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# JURASSIC TIMES CALL FOR JURASSIC MEASURES: DE TO DESIGNATE STATE DINO

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware's state fruit is the strawberry. The state tree is the American holly. The state flower is the peach blossom and the state beverage is milk. Soon, Delaware may add a state dinosaur and reptile to the list.

The House Administration Committee released two bills Wednesday to designate the dryptosaurus as the state dinosaur and the green turtle as the state reptile.

The dinosaur bill was drafted by students at Shue-Medill Middle School who researched and identified the dryptosaurus as the best choice. The Delaware Museum of Nature and Science assisted the students with research and the decision was reached through a school-wide vote.

Dryptosauridae bones have been found in the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal near the Reedy Point Bridge in Delaware City. The only other dinosaur bones that have been found in Delaware are those of a hadrosaurid, most likely Hadrosaurus foulkii, which New Jersey has already designated as its official state dinosaur. A reconstruction of a dryptosaurid skeleton, Dryptosaurus aquilunguis, is on display in the new PaleoZone of the Delaware Museum of Nature and Science.

Using their research, the students drafted the whereas clauses for the bill to explain the basis for their selection, which includes all of the following:

- The Dryptosauridae was bird-like but was also a predator and is related to Tyrannosaurus rex.

- Delaware's state bird is the blue hen chicken, so it would be meaningful to have a bird-like state dinosaur.
- Delaware is also home to the Dover Air Force Base, and this dinosaur relied on speed to escape from predators and was incredibly fast.
- The Dryptosauridae went to the ancient shoreline, but feasted on land like Delaware's shore birds do now, so it is a reminder of Delaware's ecosystems and how populations, birds, and sea life must be protected.

Separately, House Bill 101, sponsored by Rep. Steve Smyk, R-Milton, would designate the green turtle as Delaware's state reptile for one year. The bill includes a sunset provision and a different reptile could be designated after that period of time.

Smyk wants the green turtle to be Delaware's state reptile because:

- The Delaware Daughters of the American Revolution have found that the state of Delaware has omitted from the Delaware Code the official designation of a state reptile.
- Many states have designated an official State reptile to accompany their state flower, state flag, state bird and state insect.
- The green turtle is found in Delaware marine waters.

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# Community



## WHY YOU SHOULD PUT FOOD BESIDE YOUR MAILBOX MAY 14

BY JAREK RUTZ

Delawareans can help those in need on Saturday, May 14 simply by leaving food at their mailbox as part of the “Stamp Out Hunger” community food drive organized by the Food Bank of Delaware and Delaware’s National Association of Letter Carriers.

Donors just have to place a bag of nonperishable foods by their mailbox prior to mail delivery and their letter carrier will deliver it to neighbors in need.

Participants should not put glass jars in the donation bag, and the bag should be a non-breakable container, preferably a box or a can. The Food Bank recommends donating the following, as these are the foods most in demand:

- Peanut butter, cereal, pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned soups, canned meats, tuna fish, canned

fruits and vegetables

If donors want to give a little extra back to the community, volunteers are needed to help unload postal trucks at post offices throughout New Castle County. To volunteer, register [HERE](#).

“We are so happy that the Stamp Out Hunger postal food drive is back after a two-year hiatus,” said Food Bank of Delaware president and CEO Cathy Kanefsky. She said that so many community members are struggling to make ends meet, and food shouldn’t be another stress in the budget.

“Gas and food prices are at an all-time high, and for those who are living on already tight budgets, putting food on the table can be extremely challenging these days,” she said. “We hope that Delawareans will help us

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get meals on the table by supporting this year’s food drive. We are extra grateful to the letter carriers for their efforts to help our neighbors.”

The carriers will also be collecting food from apartment complex mailboxes.

The annual food drive was canceled the previous two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The last Stamp Out Hunger was in 2019 when letter carriers collected 122,663 pounds of food for the FBD and its hunger-relief partners.

For updates on the drive, or to share photos of your donations and spread the word, go to Stamp Out Hunger’s [Facebook page](#).

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BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Events to recognize Americans who lost their lives in service to the country will occur in several spots in Delaware this month, not just on Memorial Day (May 30). Here's a roundup.

