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Santa arrives in Newark



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Kloey Auer, 9, and Noah Auer, 5, greet Santa Claus during the city of Newark's Winterfest event, held Dec. 6. The event, which drew hundreds of people to the Academy Lawn, marks the unofficial start of the Christmas season in Newark. **For more photos, see page 11.**

Gregg to leave Christina in June

Superintendent stepping down to 'pursue other opportunities'

By **JOSH SHANNON**
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Christina School District Superintendent Richard Gregg will step down at the end of the school year, district officials announced Tuesday.

Gregg, who has led the district for two and a half years, is not seeking renewal of his contract, which expires June 30. He informed the school board of his decision in October, but it was not made public until Tuesday, Christina spokeswoman Alva Mobley said.



GREGG

"My intent is to remain in the district through the end of my contract and assist in the transition to a new superintendent," Gregg said in a prepared statement. "I am proud of the work we accomplished during my tenure in Christina and am pleased to say that I worked with a talented, dedicated administrative staff."

He said he plans to "pursue other opportunities."

An alumnus of Glasgow High School, Gregg began his career teaching social studies before moving into administration, where he served stints at Christina High School, Brandywine High School and Concord High School. He was assistant superintendent of Penn-Delco

Christiana Towers to be demolished

UD trustees approve \$3 million for first phase of project

By **JOSH SHANNON**
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After towering over Newark for 47 years, the Christiana Towers are slated for demolition starting early next year.

On Tuesday, the University of Delaware Board of Trustees approved \$3 million for the first phase of demolition.

The first phase will include asbestos remediation and interior demolition, said Peter Krawchyk, vice president for facilities and real estate.



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The first phase of demolition of the Christiana Towers will begin in January.

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Cookie Walk: Today, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 200 Marrows Road. Cookies, soup and sandwiches will be available for purchase. For pre-orders, call 302-738-4331.

Holiday market event: Today, 5 to 7 p.m., at Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St. As part of the arts alliance's month-long holiday art market, the organization will sponsor a Wine & Cheese Shopping Night, including free refreshments, personal shopping help and a gift wrapping station for purchases.

Tree lighting: Tonight, 5 to 9 p.m., at Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway. Tree lighting begins at 7 p.m. There will also be live music, refreshments and a holiday market. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras for their children's visits with Santa. Free.

Live Nativity: Tonight and Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m., at Parkview Assembly, 235 Polly Drummond Hill Road. Event includes a live nativity, a petting zoo, crafts for kids, hot chocolate and Christmas carols.

Christmas concert: Tonight, 7:30 p.m., at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road. The First State Symphonic Band will perform Christmas and Hanukkah favorites. Light refreshments provided. Free.

Craft fair: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Glasgow High School, 1901 S. College Ave. Vendors will have crafts and other hand-made gifts for sale. Event benefits the Glasgow swim team.

Wreaths Across America: Saturday, 10 a.m. at Pencader History Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Road. Ceremony will honor the soldiers who died at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge.

Santa Cause 5K: Saturday, 10 a.m., Olan Thomas Park, 89 Paper Mill Road. Participants are encouraged to wear Santa hats for the 5K run/walk, which benefits several local nonprofits. An after-party is planned at Klondike Kate's. Registration \$25 at www.fusion-racetiming.com.

Bell choir concert: Saturday, 1 p.m., at Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. The First State Ringers, a bell choir from Newark United Methodist Church, will perform Christmas favorites. Free.

Nativity display: Saturday, 4 to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 1:30 p.m., at Christiana Presbyterian Church, 15 N. Old Baltimore Pike. More than 100 nativities will be on display. Free.

Winter craft market: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Newark Natural Foods, 230 E. Main Street. Vendors will offer a variety of items. Event also includes raffles, a cookie-baking contest and free samples.

Band concert: Sunday, 3 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Newark, 292 W. Main St. The Newark Community Band will perform holiday songs. Free.

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

Hotel invites kids to drop off letters to Santa

POST STAFF REPORT

A special mailbox in front of the University of Delaware's Courtyard Marriott hotel offers local kids a way to write to Santa Claus.

With the help of hotel employees, Santa will write a personal note back to every child that drops off a letter before Dec. 18.

The hotel is located at 400 David Hollowell Drive, off New London Road. In order to ensure a response, letters should include a name and full mailing address.

The hotel first installed the mailbox in 2007, but the tradition faded away after a few years. Hotel workers rekindled the initiative in 2015.

"Local children and hotel guests are encouraged to participate in this annual tradition to help kick off the holiday season," said assistant general manager Rebecca Streets-Montagna.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

The Courtyard Marriott on the University of Delaware campus is accepting letters to Santa in the special mailbox outside the front lobby.

Submit your memories of Christmas in Newark for a chance to win \$50

By JOSH SHANNON

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FILE PHOTO

A young girl visits with Santa Claus at the Newark Police station in this 1972 photo from the Newark Post archives.

What's your best memory of celebrating the holiday season in Newark?

Maybe you recall Santa Claus arriving by helicopter in Brookside or greeting kids at the Santa House in Newark Shopping Center. Perhaps the start of the Christmas season stirs up memories of chopping down a tree at the Krantz Farm or shopping at Newark Department Store and the National 5 and 10.

Or, maybe your best holiday memory is a personal one, like a meaningful gift or just cozying up by the fire and celebrating the holiday with treasured family members and friends.

