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**LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS**



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BY BETSY PRICE

When Gabby Guerke was ready to leave Odyssey Charter School for ninth grade in 2019, she wasn't sure what she wanted in a high school.

"My parents and I just felt like we needed to look everywhere," she said. "So that's what we did."

Like hundreds of other eighth graders each fall, Guerke entered Admission Season.

Just weeks after every fall semester opens in Delaware, young men and women in the eighth grade who are considering a private school are already focusing on the next year. They register for open houses, schedule shadow days to follow a current student, and circle dates on their calendars for admission tests that will determine scholarships and more.

Padua and Salesianum School started this year's round of open houses Sunday, Sept. 26. The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington schools agree to hold open houses on different weekends so more people can visit. But because Padua is an all-girls high school and Salesianum is an all-boys one, they can share a day.

# FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, IT'S ADMISSION SEASON

Not every school has an open house, but all of them encourage prospective students to spend time in the school with kids their age, a practice called shadowing. That gives visitors a look at the workload, how things really run and the relationships between teacher and class.

Padua expects to have 200 students at its open house Sunday, and a total of 600 people visiting in shifts of 18 families every 20 minutes, said Admissions Director Shana Rossi. Students and teachers will lead the groups on a tour.

Its shadow days started Monday, with 10 students visiting. The school will average eight visitors a day into December, Rossi said. To facilitate a good impression, the school tries to find out what some of the prospective student's interests are and pair her with someone with similar interests.

"It's not a manufactured day at all," said Lisa Clody, director of enrollment for Ursuline. "They get to come in and go to class. So if the science classes is doing an experiment, they get to experience that. And if it's a straight lecture, they do that."

A shadow day allows the visitor to see "if this is someplace that they can see themselves spending the next four years," Clody said.

Two years ago, Guerke quickly narrowed her choices to four of Delaware's private schools: Ursuline Academy,

Padua Academy, Wilmington Friends and Archmere Academy, as well as Wilmington Charter, a public school.

Guerke said her decision was made harder by the fact that she wasn't sure what field she hopes to go into as an adult. Now a sophomore, she's still not sure.

"I love every subject there is and I was just really interested in everything," she said. "So I didn't really know what I was looking for."

Ursuline Academy welcomes families to an open house for prospective families.

Melissa Brown, director of admissions and financial aid at Wilmington Friends, says it's no secret that Delaware's private schools all have solid, sound academics programs.

"We all have really rich reputations in terms of being able to prepare students for their next step," she said. "What we talk about in our process is the fit and feel for each child and their family that comes through."

"What does it feel like for your students to walk through those doors every day? Will they find their people here? Will they be able to participate in school life at its fullest in and out of the academic classroom? And that's where it's a really valuable piece of the experience to spend some time on campus."

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# LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS EMBRACES OPPOSITES WITH FIRE AND ICE THEME

BY BETSY PRICE

A Longwood Christmas will feature a fire and ice theme that will include towering trees in fiery reds and frosted alpine scenes.

The annual holiday display at Longwood Gardens draws hundreds of thousands and will run Nov. 19 through Jan. 9. It will include thousands of poinsettias and more than 500,000 lights in trees and plants.

Last year, with so many COVID-19 restrictions in place, Longwood severely limited admissions, making A Longwood Christmas a hot holiday ticket to get. The gardens' press release didn't mention restrictions for this year.

Holiday decor at the former du Pont estate in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, will include a 22-foot tall Fraser

fir outfitted with flickering flame lanterns and red, gold and amber ornaments in the Conservatory. Its Music Room will be decorated as a mountain retreat. The silver garden will feature a frozen succulent fountain and the Acacia passage to it will become a walkway of sparkling icicles.

The traditional children's Christmas trees, made by schools in the area, will move to the Ballroom, because half of the conservatory has been lopped off to make way for a \$250 million renovation and expansion now underway.

The Flower Garden Drive will be dressed in blue lights, and a 200-foot tunnel of light will grace the Meadow Garden.



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As has become traditional, three fire pits created by Longwood crafts workers will welcome guests to sit and warm themselves up.

At the Small Lake, large ornamental spheres enclosing flame-like lights will decorate the tree-lined backdrop, creating a fiery reflection on the water. The Large Lake will feature floating luminaria.

The 18-foot Gardener's Tree will move to a space near the historic Peirce du-Pont House and be decorated with handcrafted ornaments and garland.

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# CITY THEATER COMPANY TO BEGIN PERFORMING AT DELAWARE CONTEMPORARY

BY BETSY PRICE

City Theater Company, which bills itself as Delaware’s Off-Broadway experience, has entered into a partnership with The Delaware Contemporary to perform in its newly renovated auditorium, with the first show set for December.

City Theater will use the Wings Foundation Auditorium for its mainstage and Fearless Improve performances.

The auditorium will be unveiled as a new Black Box space for performances and events after using money from a COVID-19 relief grant to upgrade lighting and audio capabilities. They were installed by Electro Sound Systems.

The Black Box will be available to all arts and culture organizations for use in performances and events.

“The values and vision of The Delaware Contemporary are very much in line with those of City Theater Company, and we are thrilled to be partnering with this iconic institution in 2021 and beyond,” says Kerry Kristine McElrone, artistic director of the theater company, in a press release. “Our approach to theater and improv considers the art form of live performance to be a creative collaboration between players, directors, designers, writers, and the audience.”

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# FOR MANY ARTISTS, FIREFLY FIRST LIVE SHOW SINCE START OF COVID-19



BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

Firefly Music Festival felt a lot like a giant release party on Sept. 24. Multiple artists said the festival was their first performance in a year or more because of COVID-19 restrictions.

During that time, alternative-folk band Judah and the Lion and indie-pop band Peach Pit created new music. Because their Firefly performances were their first in a while, Firefly fans got a sneak peek at some brand new releases.

Both bands asked the audience if they would be alright with hearing new songs—yielding enthusiastic applause from the audiences.

The King of Firefly was pleased. (Did you know there was a King of Firefly?) His name is Heinz Bollinger, and

he drives his camper from Buffalo, New York, every year.

After coming to the same campsite during six consecutive Firefly festivals, his campsite neighbors crowned him King—with a T-shirt and a hat to prove it.

The group met during Bollinger’s first visit to Firefly. Having made friends, they’ve returned together to The Woodlands at Dover every year since 2014.

