman Dan Richardson blasted a two-run home run in the fourth, his sixth of the year, to cut the lead to 7-3 and the Hens cut the margin in the fifth when Davison led off with a double and scored when Buber singled and VCU left fielder Meador misplayed the ball for an error. Buber later scored on a groundout by Brock Donovan.

The Hens completed the comeback with three runs in the sixth inning. Dan Kozek led off the inning with a walk, stole second, moved to third on a groundout by Rogers, and scored on Davison's double down the left
field line. Buber then greeted VCU reliever Mick Mattaliano (2-2) with a run-scoring single to tie the game at 7-7 and Hagerich knocked in the game-winner with a run-scoring double to left field.

Harris picked up the win, improving to $3-2$, as he did not allow a hit and struck out seven in $32 / 3$ innings. Heckert picked up his third save of the season as he allowed just one hit in the final two innings.

VCU mounted a rally in the ninth inning when Trai Harris led off the inning with a double and moved over to third when Tsakonas mishandled a sacrifice bunt by Gary to put the runners on the corners. But Evans lined sharply to Rogers, who completed the pivotal double play by tagging out Harris. Meador followed with a walk to put runners on first and second but the VCU rally fell short when Miranda lined out to Tsakonas to end the game.

Hagerich, Davison, Buber, and Richardson each collected two hits in the Hens' 12 -hit attack while VCU's St. Clair went 2 for 4 and knocked in three runs.

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# State baseball tournament tries to beat the weather 

The Newark Yellowjackets, in quest of their third straight trip to the Delaware High School Baseball Tournament finals, were washed out Tuesday afternoon. The Jackets, (13-7), were scheduled to host Indian River, but the game was postponed because of a day-long rain, and treacherous playing conditions. The make-up was Wednesday.

Newnesdark finished the regular season on a high note, winning two of their last three contests, including victories over Flight A opponents Delcastle and Christiana.

Newark coach Curt Bedford said his team was playing better, just at the right time of the season.
"We've been hitting better over the last two weeks, and our pitching is coming around, so hopefully we'll be able to continue that momentum in post-season," he said. Several other tournament games were postponed Tuesday, including Red Lion Christian at William Penn and Seaford at Caravel.
In completed games, Dickinson, now 15-5, edged Polytech 4-2, as junior Chris

Chance hurled a three-hitter. With the Panthers leading 2-0 in the top of the third, freshman Brandon Crist through a Polytech runner out at home plate to end the
inning. The Rams came back to score two in their half of the inning, and two more in the bottom of the fourth to seal the victory. Polytech ended the season with a 16-5 record. Top-seeded Salesianum topped Friends while McKean upset No. 2 Caesar Rodney. St. Mark's knocked off A.I. DuPont.

## All Blue Hen sports in one conference

## CAA, from 20

the past two national champions in Delaware (2003) and James Madison (2004) and three of the last seven with Massachusetts claiming the title in 1998. Ten of the 12 teams have reached the Division I-AA playoffs at least once in the past five years.
"This move allows us to brand the CAA as our conference for all 23 sports," said UD Director of Athletics Edgar N. Johnson. "That was very important for us. Our football program at Delaware received the greatest recognition in media and as far as attendance and we'll benefit from this move. This is what we've always wanted - to have all of our sports compete under
one conference.
Delaware will now have all of its sports under the same conference affiliation for the first time since being members of the Middle Atlantic Conference through the 1969-70 season. The Blue Hen women's rowing and men's and women's indoor track and field squads compete as independents.


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## Glasgow, Newark excel in track

## TRACK from 20

inches.
Cape Henlopen won the Division II Girls title, defeating Tatnall 80-78. Howard, Seaford and Milford rounded out the top

Milford won the Division II Boys title. The Bucs outscored Mount Pleasant, Hodgson, Howard and Tatnall to take home the championship.

