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LOCAL COFFEE COMPANY FINDS JOY IN PROVIDING QUALITY OPTIONS TO THE AREA

BY TERRY ROGERS

Matt King finds joy in bringing locally roasted coffee to the Milford area. Currently a high school math teacher at Sussex Tech, King learned the art of coffee roasting from a co-worker while employed at Dogfish Head in Milton. During the pandemic, the hobby grew and at the end of 2022, King's Coffee Company was formed.

"We often discussed coffee," King said. "He would mention how he roasted his own, where he purchased his unroasted beans from and gave me some tips. Eventually, I picked up the hobby. I was really able to enjoy the creative freedom and challenges the art and science that coffee roasting provides. I was able to create fantastic tasting coffee with beans from around the world and that fascinated me. Over the pandemic, I began roasting more often and considered the idea of starting a business with the encouragement of my wife and close friends."

King grew up in New Jersey, making his way to Delaware while attending the University of Delaware. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 2005 and settled in Sussex County in 2008. He currently resides in Milford with his wife and three children.

"It has been a challenge to keep up with demand, which is a fine problem to have," King said. "I roast small batches in a 1-kilogram coffee roaster, but, ideally, I'd like a roaster six to 10 times that size. I am still teach-

ing full-time, so my time and availability to put toward the coffee company is limited. This is my first year of operation and I sell online orders for shipping and delivery. Orders can also be picked up at the Riverwalk Farmer's Market in Milford." He also has a working relationship with Weeping Willows Farm off of Bowman Road where they sell his coffee at their roadside stand.

What began as a hobby that turned into a business, King states that King's Coffee Company is off to a great start and he is looking forward to what comes next. He currently offers bags of specialty coffees, whole bean and ground (upon request). The company has five different rotating varieties including light roast, medium roast, dark roast, espresso roast and decaf.

"My current favorite is the medium roast I am offering from Guatemala Miichicoy Finca Rosma Coffee Farm," King said. "The biggest reward I get from running this company is the joy that comes from serving the best coffee possible to my local community. I am thankful to be able to get to know the people here through coffee. Two things I love—coffee and community!"

In the future, King hopes to open a brick and mortar coffee roastery and tasting room. He is currently working through the evolutions of King's Coffee Company in order to expand his customer base.

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“I am looking to make future partnerships to sell my coffee at their locations,” King said. “I would love to have local restaurants, churches, bakers and/or shops serving and selling my coffee.”

Anyone interested in purchasing products from King’s Coffee Company can do so at their [website](#). They can also visit Weeping Willows Farm, located at 2955 Bowman Road in Milford or visit their booth at the Riverwalk Farmer’s Market.



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BY TERRY ROGERS

The Milford Public Library is offering several programs in November with two focusing on area history and one looking at relationships between women and wardrobes.

“Our first event for November is a live performance of ‘Love, Loss and What I Wore,’ written by Nora and Delia Ephron,” Carolyn Tabor, program director, said. “This is a series of monologues using a rotating cast of five women. The monologues talk about relationships between women as well as how those relationships and wardrobe are often intertwined. The stories use the female wardrobe as a time capsule of women’s lives.”

“Love, Loss and What I Wore” will be presented in the Lions Room A&B on Saturday, Nov. 4, at noon. The play is directed by Marge Ventura.

On Nov. 11, the Milford Museum, in partnership with the Delaware Heritage Commission, will present “The Mayflower.” The program, which begins at 1 p.m., will have Bill “Hutch” Hutchison telling the iconic story of

EVENTS PLANNED AT MILFORD LIBRARY FOR NOVEMBER

one of the most recognized ships in American history. The story goes beyond how this one ship landed a group of pilgrims on the shores of Cape Cod as it also talks about the Mayflower Compact.

“It covers the first Thanksgiving and descendants of those pilgrims that number in the millions,” Tabor said. “This is part of the monthly American History Series provided by the museum which offers information on local, state and national history.”

More information about “The Mayflower” can be learned by calling the Milford Museum at 302-424-1080 or emailing Tom Summers, Education and Community Outreach Director, at tom@milforddemuseum.org. Suggestions for future presentations are also accepted.

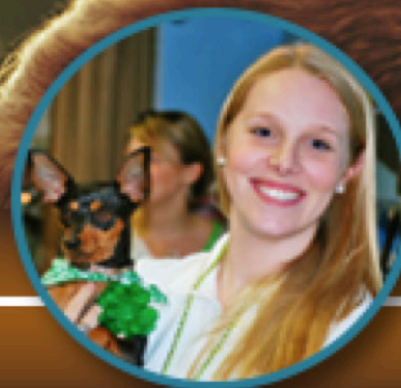
“One of the more interesting programs we are offering this month is ‘The History of Etiquette: Why We Do What We Do?’ which will be presented by Lisa S. Chase of Delaware Humanities,” Tabor said. “This program will cover some of the manners we use today have a history steeped in the Middle Ages and Erasmus’s teaching of classroom etiquette to young men attending Catholic Church schools.”