Bollinger said he’s the king because he’s usually the first RV in line at the festival.

“I’m feeling good after yesterday,” he said. “Torrential rains and all that—that was OK. Today I looked around and I was like, there isn’t a d— cloud in the sky.”

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## Cancer isn't waiting for COVID-19 to be over.

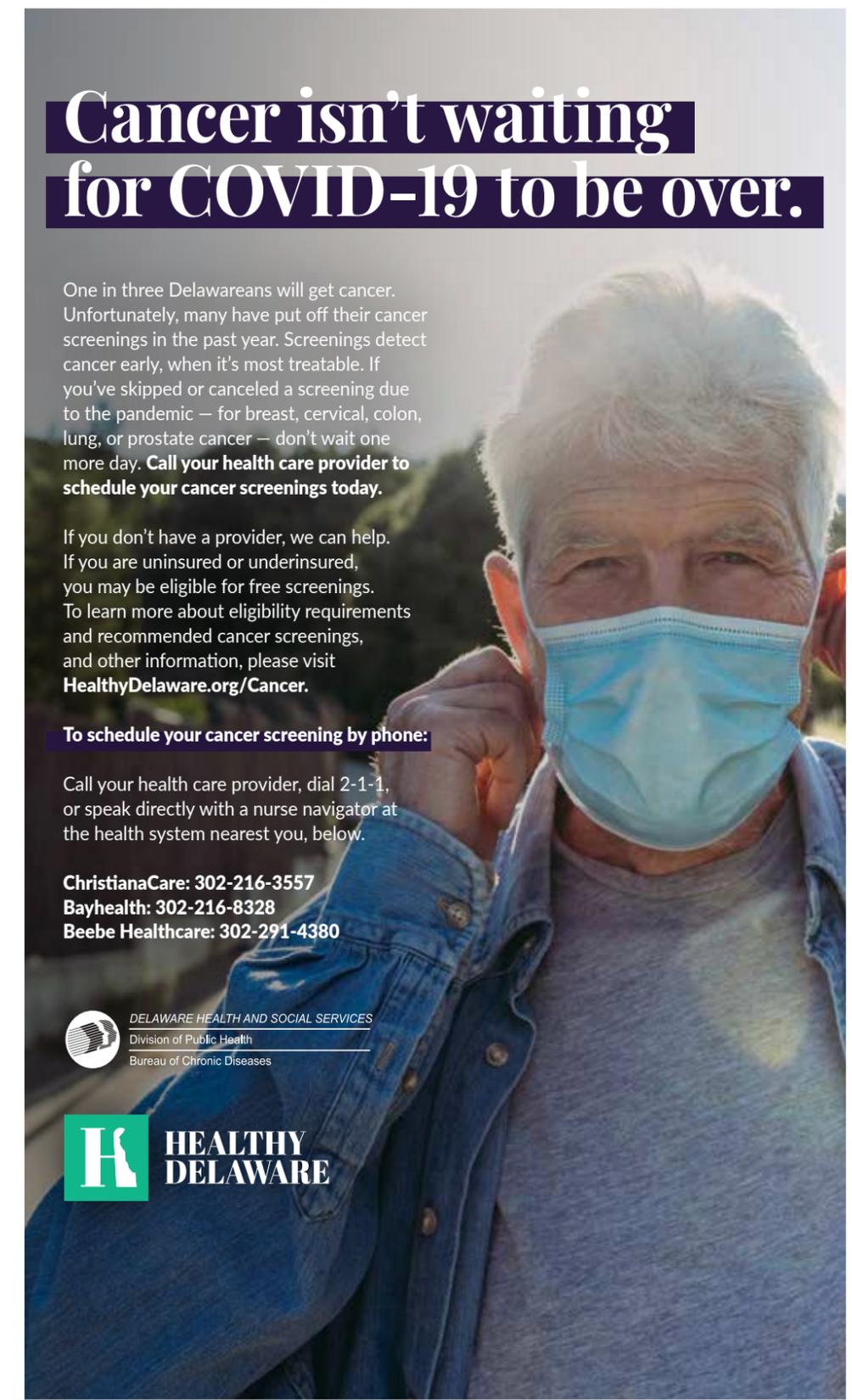
One in three Delawareans will get cancer. Unfortunately, many have put off their cancer screenings in the past year. Screenings detect cancer early, when it's most treatable. If you've skipped or canceled a screening due to the pandemic — for breast, cervical, colon, lung, or prostate cancer — don't wait one more day. **Call your health care provider to schedule your cancer screenings today.**

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# TOURS AT DICKINSON PLANTATION NOW TAKE VISITORS TO SLAVE BURIAL SITES



BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

A burial ground believed to contain the remains of enslaved people and others who lived, worked and died on the John Dickinson Plantation in Dover was found during archeological fieldwork in March.

The historical site is now offering a series of guided visitations to allow guests to engage with guides about the complex history of the property and its namesake owner.

The burial ground is believed to be the final resting place for enslaved, indentured and free Black men, women and children who died on the plantation.

The 1-½ hour experience includes an orientation in the visitor center, a tour of the recreated log'd dwelling that demonstrates how enslaved and indentured people on the property would have lived, and a mile round-trip walk to and from the burial ground, which includes a moment of silence.

During the walk, visitors pass by the grave of Samuel Dickinson, John Dickinson's father. His grave is marked, surrounded by an ornamental brick wall and landscaping—a stark contrast to the unmarked gravesite where the property's enslaved and indentured workers were buried.

The gravesite is in the middle of a barley field leased to a farmer by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. Visitors are not permitted to photograph the site.

While continued research is underway, museum officials say the next step is to surface the walking trail to the burial grounds and engage the community on how best to memorialize the individuals interred at the site.

“This is sacred ground for Delaware, and we will continue to treat it with the honor and respect it deserves,” said Tim Slavin, director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. “Our path forward is to protect the site, engage with the community about how to proceed, and continue to learn more through research and dialogue.”

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# DELAWARE GRANTS PAVE WAY FOR SIEMENS EXPANSION IN GLASGOW



BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

Medical technologies company Siemens Healthineers is investing \$32 million to expand its footprint in Glasgow.

The company plans to add 29,000 square feet to its existing facility located at the Glasgow Business Community park off Route 896, according to a Monday press release from Siemens Healthineers and the Delaware Prosperity Partnership.