For our Christmas edition this year, we want to hear your stories about past Christmases or other winter holidays here in Newark.

If you would like to participate, submit a brief essay recounting your memories, and we'll publish as many we can on Dec. 20. Keep your submission between 100 and 350 words, and include your name (which will be published) and your contact information (which will not be published.) Feel free to include photos.

Submissions should be emailed to jshannon@chespub.com by Dec. 16.

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Major Elkton Road project on track for spring start

By JOSH SHANNON
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With the Main Street reconstruction project still in full swing, another major road project is on the horizon.

A two-year project to reconstruct and widen Elkton Road is currently out to bid, with work expected to begin in the spring, according to C.R. McLeod, a spokesman for the Delaware Department of Transportation.

Many motorists have likely noticed the first signs of the project in the past few weeks, as crews cut down a number of trees along the expanded right-of-way. There were also lane closures in August as workers completed utility relocation work.

The \$25 million road reconstruction project will bring major changes to Elkton Road between Casho Mill Road and the state line, including a third lane, a separated bike path and intersection improvements.

Much like the current Main Street project, the Elkton Road work will provide a more permanent solution to the potholes and rough road surface that has plagued the highway for several years.

“This is the longtime fix,” Project Manager Michael Nauman explained in 2016, when the project was first announced. “Everything before was the proverbial

Band-Aid.”

This spring, the eastbound lanes – the ones used by cars coming from Maryland – will be reconstructed first, and all traffic will be shifted to the westbound side, with one lane in each direction. Once that is complete, the westbound lanes will be reconstructed.

“It will be painful, but you’ll get a good product in the end,” Nauman said, adding, “If you’re local, you’ll drive around it.”

The most noticeable change will be the addition of a third eastbound travel lane between Otts Chapel Road and Christina Parkway in order to accommodate increased traffic. Initial plans called for an additional westbound lane as well, but that was removed after additional analysis.

At the intersection of McIntire Drive, officials are planning to create a new entrance to the Dunkin’ Donuts property on the west side of the building. That land, owned by the city, was once used as a yard waste dump but will soon be converted to a park.

Building that entrance would create a traditional four-way intersection and allow drivers coming from McIntire Drive or eastbound Elkton Road to enter the Dunkin’ Donuts parking lot.

Because the current entrance to the doughnut shop



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Elkton Road, between the state line and Casho Mill Road, is due for a major overhaul starting in spring 2020.

doesn’t line up with McIntire Drive, eastbound drivers on Elkton Road can’t turn left into the parking lot. However, many people illegally do so anyway, making the turn at McIntire Drive and traveling against traffic in order to sneak into the lot, causing a safety issue.

The city also has an interest in having a signalized intersection for visitors to use to come in and out of the future park. Dunkin’ Donuts will pay to build the new entrance and a small parking lot for the park. In exchange, the business will be able to build a driveway into its parking lot from the new en-

trance. For cyclists, DelDOT is planning a 10-foot-wide paved bicycle and pedestrian path that will run parallel to the eastbound lanes but be separated by a grassy median.

The path will connect cyclists to Gravenor Lane, from which they can ride through

Devon and the Binns to get to the James F. Hall Trail.

The Elkton Road path will also provide a connection to Rittenhouse Trail and the bike path that parallels Christina Parkway. On the western side, it will extend into Maryland and connect with the Stonegate Apartments.

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Fraud suspect injured running into Fulton Bank's locked door

By JOSH SHANNON
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A man attempting to fraudulently cash a check at a Newark bank was captured after he injured himself by running into the bank's locked door, police said.

The incident happened around 4 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Fulton Bank on Main Street, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Kevin Dougherty, 34, of Baltimore, walked into the bank and presented someone else's driver's license in an attempt to cash a check addressed to that person, Rubin said.

Investigators later determined that a third person had given Dougherty the check to cash, promising him a portion of the money if he did so, Rubin added.

A bank teller grew suspicious and stalled Dougherty while calling police. At some point, the bank employees locked the door.

When Dougherty saw police, he bolted for the locked door, running into it and injuring himself, Rubin said.



KEVIN DOUGHERTY



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Police say a man who tried to fraudulently cash a check at the Fulton Bank on Main Street was thwarted by a locked door.

Dougherty was arrested without incident and charged with identity theft, attempted theft, forgery, criminal impersonation, resisting arrest and possession of heroin. He was jailed in lieu of \$6,500 secured bail.

Suburban Plaza cellphone store burglarized

By JOSH SHANNON
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Newark Police are searching for the people who smashed the glass door of a cellphone store and stole "a significant amount" of merchandise, officials said.

The burglary happened around 5 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Verizon Wireless Zone in Suburban Plaza, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Police were alerted by a burglary alarm, but the burglars were gone when police arrived. A witness reported that at least two people were involved in the break-in.

Police later found the burglars' vehicle abandoned in a nearby parking lot. The vehicle had been stolen in Moon Township, Pa., Rubin said.

No surveillance footage was released. Anyone with information about the burglary should contact Det. Taras Gerasimov at 302-366-7100, ext. 3474, or tgerasimov@newark.de.us.

Fired coaches appeal ruling in favor of UD

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two former volleyball coaches who claimed they were fired from the University of Delaware based on age and sexual orientation are appealing a judge's ruling in favor of the school.

A federal judge ruled last month that Bonnie Kenny and Cindy Gregory had failed to show that the university's stated reasons for firing them were pretext for discrimination.