The [Delaware Memorial Bridge Memorial Day](#) service starts at 10:30 a.m. May 30 at the Veterans Memorial Park, near the New Castle bridge.

The *Georgetown Kiwanis Club ceremony* will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29 at The Circle. The event is co-sponsored by the town, said Kiwanis president Ivan Neal. Activities include remarks, a wreath-laying, a 21-gun salute and taps. "It's a very nicely organized event," he said, drawing representatives from 20 to 30 other community groups.

The *Harrington Memorial Day parade* starts at 9 a.m. May 30 on Dorman Street, then running on Commerce Street.

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

The *Milford Memorial Day ceremony* begins at 10 a.m. May 30 at the Milford Senior Center. Maj. Gen. Michael Berry, adjutant general of the Delaware National Guard, will be the keynote speaker. "This is small-town America, and we fill up the room," said organizer Charles Garrod, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. "We want the community to remember all the sacrifices that have been made."

The ceremony includes the Milford Community Band playing patriotic music. A veteran representing each of the five military services will place a memorial flower on the remembrance wreath. Veterans of Foreign Wars Council 6438 will provide a 21-gun salute. Political leaders participating include Milford Mayor Archie Campbell, Reps. Bryan Shupe and Charles Postles, and Sen. Dave Wilson.

The [Newark Memorial Day parade and ceremony](#) is Sunday, May 15. A ceremony including drills, the presentation of flags and patriotic music will take place on the University of Delaware Green at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Memorial Day parade will commence, starting at South College Avenue and continuing to Chapel Street. Marching units representing all service branches, veterans' organizations, schools and community organizations will participate in the parade on East Main Street. Free parking will be available in municipal parking lots, and nearby roads will have detours and closures.

The [155th Wilmington Memorial Day](#) observance features a modified parade and event at the Soldiers and Sailors monument, Delaware Avenue near Broom Street, at 6 p.m. May 30 to honor the dead of all conflicts. Committee members will host a modified parade, lay a wreath and say a few words in honor of all those who have defended this country. "We encourage all who can, to visit cemeteries and gravesites in Wilmington to decorate them in the spirit of the original Memorial Day, which was then called Decoration Day," the event's website says.

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BY BETSY PRICE

Winterthur Museum will be sprinkled with a bit of fairy dust from Camelot throughout the rest of the year. Starting May 7, the estate opened its new exhibit, "Jacqueline Kennedy and Henry Francis du Pont: From Winterthur to the White House," touted as the behind-the-scenes story of the White House restoration in 1961-62.

The work began with Jackie Kennedy writing H.F. du Pont, an early champion of American decor, in early 1961 and asking him to lead the committee that would refurbish the home of the president of the United States. It ended with her famous televised tour of the White House 60 years ago, in February 1962.

The exhibit opens with a recreation of that TV moment, with two CBS cameras aimed at a mannequin attired in

## WINTERTHUR'S JACKIE KENNEDY EXHIBIT TO OPEN

the red dress that the First Lady wore during the Feb. 14 television program. Against a largely white-and-black color scheme highlighted by the prodigious use of archival photos and letters, that dress commands attention. It's on loan from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, Massachusetts.

On Monday, Gov. John Carney and members of the press got a tour of the then- still-under-construction exhibit from the former Winterthur conservation student whose thesis sparked the idea for the exhibit.

Elaine Rice Bachmann, who earned her master's in the Winterthur-University of Delaware Early American Culture Program in 1993, said she was interested in the du Pont-White House connection because her mother frequently talked about it. Bachmann, now the Maryland state archivist, is also the co-author of "Designing Camelot: The Kennedy White House Restoration" with James Archer Abbot.

The exhibit is one of a few based on Winterthur student theses, said Alexandra Deutsch, the John L. and Marjorie P. McGraw director of collections. The Jackie and H.F. exhibit also is the largest of those, she said.

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# DOLLY PARTON SERENADES BOOK CELEBRATION PARTY AT WILMINGTON LIBRARY

BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware politicians and librarians told superstar Dolly Parton Thursday that they will always love her and her Imagination Library program, which sends one free book each month to 21,515 state children.