Held annually, the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola is one of four "Majors" on the LPGA Tour. This year catch the excitement as 150 of the best female golfers in the world tee it up at Bulle Rock in Havre de Grace, MD, to compete for a purse of $\$ 1.8$ million. The real winners are the kids- over $\$ 41$ million has been donated in just 24 years to Ronald McDonald House Charities and other children's charities.
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## BLOTTER, from 2

persed, the victim, who lives near the site of a large party, told police that as the party ended, some party-goers began damaging his roommate's vehicle. When the man confronted the suspects, he was struck in the face.

Police said a mirror was knocked off the roommate's car and it was dented and scratched.

## Man on the ground

When Newark police arrived in the 100 block Kershaw Street on Sunday, May 22, at 12:46 a.m., officers discovered a 19 -year-old University of Delaware student lying on the ground.

The man told police he was "sucker" punched in the face for an unknown reason. The attack took place after the victim had been ejected from a party in the area.

Police said the man suffered a laceration on the right side of his face.

The victim was transported
to the Christiana Hospital emergency room for treatment by the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company ambulance.

The attacker is described as a black male, $6^{\prime} 4$ " tall, 280 pounds and about 22 years of age.

## Apartment burglary

A residence at University Courtyard apartments in the 3400 block Scholar Drive, which had been burglarized during spring break, was hit again but nothing was reported missing, Newark police learned on Saturday, May 21, at 2:46 p.m.

Intruders forced open a front door secured by a locked deadbolt. Police said the dead-bolt was still in the locked position when they arrived. Inside, the suspects kicked in or forced open four bedroom doors.

Investigation is continuing.

## Vehicles attacked

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently.

Some of the reports include:
503 Capitol Trail, on Saturday, May 21, at $1: 57$ p.m., a resident told police that a former boyfriend had driven her 1994 Nissan without permission;

324 Orchard Road, on Saturday, May 21, at 12:12 p.m., driver-side mirror of 1997 Lexus broken;

Veterans Drive parking lot, on Saturday, May 21, at 12:01 p.m., handicapped placard removed from parked car while the owner was attending a nearby baseball game;

Porter Chevrolet, 414 E. Cleveland Ave., on Friday, May 20, at 2:25 p.m., rear window of 2004 Chevrolet Colorado shattered;

1106 Blair Ct., on Thursday, May 19, at 4:04 p.m., fender of

1990 Ford dented;
150 E. Main St., on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:53 p.m., 2005 Honda motorcycle valued at $\$ 7,000$ stolen from the rear of a parked pickup truck;

413 Townsend Road, on Thursday, May 19, at 12:12 p.m., seats of 2002 Honda Civic burned; and

233 E. Main St., on Monday, May 16, at 1:07 p.m., two equalizers and radar detector stolen from a 1995 Nissan Maxima.

## Traffic out of control

A traffic control flagger told Newark police she was nearly hit by an angry motorist on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:14 p.m., on Paper Mill Road near Creek View.

When the worker's sign indicated that traffic should stop, the driver of a pickup truck shouted obscentities as the truck inched closer and closer to the road worker. The victim told police she had to back up nearly ten feet to avoid being hit by the truck.

Police have a description of the driver and license tag number of the truck. Investigation is continuing. The worker was not injured, police said.

## Cash disappears

Newark police are investigating the theft of an undisclosed amount of cash from a liquor store at 110 College Square. Investigation is continuing into the theft that took on Monday, May 16, at 3:45 p.m.

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craft vendors and a children's area, complete with a children's stage, inflatables, games and a make-and-take craft.

While you are there, browse through the shops along Main Street, enjoy great food, and listen to performers from around the area. The stages will host a variety of performers, including The Double Clutching Weasels, Steve

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The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 5.

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## A REVIEW

## 'Anthem' rocks

## By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JAMES J. Weber's "American Anthem" offers a flip-book glance into this nation's history through music. The play, now showing at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre, uses quick snapshots and sound bytes from the key songs that defined different eras to tell an abbreviated version of American history. While the show is in no way a living history textbook, narrator Peyton Dixon highlights some of the most defining American highs and lows.