After learning of how etiquette evolved during those eras, the program progresses to King Louis XV and his use of the word as well as how the social and etiquette

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expectations for polite society followed the early settlers in this country. This is an interactive program with audience participation with props and costume changes. The program is planned for Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. in Lions Room B.

Finally, on Nov. 16, the Department of Health and Human Services will offer COVID-19 vaccines in the library parking lot on Washington Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about programs at the library, visit <https://milford.lib.de.us/> or call 302-422-9418.




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KINDNESS 4 KIDZ EVENT PLANNED IN HARRINGTON

STAFF REPORT

The first benefit designed to raise money for the June Jam organization’s Kindness for Kidz program is planned for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Harrington Moose Lodge. The program, which began as part of Toys for Tots, collects toys and money so that underprivileged children have gifts to open on Christmas.

“Two years ago, June Jam Vice President Ben Sipple retired after working extremely hard for 17 years for Toys for Tots. June Jam was the largest Toys for Tots contributor, raising thousands of dollars for thousands of kids with thousands of toys,” Bob Hartley, founding president of June Jam, said. “It was a gargantuan effort on our part. We’ve had different fire halls and legions and what have you do events for us. So, this one is at the

Harrington Moose. Toys for Tots is no more. We had groups calling us like the Rotary and others saying, ‘hey, we’d like to help out with toys but there’s no Toys for Tots.’ So, we’re trying to fill that gap and we’re coordinating six other organizations to help do that.”

The event will include a Chinese auction and admission is \$10, or \$5 and an unwrapped toy at the door. There will be food available for purchase as well as raffles, including a 50/50 drawing. Bands will kick off at 2 p.m., with Nite Train bringing classic rhythm and blues, followed by Group Therapy at 3:30 p.m.

“Group Therapy was provided to us by the Moose,” Hartley said. “We definitely appreciate them helping us entertain the guests at this event.”

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“I really need to thank our vice president, Lynn Fowler, for putting this together,” Hartley said. “She has been a driving force making sure this event and a lot of other events, go off without a hitch. We are hoping to kick off our Kindness 4 Kidz season in a big way at our first fundraiser.”

For more information about the event, contact Fowler at 302-272-3127 or Hartley at 302-270-7408. Toys will be distributed by local Kent County organizations.



KSI KAMP LENAPE RECEIVES TWO FUNDING GRANTS

BY TERRY ROGERS

Kent Sussex Industries (KSI) received exciting news when the legislative session came to an end in June. A Community Reinvestment Grant of \$249,000 provided funding to upgrade and repair the Kamp Lenape property, as well as fund the purchase of the property next door, expanding opportunities for future camps. KSI's Grant in Aid funding, at \$145,000, also supported needs at Kamp Lenape.

Kamp Lenape, originally a Union School built to provide educational opportunities for African American children, was purchased by United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware in the 1970s after the desegregation of schools. The organization used the facility for recreational programs for children with disabilities. In 2022, KSI

purchased the property, taking over in 2023 and refurbishing structures and amenities to create a place not only for children with disabilities but also for other events to promote KSI's mission.

Through the generous donations of local organizations and citizens, including Paige's Kindness Project and the Knutsen family, volunteers spent countless hours working on the property. They fixed and painted picnic tables, removed roots, edged and planted flower beds, cleaned rooms and performed many other tasks necessary to prepare the property for campers. The renovations also included the addition of a sensory room for those campers who would need occasional "quiet space" during camp.



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BY TERRY ROGERS

Organized on June 9, 1925, the Milford Rotary will celebrate its 100th year in 2025, a milestone many clubs and organizations would love to achieve. Over the years, the Rotary has held many events and provided much needed support throughout the community, including scholarships, motivation for students to earn honor roll recognition, support for first responders and more. In celebration of its centennial, the organization is seeking photographs of events, students, teachers and more related to the Rotary efforts over the years.

“Mike Orlando is taking care of the actual celebration events for 2025, which will probably include a dinner and more, but I am tasked with the historical portion of the event,” Jim O’Neill said. “And my part is developing

MILFORD ROTARY SEEKING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR UPCOMING CELEBRATION

a booklet we plan to print and distribute that year. I’m not an historian. So, we recruited Claudia Leister from the Milford Museum and she has done a tremendous job finding things from the old Milford Chronicle and they have Harvey Marvel’s papers from when he was a district governor of the Rotary. They dug out all kinds of things from him and from all kinds of other sources that she could find. So, that gave us a lot of the early history.”

O’Neill explained that what is missing is a lot of the more recent history, things the Rotary has done over the past 30 years.

“For instance, she didn’t have any materials for the Academic Motivation program. That was a big project for us. We ended up putting over a quarter million dollars into it. That was a program where the Rotary sponsored middle school students to send them on an educational field trip in the middle of the year and then a fun trip down to Busch Gardens or Hershey Park or something like that at the end of the year, and that would be for the kids that got on the honor roll. It was an incentive program to try to get kids to get on the honor roll. And it worked. We had great results from that.”