During an invitation-only program at the Wilmington Public Library, the state officially thanked Parton for including it in her program.

Gov. John Carney and First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney interviewed Parton on stage before she sang "Try," a song about always trying to make your dreams come true, and "Coat of Many Colors," a song that she turned into a children's book. In between, Parton presented the library with an autographed copy of "Coat of Many Colors." Her inscription said, "This book belongs to you, Delaware. Dolly Parton."

The Carneys presented her with a small stuffed blue hen, the mascot of the Delaware Libraries early reading program and a box of Dolle's salt water taffy from Rehoboth Beach. Carney joked that just for today, they were changing the spelling to Dolly's. "That's kind of like our Goo Goo Clusters out of Nashville, right," she said. "I'm probably going to rip out all my crowns."

Educators and libraries are wild about the Imagination Library program because one of the keys to success in

school is being familiar with language. Parents reading books to children from birth helps them form a vocabulary and pick up on verbal and visual clues and the ways that letters sound. Learning to read is built on that.

Family members can sign children up for the Imagination Library at any Delaware library. Birth hospitals sign up newborns before they even leave for home, the First Lady said.

State Librarian Annie Norman said after the event that the 21,515 Delaware children ages newborn to five who are enrolled, represent 38% of those who could be getting the books. About 55,000 children are eligible, and the Imagination Library program would like to see the percentage of those enrolled rise to 60%.

The state also has 5,000 children who have aged out of the program, Norman said.

She said that each time the program is prominently mentioned—in the State of the State address, for example—more families sign up. "Now I'm waiting to see what this bump is going to be with Dolly Parton here," Norman said. "It could be exponential."

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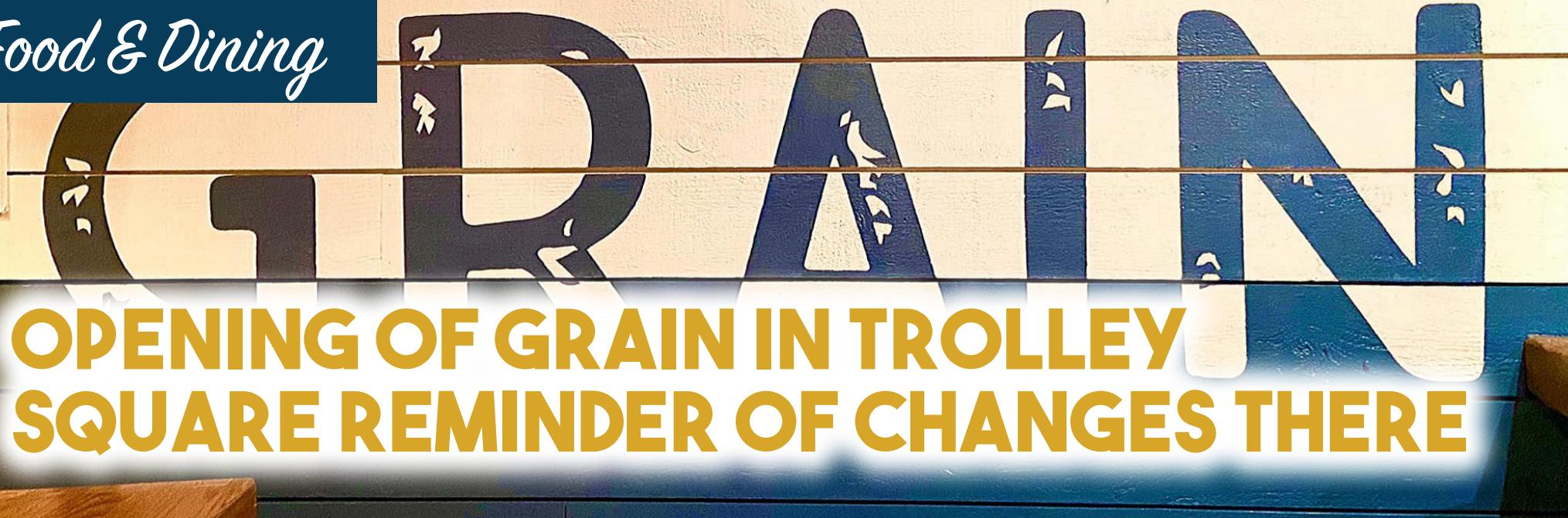
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## Food & Dining



BY PAM GEORGE

The opening of Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen on Wednesday, May 11, is another feather in Trolley Square's party hat. The stretch between N. DuPont Street and N. Scott Street is a hipster hive that can hold its own against most fun hubs in the state. But it wasn't always that way. Here's a look at what is and what was in this see-and-been center.