The play starts mid-way in America's birth with the Revolutionary War. While it begins with the war that marked the nation's start, it ignores the earliest colonists and their Native American counterparts. However,"The Star Spangled Banner," "My Country Tis of Thee," and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," honor the era, and do a great job of representing the pride that early Americans felt in their great Democracy experiment, while acknowledging the realities of slavery.

The same theme continues in the Civil War scene. Here, soldiers in blue or gray uniforms storm the stage with early American tunes such as "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The show takes a more lighthearted turn with the next few scenes that honor several decades of national growth and change. A quartet of gold diggers and pioneers sing a diddy complied of lyrics from "Polly Wolly Doodle," "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain," and "I've Been Working On The Railroad" in honor of western explorers. Next, ladies dressed in their Sunday best and gentlemen in top hats represent the dawning years of the 20th century. They sing familiar tunes such as "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

Just as things get exciting on stage, World War I and the Depression hit. A 30 -second film reminds the audience of the strug-
gles of the era as Dixon switches gears from narrator to musician. His version of the ballad "Brother Can You Spare A Dime," is a sombering reminder of some of the darkest days in our history.

But the real show stealer comes next. A tap ensemble to 1930s and '40s songs like "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," and "Jukebox Saturday Night," leave the audience wanting more. And that's exactly what the audience gets. The next string of songs have more familiar lyrics by American legends such as Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. Tunes like "Yakety Yak" and "Jailhouse Rock" turn the audience into the performers. By the end of Act I, few can resist the sing-along temptation.

Act II continues featuring favorite songs from the ' 60 s , '70s, '80s and '90s. Top 40 hits like "YMCA" and "Uptown Girl" round out the set. But it is the reinvention of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," that makes the second act. Jared Jacobs pulls off the hit without a hitch as the rest of the cast transforms into a mob of zombies.

The New Millenium and its melting pot of music cap the show's history.

The show ends with a timeless tribute to the five divisions of the armed forces. As the anthems play for each branch, veterans are asked to stand. It's a touching moment to realize that the gentleman sitting at the table next to you was a fighter pilot in Vietnam and your neighbor was a medic in Iraq.

The show is worth the ticket price. The varied songs and dance style show the cast's ability and entertain in a sing-along fashion. And even though the play's narration forgets some of the most important historical moments, "American Anthem" is a good way for the family to stop and remember how the U.S. of A. has gotten to where it is now, and the veterans who carried it on their backs. All in all, this is not a bad way to spend Memorial Day weekend.

- Through June 30. For ticket information, call 368-1616.


## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Mayor Funk, Councilman Clifton, Councilman Pomeroy and Councilman Vonck, Planning Director Lopata - and the many citizens who attended our workshop on Waterstone last week - we appreciate your time and input. It was reassuring to hear so much support from the public for our plans to create Newark's first residential, owner-occupied condominium on the site of the Stone Balloon.

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## THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

Jim Baeurle, for the Graceland Group, LLC.

## J. Carl Bovankovich, 76, Eagle scout, chemical engineer

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## Mae Finkernagel, 94, ran electric motor business on Tyre Ave.

Mae Widdoes Finkernagel, 94, of Newark, died Monday, May 16, 2005.

Born June 3, 1910 in Elk Mills, Md., Mrs. Finkernagel was the daughter of the late Lewis S. Widdoes and Elizabeth Gregson Widdoes.

Following the death of her husband, Ferdinand in 1958, she took over the operation of their business, the former Electric Motor Service on Tyre Avenue in Newark.

She was an active hospital volunteer throughout her life and spent much of her time in later years assisting at the Perry Point Veterans Hospital. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Elkton.

She is survived by her grandson, John W. Cobb and his wife,
J. Carl Bovankovich, 76, of Newark, died on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

Mr. Bovankovich was born in Hammond, Ind. on Feb. 17, 1929, son of the late John Bovankovich and Cecelia Volkay Bovankovich.
As a young man he attained Eagle Scout status in the Boys Scouts of America and later served his country in the U.S. Army.
A chemical engineer by profession, he was employed
with the DuPont Company for over four decades before retiring in 1994. During his career, he was active in the National Association of Chemical Engineers.