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Reaching out to early Rotarians like Dave Passwaters and Sudler Lofland, O'Neill explained he has found significant information for the text of the booklet, but many eras of the organization are missing photographs. They are asking people to search their own photo and document collection to see if they may have something related to Rotary activities. O'Neill stated that it may just be a brochure with the photo of an exchange group that were brought here by the Rotary or of students and teachers on the field trips provided by the Academic Motivation program. He is also seeking photos of some founding members of the Rotary as well as events held over the years.

"We had a fundraiser that raised money for the Academic Motivation program called an 'Evening of Friendship' and we have very few photographs of that," O'Neill said. "We had one that was a real interesting event I think it caught a lot of attention in the community. We had the Caribbean theme and got a steel drum band to come in and the Rotarians got together, made some trees from rug rolls, and wrapped burlap around them. We used Christmas tree stands for bases and made fronds out of wire and crepe paper kind of things and put the trees in baby swimming pools filled with sand—we gave it a real good look. We have no photographs of that event and would love if anyone could provide some."

Milford Rotary Club is the oldest service organization in Milford. R.A. "Buck" Derrickson and G. Marshall Townsend were friends with Cornelius Garretson, who was then president of the Wilmington Rotary. They

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convinced Garretson to sponsor a club in Milford in order to promote better business and shopping conditions in Milford, including the creation of shopping centers. The national Rotary Club had only been around a few years before Milford began with its roots in Chicago.

“Some of our founding members included Louder Hearn, a lumber dealer; Dr. Layton Grier; William Siple; and Harry Pettyjohn, who was a druggist,” O’Neill said. “We had Dr. Willard Pierce and James Spears. Dr. O.V. James, N.M. Stokes, who was a jeweler and Charles ‘Don’ Holzmueller. It was a wide variety of people. Some of these founding members we have no photos of and would love to get as many as we can.”

According to the Milford Historical Society, the first officers of the Milford Rotary were Derrickson, president; Townsend, secretary; and G.T. Reed, treasurer. Reed resigned in 1927 and was succeeded by Holzmueller. Other charter members included C.D. Abbott, S.C. Evans, George H. Hall, C.J. Holzmueller, Harry J. Pettyjohn, James P. Pierce, Willard R. Pierce, William G. Stokes, S.P. Toadvine, Bayard V. Wharton and Elmer T. Williams. O’Neill stated that the Rotary has offered many unique events over the years.

“One neat things in the first year, they brought in Connie Mack from the Philadelphia Athletics and he gave a talk, and then they got a whole lot of things going,” O’Neill said. “It’s a small group. It’s not like some of the other groups where they try to get as many people as they can. We’ve been professionals who were businesspeople, mainly interested in the betterment of the community.”

The Rotary motto is service above self, which means they continuously try to look for projects that will benefit the community. Two prominent early members were Daniel and Lee Hirsch, brothers who were leaders in the town. Known for philanthropy, the Hirsch’s donated to churches and hospitals. They also funded the first scholarship given by the Rotary.

“I.G. Burton was very prominent,” O’Neill said. “In the 30s, he was able to replace the ambulance through the Rotary.”

Over the years, the Milford Rotary has offered its support to many worthwhile causes. At one time, the tag line for Milford was “garden city of twin counties,” which was selected in a contest sponsored by the Rotary and submitted by Mrs. Edward Maag.

Anyone who has photos or other documents they would like to send for the Rotary Centennial booklet can email them to MRCED1925@gmail.com. They can also be mailed to the Milford Rotary Club, PO Box 10, Milford, DE 19963.

“If someone has a photo they want to provide, but they don’t have a method to email or mail, they can contact us and we can send a photographer out to take photos,” O’Neill said. “For instance, someone contacted us and told us they have a photo framed on their wall, but they are afraid they may damage it if they take it down. Our photographer is going out to take pictures of it for them.”

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HOLIDAY STROLL PLANS UNDERWAY

BY TERRY ROGERS

Planning for the annual DMI Holiday Stroll is underway and, according to Sonja Koeller, organizer of the event, most of the planning is complete. The event, planned for Dec. 2 from 3 to 8 p.m., includes a few new events for 2023.

“We are adding an Ugly Sweater Contest the day of the stroll,” Koeller said. “What we are asking people to do is wear their favorite ‘ugly’ Christmas sweater and take photos in front of a canvas we are placing downtown. They then send it off to Google photos where it will be judged and we will award first, second and third prize.”

The canvas, which is being painted by local artist Nadia Zychal, will be located next to the DMI tent in front of their offices at 10 S. Walnut Street.