### **Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen**

The slender Trolley Square site is the fifth Grain location in OMG Hospitality's portfolio, and it's by far the smallest—two people can crowd the kitchen. Consequently, the menu is limited compared to the other locations. You'll mostly find noshes, sandwiches and a few salads. You won't lack beverage options or places to enjoy them. There are plenty of barstools in the indoor and outdoor spaces, and a seat-less bar runs down an outside wall.

**Big Fish Restaurant Group**, the landlord, renovated the building for BarRoja, a taco-centric spot that didn't

survive the pandemic. Or perhaps Big Fish nixed the concept when it opened **Taco Grande** on the Wilmington Riverfront.

The Trolley location has long appealed to restaurateurs. Legal notices for liquor applications appeared in the newspaper for the Forty Acres Spaghetti House (1946), Jillian's Restaurant (1982) and Peppers Restaurant (1987). In 1964, a classified ad welcomed patrons to the Champagne Lounge, also at that address.

But most locals call the building "Scratch Magoo's old space," and with good reason. The watering hole opened in 1989 and closed in 2018.

The founding company, the Shemp Restaurant Group, also owned Tyler Fitzgerald's in Pike Creek, Thurston's Pub in Bear and several other restaurants. Partner Scott Martin became the sole owner in 2013 until he sold to Big Fish.

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## HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS FAILS IN COMMITTEE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A bill to recognize certain rights of Delawareans facing homelessness failed in the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday after municipalities and landlords expressed concerns about potential unintended consequences.

House Bill 235's stated purpose is to ensure all individuals, regardless of housing status, have equal opportunity to live in decent, safe, sanitary, and healthful accommodations and enjoy equality of opportunities.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Sean Lynn, D-Dover, would have created a process for the State Human Relations Commission and the Division of Human Relations to investigate complaints of discriminatory treatment.

The proposal would prevent landlords from considering an applicant's housing status in determining whether to accept them as a tenant. It would also allow unhoused

people to live in a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle, provided the vehicle is legally parked on public property. The bill would allow them to vote, register to vote and receive documentation necessary to prove their identity without discrimination due to their housing status.

Debra Burgos, president of the Delaware Apartment Association, said the proposal would make it difficult for landlords to determine applicants' ability to pay rent and take care of their rental units. It could also invite litigation if an applicant was denied and incorrectly claimed their housing status was the basis for the denial, she said.

Burgos also expressed concern that by allowing unsheltered people to live in their vehicles, current residents could be made to feel unsafe or uncomfortable if those vehicles were parked on public property near

their homes.

Eugene Dvornick, town manager with the town of Georgetown, said he worried the legislation could impose a financial burden on municipalities as they would have to invest more in public safety and sanitation services.

"There are some creative concepts out there to deal with homeless situations that can provide safe and secure sheltering, individualized wraparound services, and to keep the homeless population and the existing community where they live, work and eventually be successful and ultimately lead to solutions for homelessness," Dvornick said.

Proponents said the bill was an essential first step to recognizing the homelessness crisis Delaware faces. Prior to the pandemic, Delaware had an estimated 1,165 people experiencing homelessness on any given day, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Those individuals and families are sleeping on streets, in cars, abandoned buildings, emergency shelters, and transitional housing programs.

According to Housing Alliance Delaware, which estimates the number of unsheltered people at more than 3,000 at any given time, one of every four people experiencing homelessness is a child under the age of 18.

Those figures likely only represent a fraction of the actual number, proponents said, because many of them live in places where they cannot be counted.

