Delaware State News
On this date 50 years ago

Delaware State News headline

*Coverage of an economic development conference much like this one.

*Dover touted a new power plant.

*Dover Air Force Base, with its new mission as an air transport command, would have a monthly payroll of $2.5 million.

*Demand for 1,800 rental units to house airmen coming to Dover.

*Then-Gov. Caleb Boggs said, “Delaware is standing in the threshold of its greatest days.”
YEAR IN REVIEW

Lead of Jan. 27, 2013, story:

“The past year has been one of new projects, progress and promise.”

Advances:
• Community centers
• Energy
• Health care
• Manufacturing
• Restaurants
• Retail
• Schools
• Tourism

In all, we identified, more than $1 billion

In Central Delaware projects.
New Chapter

New Dover Library opens on Sept. 20, 2012

$20.8 million facility

Now, nearly 7,400 cardholders -- 85 percent increase

Circulation up 23 percent

Computer usage up 18 percent
Community Center

Dover YMCA opens new year with expansion

- Bigger Wellness Center
- New Gym
- Group Exercise Studio
- Additional Parking

$2.8 million project
Food Bank
$2.6 million project

FOOD BANK’S NEW Digs

Del. jobless rate drops slightly to match U.S.

Violence mars Downstate weekend

Unbeaten Hens eye road trip to William & Mary
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New Dover High School will open in fall of 2014

$114 million project
Polytech expansion
$20 million

New auditorium

State-of-the-art classrooms for:
• Electronics
• Television and radio
• JROTC

Renovations for Environmental Science classes

Upgrades to security and fire systems

Anticipated completion: Aug. 2014
Delaware Technical Community College

$2.6 million

Terry Campus, Dover

Science and Engineering Technology Building

Includes biology and chemistry labs
Wesley College

Streetscapes project: $2.7 million
Frear building: $2 million
Chapel, Longwood Hall renovations: $250,000
Construction will begin early next year on the **Optical Science Center for Applied Research**

$50 million project
Neuroscience research

Delaware Center for Neuroscience Research

$10.5 million project, funded by National Institute of Health grant

Partnership with University of Delaware
More at DSU

Lease agreement with Sheraton Hotel for additional residential space for students. Now known as DSU Living and Learning Commons

Early College High School to be developed, focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Anticipated start: 2014

Convocation Center in future?
Retail growth in Dover

Dick’s Sporting Goods

Men’s Warehouse

Redner’s (Camden, Dover, North Dover and Milford)

Bayard Pharmacy

Royal Farms

7-11

And several other small businesses
Retail boom in Milford

Tractor Supply Co.

Hibbett Sports

Olympia Sports

CVS

Growth in Central Delaware: Tractor Supply Company

A Tractor Supply Company is coming to Milford. Interior construction of the former Superfresh, on the corner of North Dupont Boulevard (U.S. 113) and Del. 14, began on July 1. It’s expected to be done by September.

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What: Construction of a new Tractor Supply Company store in Milford.

Organization/business/etc.: The Tractor Supply Company is the largest retail farm and ranch supply store chain in United States and has been operating in Delaware since 2002. This will be the fourth location in the state. The other three are in Dover, Seaford and Milford. There are more than 1,175 Tractor Supply Companies nationwide in 45 states.

Where: The store will be located at 6008 N. Dupont Blvd. in Milford. The building used to be home to a Superfresh.

Description: Rob Hoskins, Tractor Supply Company corporate representative, said the company is always looking for potential new store locations that are a good fit as far as the target market is concerned. “Concerning the location in Milford, this is especially true in that the area was attractive due to the part-time and hobby farmers, and horse owners in the area,” he said. “The Tractor Supply product category expertise includes lawn and garden, animal care products that service the needs of these customers.”

Projected opening date: The contractor for the project, Omni Construction Company of Cleveland, began construction on July 1. A completion date has been tentatively set for late September, said Mr. Hoskins.

Economic benefit: The store will employ 12 to 17 full and part-time people.

Community benefit: Milford is a great location for Tractor Supply Company because “we draw a variety of customers and have a strong community presence,” said Mr. Hoskins. “Our friendly, knowledgeable team will be here to provide the legendary Tractor Supply customer service that our customers can expect.”

Cost: N/A — Mr. Hoskins said company policy is to not divulge information of that nature.

Compiled by Chris Roach
Restaurants

Cheddar’s in Camden

Grotto in Dover

Arena’s in Milford

Greene Turtle in Dover

Outback Steakhouse in Dover

Growth in Central Delaware: The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille

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What: Delaware’s fourth location of The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille

Organization/business info.: The Greene Turtle, a family-friendly sports-themed casual dining restaurant and dynamic sports bar, launched in Ocean City, Md., in 1976. There are 36 locations throughout Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, New York and Washington, D.C.

Where: 201 N. DuPont Highway, Dover

Description: Tom Finn, Greene Turtle vice president of franchising, said the restaurant is a casual-style sports bar and grille featuring a popular selection of comfort food standards, Maryland-inspired specialties, a welcoming family environment and a long-held tradition of community involvement. The Dover location will be joining Lewes, Newark and Rehoboth Beach. There will be a well-stocked bar offering a variety of mainstream and local craft beers, and dozens of big-screen televisions above the bar and in every booth. Both of which will be broadcasting professional college and high school sports, said Mr. Finn.

Projected opening date: November 2013

Economic benefit: A typical Greene Turtle restaurant employs 75 to 100 full-time and part-time servers, bartenders, hosts, hostesses, managers, cooks and other kitchen staff, said Mr. Finn. Construction and ongoing supply and maintenance of the location will create business for countless other companies.