“We try to do a lot of things during the Holiday Stroll as far as Christmas activities and entertainment. We will have a live nativity with a choir, we’ll have the high

school choir singing at some point, the Unity band, so lots of different things will be happening that day,” Koeller said. “Holiday Stroll encompasses all of that as well as the Christmas market. We have about 40 vendors; we call them artisan crafters and specialty products that have reserved space in our Christmas market area.”

The live nativity and sound for the event is provided by Milford Church of God and Koeller explained that the entire event is based on a European tradition at Christmas. Walnut Street from Northeast Front to Southeast Front Streets will be closed to traffic for the event.

“We will have the Carlisle Fire Department on Park Avenue with the smores provided by Rep. Bryan Shupe next to it. The Christmas Market will be in Riverwalk Park next to Santa’s house,” Koeller said. “And of course,

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Santa will be there. He will be arriving at five o'clock. We'll have entertainment by Bayside Gymnastics. Usually, the businesses do something special. Irish Rose has had Irish dancers at some point in the evening. The Music School is open and having walk throughs. Tax Chicks has their beautiful train display. So, the businesses are open with either entertainment or sales. Of course, restaurants will be open, but they can't accommodate everybody. We have a lot of people downtown that night, so we have five food trucks."

The food trucks who will be offering options at the Holiday Stroll include Dixie's Down Home Cooking, Bola's Thin Crust Pizza, White and Associate Treats, Two Bay Twists and Steel Bowl. In the Christmas market, visitors can find a wide range of items designed for gift giving, including alpaca products, pet accessories, candles, macrame, wood carvings, jewelry, soaps and more. Vendor tables are closed, according to Koeller, and she currently has a wait list. "We've been growing immensely," Koeller said. "It's the beginning of October and I already cannot take another vendor."

DMI is still working on baskets that will be raffled during the stroll. They are also looking for volunteers to help with traffic control (training is provided) and to perform other duties during the event. For more information, contact the DMI office at 302-839-1180.



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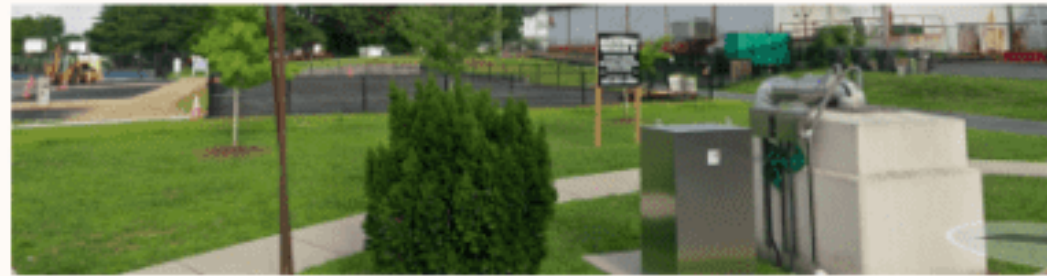


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DOWNTOWN RESTROOMS APPROVED

BY TERRY ROGERS

After the third presentation by Public Works Director Mike Svaby, Milford City Council approved the purchase of a prefabricated restroom for Memorial Park. The new restroom will be located across from the Milford Public Library. Svaby was asked to reach out to contractors to see if it would be less expensive to design and construct a restroom as opposed to buying a prefabricated model.

“Members of council, I submitted something for your packet with a recommendation. But just kind of a quick recap of where this subject matter has been. On this

third instance of review, we first presented the package recommending we procure a prefabricated unit from CXT,” Svaby said. “And after some discussion here in this forum, we agreed that we wanted to see some more options. So, in the previous council meeting to this one, I brought back three different options that would fit in the buildable footprint on 5 S. Washington Street across from the library. And after talking about those, it was more the size and features that we wanted. I believe it was Councilman (Todd) Culotta that had initiated an interest in evaluating the expectation of cost to have a

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building built on site in a conventional fashion from a design.”

Svaby explained that he approached Richard Y. Johnson, the general contractor for the police station, to provide an estimate for building a restroom rather than use one that is prefabricated. He provided the contractor with the same specifications of the Dakota, which was the preferred model among the three units presented. Svaby also provided specifications for the Cortez, which was also well-received. The cost to install the Dakota was \$186,000 with \$60,000 site costs, averaging \$1,253 per square foot, a total of \$246,000. The Cortez cost was \$153,000, with the \$60,000 site costs, an average of \$788 per square foot, a total of \$213,000.

“For the Dakota, something worth note here, that it didn’t really occur to me until we began to look at it from another perspective is we would have a site contractor, preparing the utilities and lining up the utility stubs and then we would have CXT shipping the completed unit in pieces, and we would have the unit’s craned into place,” Svaby said. “Obviously, a high end operation of high precision in terms of lining everything up. But other than having CXT deliver the unit and crane it in my mind it leaves a lot of opportunity for risk both with the shipment of the product itself and then the ultimate placing.”

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Puddicombe continued, explaining some of the reasons this area was identified.