So long as the state fails to propose meaningful solutions to address the problem, protections against discrimination must be guaranteed to protect the rights of the unhoused, they said.

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## THREE BILLS FILED TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS

BY JAREK RUTZ

In response to recent cases of sexual misconduct by faculty and staff in Delaware schools, state lawmakers filed three bills Monday to keep students safe from sexual predators.

A virtual press conference was held Monday where several legislators, Attorney General Kathy Jennings and representatives from the [Beau Biden Foundation](#) for the Protection of Children spoke about the need for legislation to combat sexual abuse of Delaware students.

Patty Lewis, executive director of the Beau Biden Foundation, shared a series of statistics to demonstrate the seriousness of the issue facing the state:

- 500,000 predators are online right now
- The average age of victims is 12 years old
- 21.7 million complaints filed in 2021 against predators
- Only 20% of children who are being stalked online tell another person what's happening

"These laws are not controversial, this is not difficult," Lewis said. "No one believes that we should be protect-

ing predators."

The proposed legislation comes three weeks after [William Ushler](#), director of upper school admissions at Tower Hill School, was fired after being arrested on five counts of child pornography.

Just one week after Ushler's arrest, [Darin Albright](#), a Milford School District custodian, was charged with three counts of dealing in child pornography after being reported by Twitter.

[Senate Bill 290](#), sponsored by Sen. Nicole Poore, D-Delaware City, would expand on [Erin's Law](#), which the First State is one of 28 to adopt. Enacted in 2016, Erin's Law requires all publicly funded schools in Delaware to train employees and educate students about personal body safety, sexual abuse and how to maintain appropriate interactions between children and adults, including coaches and volunteers.

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## PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE 'THE LAW OF THE LAND' IN DELAWARE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware has become the 11th state to offer a paid family and medical leave program to new parents, caregivers, and those with serious illnesses.

Flanked by lawmakers and activists, Gov. John Carney on Tuesday signed [Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 1](#) into law after a year-plus long campaign to gather support from stakeholders in government, labor and business. Employer and employee contributions to the program will begin in 2025. Benefits will be available beginning in 2026.

"We can't stop all loss or prevent every challenge, but we can make life a little bit easier for people when hard times hit," said Sen. Sarah McBride, D-Wilmington, the bill's primary sponsor. "That's exactly what paid leave will do."

McBride said the bill, which provides 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents, will help uphold the "most Delaware of values: that in a state of neighbors we share a duty to care, to look out for one another when we need it most."

The bill also guarantees six weeks every two years for workers with serious health conditions, to provide care for a family member who is sick, or to adjust to a family member's military deployment.

Workers will not be able to take more than 12 weeks of total paid leave in a given year. Benefits are capped at 80% of an employee's salary or \$900 per week, whichever is less.

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# AUDITOR MCGUINNESS FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Embattled State Auditor Kathleen McGuiness has filed for re-election.

First elected in 2018, Delaware's first female auditor of accounts was **indicted** in October 2021 on a slew of felony and misdemeanor charges.

McGuiness is the first

statewide-elected official in Delaware history to be indicted while in office.

The charges allege McGuiness broke the law by hiring her daughter to work in her office, orchestrating payments to a former campaign consultant to avoid regulatory scrutiny and spying on employees who raised concerns about her alleged actions.

"I know my mission," McGuiness said in a **press release** late May 5. "When I first ran for State Auditor I pledged a new chapter for your independent Auditor's Office to make sure Delaware taxpayers get a fair deal."

Attempts to reach the Delaware Democratic Party were unsuccessful.

Shortly after the indictment, Betsy Maron, chair of the Delaware Democratic Party, said McGuiness would be doing Delawareans a disservice by choosing to remain in office.

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"When Delaware Democrats supported Kathy McGuiness, they did so on the promise that she would serve as a watchdog to prevent waste and abuse and uphold the highest ethical standard of transparency and fiscal responsibility," Maron said. "Our volunteers and voters put their faith in her to do right by the people of Delaware. To see that she broke the public's trust while executing her official duties is disheartening and downright embarrassing to our Party."

No Democratic candidates have filed to challenge McGuiness in the September 13 primary election.