Siemens has over 65,000 employees globally and is best known for its medical imaging products, including MRI and X-ray machines. Siemens also manufactures diagnostic equipment and testing products, as well as IT software and hardware solutions to support its wide range of products.

The company has more than 1,300 full-time employees at its 135-acre campus, making it one of the largest private employers in Delaware.

The expansion will make way for additional manufacturing equipment, thereby reducing the need to outsource certain work to contractors.

The company said the expansion is necessary to grow its product lines and stay competitive in the medical technologies field. The capacity it's adding will be to manufacture up to 20 new in vitro diagnostic assays as well as additional associated calibrator products. Siemens will add new production equipment, including large-scale specialties and formulation process equipment.

The expansion will allow the company to reduce some production outsourcing to contract manufacturers, retain well-paying jobs in Newark and further solidify its presence in Delaware.

Contributing to the company's decision to expand its Delaware operations are two grants from the state's Council on Development Finance.

The taxpayer-funded grants, which come from the Delaware Strategic Fund, include a retention grant of up to \$1.3 million and a capital expenditure grant of up to \$690,000.

"Delaware is a great place for innovative manufacturing companies like Siemens Healthineers to grow their operations," said Gov. John Carney in the press release. "We are pleased Siemens Healthineers will be making a significant investment in our state to enhance and expand their manufacturing facility, which will keep good-paying jobs here in Delaware."

The company is a member of the Delaware BioScience Association and partners with the University of Delaware for internships and provides scholarships to medical technology students.

Siemens Healthineers' president of laboratory diagnostics Dr. Deepak Nath said by expanding its facility, the company will be better equipped to serve its customers and the patients they serve.

"We have proudly been part of this community for decades," Nath said in the press release. "Investing in advanced medical technology here in Delaware allows us to produce products for export and better secure our supply chain for the future while creating or preserving high-wage jobs and benefitting the community."



PHOTO BY BRIAN K. LEONARD



*Government*

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# PATRIOTS FOR DELAWARE SAYS IT FOUND PROOF OF ELECTION FRAUD



BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

Patriots for Delaware on Tuesday said they had evidence of dead people voting in the November 2020 election as well as nursing homes submitting more ballots than they had available beds.

The group doesn't believe the fraud they claim to have found would have changed the outcome of the presidential election but said that local races could have been affected.

"I'm not going to go down that rabbit hole right now because we can't prove it yet," said James Davidson, who said he spoke on behalf of the election integrity committee. "We need to stay factual with this."

In the presentation, Davidson pointed to one woman who he said was dead but was listed as voting in her maiden name. Davidson declined to identify her, saying he didn't want to violate the family's privacy.

He said it's highly unlikely that the actual voter was someone with the same name as the deceased individual because the address and date of birth matched, too.

The group claims to have found multiple instances of nursing homes having submitted more ballots than they have available beds. In one instance, the group said they

found that a nursing home had served as the address on 296 ballots despite having only 94 beds.

Patriots for Delaware refused to release the names of the nursing homes, but said Little Sisters of the Poor's **Jeanne Jugan Residence** in Newark is "one of the nursing homes that needs to be looked into."

"The one thing we were afraid of was putting the names on there and then people calling them and harassing them," Davidson said.

Davidson also cited abnormal voter registration trends and reported that many permanent overseas voters were using the Department of Elections addresses as their primary residences.

Delaware LIVE News could not independently confirm any of their claims. Repeated efforts Wednesday to reach state elections commissioner Anthony Albence were unsuccessful.

The meeting at the Milford Senior Center drew 227 people to hear the committee share the initial findings. Among the crowd were Rep. Ruth Briggs King, R-Georgetown, Rep. Steve Smyk, R-Milton and Rep. Rich Collins, R-Millsboro.

Davidson said every elected official in the state was invited to the meeting, as well as officials from the Department of Elections.

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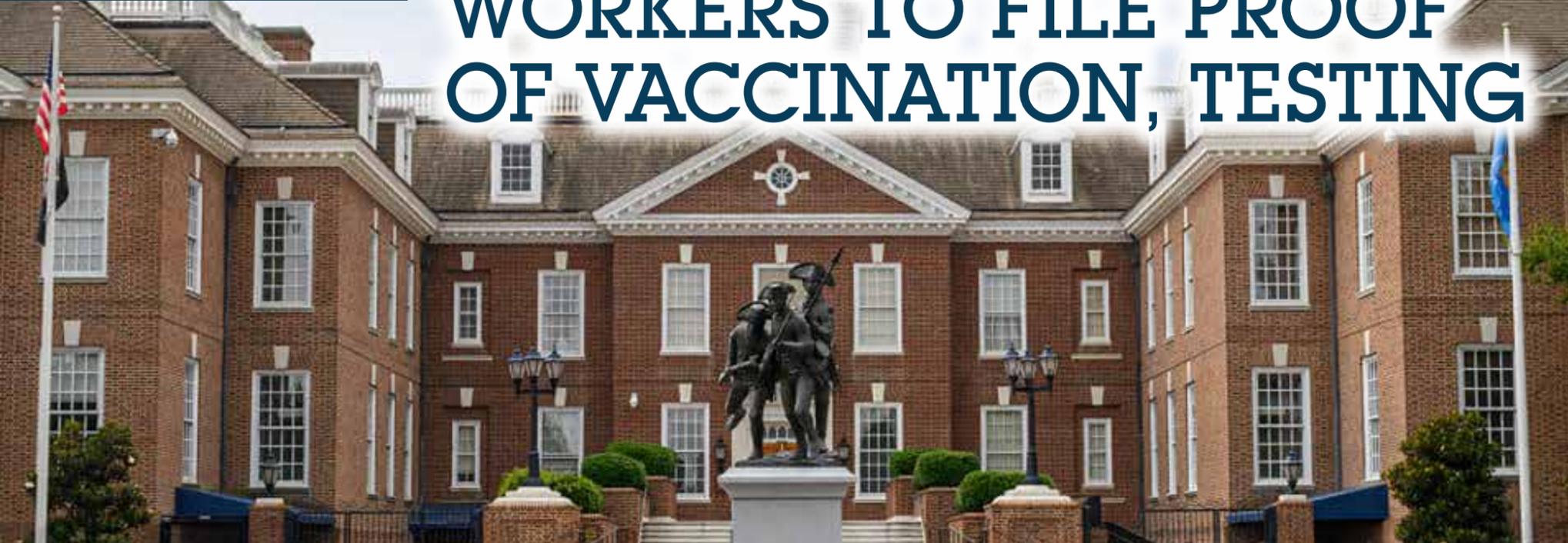
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# STATE DOESN'T REQUIRE WORKERS TO FILE PROOF OF VACCINATION, TESTING



BY BETSY PRICE

The state of Delaware is not asking employees to provide proof of vaccination or of weekly testing as a result of its new policy—which takes effect Friday—that requires a worker to have one or the other.