“Some of the reasons we identified this area, the school district is currently refabricating or reconstructing a large portion of their building here. This area falls within about 1,700 feet of the school district area,” Puddicombe said. “It’s part of our critical sidewalk area listed on that identification. It’s what we would consider low hanging fruit. There’s already upgraded curbing in the entire area. The right-of-way is about seven feet wider than the curb, meaning we have plenty of room to put five-foot sidewalk without impacting private residences. And then the other issue or the other benefit is that Simpsons Crossing is going behind here. And they’re installing sidewalks within that neighborhood.”

Infilling the sections of sidewalk would connect pathways throughout the area. In addition, the school district is required to install a multimodal path along Seabury Avenue and Lakeview Avenue, along with a sidewalk on the south side of their property.

“In the last section of the streets program, we installed a little over 600 feet of sidewalk that was missing. For this portion, we talked to the last contractor for the sidewalk program, who has agreed to keep the contract open at their last price for a little while longer, pending Council’s approval or disapproval of the additional quantities at their current price,” Puddicombe said.

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BY BETSY PRICE

At a recent meeting, a discussion about adding city sidewalks in a section of southeast Milford at city expense sparked discussion about the city’s current sidewalk code. According to James Puddicombe, city engineer, areas of the town near New Street were identified as needing sidewalk infill. After discussion with residents in the area, Puddicombe was recommending the city install sidewalks except in front of two properties where the owners were adamant they did not want them.

“The contractor that did the sidewalk program is willing to hold their current price from about a year and a half ago for us to do some sidewalk infill,” Puddicombe said. “What we wanted to do is present how we identified the area for sidewalk infill and then make our request. About two years ago, we presented to council the Sidewalk Master Plan prioritization list. Within this list, you’ll see the area along New Street was one of the areas identified.”

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“What we’re requesting is to expand that contract quantity with an additional \$210,000. This would be to install 1,560 linear feet of sidewalk and would include nine additional ADA ramp replacements or installations. Funding would come from general fund sidewalk infill which was included within the capital plan. And all of this funding falls under the \$250,000 that was already included in the capital plan.”

The plan included nine ADA-compliant ramps at the corners of streets as well, Puddicombe explained. He then stated there were two residents who were staunchly opposed to the sidewalk installation which led staff not to propose any sidewalks in front of their property. Councilman Todd Culotta pointed out that the request was not marked for public comment, pointing out that if council was going to accommodate those two property owners, others should have a say in where the sidewalks were installed. Puddicombe stated that notification was made twice to property owners in the area and that there was an in-person meeting at the corner of Elm Street, where over 20 people came out to talk about the program. Only two residents were opposed to sidewalks in front of their houses. Councilman Mike Boyle pointed out that this was going in an area where the city had an easement.

“Why would we accommodate?” Councilman Boyle said. “I understand the need to be courteous, but in the grand scheme of things, you’re going to have two holes in the sidewalk, which puts us right back in the position we’re in now. How do you bridge that gap if you’re walking or biking?”

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The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress

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DRAMA CLUB PERFORMS "THE EPIC QUEST OF THE DAMSELS IN DISTRESS"

STAFF REPORT

The students of Milford High School's Drama Club are thrilled to present "The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress!" Written by Kenneth Wasemann, this play is a take on fairy tale stereotypes, but flips them around. It contains a monster, fairies, a fairy queen, a knight, a prince, a gladiator, an angry mob of villagers and four strong women on an epic adventure of self-discovery. Director Carissa Meiklejohn says, "We selected this show for its theme of female empowerment and its hilarious comedy."

In addition to all the fun and laughter, this show has provided some exciting learning opportunities for members of the drama club. Meiklejohn says, "This rehearsal process has been fun because we've gotten to do some workshops on stage combat to train the actors in sword fighting and stage hits to ensure that the show elements are done safely."

Cast members in this production include Aria Boyton, Giovanni Burgos, Angelo Carannante, Charleen Chavez, Merary Haro-Purata, Trinity Hopkins, Madison Long, Brianna Lyons, Michael McKain, Cameron Murray, Jude T. Parfitt, Eli Rauch, Abagayle Ruczynski, Bronx Stanfield and Vahsti Villa. Elliana Stoliker is the stage manager and Will Evans is assistant to the director.

Performances will be held in the Milford High School Auditorium, now known as the Gerald W. Thompson

Center for the Performing Arts, on Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4. Both evening shows will begin at 7 p.m. There will also be an afternoon matinee on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door: adults \$7, students and senior citizens \$5. For additional information, please contact Producer Erica Snyder at 302-422-1610 or esnyder@msd.k12.de.us.



HEALTH



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BAYHEALTH GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



BY TERRY ROGERS

As Breast Cancer Awareness month comes to an end, Bayhealth is proud of its efforts in promoting early detection, better treatment options and continuing education about the disease. According to the Komen Foundation, about 240,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and about 2,100 in men. About 42,000 women and 500 men in the United States die each year from breast cancer.