Republican candidate Janice Lorrah said Friday she wouldn't comment on McGuiness' filing or her legal issues. "I think I speak for a lot of people when I say that our state government is way off track and Delaware deserves better," Lorrah said. "I'm running to bring independence, transparency and accountability back to that office."

Lorrah, a Hockessin attorney, first entered the public realm in February when she sued Gov. John Carney to end the state's school mask mandate. While her request for an injunction was denied, Carney lifted the mandate earlier than expected. The decision was announced during the hearing.

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## DELAWARE HOUSE VOTES TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA POSSESSION

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Delaware House of Representatives has passed a bill to legalize marijuana in the First State.

Well, sort of.

### What the bill does

**House Bill 371**, sponsored by Rep. Ed Osienski, D-Newark, would make it totally legal to possess one ounce or less of marijuana, except for those who are under the age of 21. Under the bill, possession of more than one ounce of marijuana, possession by a person under the age of 21 and public consumption remain unclassified misdemeanors.

The proposal would also make it legal to gift up to one ounce of weed to another person 21 years of age or older, so long as no money changes hands in return.

### What the bill doesn't do

HB 371 does not create the legal framework for marijuana to be grown or sold in Delaware. After the previous attempt at legalization **failed** in March, Osienski split the bill in half. The first half covers simple possession, and that's what passed Thursday.

The second half, now known as **HB 372**, sets up a division to regulate the substance, creates a licensing process for growers and dispensaries, imposes a tax on marijuana sales and directs most of the money to social equity initiatives.

Osienski's approach is strategic. Thursday's bill only required a simple majority, or 21 votes, because it doesn't affect taxes.

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If you are 50 or older, or have a weakened immune system, talk to your health care provider about whether you should get a second booster dose of the vaccine.



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BY JAREK RUTZ

Five school districts had huge increases in voter turnout in Tuesday's school board elections, with some doubling or tripling their vote count from last year's election. At the same time, seven districts with contested races actually saw a decrease in voter participation since last year.

Many observers hoped to see the statewide forums and increased interest in what's happening in schools result in big increases of school board voters. That didn't happen. That number traditionally has been cited as 10% of a district's voters and while some districts were up, the tide didn't rise for every district.

In 2020, 14,999 votes were cast throughout the state's eight school board election races. In 2021, 25,805 votes

## FIVE DISTRICTS SEE HEFTY INCREASE IN VOTER TURNOUT

were counted, a 72% increase from 2020, but in a year with 10 races. In total Tuesday, 15,101 votes were cast in Delaware's 12 races.

Per Delaware code, if a candidate is running unopposed, they are automatically declared the winner of the race without an election taking place.

The districts with huge voter jumps in 2022 were:

- Colonial – 280% increase
- Lake Forest – 260% increase
- Smyrna – 212% increase
- Milford – 127% increase
- Caesar Rodney – 26% increase from 2020 (uncontested seat in 2021 = no election held)

Overall, only three districts had more than 5% of their eligible voters show up to the polls—Milford, Lake Forest and Smyrna. Of those, Milford had the highest total with 7.84% of voters casting their ballot..

Seven districts with contested races saw a decrease in voter participation since last year, but not as drastic a change as the districts with increased turnout. Those districts were:

- Delmar – 58% decrease
- Red Clay – 46% decrease
- Woodbridge – 40% decrease

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## BRYAN ALLEN STEVENSON CHARTER WINS STATE OK: WILL OPEN IN 2023

BY JAREK RUTZ

After a few organizational hiccups, a new Sussex County charter school will be opening its doors in fall 2023. The Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence, first proposed in 2017, received state approval on May 5, and it's already garnered a lot of fans, judging by a recent state hearing.

Named for the national social justice activist and lawyer born in Milton and famous for freeing wrongly convicted death row inmates, the school hopes to inspire Sussex students to see their potential as clearly as Stevenson saw his. What will set the school apart, organizers say, is that it will focus on service learning, which allows students to get out into the community to learn and address the prominent issues of today.

For example, some students may be interested in researching environmental problems by solving water-related issues in the local community. Others may be interested in healthcare projects exploring the impact of toxic stress on children, families and communities

while seeking solutions to mitigate the overall risks in Delaware.