Instead, those executive branch employees must certify or “attest” to the fact that they are vaccinated or have proof of testing by filling out a state form.

Once the policy is implemented, the state Department of Human Resources will do weekly random spot checks in which a worker will be asked to provide a vaccine card or proof of testing, the policy says.

Those who can't provide the proof within 48 hours may be subject to penalties such as leave without pay and other discipline up to and including termination, the policy said.

The state won't know how many employees are vacci-

nated and how many are not until after after all forms are submitted, said Karen M. Smith, communications director for Department of Human Resources said.

How the state handles its vaccination-or-testing policy popped into public view Tuesday when Gov. John Carney and the Delaware Department of Education announced Tuesday that starting Nov. 1, all school workers must be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing.

Asked how that new rule would be enforced, Carney and Secretary of Education Susan Bunting said discipline procedures would be left to local school districts. Carney said he expected policies to be similar to the state's, which had escalating penalties designed to give an employee time to participate before that person's job is terminated.

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# LEWES MAN FLIES FLAG BELOW BLACK PANTS TO HONOR U.S. SOLDIERS

BY CHARLES MEGGINSON

A Lewes man said he’s flying a pair of pants above the American flag in his front lawn to protest the Biden presidency and express his discontent with Biden’s handling of the military withdrawal from Afghanistan. His neighbors—who are also Trump supporters—aren’t having it.

“The reason I hang that pair of black pants above the flag: I’m in protest,” Lewes resident Harry Farreny said. “I hung that up when Biden became president because I was mourning the death of our country and now I hung it back up because I’m mourning for the 13 that died.”

Farreny said he’d fly the trousers for 13 weeks—one week for each fallen service members.

His neighbor, Patricia Simelaro-Strey, wants him to pull his pants down. She said the demonstration is an act of “complete disrespect.”

If Farreny wants to mourn the fallen troops he should fly the flag at half-mast, she said, as she and her husband did for 13 days following the Aug. 26 attack.

“He feels that way but this is the country,” Simelaro-Strey said. “If he wants to put a sign up that says ‘the Biden administration stinks,’ I don’t care—it’s his lawn. But this is flying way above where anyone that comes into our development can see it.”

Simelaro-Strey said her complaints aren’t political.

“Believe it or not, with politics, we’re on the same page,” she said. “I think our country deserves more respect and it shouldn’t have anything to do with his personal feelings on Joe Biden.”

When another neighbor complained to Farreny, he said he wouldn’t take the pants down because he’s flown the American flag dutifully his whole life.

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# CHANCERY COURT WON'T FORCE CHRISTIANACARE TO GIVE IVERMECTIN

BY BETSY PRICE

A Delaware Chancery Court judge on Sept. 23 said she was going to deny a request to force ChristianaCare Health System to

immediately treat a COVID-19 patient with Ivermectin.

Mary Ellen DeMarco had asked the court for a preliminary injunction that would make ChristianaCare provide the drug, most commonly used in humans to treat parasitic infections, for her husband David as his situation worsened.

The hospital had refused, despite the couple obtaining a prescription for the drug from a downstate doctor.

The DeMarcos checked David out of ChristianaCare Sept. 18 under hospice care and gave him a dose of Ivermectin at home. However, his oxygen mask broke, his situation worsened and he was sent back to Wilmington Hospital and intubated so a ventilator could be used to support his breathing and oxygen levels.

At the end of a two-hour hearing on Sept. 23, Vice Chancellor Morgan T. Zurn said that the plaintiffs had failed to prove their case. While she said she would issue a formal opinion Sept. 24, she wanted the DeMarcos' lawyers to be able to prepare their appeal because time is of the essence.

Zurn said ChristianaCare did not have an enforceable duty to treat DeMarco with Ivermectin, and that DeMarco didn't have an enforceable right to be treated with it. She also said DeMarco has failed to prove that the health system refusing to give Mr. DeMarco Ivermectin would deprive him of an effective treatment or that he will be worse off without it.

A number of lawsuits have been filed around the country asking courts to force hospitals to treat patients with Ivermectin, a drug that's also used to deworm horses. Some cases have been successful and some have not. Many opposed to COVID-19 vaccines consider it a treatment that can help.

David DeMarco became sick enough to go to an urgent care in early September, where he was diagnosed with pneumonia that likely was COVID pneumonia, his wife testified Sept. 23. The urgent care gave him Levaquin, an antibiotic, and suggested he go to a hospital. He declined, but by Sept. 8 he felt so bad that he asked his wife to take him to the hospital.

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# Newark Councilwoman Sharon Hughes, Dies

BY KEN MAMMARELLA



Newark Councilwoman Sharon Hughes passed away unexpectedly on Saturday at Christiana Hospital. The two-term council member was 68.

"Linda and I are in shock and devastated by the loss of our friend Sharon. She was a humble and committed public servant and respected throughout Newark," Mayor Jerry Clifton said in a statement released by the city. "I am honored to have served with her and know she will be terribly missed. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Sharon's family during their time of mourning."

Hughes was first elected to office in April 2019 and won her second election last April. The district covers the southeastern parts of Newark.

The city will share funeral arrangements once finalized by the family.

"I believe it's important that both the university and our city to understand that we must work together for our common good," she told the Newark Post in 2019. "We cannot work autonomously when our shared benefit is the goal. We must work together. The truth is, we need each other."

On LinkedIn, she said that she was a Wells Fargo mortgage consultant from 2010 to 2016.

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# UD PROTEST TURNS LOUD, ROWDY WITH 3 PEOPLE ARRESTED

BY DANIEL LARLHAM JR.

A Christian group's protest Wednesday at the University of Delaware turned rowdy, with police circling the group to protect them and at least three people being arrested.

Key of David Christian Center, a church based in Philadelphia, faced large and loud resistance while protesting on the university's north green. It began around noon and broke up about 3 p.m.