“I always enjoy when Go Pink! rolls around because our staff and community members really rally for this initiative and their support truly saves lives,” John Shevock, FACHE, FACmpe, Bayhealth Cancer Institute Executive Director and Senior Director of Operations, Oncology Service Line, said. “And with some exciting new Go Pink! initiatives added this year, we hope we made an even bigger impact!”

The kickoff to Go Pink! began with the sale of specially designed Go Pink! t-shirts available for a donation of \$20. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts fund breast cancer screenings for underserved populations and help increase breast cancer awareness and education. Shirts can be ordered [HERE](#).

Then, on Oct. 6, Bayhealth held the inaugural “Go Pink at the Rink” at the Dover Skating Center. The event, which was free, drew more than 200 attendees decked out in pink, who not only enjoyed a fun day roller skating, but also gained information about breast cancer and screenings.

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BUCS BEAT TECH 42-13

BY KEVIN EICKMAN

On the game's first offensive play Friday night, Milford was caught with its pants down. On a simple off-tackle play, Ravens senior running back Zion Roach took the ball and ran left. The Buccaneers did not seal the edge and Roach was off to the races. Just like that with 19 seconds off the clock, Milford was facing a 7-0 deficit. With the exception of the music coming from the Ravens Nation band, Briggs Stadium was quiet. The Bucs coaches and players were silent as well. Speaking with Milford coach Jed Bell after the game, he stated that Milford just needed to put the play behind them. "We got caught inside and a very good player got free with the football. There was nothing we could do about it but correct the mistake and move on," he said.

Move on would be exactly what Milford would do on the ensuing drive. Starting from inside its 30, the Bucs would methodically move the ball down the field. The offense was moving the ball well, when disaster almost struck. Just inside Tech's 10, Milford fumbled the ball and Tech scooped it up and started heading in the other direction. However, Milford would force a fumble on the return, giving it a fresh set of downs on the Ravens' 9.

Milford would take advantage of the gift as it continued its strong running attack, led by senior DenNare Horsey who would take it in from six yards out. After a roughing the kicker penalty on the PAT attempt, the Buccaneers would convert a two-point conversion and take an 8-7 advantage.

In a first quarter that flew by, Tech would work the ball into Milford territory before the Buccaneers defense would stiffen. The Bucs would take over at their 18 as the second quarter began. Milford would gain little yardage as the Tech defense forced a three and out. Once again, the Ravens would work it deep into Buccaneers territory, it would be a crucial turnover on downs that allowed Milford to take over on its eight. With miscues and mistakes, Milford suffered another three and out.

The Milford defense would once again stand tall and following a missed Tech field goal attempt, the Milford offense finally found its footing. Driving down the field, Horsey would take it in from 28 yards out for the second of his three touchdowns of the night. A two-point conversion would make it 16-6 with 2:18 to go in the first half. "I knew it was just a matter of time before our offensive line would get it going. When they are on their game, we can really take control and that is just what we did," Horsey said.

Milford would have another chance after an interception by senior Jayden Norman set up the Buccaneers at its 40 and just under two minutes remaining. Milford rapidly moved the ball down the field, but turned the ball over on a fumble, as the teams would enter the locker rooms with Milford holding the 16-6 advantage.

Starting the second half, on Milford's first play from the line of scrimmage, the Buccaneers would return the