Attorneys for Kenny and Gregory filed a notice of appeal on Dec. 5.

Kenny and Gregory are a lesbian couple in their 50s. They were fired in 2016 following three losing seasons and complaints about abusing and mistreating players.

The judge said university officials consistently maintained that athletic director Chrissi Rawak fired the coaches because complaints, player surveys and her own observations led her to conclude that they behaved unprofessionally with athletes.



KENNY

Police: Attempted theft suspects caught after chase

By JOSH SHANNON
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A man and woman accused of tampering with a vehicle were arrested after a brief police chase in Newark, officials said.

The incident happened just after 2 p.m. Dec. 4 near the intersection of Library Avenue and Wyoming Road, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Plainclothes officers from NPD's street crimes unit were patrolling the area when they spotted two people driving around parking lots and approaching parked vehicles.

Other officers attempted to pull them over at the intersection of Marrows and Ogletown Roads, but they fled. A

few minutes later, they crashed into a sign at the Newark Free Library and bailed out of the vehicle, Rubin said.

After a brief foot chase, officers caught the suspects, identified as Amanda Grove, 30, of Newark, and Jesse Dungan, 31, of Charlestown, Md.

Rubin said officers later determined Grove and Dungan were trying to steal a catalytic converter from a vehicle in one of the parking lots, disabling the vehicle in the process.

"It's not uncommon that we get catalytic converter thefts," Rubin said, ex-

plaining that thieves sell the devices for scrap.

Police found narcotic pills and hypodermic needles in the suspects' vehicle, he added.

Grove and Dungan were both charged with attempted theft, criminal mischief, drug possession, resisting arrest, conspiracy, possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing. Grove, who was driving, was also charged with disregarding a police officer's signal, reckless driving and several traffic offenses.

Both were jailed after failing to post \$3,607 and \$3,000 cash bail, respectively.



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Bing's Bakery opens coffee shop on Amstel Avenue

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Bing's Bakery, one of Newark's oldest businesses, now has a second location in town.

Last week, the business opened a coffee and pastry shop called Bing's Bake & Brew. The new eatery is located on Amstel Avenue, next to Claymont Steak Shop in the space last occupied by Saxby's Coffee, which closed a year ago.

"Bing's has been around a long time," said Bing's Bake & Brew manager Vincent Guzzi, the son of Bing's owners Tom and Carla Guzzi. "We have a high standard of quality, and we wanted to bring that here."

Unlike the original Main Street bakery, Bing's Bake & Brew has a coffee shop vibe, with a number of tables inside. It offers a full menu of coffees, lattes and other beverages, as well as a selection of baked goods brought over from the Main Street location and individually packaged to eat on the go or enjoy with a cup of coffee.

"We're letting customers tell us what they're looking for," Guzzi said. "We don't have the full line, but we have some of our top pastries."

So far, popular items have included crumb cake and cinnamon buns, he added.

Guzzi said he hopes the new shop draws in longtime Bing's customers while at the same time, its location near campus will introduce more University of Delaware students to the brand.

"We don't have a huge clientele of students," he said, referring to the Main Street bakery. "Now, being here has definitely opened us up to the students much more."

If the coffee shop is successful, the concept could expand to other locations, Guzzi said. He is also planning to offer baking and cupcake decorating classes in the evenings when the shop is closed.

Bing's has a storied legacy in Newark, with the bakery's history on Main Street dating back nearly 150 years under different names.

In 1946, Russell and Selena Bing bought Fader's Bakery and renamed it Bing's. At the time, it was located at 57 E. Main St, and moved to its current location at 253 E. Main St. in 1955.

Russell died in 1979, and Selena continued to run the bakery until shortly before her death, when she sold it to Tom and Carla Guzzi in 2005. Tom had worked there as a baker for nine years.

Vincent Guzzi started working with his parents in 2010.

"I always had the intention of working as a baker," he said. "I like working with my hands and putting a smile on someone's face. To see people's feedback, I get pleasure from that."

He noted that he has fond memories of growing up in Bing's Bakery.

"I loved Mrs. Bing. She was an awesome lady," he said. "I think she'd like the expansion of Bing's here."



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The new Bing's Bake & Brew on Amstel Avenue sells a full menu of coffees, lattes and other beverages, plus an assortment of the bakery's most popular pastries. The shop is managed by Vincent Guzzi (above), the son of Bing's Bakery owners Tom and Carla Guzzi.



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Atexquita Mexican Grill & Bar will open next month on South Main Street.

Mexican restaurant, bar coming to South Main Street

Council approves special-use permit to sell alcohol

By JOSH SHANNON
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A new restaurant and bar promising authentic Mexican food will open on South Main Street next month.

Atexquita Mexican Grill & Bar will be located at 136 S. Main St., between Tantini and South Main Street Liquor Store.

"We really pride ourselves on our authentic Mexican food and that is what we're trying to bring to the Newark people. We really want it to be a family experience," said Chelsea Torres, who will own the restaurant along her husband Fernando and brother-in-law Eduardo, who was born in Mexico.

The family already owns two similar restaurants, one near New Castle and one in Penns Grove, N.J. The eatery is named for a region in Mexico where Eduardo's wife is from.

Chelsea Torres said she grew up near Newark and attended the University of Delaware. She said she has fond

memories of visiting Main Street businesses with her grandparents.

"I really like the sense of community in Newark," she said.