About seven protesters set up on the sidewalk of Delaware Avenue near student dorms, waving several signs and using a megaphone to tell university students who exactly would be going to hell.

A large number of counter protesters, who looked to be mostly students, showed up behind and across the street of the Key of David group.

While it often was unclear what the person using the megaphone was saying, "Someone you know that has died of COVID has been sent to hell," was heard during a brief moment of quietness from the counter protesting crowd.

The crowd surrounding them hurled verbal abuse

back, including "you're the problem," and several other specific mentions of anatomy.

One protester held a sign that read "Obey Jesus" while another held a sign that proclaimed that different groups and individuals, including the Pope, porno freaks, sissies and anklebiters, should obey Jesus or be sent to hell. One of them wore a shirt that said, "Women belong in the kitchen."

The Key of David's website said it was a non-denomination church. Its home page reads, "The place of love and power. TRUE LOVE WARNS. 99% of you reading this page are currently headed to hellfire forever, so the first page you need to read is the SALVATION page sinner."

The Key of David Protesters were encircled by police barricades and at least 10 police officers were on the scene.

Sections of the sidewalk, including a path for the Key of David protesters to leave, had also been blocked off using barricades.

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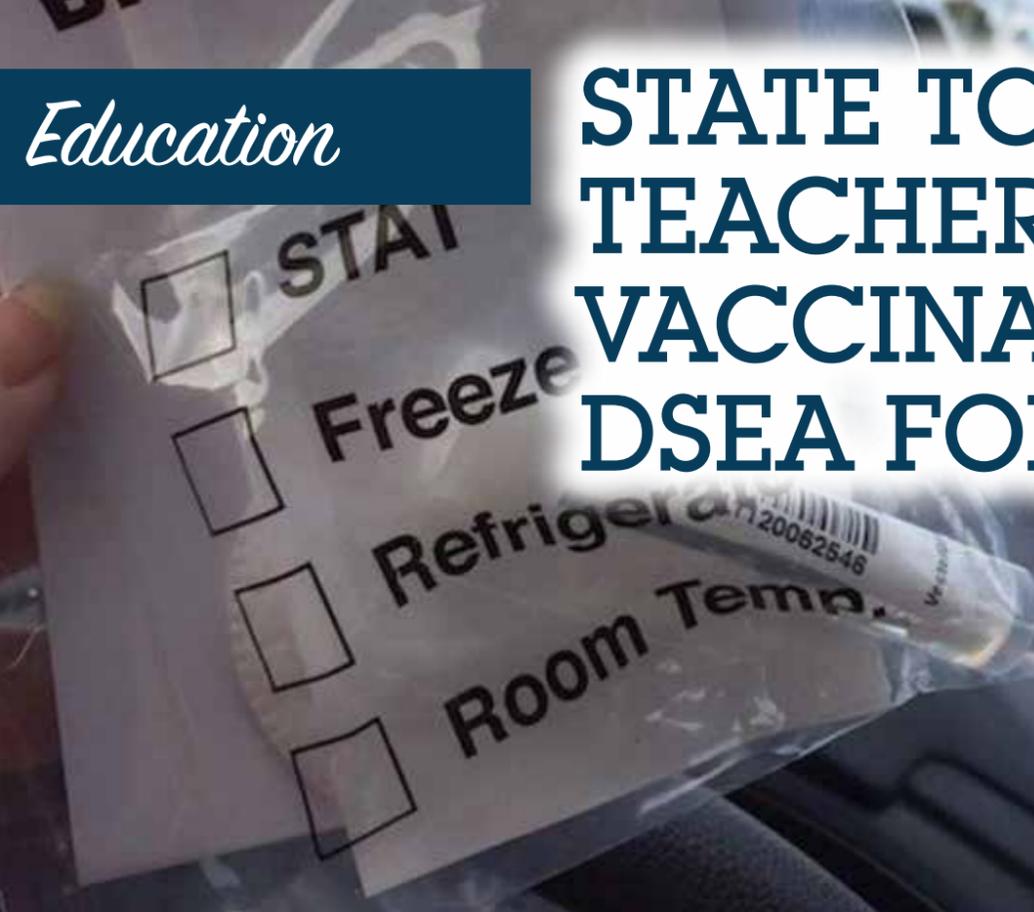

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# STATE TO REQUIRE TEACHERS TO BE VACCINATED OR TESTED; DSEA FOR VACCINATION



BY BETSY PRICE

The state of Delaware will require all public and private school personnel to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or be tested weekly.

The move is supported by the Delaware State Education Association, a union of teachers and those who work at schools. It's urging members to be vaccinated.

The state requirement, which will be formally issued by emergency regulation, takes effect Nov. 1, according to a terse press release issued Tuesday morning.

Those who must comply include educators, school staff, contractors and volunteers who work in K-12 public and private schools, according to the release from Gov. John Carney, the Delaware Division of Public Health and the Delaware Department of Education.

Part of the point is to keep schools open and kids in classrooms instead of learning virtually or bouncing

from virtual to in-person classes and back, officials said during a Tuesday afternoon press conference.

Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Division of Public Health, said requiring teachers and workers to be vaccinated or tested regularly helps ensure the students won't get COVID-19.

"We can protect them is the adults and other around them are," she said. "In pediatrics, we call this cocooning, and it's an important strategy to protect those who cannot be vaccinated."

The Delaware State Education Association supports the decision and urges teachers to be vaccinated.

"The Delaware State Education Association's goal is to keep our educators and students in school, while protecting their health and keeping them safe during these uncertain times," said Stephanie Ingram, DSEA president, in a statement. "All scientific evidence shows us that this vaccine is effective and prevents the risk of transmission, while lessening the symptoms if the disease is transmitted. So, we urge our members to get vaccinated.

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# COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP A BIT DURING LAST WEEK

BY BETSY PRICE

The number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations dropped slightly in the last week as the CDC said 78% of those eligible for vaccines have had at least one shot and the state authorized boosters for a wide group of people.

The state has had 130,444 cases of COVID-19 as of Sept. 24.

The seven-day average of new positive cases decreased to 464.3 as of Sept. 23, down from 472 the previous week. Also, 225 people are now hospitalized, down 34 from last week and 36 of them are critically ill, down six from last week.

A total of 1,942 Delawareans have died from COVID-19. In the last week, 29 deaths were reported, 12 of which were from a review of vital statistics.