"We want a school where they're in the community using their fresh ideas and their youth to help solve some of the problems about the community, while also providing them with a valid and rigorous academic education in the classroom," said Chantalle Ashford, founder and co-chair of the school.

Ashford believes a lot of Delaware's youth do not know who Stevenson is or his impact on the social justice system.

The school will be located in the old Howard T. Ennis School in Georgetown. It's located in the Indian River School District, but will not be chartered by that district or any other, organizers said.

"We have no direct affiliation with other school districts. However, we are encouraged and inspired by our early collaboration with local school districts," said Julius Mullen, executive director of the school.

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BY JAREK RUTZ

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## CAESAR RODNEY'S CULINARY TEAM WINS NATIONAL COMPETITION

BY JAREK RUTZ

A hint of salt, a dash of pepper and a big spoonful of victory and cash for Caesar Rodney High School's culinary team, who bested 80 other teams throughout the country at the National ProStart Student Invitational in Washington, D.C. Each chef earned a \$7,000 college scholarship.

Teams had to make a three-course meal, and 60 judges scored them based off the following:

- Taste
- Knife Skills
- Presentation/Plating
- Culinary Execution
- Teamwork
- Menu

The teams were also judged on menu costing, which required the chefs to whip out the calculators.

"They have to turn in a book that itemizes every single item that was used in the course and what it costs to actually make the item," said the team's instructor Terri Senn, a family and consumer science teacher. "Then using food cost percentages, they determined what would be an appropriate cost to put it on a menu for."



With just 60 minutes on the clock, each culinary team received two eight-foot tables and two burners—no running water, no electricity.

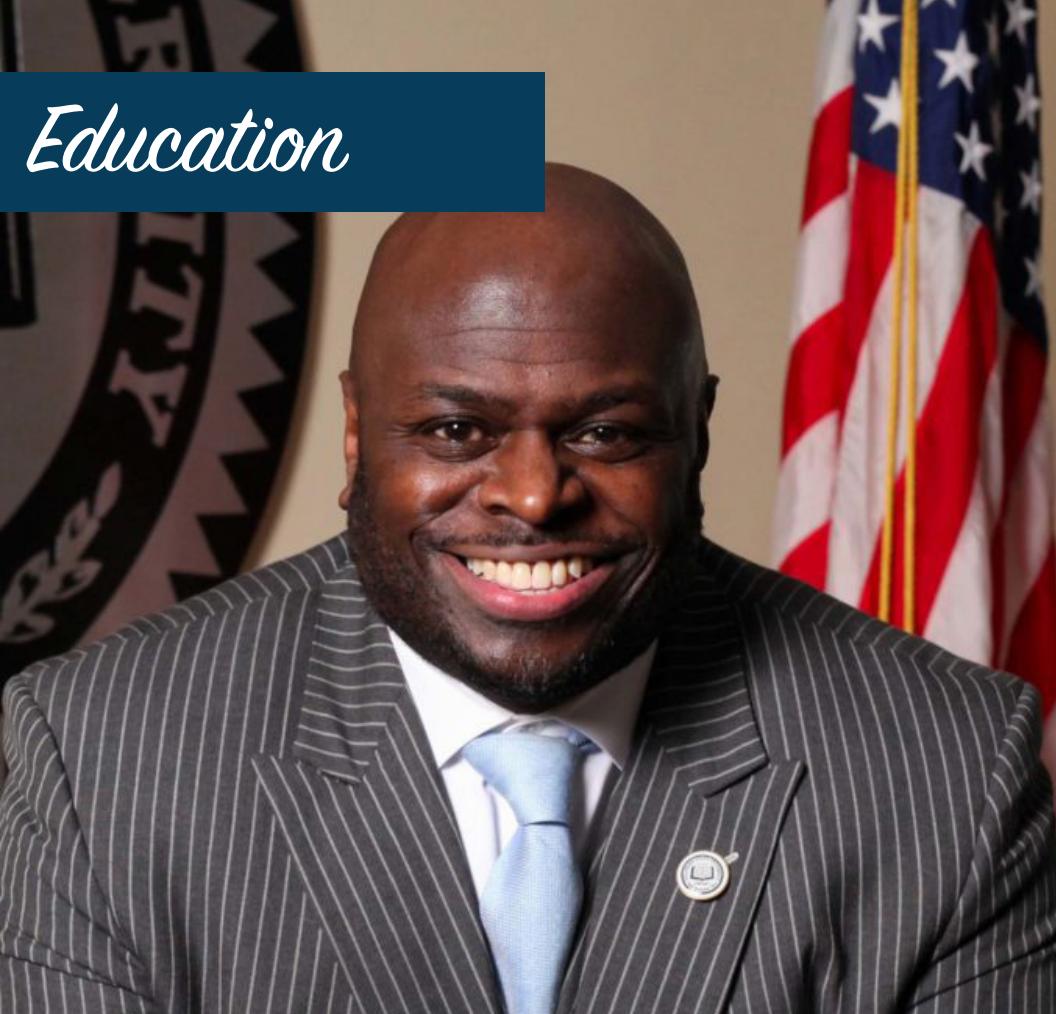
"So any kind of recipe they come across where it says to marinate for 24-hours or chill in the refrigerator for two to four hours, wouldn't be possible," said Senn.