While the restaurant is located in an area of Newark populated by many students, Torres believes Atexquita will attract a good mix of non-students and families as well.

"We hope to have a little bit of everyone," she said, adding that like the family's other restaurants, it will be an authentic, sit-down restaurant.

On Monday, the restaurant petitioned city council for a special-use permit to serve alcohol.

Torres agreed to reduce the planned bar from 15 seats to 13 to comply with city code, which mandates that only 15 percent of an establishment's seats can be at a bar.

"We weren't intending to have a bar scene," Torres said. "The bar is mainly meant for people to sit at as they wait for a table to become available."

City planner Mike Fortner noted that the Newark Police Department had no concerns about allowing alcohol sales. Like most businesses that sell alcohol in Newark, Atexquita will be subject to the city's point system, which can result in suspension of the special-use permit if the business has too many violations.

"Allowing for the purchase of an alcoholic beverage with lunch or dinner may enhance the experience of dining at Atexquita Mexican Grill & Bar and help the restaurant, which fills a niche in the downtown area, succeed," Fortner said.

Councilman James Horning Jr. warned Torres to be vigilant while serving alcohol.

"With a college town, it might be a little different than you're used to in New Castle with the potential for overconsumption by our younger population, and also the use of fake IDs," Horning said.

Councilman Chris Hamilton concurred, noting that many students frequent the South Main Street corridor.

"It's a college town. They make it their business to find ways to skirt the law," Hamilton said. "If you're the newbie on the block, they may be testing you."

Council approved the special-use permit 5-0, with council members Jen Wallace and Jason Lawhorn absent.

"Thank you for choosing Newark for your business," Horning told Torres. "We wish you good luck."

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Out of the Past

The Pencader Heritage Museum has been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes and shares excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column. The museum, at 2029 Sunset Lake Road, is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Wednesday noon to 4 p.m.

September 1949: Frank Nardo wanted to open a "soda fountain/patent medicine business" on McKean Place; he was told to follow zoning ordinance procedures. Council bought a fan for use by Elmer Ellison while in the hospital, and it would be property of town for others to use while in hospital. Continental-Diamond Fibre was given permission to buy electricity from Delaware Power like National Vulcanized Fibre was doing.

At the request of school superintendent, a walkway was cleared through city parking lot for school children. East side residents wanted a traffic light on town side of Leak's

Garage (note: Now the site of the traffic island at Capitol Trail and Ogletown Road.) Request was tabled. The committee appointed to investigate the firing of Alfred Walker recommended he not be rehired. No deed could be found for North Street property in name of A. Casey.

Fifty dollars would be donated toward the Halloween parade. Stewart Hopkins, a part-time employee at pumping station, had never been granted vacation time. He was granted six days. There were problems with assessments and recent survey showed about 2,000 taxable properties in town. On Orchard Road, there were holes in the street surface, and a property owner had a dead elm tree which had to be removed. The gutter in front of the Fader property on West Main Street needed attention. Mr. Fader reported that Atlantic Refining Co. had offered to sell him its property at the corner of Main and Elkton Road.

Out of the Attic



Downes Elementary crossing guard — 1987

This week's Out of the Attic item is a 1987 photo of children crossing the road in front of Downes Elementary School. It depicts crossing guard Nancy Toulson stopping traffic for students Patrick Greenplate and Kevin Hudson.

The photo was published in the Sept. 9, 1987, edition of the Newark Post, accompanying a profile of Toulson, who was marking her 20th year on the job.

"I promise to learn the names of all my kids by the end of the school year, and I do," she told the Post. "I've never found a child

that I didn't like or didn't care about."

Out of the Attic is produced in partnership with the Newark Historical Society. The Newark History Museum, located in the old train station under the South College Avenue bridge is open by appointment December through March. Admission is free. For more info, call 302-234-4145 or visit www.newarkdehistoricalsociety.org. Do you have an old photo to share with Newark Post readers? Contact editor Josh Shannon at 443-907-8437 or jshannon@newarkpost.com.

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Man sentenced to 20 years for overdose death of Newarker

By JOSH SHANNON
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A drug dealer will spend the next two decades in prison after a federal court held him responsible for the overdose death of a Newark man who bought fentanyl-laced heroin distributed by the dealer.

Emanuel Jimenez – a citizen of the Dominican Republic who was living in Philadelphia under the false identity Robin CINTRON-PRATTS – pleaded guilty to drug distribution resulting in death. In accordance with the plea agreement, Chief U.S. District Judge Leonard P. Stark sentenced him to 20 years.

“The defendant knew that people were overdosing,” Stark said. “It’s not a stretch to say that he knew that overdosing could mean death. And none of that stopped him, nor is there any indication that it bothered him.”

For several months in early 2017, Jimenez delivered up to 13,000 baggies of heroin each week to Wilmington drug dealer James Briggs, who sold some of those drugs to Abdoulaye Diallo, who in turn sold some to Michael Wilson.

According to court records, Wilson gave some of the drugs to his friend, Joel Davis.

On Feb. 14, 2017, Davis texted Wilson, “If you grab anything can you leave a

couple in my drawer in the hallway?”

According to the indictment, Wilson understood that message to mean he was to provide Davis with several baggies of heroin.

The following day, Wilson did so and texted Davis, “Hey I got it. It’s in the first drawer underneath your clothes and the scale.”