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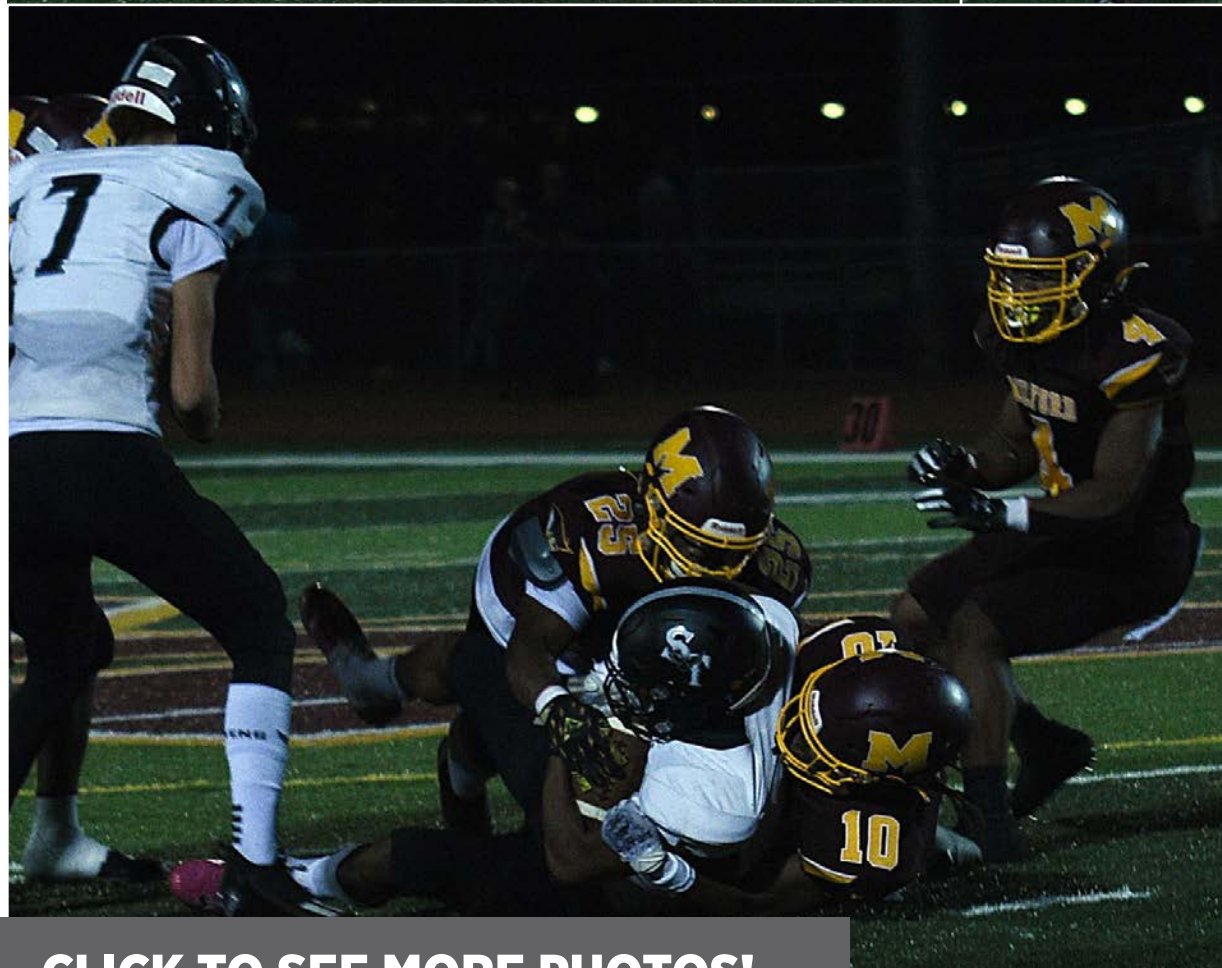
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favor of the game's opening play as senior Charles Shorts ran through a huge hole up the middle for a 62-yard touchdown run to start the second half. A successful two-point conversion would extend the Bucs lead to 24-7. "I saw the hole and hit it. I just had to make one move and I knew I was gone. It was a great way to start the second half after we lost a big chance at the end of the first," Shorts said.

Tech would be generous to Milford on the following drive, turning the ball over at its 29. The Bucs didn't hesitate as senior quarterback Jack Hudson would connect on a 29-yard pass to junior Jamarie Thomas. Thomas, who was wide open on the play, explained what happened. "The defender had inside leverage and I just put a little move on him and made sure I caught the ball. You practice it and when it comes the way you planned, it is a really great feeling."

With the 24-7 lead, Milford would go on autopilot to close out the game. While the 42-13 final score was impressive, the number of gaffs and blown coverages that Milford got away with must be corrected. As the Bucs (6-2) now chase a tournament spot, they simply can't continue to record errors with top division opponents in Delmar and Lake Forest coming up.

"Getting a win was big but there are so many things we have to correct. We are heading down to Delmar this week and they will roast us if we make the mistakes we made today. But as I have said before, we are learning. We are going to play against a solid team in Delmar and we better be ready," Bell concluded. Friday night's clash is set for a 7 p.m. kickoff.