Because of the strain on hospitals with so many people dealing with COVID-19, the Division of Public Health is asking people not to go to one for a non-emergency COVID-19 test. Instead, it said, pick another site at [de.gov/gettested](https://de.gov/gettested).

On Sept. 24, Public Health said the state’s vaccine providers can begin administering booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to some groups.

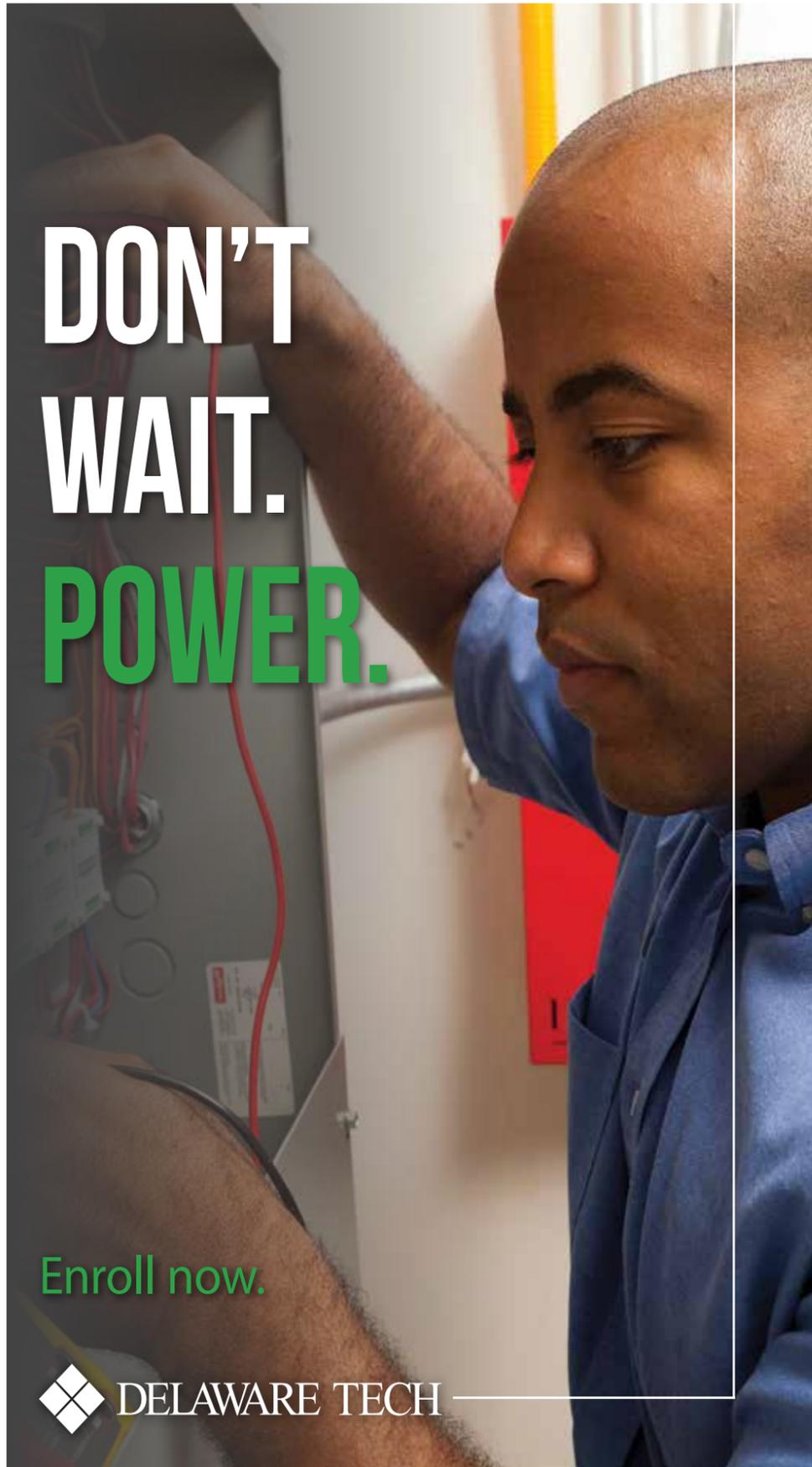
Based on federal recommendations, these people should get a booster:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings
- People aged 50–64 years with **underlying medical conditions**, which include but are not limited to: cancer, dementia, diabetes, down syndrome, HIV, pregnancy, organ transplants, stroke, overweight and obesity, and chronic heart, lung and kidney diseases,

The CDC recommends these people receive a booster, at least months after their second dose of Pfizer vaccine:

- People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions (the same categories as mentioned above), based on their individual benefits and risk

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# DELAWARE TELLS VACCINE PROVIDERS TO GIVE BOOSTER DOSES TO THOSE ELIGIBLE

BY BETSY PRICE

The Delaware Division of Public Health on Sept. 24 told the state's vaccine providers they can begin administering booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to those eligible under new CDC guidelines.

Those who should get booster shots include:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings.
- People aged 50–64 years with **underlying medical conditions**, which include but are not limited to: cancer, chronic heart, lung and kidney diseases, dementia, diabetes, down syndrome, HIV, overweight and obesity, pregnancy, organ transplants and stroke.
- People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions (the same categories as mentioned above), based on their individual benefits and risk
- People aged 18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of

occupational or institutional setting, including, health care workers, teachers and day care staff, grocery workers and those in homeless shelters or prisons, among others.

Those who may get a shot include:

- People in high-risk occupational and institutional settings.