Community benefit: Mr. Finn said Greene Turtle takes pride in giving back to the community through its Funds for Friends charity. “The Greene Turtle has a long-held tradition of honoring the support it receives from local customers by giving back to the community in many ways,” said Mr. Finn. From its ongoing sponsorship of youth lacrosse and other sports programs to its award-winning “Funds for Friends” charitable effort, when a new location of The Greene Turtle opens, the community benefits in many ways well beyond gaining a great place to meet, eat and have fun.” To date the program has helped raise more than $750,000 for local groups and local branches of regional and national organizations.

Cost: Specific costs for the Dover project are not available, said Mr. Finn because of costs depending on the elements of a project. He added that a Greene Turtle restaurant typically costs in the range of $1.1 to $1.2 million to develop.

— Compiled by Chris Flood

Delaware’s fourth Greene Turtle location will be opening in Dover in what was the Golden Corral on U.S. 13. The anticipated opening date is November 2013.
HEALTH CARE

Milford

Planning underway for new Milford Health Campus, including a new hospital and ambulatory services.

Completion of master plan expected in December.

Design/development phase after approvals will take 12-18 months.
HEALTH CARE
Bayhealth move

Bayhealth’s information services group has relocated to space in the Blue Hen Corporate Center this summer.

15,000 square feet of space in the former location of Aetna
HEALTH CARE

$3.4 million project

New Smyrna Emergency Center opened in December
SMYRNA
New ambulance service

Operational as of March 1

$1.7 million project
Recreation

In April, DNREC and DelDOT broke ground on bike trail project.

Will connect trail at Silver Lake Trail to Isaac Branch Trail near the St. Jones.

$800,000 project
SPORTS TOURISM

$17 million project

Groundbreaking held in November and Central Delaware Soccer Association was named the anchor tenant.

Near Frederica on Del. 1

Anticipated opening: 2014

Greater Kent Committee, Kent County Levy Court and others teamed up for this project.
TOURISM: On display

Priceless

Air Mobility Command Museum obtains a retired C-5A

First C-5 ever to be displayed at a museum
National monument

President Obama designated The Green a National Monument in March
Rockin’

Dover International Speedway announced 10-year Firefly Festival commitment in June.

60,000 music fans
NASCAR on parade

New way to engage local community and race fans in Dover.

Race teams’ trucks will parade from Blue Hen Corporate to Downtown Dover and then to Dover International Speedway

Thursday night
1973
KENT COUNTY
Recreation center, Boys and Girls Club
Planning underway for Kent recreation center on New Burton Road, near the new Akridge Boy Scouts Reservation.

Boys and Girls Club part of the plan

Estimated cost: $12 million
Air Cargo Ramp
Hangar Maintenance Facility

- Kent County Levy Court transferred 13 acres of land in August.
- Effort continues.
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

At fall 2012 milcon breakfast, Col. Moore said upcoming construction priorities will be an enclosed hangar and hangar maintenance complex.

Estimated cost: $66 million

Chapel center opened in February.
Cost: $8.7 million
ENERGY
Calpine project
$400 million

Ground broken on natural gas plant in Garrison Energy Center

Heavy equipment coming this fall
ENERGY
NRG conversion

NRG converted coal plant to natural gas at its North Street plant earlier this year.

Cost: $25 million

Plant supplies energy to Kraft and Proctor and Gamble

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company installing pipeline to Dover from Clayton to supply the plant.

Cost: $16 million
Spanel spans ages

Influence of International Latex founder A.N. Spanel still important to Delaware today.

• Playtex
• ILC Dover
• Procter & Gamble
Procter & Gamble

Expansion ahead for the North Street plant to improve efficiency.

Estimated cost: $20 million

Pampers and Luv Baby Wipes made at the facility
ILC DOVER's NEW PRODUCTS ...SPIN OFFS FROM SPACE

By bringing space technology back to earth ILC is developing new products to assist man in functioning more efficiently and safely.

ILC ORTHO-WALK
The ILC Ortho-Walk is a new type of brace designed for paraplegics. Instead of the heavy metal bars used in conventional braces, the Ortho-Walk consists of a nylon garment covering the legs and lower chest area utilizing tubes inflated with air to provide the needed support.

ILC COOL SUIT
The ILC Cool Suit is a totally portable unit (12 pounds) that circulates chilled water throughout a network of tubing, cooling an individual within the desired range that will enable him to work in extreme heat for extended periods of time.

ILC FOAM SUIT
The ILC Foam Suit consists of an automatic foam defusing system within a pair of fireproof coveralls. The racer can activate a mechanism that causes his entire body to be engulfed with protective foam, guarding him against fire and heat. Automatically, breathing air is injected into the wearer's helmet preventing suffocation and lung damage.

ILC TETHERED BALLOON
The ILC tethered balloon is a high altitude (10,000 feet) aerodynamically designed balloon, manufactured from a specially laminated and coated polyester fabric. Its uses are many, one of which is as a communications relay platform that enables underdeveloped countries to educate their people, who live in remote areas, by radio and T.V.

WIDE VARIETY FOR 73

VARI-CLEAR VARI-SHIELD-R (Long) VARI-SHIELD-R (Bubble) GOGGS 300 GOGGS 100 FULL-FLIP FREE-FLIP QUIET-COM CYCLE SUDS

ILC DOVER a division of ILC Industries, Inc. - 350 PEAR STREET, DOVER, DELAWARE 19901
ILC Dover in Sussex County

Grayling Industries was acquired by ILC Dover in December.

ILC Dover moved company to Seaford from Mexico

Jobs created: 115
STILL A MOVER AND SHAKER

Kraft continues manufacturing work started by General Foods in Dover in 1963.

Expansion and new equipment at plant will be used to package the Kool-Aid line soon.

Cost: $11 million
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