A member of St. John the Baptist/Holy Angels Parish for many years, he was also a leading member of the Businessmen's Fellowship International.

His wife, Gloria J. Barts Bovankovich, died on March 6. He is survived by four sons,

Margaret, of Newark; and great granddaughter, Maegan Cobb. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Cobb.

A funeral service was to be held on Friday, May 20, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to follow in Cherry Hill Cemetery.

## Adrian Lapeer, 62

Newark resident Adrian J. LaPeer, 62, died May 11, 2005. Mrs. Lapeer is survived by

John J. Bovankovich, of New Castle, Mark A. Bovankovich, of Orlando, Fla., Peter G. Bovankovich, of Newark and Paul S. Bovankovich, of Navarre, Fla.; a brother, Eugene Bovankovich, of Easton, Md.; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be offered on May 24 , at St. John the Baptișt RC Church. Interment was to follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.
sisters, Ena McCallum, Betty Feaster and Yasmeen Abdullah; and several nieces and nephews. Burial was to be on May 13 in Seaside Cemetery.

## Charles Cohourn, 89

Charles G. Cobourn, 89, of Newark, died on Saturday, May 14, 2005.

Mr. Cobourn was born in Media, Pa. to the late David and Bella Cobourn.

He worked in the Defense Department during World War II

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and the Korean War. He was night watchman for Merryland Roller Rink in Glasgow from 1957-1977 and an auto mechanic and body man for Tony's Body Shop in Glasgow from 1952

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Sophie E. Alcala
John Rockwell Baird
J. Carl Bovankovich

Margaret Crothers
Richard Selk
until he retired in 1978. He was very involved in United Midget Racing Association from 19551975.

He is survived by a daughter, Marie C. Walker, of Laurel; two sons, Charles D. Cobourn and his wife, Patricia, of Middletown and Leonard B. Cobourn and his wife, Debbie, of Milford; nine grandchildren and 18 greatgrandchildren.

A Life Celebration was to be on Wednesday, May 18, followed by his funeral service at Beeson Memorial. Interment was to be held privately on Thursday, May 19.

## John Knick, 44

John F. Knick, 44, of Newark, died on Tuesday, May 17, 2005.
A lifetime resident of Delaware, Mr. Knick worked as a lab technician for DuPont.

He is survived by his children, Shane and Brittany Knick, of New Castle; his mother, Helen Knick, of Stanton; his sister and brother-in-law, Debby and Al Mirto, of New Castle, two nephews, Tony Mirto and his wife Heather, and Jeff Mirto; his niece; Cortney; a great nephew, Tony Mirto; and great niece, Angelina Mirto. He was preceded in death by his father, John F. Knick, Sr.

A visitation was to be held on Friday, May 20 in the Strano \& Feeley Family Funeral Home and again on Saturday, May 21. A service in celebration of his life was to follow. Burial was to be in All Saints Cemetery,

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Delaware Hospice, Clayton Building, Suite 100, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Del. 19810; or to

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## Edmund Zeron, 39

Newark resident Edmund C. Zeron, 39, formerly of Burbank, Calif., died on Monday, May 16, 2005.

Mr. Zeron was the son of Norma Fleeger Zeron, of Newark, and the late Edward C. Zeron. He was employed with the Holy Cross Hospital, Burbank, Calif., as a registered nurse until his illness.

He is survived by his mother; three brothers, John Zeron, of Newark; Steven Zeron and his wife, Denise, of Elkton; and Rev. Paul Zeron and his wife, Nancy, of Bayonne, N.J.; and one sister, Carole Dorak and her husband, Leon, of Wilmington. He was preceded in death by a sister, Joanne Zeron.

A funeral service was to be held on Saturday, May 21, at the State Line Baptist Church. Interment was to be in the adjoining church cemetery.

> Concern about watershed may bring new regs

## HOUSES, from 3

pointed out.
"I'm just happy that [the council] realized that they had to follow the code," Prechtl said. "We worked with the city when they had reasonable recommendations. But when you have a plan that's legal, you have to follow what the code says. If they put those requirements into all of the codes, that would be one thing. But they can't in the middle of the game just decide that they want to put it in."