The state's move comes after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration formally voted Sept. 22 to expand its Emergency Use Authorization to allow for a booster dose of Pfizer for certain people six months after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Boosters are not yet authorized for people who received either the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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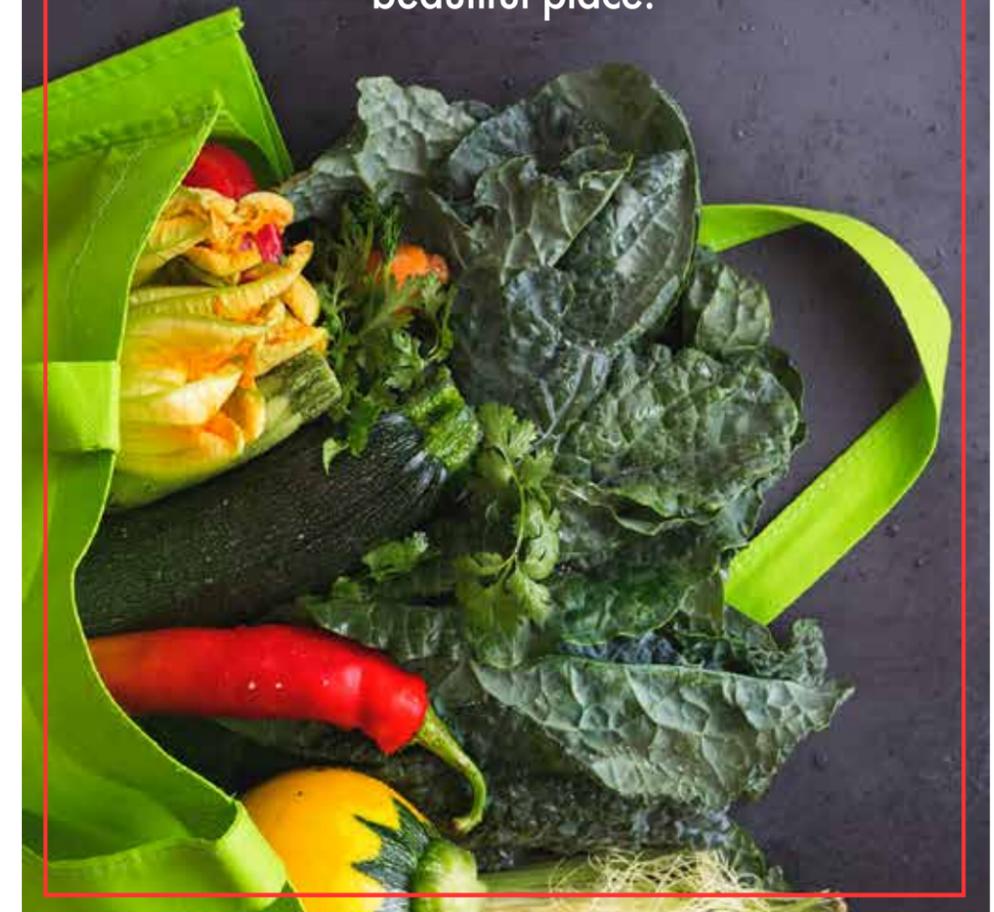


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TOWN SQUARE LIVE

# SALESIANUM DOWNS APPO IN FIRST MEETING SINCE 2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



BY JOE SINGLES

The Appoquinimink Jaguars boys' soccer team visited Abessinio Stadium Saturday night for a rematch of last season's Division 1 state finals. The Jags won the state title last year after beating Salesianum on penalty kicks to earn their first boys' soccer state title. The Appo soccer team came into the night's matchup having played only two matches resulting in a one win and one loss while Sallies came in with a 4-1 record. The first two minutes of the game, the Jags dominated possession moving left to right and right to left but were unable to secure any real type of scoring chance. Once Sallies gained possession, they immediately targeted Sallies forward Jake Ross who made a nice move through the Jag defenders. After a

few deflections, the ball landed at Noah Holgado's feet. Holgado blasted a right-footed shot from 25 yards out which knuckled right through the Appo keeper's hands, giving Sallies an early 1-0 lead. Five minutes later Ross would strike again as he found himself with the ball at his feet about 10 yards away from the goal. Ross would take a right-footed shot that would ricochet off an Appo defender and go right past the keeper for Sallies' second goal of the game in the first seven minutes of the match.

Sallies patience on the attack was evident as the half continued. Their willingness to play the ball back and side to side as they maintained possession eventually would lead to yet another Jake Ross goal. Ross found himself with the ball about 20 yards out and would actually take it even deeper in the corner giving himself a more difficult angle for a shot. The angle proved to be no problem for the Sallies striker as he placed a right-footed shot past the right side of the Appo keeper and inside netting for his second goal of the game putting Sallies up 3-0 at the 22 minute mark of the half. Sallies third goal would prompt a goalkeeper change for the Jags as the freshman Riley Buzby took over in goal for the rest of the contest.

The Jags would subsequently go on the attack for the remainder of the half. Despite being down by three goals they continued to push forward and would create scoring opportunities of their own. Their first breakthrough came with two minutes to go in the half as a Jag player was fouled just outside the penalty box giving

the Jags a free kick at the top of the 18-yard box. Appo's Thomas Hastings would send the free kick into the right corner of the Sallies net past the keeper giving the defending champs their first goal of the game. Halftime score 3-1 Salesianum.

Appoquinimink's intensity level at the end of the first half looked to be a good sign for the Jags but they were unable to carry any of that momentum into the second half. After some forward pressure by the Jags, in the opening minutes a through ball was played up the middle of the field to Ross on Sallies' first real offensive possession and Ross would not disappoint taking a shot from about 15 yards out with his left foot just as the Appo keeper came out to cut the angle. The Appo keeper was unable to get a touch on the ball as it rolled into the back of the net giving Ross his third goal of the game and Sallies a 4-1 lead. The Jaguars never showed signs of giving up but Sallies was just too much on this night. Sallies would score again with 22 minutes left to go as midfielder Reese Peddrick would lay a ball off for Noah Holgado just inside the 18-yard box. Holgado sent a right-footed blast through the crowd and into the back of the net giving the Jaguar keeper no time to react. The match would end with Sallies winning 5-1. The Jaguars drop to 1-2 while Sallies improves to 5-1 with a showdown looming with St. Benedict's Prep next Saturday night.

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# ST. MARK'S PROVES TOO MUCH FOR NEWARK



BY NICK HALLIDAY

Saint Mark's football scored early and often against Newark Friday night at The Graveyard. After receiving the opening kickoff the Spartans went right to work and never looked back in a 34-6 win.

With less than a minute off the clock the Spartans were facing a second down and eight when quarterback Chase Patalano hit wide receiver Jack Burns down the right side which originally appeared to be a touchdown, but Burns was ruled to have stepped out at the two. Donovan Artis finished the drive with a short touchdown.

After an interception by Wes Millman of St. Mark's, the Spartans would strike again. The Spartans only needed one play to score after the turnover. Tahj Johnson would take a pitch around the left side and scamper in for the touchdown. After a successful extra point St. Marks would hold a 14-0 lead with less than three minutes off the clock.