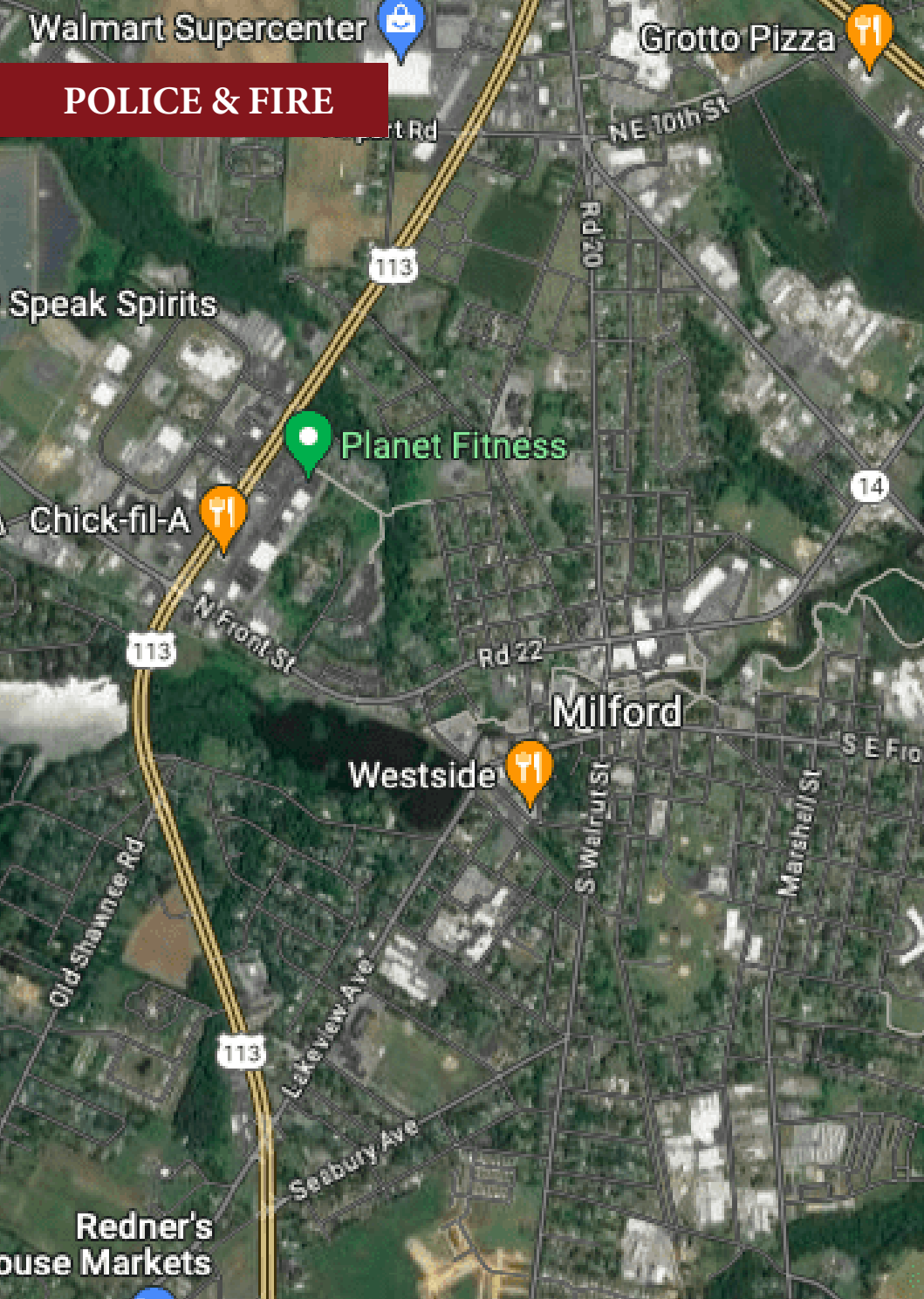
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DELDOT AGREES TO REVIEW ROUTE 113 CORRIDOR

“We agree that we need to collectively do everything we can to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for our residents and visitors,” a letter, signed by Nicole Majeski, Secretary of Transportation, read. “The Department will begin reviewing the previously proposed alignments and update them based on the development and growth that has occurred since 2007 to see which are still feasible.”

The letter explained that the General Assembly passed language in the 2007 Bond Bill that prohibited DelDOT from proceeding with an improvements project they proposed for Milford and Lincoln. The legislators urged DelDOT at the time to achieve local consensus for an acceptable alignment corridor in the area, taking into account legitimate concerns raised by the community at the time as well as to meet the needs of DelDOT to manage traffic flow.

“The language further stated that the Department was to report back on the progress of this corridor to the Governor and members of the General Assembly no later than Jan. 31, 2008,” the letter continued. “After further analysis and consultation with local leaders, [then] Secretary (Carolann) Wicks informed the General Assembly on Jan. 23, 2008, that ‘there is no community consensus for a compromise alternative. Therefore, DelDOT will not be containing the US 113 North/South Study in the Milford/Lincoln area.’”

In 2007, DelDOT announced plans to construct a bypass east of Milford that would connect Route 1 to Route 113, a plan that would have divided the town of Lincoln in half. Community members reacted quickly, holding meetings to oppose the changes to the roads in the area. One of the most outspoken citizens was current Sen. Dave Wilson whose family home would have been taken as part of the process.

“I’m not concerned about my home,” Wilson said at the time. “I’m concerned about a community being divided for a highway that is not going to be adequate.”

Residents fought against the proposal as did many other communities along Route 113 where DelDOT proposed massive changes. As a result, the General Assembly stepped in, issuing its order that the Route 113 corridor remain untouched unless DelDOT could create a plan that would also benefit residents in the area.

The letter from Majeski indicates that DelDOT is willing to return to the drawing board and see where they can make changes to improve safety along Route 113, including a review of speed limits in the area. In some sections of Milford, the speed on the southbound lanes is different than the northbound lanes, making it confusing for drivers.

There was no information provided regarding when the review would begin.



BY TERRY ROGERS

At a recent meeting, Milford City Manager Mark Whitfield informed council that DelDOT had agreed to review sections of Route 113 in Milford. The city had requested the review due to growth in the area as well as conflicting speed limits in some sections of the highway.



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