Prechtl said that if council chooses to amend the city's building codes - a topic that will be on the agenda after a study by the city staff - that it wouldn't deter him from building in Newark. It would however, mean that he would have new considerations to keep in mind.

Linda Stapleford, a representative from the White Clay Creek Watershed Management Committee, said that she hopes to see new ordinances passed that would protect areas like this in the future.
"It's unfortunate, but I think you can only stand by the regulations that you already have," she said. "The council had been ahead of the game years ago in proactive ordinances, but has since gotten away from that. Now, it's just a matter of taking the time to get new rules on the books."

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, Del. 19808.

## Sophie E. Alcala, 87

Sophie E. Alcala, 87, of Newark, died on Monday, May 16, 2005.

She was born in Metcalf, Ariz. in 1917 to the late Andress Esqueda and Anastasia Rubalcaba Esqueda. Her husband of 35 years, Hilario C. Alcala, passed away on Feb. 10, 1970 and she is predeceased by a son, Robert Hilario Alcala. She also had a total of 10 brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Newark Senior Center and Word of Life Christian Center, which she called her home church.

Sophie is survived by two sons, Henri Albert Alcala and Phillip A. Alcala; and Bruce Champouillon. She is also survived by a brother, Faustino Esqueda; two grandchildren.

A Life Celebration was to be on Sunday, May 22, at the Word of Life Christian Center, where her funeral service was to follow.

Flowers can be sent directly to the Church and memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Word of Life Christian Center.

## John Rockwell Baird, 34 <br> Newark resident John

 Rockwell Baird, 34, died onWednesday, May 18, 2005.
Born in Chester, Pa., on Oct. 3, 1970, Mr. Baird was a 1988 graduate of Delcastle High School where he earned his certification as a professional welder.

Most recently, he was employed as a warehouse supervisor for Simplex-Grinnell in New Castle.

He is survived by his wife, Charlean B. Carangi Baird; daughter, Brittany Renee Baird; son, Justin Rockwell Baird; mother, Donna DeBrito Koronowski and her husband, Paul, of Newark; paternal grandmother, Marlee Baird, of New Zion, S.C.; and maternal grandmother, Ada Falzetti, of Plantation, Fla. He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Baird, and grandfather, Wright Baird.
A funeral service was to be held on Monday, May 23, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to follow in All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Baird Children Fund, c/o the SpicerMullikin Funeral Home.

## Margaret Crothers, 61

Newark resident Margaret Ann Crothers, 61, died on Friday, May 20,.

Mrs. Crothers was born in Scranton, Pa. to the late Walter M. and Charlotte W. Warrington. She was employed by the State of Delaware Division of Child Support as an accountant.


She is survived by her beloved husband, John P. Crothers; sister, Bobbie Yarrusso, nephew, Lee Smith.

A funeral service was to be held on Wednesday, May 25, at the Gebhart Funeral Home. Visitation was to be Tuesday, May 24, at the funeral home. Burial was to be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, 4701 OgletownStanton Rd., Newark 19713.

## Richard Selk, 69

RichardF. Selk, 69, of Newark, died on Friday, May 20, 2005.

Mr. Selk was born in Rahway, N.J. on May 21, 1935, the son of the late Richard and Gertrude Selk.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation where he worked as a security guard.

Richard was a member of the Recycled Teenage Cruisers Car Club and enjoyed car shows. He
was also a member of Moose Lodge 1578.

He is survived by his children, Carmelea E. McCarthy, of Lewes, Rick Selk, of N.Y., Steven Selk, of Newark, Kathleen Franklin, of Binghamton, N.Y., Sandra A. Cooke, of Newark, Linda M. Selk, of Johnson City, N.Y., Gregory R. Harvey, of Newark, and Carl A. Harvey, of New Castle. In addition, Richard is survived by his sister, Mary Schwartz, of Brick, N.J.; 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elouise Selk; his sons, Patrick C. Harvey and John Selk.