Davis, 29, was found unresponsive on the bathroom floor by his roommates. When the Newark Police Department arrived on scene, officers found a spoon, empty syringes and four empty baggies with a piece of paper marked “Tasty.”

It was confirmed through an autopsy that Davis died of a fentanyl overdose and that the Tasty baggies contained the fentanyl that caused Davis’ death.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid drug used as a pain reliever and anesthetic. It is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin. Heroin is sometimes cut with fentanyl because fentanyl is cheaper.

Upon learning someone had died using his product, Jimenez wasn’t surprised, telling Briggs that his drugs had caused overdoses in the past.

“You what happens? People, they do it. ... they didn’t feel it like that quick, so they think the [expletive] not good so they do it over and over. And like 20

minutes later... oh [expletive],” Jimenez said.

U.S. Attorney David C. Weiss told the court that Jimenez’s reaction showed his callous disregard for the people affected by his drugs.

“He expressed no regret, no surprise – just an awareness that the drugs he sold were deadly and had caused multiple overdoses. And then, immediately after learning that his product killed someone, the defendant sold a large quantity of heroin to a customer without any hesitation,” Weiss said. “The defendant was a large-scale heroin supplier who made our community more dangerous, and he knew that he was risking killing people.”

He noted the effect Davis’ overdose had on his family.

“Mr. Davis was a bright and energetic young man who had dealt with his fair share of tragedy and loss,” Weiss said. “The defendant’s actions permanently changed the lives of Mr. Davis’s father and sisters – who were all still grieving the loss of their mother. Mr. Davis’s father died several months later, leaving his sisters to deal with unimaginable loss.”

In 2017, 345 people died from drug overdoses in Delaware.

Briggs was sentenced to 10 years in prison earlier this year, and Diallo is awaiting sentencing.

Nominees sought for youth service award

POST STAFF REPORT

Mayor Jerry Clifton is soliciting nominations for an annual youth service award program.

The LEAD360 program is open to people ages 5 to 25. To be eligible, projects must have been completed after Feb. 1, 2019.

Clifton will honor all nominees with a Jefferson Award next spring. He will also choose one Newark winner to move on to the state-level competition.

“LEAD360 makes service easy-to-do, fun and accessible by seeking outstanding youth service and replicating the best statewide,” spokeswoman Nikki Mowbray said.

Launched in 2010, the program has recognized more than 7,000 Delaware youth in 785 service projects in collaboration with the mayors of seven towns, including Dover, Georgetown, Lewes, Milford, Newark, Seaford and Wilmington.

Last year, Newark’s winners were Newark Charter School students Rogelia Carrizales, Romelia Carrizales, Grace Delaney and Katie Hamelin. The students organized and led a homelessness awareness night, intended to inform members of the



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Last year’s local LEAD360 winners were Newark Charter School students Grace Delaney, Rogelia Carrizales, Romelia Carrizales and Katie Hamelin, who organized a homelessness awareness night as part of their leadership capstone project.

public about the issue of homelessness and how they can help. Following the presentation, attendees packed 300 “go bags” – containing snacks, toiletries, socks and other items – to hand out to those in need.

To submit a project, visit <http://bit.ly/MultiplyingGoodLEAD360>. The deadline is Jan. 31.

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Demolition continues at site of future Main Street hotel

Demolition is continuing at the site of a future Main Street hotel.

The building that once housed Abbott's Shoe Repair is gone, and crews have torn down the rear portion of the Green Mansion. The façade of the Green Mansion, which dates back to 1882, is protected by a historic preservation law and will be incorporated into the hotel.

Lang Development Group's new building will include 144 hotel rooms, 19,500 square feet of office space and a parking garage at 96 E. Main St., across from the Academy Street intersection. The hotel is slated to open in summer 2021.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON

A pile of rubble was all that was left of the Abbott's Shoe Repair building after crews knocked it down to make way for a new seven-story hotel.

Demolition continues at the Green Mansion on Main Street. The rear of the building is being demolished to make way for Lang Development Group's seven-story hotel.



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With the Abbott's Shoe Repair building gone, the Main Street clock tower is visible from Municipal Parking Lot No. 3



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Creativity abounds at gingerbread house contest

By JOSH SHANNON

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When the Newark Arts Alliance announced its inaugural gingerbread house contest earlier this fall, Joseph Daigle immediately got to work planning his scale-model of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater.

He downloaded the blueprints online and got to work scaling down each piece.

"It took a lot of math," Daigle said.

Daigle has never visited Wright's well-known Fallingwater, which the famed architect built over a waterfall in rural southwestern Pennsylvania in 1935. However, his parents' recent visit there sparked his interest in the house, and he is planning a trip there next year.

"I thought something like Fallingwater with its minimalist design and clean lines would lend itself well to gingerbread," Daigle said.

The engineering took two months, and the baking, assembly and decorating – including sugar-glass windows – took a week. The completed house weighs nearly 40 pounds and takes two people to carry.

The hard work was enough to win Daigle best-in-show honors in the contest, held as part of NAA's Gingerbread Bash fundraiser at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark on Saturday night.

The contest drew nine entries ranging from traditional gingerbread houses to more unique creations, like a gingerbread birdhouse, a gingerbread teepee and a gingerbread model of NAA's headquarters in Market East Plaza.

Dragonfly Leathrum, a Newark-based artist, submitted two gingerbread creations – the teepee and a house of cards.

"I wanted to try something different than the traditional house," Leathrum said.