The Yellow Jackets' only scoring drive began at their own 20 yard line. The Yellow jackets marched down the field and finally found pay dirt when Markee Ellerbe ran around the right end and scored. During that drive Newark was able to convert on third down three times as quarterback Damian Wright was able to complete passes to keep the drive alive. The extra point was no good and Saint Mark's held a 14-6 lead.

The Spartans added to their lead in the middle of the second quarter. The Spartans' defense forced a Jackets punt from the back of the end zone. As a result, St. Marks would take over at Newark's 37-yard line. After a few nice runs from Spartans running back Matt Hanich, Patalano found Jabri White open in the corner of the end zone for the touchdown. After another successful point the lead was now 21-6 Spartans.

The Spartans capped off the first half scoring with a quick strike just before half-time. Patalano and Burns connected again with Burns as he spun out of tackles going down the right sideline for a score with just eight seconds to go before the half. Giving St. Mark's a 28-6 lead after one half.

St. Mark's would complete the scoring in the third quarter. Artis took a hand off up the middle basically untouched for a 27-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter. That score would be the last score of the game as St. Mark's defeated Newark 34-6.

St. Mark's improved to 3-1 and will host Conrad Friday at 7 p.m. The Yellow Jackets (1-2) head back home Saturday to host Delcastle for an 11 a.m. kickoff.

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BY NICK HALLIDAY

### Smyrna vs. Sussex Central • 10/1 • 7 p.m.

#### Game of the Week

Both of these teams come into this game with big wins after suffering losses the previous week. Sussex Central suffered a loss to Salesianum back on Sept. 10 by a score of 42-13, but bounced back last week by defeating Hodgson 35-6. Central had a bye week last week so it will be well rested for this game. Smyrna suffered a loss to Middletown back on Sept. 17 by a score of 28-14, but they too bounced back last week with a convincing win over Caesar Rodney 40-0. These teams will meet for the first time since the Golden Knights defeated the Eagles at home in the semifinals of last year's playoffs before going on to win the state championship.

### St. George's vs. Appoquinimink • 10/1 • 7 p.m.

These cross town rivals will face off on Friday night under the lights at Appoquinimink. The home team is

wearing a 1-2 record as the Jaguars suffered a 28-13 loss to their other cross town rivals the Middletown Cavaliers last week. They were able to get their lone win by defeating Caesar Rodney 6-0. St. George's is coming into this game with a big win over a good Salesianum team last Friday night by a 21-14 score. The week before it suffered a loss to Dover at home on Sept. 18 21-14. Last season St. George's beat Appoquinimink 21-7 in its only meeting.

### Dover vs. Caesar Rodney • 10/2 • 11 a.m.

Dover travels to Caesar Rodney with a 3-1 with its only loss coming to Arundel HS in Maryland. It has wins over Hodgson, St. George's, and last week they defeated Cape Henlopen. These two teams are heading in opposite directions. Caesar Rodney is 0-4 on the season and suffered its worse loss last week as it fell to Smyrna 40-0. The Riders will look to get into the win column as their cross town rivals the Senators visit them Saturday. Last season Dover won their only matchup by a 27-13 score.

### Newark Charter vs. Wilmington Charter • 9/28 • 3:45 p.m.

In this Diamond State conference matchup Newark Charter visited Wilmington Charter Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. Newark Charter comes into this matchup sporting a 5-0 record. They have only lost one set in those five matches as well. However none of those wins are against any teams in the Diamond State conference. Wilmington

Charter has 3-2 record on the season coming into this match. They won their last match over conference opponent Conrad 3-0. Before that they lost their last two matches to #1 St. Mark's and #3 Wilmington Friends. Last season Newark Charter defeated Wilmington Charter 3-1.

### Paul VI vs. Padua • 9/28 • 5:15 p.m.

Paul VI is traveling from New Jersey to visit #2 Padua. Unfortunately we couldn't find anything on Paul VI this season. Last season it went 11-2 in the regular season then went on to win its non-public A Sectional Championship. Padua suffered its first loss of the season last week as it fell 3-0 to #1 St. Mark's, last year's state champion. It did rebound later in the week with a 3-0 win over #7 Smyrna.

### Delaware Live Weekly Week 3 from Dover Buffalo Wild Wings • 9/29 • 7 p.m.

Delaware weekly this week is at Buffalo Wild Wings Dover location. We are going to have special guests Dover and Caesar Rodney football teams as we talk about their game our game of the week. We will also reveal our football top 5 rankings and talk some more football about this week's upcoming games. Also we will reveal out top 10 plays from last weeks games. We have some great plays be sure to tune it to see them revealed.



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# *Police & Fire*

**TOWN SQUARE LIVE**

# FORMER DEWEY BEACH OFFICER CONVICTED FOR ASSAULTING MAN ON STRETCHER

BY BETSY PRICE

A former Dewey Beach police officer has been convicted and sentenced to a year of supervised probation for repeatedly punching an injured, unaggressive man laying on a stretcher and then lying about it.

Gregory Lynch, who also lost his police certification and is banned from ever serving as a police officer again, was indicted in August 2019 after he climbed onto a stretcher and repeatedly punched the man, who was not identified in a press release from the Delaware Attorney General's office.

Other officers present said the punches were powerful enough to spray blood from the victim's face onto their uniforms, the press release said.

Lynch then handcuffed the victim to the stretcher and pulled him into an ambulance by his head. The victim

was later diagnosed with a concussion, a broken nose, multiple hematomas and lacerations to his face.

After the beating, Lynch claimed in a sworn affidavit that the victim had committed strangulation and two counts of offensive touching of a law enforcement officer. He told a fellow officer, "That's what I do when they don't comply—I make them felons."

Days later, EMTs and fellow police came forward with the truth.

Attorney General Kathy Jennings said Lynch pleaded guilty to perjury second degree, which is a felony, and assault third degree, a misdemeanor, after being indicted by her Division of Civil Rights & Public Trust. The plea was supported by the victim.

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Lynch will also be prohibited from buying or possessing a firearm.

"Abuse of authority, brutality, and dishonesty are cardinal sins for any law enforcement officer," Jennings said in the press release. "The defendant's violent acts harmed his victim and made it harder for his honorable colleagues to do their important work. Today the defendant becomes a felon who will never carry a badge or a gun again. Our thoughts are with his victim, and our thanks are with the EMTs and fellow police who did the right thing by stepping forward to blow the whistle on his actions."



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