A funeral service was to be held on Monday May 23, at R.T. Foard \& Jones Funeral Home. Burial was to be at a later date.

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and assignment patterns for all 29 schools in both the suburbs of Greater Newark, Glasgow and Bear as well the district's section of the city of Wilmington. With
the opening of a new middle school in August 2006 and plans for a new elementary school, the traditional feeder patterns would need to be adjusted.

The options presented in a report, "New Educational Opportunities for Christina

Families," come after extensive work by the Hartford, Conn.based consulting firm of Jeter, Cook and Jepson Architects, Inc. reviewed the demographic and population projections, analyzed school capacities, studied the history of student assign-

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ment in Christina and analyzed impact data that related to various options already under study.

Their report was made to the Board of Education on Tuesday. Following that meeting, several public meetings have been scheduled to gather input from the public. The district's Web site www.christina.k12.de.us also has an extensive explanation of the options presented, including color-coded maps. An eight-page flyer was distributed throughout the schools.
Feedback from the meetings, e-mail comments, Web-based responses, letters and phone calls will be compiled and a recommended plan will be made to the school board on June 28. If a plan is adopted by the board, it will go into effect in the 2006-2007 school year.

The three options, in condensed form are:

- Three or four geographic zones across the district (including urban and suburban areas) would be established and students stay in schools within that zone.
- PreK/K-5 students would be assigned to or could choose schools closer to home and all 612 grade students would be open to full Choice.
- All students would be assigned to attend schools closer to home, with existing attendance boundaries taken into consideration for the new schools opening.

As part of the Superintendent's Transformation Plan, adopted by the board in April 2004, the administration was asked to investigate a plan that would get students in schools closer to their homes for longer periods of times, thus reducing the number of times they would have to attend different schools. Currently some students from the Wilmington area attend as many as five different schools in their 13 years of schooling in Christina. Some youngsters spend as much as two hours a day riding busses on 195 being transported to schools as far as 20 miles away.

The options presented will reduce the number of minutes spent commuting each day as well as the number of times students move to different schools. Most students would attend just three schools in any of the options.

Part of the policy established with the transformation plan calls for elementary schools with grades that are PreK/K-5, middle for 6-8 and high schools for 912. Some elementary and middle schools have already begun the transition where space has been available.

High-tech responses
Those who attend the community meetings to hear about the three options on alignment of the Christina schools will get a sense
they are playing "Who Wants to be a Millionnaire.'

But this will be no game show.

The attendees will be using wireless key pads, much like a TV remote control, to record their responses to questions concerning demographics, school experiences, their role in the community, feelings on the options proposed as well as many others.

The responses are instantaneously recorded and graphs of the audience's responses are shown on a large screen. The technology also allows for analyzing the data using the responses for several questions together.

Group Interactive Feedback Technology (GIFT) is being administered by a Seattle-based organization, Strategic Listening Institute.

It is not about voting, but rather about listening to the participants. Questions can range from yes/no, sliding scale, or multiple choice.

The key pads are very user friendly.
"This is a radical change in the way organizations listen," a representative of the company explained to the school board. This is not in the context of a traditional survey. Everyone has an equal chance in the discussion, where you get input from everyone who attends.
This is believed to be the first time any school district in the state has used this technology for public meetings.

Strategic Listening Institute is doing this pro bono for Christina. The district is looking seriously at using their services more extensively in 2005-06 school year. So far it has cost the district nothing.

## Community conversations

Thursday, May 26, Christiana High Cafeteria

Tuesday, May 31, Glasgow High Library

Wednesday, June 1, Newark High Cafeteria

Thursday, June 2, Stubbs School Library

All meetings are from 7-9 p.m. Public is encouraged to attend.

To share your feedback
In addition to attending community meetings, individuals are encouraged to share their feedback:

- On the Web: An electronic feedback form is available at www.christina.k12.de.us
- By phone: Call the telephone feedback line at 552-2670
- By E-mail: Send feedback to feedback@christina.k12.e.us
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