She and fellow artists Mary Anderson and Marijke van Buchem all worked on their entries together.

"We had a nice little gingerbread house making party," Leathrum said.



Joseph Daigle (left) created this to-scale gingerbread model of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house.

After spending 22 years as a wedding cake decorator, making a gingerbread house was a different sort of challenge, she said. "It's much less pressure than a wedding cake," she said. "And it will be appreciated for longer."

Anderson, who once owned the Bit O' Scotland bakery on Del. 896, created the gingerbread birdhouse, complete with dried apples to look like shingles on the roof.

Van Buchem's gingerbread house included a solar panel made of chocolate and used shredded wheat cereal to mimic the look of the straw roofs common in her native Holland.

"Oh, we had a ball," she said. "I never thought it would be that fun."

Vivienne Cameron and her 11-year-old grandson, Parker Jimenez, submitted a gingerbread village consisting of several small buildings.

"We were going to do a dog house, but it sort of grew into this whole village," said Cameron, who said she used a 50-year-old secret family recipe when baking the gingerbread.

She and Parker spent two weekends on the project.

"He did a lot of the design," Cameron said. "It was wonderful that we got to spend some time together."



Mary Anderson created this gingerbread birdhouse.



Pamela Zucaro created this gingerbread house.



Dragonfly Leathrum created this gingerbread teepee.



Marijke van Buchem created this gingerbread house.



Diane Jones created this gingerbread house, which is a replica of the Newark Arts Alliance building in Market East Plaza.

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NHS girls basketball team hopes to stay healthy

By JON BUZBY

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Injuries are a part of any sports season. However, rarely do they affect the majority of a team for an extended period of time.

Newark High's entire starting lineup missed three consecutive weeks last season with a variety of injuries. And of course, as bad luck would have it, the injuries occurred during the three busiest weeks of the season in terms of number of games played.

In the end, the Yellowjackets still managed to win seven games for the third consecutive year, which gives head coach Jim Schulte reason for optimism heading into the 2019-20 campaign.

"I think we're going to have a great season if the bug doesn't strike again," the second-year coach said a few days before the team's opener against St. Mark's.

Among those bit by the injury bug was junior Johnany Farrell. She missed almost the entire season, so Schulte is excited to have her back to full strength.

"She came on for us at the end of the year," he explained. "She is a great shooter and excellent defender."

Senior Selana Whelan missed the latter part of the season after averaging 10 points per game.

"She is my workhorse," Schulte said.

Junior point guard Gia Pipkin returns to engineer the Yellowjacket offense and will be a key factor on both ends of the floor.

"Gia is our best defender and a good point guard," Schulte said.

The team's top returning rebounder is senior Tiffany Wiley and a pair of sophomores, Catherine Osinubi and Brianna Espinal, are expected to see a lot of minutes. Espinal gives the team another ball handler and is a good outside shooter. Osinubi has proven early on to be a solid defender in the paint, which goes along with Schulte's overall philosophy.

"My philosophy is the same [my second year] – play a tough defense and our offense will follow," he explained.

Newark's scrimmages revealed a reason for optimism. The Yellowjackets tied Smyrna 16-16 and defeated McKean 53-24 before dropping their final preseason test, 32-28, to Delaware Military Academy.

"If how we played in the scrimmages is how we play during the season, we're going to have a successful season," Schulte pointed out.

Schulte also has a new coach on the bench with him. Ben Dorsey, who previously coached at Hodgson, has coached on a few teams that have reached the semifinals.

"Ben brings me an experienced coach on the bench," Schulte said.

Schulte also has a reason to be optimistic because the team's best player, according to him, wasn't even on the team last year. And senior Dymond Gordon didn't disappoint in her varsity debut, scoring eight points in a 51-32 loss to St. Mark's.

"She's our best all-around player," Schulte said. "She loves to drive."

Other newcomers expected to see playing time are sophomore Gabrielle Appiah and freshmen Sanai Hayman and Dezarai Woolford.

"Gabrielle is my big girl in the paint and a good rebounder," Schulte said. "Sanai is a great ball handler who I'm looking forward to seeing come off the bench and starting on occasion. Dezarai is a good ball handler who will be coming off the bench."

Newark's second game is today at Concord, and Schulte hopes his team will head into the weekend with its first win of the young season.

"I learned [in our scrimmages] we have a very good defense," Schulte said. "We are working on discipline because we got in foul trouble quick, and teamwork on offense. If we can combine those two with how we played defense and hustled we're in good shape come Friday against Concord."



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Jim Schulte is in his second year as head coach of the Newark High girls basketball team.

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Newark welcomes Christmas season



Santa greets the Winterfest crowd, accompanied by Mayor Jerry Clifton and Sharon Bruen of the Newark Parks and Recreation Department.



Five-year-old twins Stephen and Christian Hoover, along with their 2-year-old sister Evangeline, greet Santa at the George Wilson Center.



The Christmas tree is aglow on the Academy Lawn during Winterfest.

Santa Claus came to town last weekend as Newark marked the unofficial start of the Christmas season. The fun kicked off last Friday night with the annual Winterfest celebration on the Academy Lawn, which included a tree lighting, roasted chestnuts and music and dance performances. In conjunction with Winterfest, more than 800 people ran in the Reindeer Run, which raised money for Special Olympics Delaware. On Saturday, Santa came to the George Wilson Center for the annual Snack with Santa event.



Hazel Gruber-Stark, 3, greets Santa at the George Wilson Center.



Amani Thurman and Carol McKelvey, volunteers from The Newark Partnership, show off their festive look at Winterfest.

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Jean and Steve Goodwin read their children's book, "Milton the Christmas Moose" during the Snack with Santa event at the George Wilson Center.



The Steinbrunner siblings – Genevieve, 2, Sawyer, 4 and Ryleigh, 1 – greet Santa at the George Wilson Center.

TOWERS

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The work will begin in January and continue through the summer.

Meanwhile, UD has hired a consultant to advise the university on how best to take down the exterior of the two buildings. At 16 and 17 stories high, the towers are the tallest buildings in Newark.

One option is implosion, but that creates concerns about safety and dust, Krawchyk said. The other option is to take the buildings down piece by piece, but their height complicates that.

Krawchyk said UD expects to make a decision by May or June. The cost and timing of the second phase of demolition will be determined by the method chosen.

Currently, UD has no plans for the site of the Christiana Towers, which is part of Laird Campus off New London Road.

"We'll see what the future needs are," Krawchyk said.

Built in 1972, the towers housed 1,300 students in apartment-style dorms. Last year, UD officials announced that the towers would close in 2024, after a new residence hall on The Green opened. However, a couple months later, the university decided to close the towers earlier this year, prompting concern from some in the community about the impact the loss of student beds could have on the city.

UD officials said the tow-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

The Christiana Towers will be demolished started next month.

ers had outlived their functional and financial life, but never publicly provided a clear explanation of the sudden change in course.

"Through a thoughtful approach, we've focused on planning options that would best maximize student experience and well-being while minimizing costs and operational inefficiencies for the university," UD Peter Kerwin said in November 2018. "Such planning is an ongoing process, and it was determined during administrative meetings this fall in partnership with our trustees that

plans should be accelerated to optimize positive impact on our campus community over the long-term."

The last students moved out in May, and the following week, the university held a farewell event, inviting alumni to visit the towers one last time, tour two dorm rooms and write notes on the walls to send the buildings off.

Other construction updates

In other action Tuesday, the trustees approved \$4

million to build an addition to the library annex, a storage warehouse on Wyoming Road. The warehouse will be used to store items from the Morris Library when it is renovated.

Meanwhile, UD President Dennis Assanis confirmed that the biopharmaceutical building on the STAR Campus is on track to open in February. The six-story, \$160 million building will house the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals and the Delaware Biotechnology Institute, as well as

labs and office space. Assanis called it "the most complex building we have ever created in the history of this university."

Assanis also highlighted the \$38 million financial services technology building planned for the STAR Campus.

First announced last month, the six-story, 100,000-square-foot building will be a partnership between UD, Delaware Technology Park and Discover Bank. DTP will own the building, which it will fund with a below-market-rate loan from Discover. UD

will lease space in the building once its completed in 2021.

Assanis revealed Tuesday that the new building will house 110 jobs but noted that it will have an even bigger impact on the state, which is well-positioned to capitalize on the growing FinTech sector.

"This will attract more companies to the state, obviously," he said. "Think about how many more students we're going to be educating every year, and they'll have great careers. So the impact will be thousands of jobs."

The long-awaited new train station, located next to the STAR Campus, is slated for completion by the end of January. SEPTA will increase its service to Newark, and Assanis said he expects Amtrak to do the same, though he noted he had nothing specific to announce.

"If you build it, they will come," Assanis said.

Work will begin soon on a project to convert Warner Hall from a dorm into a health and wellness center for students.

"There is a mental health crisis, that's a crisis for our country," Assanis said. "They come here with emotional issues, substance abuse, depression, anxiety. We need a place to make sure our students overcome any of the challenges."

Two smaller campus projects are also slated to open in February – an e-sports gaming room in Perkins Student Center and a "maker gym" with 3-D printers, a wood shop and other equipment in Pearson Hall.

GREGG

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School District in Pennsylvania when the Christina School Board chose him to be superintendent in 2017.

"I want to thank Gregg for his dedication to Christina School District and his many contributions," Board President Meredith Griffin said in a prepared statement. "We wish him all the best as he embarks on the next chapter in his distinguished career."

Gregg has presided over a challenging time for Christina, which had to cut 63 educator position earlier this year after voters rejected a referendum. Still facing a multi-million-dollar shortfall, the district is planning another referendum for next year.

Christina's graduation rate remains the lowest of any school district in the state, though the district did see a slight increase recently. At the same time, Christina often faces a negative perception in the community and loses students to charter schools.

"We're working hard to change that perception," Gregg said last year. "That's

why we're working on some of the things we're doing, to create different programs that would retain the students we have and attract new students to the district."

One of those changes is an ambitious reimagining of the three high school programs, an initiative that began this year. The district will transform Newark, Glasgow and Christiana high schools by creating structured, concentrated pathways that will give each school a specific brand and focus in order to better compete with charter and vo-tech schools.

Now, the search for a new superintendent begins.

"The school board will determine what the best process will be for choosing Gregg's replacement and will begin a search," Mobley said.

During the last superintendent search, it took a year from the time the search began to when Gregg reported to work.

The district hired a consulting firm to lead the search, and then a task force made up of teachers, staff members, community members and a student reviewed eight semifinalists and narrowed the list down to five candidates. Then, the board chose three candidates to participate in a public presentation and a private interview with the board.



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Christina School District Superintendent Richard Gregg is stepping down in June.

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NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday – December 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Newark City Council Chamber

A Special City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The meeting will begin in executive session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(4) for a strategy session, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body. There may be a vote after the executive session.

At 6:30 p.m., Council will begin its public session for the purpose of participating in the State of Delaware required anti-harassment training.

Agenda Posted – December 12, 2019

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PUBLIC AUCTION
SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

333 E. Lea Blvd.,
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A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #47 – Shauna F. Anderson – Bags, clothing, totes.
Unit #59 – Demona Lucas – Bags, boxes, kitchen chair, hamper, totes, washer.
Unit #400 – Teana Y. Carn – Air conditioner, boxes, fan, mirrors, flat screen TV, drawers.
Unit #403 – Debra C. Carn – Bags, upholstered chair, clothing, pictures, vase, fireplace.
Unit #862 – Donna M. Keller – Bags, box spring, mattress, boxes, clothing, fan, ironing board, (2) stools, (2) suitcases, totes, (2) flat screen TV's, shovel.

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A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 01/08/2020 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit 6053 – Robert W. Degroat – Rd outdoor table, 3 rockers, 1 glider chair, dresser, mini-mouse rider, boxes, totes

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Unit # 9471 – Jason Mathew - boxes, kitchen chair, totes, toybox bench, foot locker, cooler, trash can
Unit # 3120 – Donna Mcfee – boxes, kitchen chair, clothing, fan, lamp, pictures, vacuum, walker, carpet cleaner, hand dolly
Unit # 2116 – Antonio Arriaga-Tapia – bags, boxes, clothing closet, couch, dresser, shelving, speakers, stereo, suitcase, end table, tool box, totes

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Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 762-3626

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Sales are "cash only". The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #127 – Aaron Dupree: Box, Totes, suitcases, dog kennel, motorized wheelchair

465 Pulaski Hwy
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-5810

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:
Unit #4032–Steven Garibaldi-Ice Chest, Pictures, Folding Table, Tool Boxes, Totes, Assorted Household Items, Tarp, Nikon Camera
Unit #2052–Damien Reisinger—Vending Machines, Assorted Household Items
Unit #6002—Sharronda Hunton—Bags, Boxes, Suitcase, Totes, Kids Toys, Dress Stand, Xmas Decorations, 3-Tier Plastic Bins

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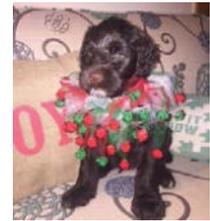
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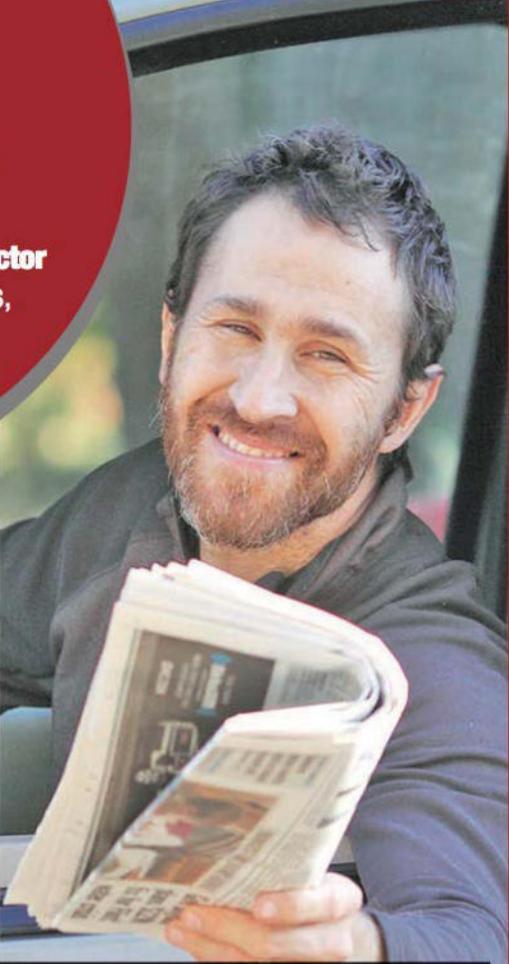
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Local woman to compete for Miss America title

POST STAFF REPORT

A woman with local ties will compete for the title of Miss America next week.

Hillary May, 23, will join 50 other women in the annual pageant, being held this year at the Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort in Uncasville, Conn., at 8 p.m. Dec. 19. The pageant will air live on NBC.

A native of Pike Creek, May is working toward her doctorate in education at the University of Delaware.

"Delaware has given me so much. A home, a community, an education,

and more support than I could've ever imagined. I'm going to Miss America to have the time of my life, but I'm also going to give back to Delaware," May said in a prepared statement.

She is a trained vocal performer and beatboxer and describes herself as a "future CEO."

Since winning the Miss Delaware title in June, May has been promoting her social impact initiative "Let's Talk: Breaking the Stigma Around Mental Health" through appearances at schools and universities.

She has worked with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in two states and is currently sitting on the board of directors for the Delaware chapter. She volunteers as a facilitator for the Healing Pathways group therapy series for grieving children through an organization called Supporting KIDDS. Other partnerships she has made in the mental health community include the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Mental Health Association and the SL24 Foundation.



Hillary May, a Pike Creek native and University of Delaware student, will compete in the Miss America pageant next week.

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