The team, instructed by Coach Senn, includes Morgan Fitzhugh, Grace Gonzalez, Caitlin Hernandez, Sierra Maull and Carys Raber. The brigade de cuisine was brought together eight months ago, as the chefs are part of the culinary and hospitality pathway at Caesar Rodney.

Career pathways are something students can elect to pursue. They're offered so students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a concentration of interest, and possibly earn early college credits, industry-recognized credentials and work experience while still in school.

The team initially practiced two or three times a week for a couple of hours, said senior Morgan Fitzhugh, who will be attending the Culinary Institute of America after she graduates.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware State University president Tony Allen has promised an investigation into an April 20 incident during which a bus carrying the school's women's lacrosse team was pulled over and searched while returning from a tournament in Florida.

DSU is a historically Black university in Dover. Approximately 70% of the student population is Black.

According to The Hornet, DSU's student newspaper, the contracted bus carrying the team was pulled over in Georgia after traveling in the fast lane of the highway, which buses are not allowed to do, officers said.

Officers then boarded the bus and told the student-athletes they would conduct a search of their luggage for narcotics.

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## DSU'S ALLEN TO GEORGIA LAW ENFORCEMENT: 'WE WILL NEVER BE BULLIED'

"Why I'm coming on the bus right now is to tell you we're gonna check y'all's luggage," an officer is recorded saying. "If there is anything in y'all's luggage, we're probably going to find it, OK? I'm not looking for a little bit of marijuana but I'm pretty sure you guys' chaperones is going to be disappointed in you if we find any."

"You guys are on a lacrosse team, correct," the officer asks the women. "If there is something in there that is questionable, please tell me now, um, because if we find it, we're not going to be able to help you. You are in the state of Georgia. Marijuana is still illegal in the state of Georgia. Anything that you can put marijuana in, maybe a device that you smoke it, maybe something that you could weigh it—a set of scales or anything. If there's nothing then I'm thankful. That's going to make my job a lot easier to get this done."

Officers then asked the bus driver to open the luggage compartments. A K-9 unit was called in to perform a sniff search, according to The Hornet. No narcotics were found.

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# TEACHER COMPENSATION BILL AIMS TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATOR PIPELINE

BY JAREK RUTZ

Riding fears that COVID-19 drove teachers from classrooms and worries over Maryland saying it will pay starting teachers \$60,000 by 2026, a bill designed to change teacher pay in Delaware sailed through the state Senate May 5. It will go to the House Education Committee next.

Sponsored by Sen. Bryan Townsend, D-Newark, SB 100 would create a 15-member Public Education Compensation Committee to review the state's educator compensation structure and its ability to compete with regional school districts, Delaware's private business sector, and other governmental agencies. There was little discussion.

The move comes at a time when schools say teachers are leaving the field faster than expected because the COVID-19 pandemic required first a pivot to virtual learning and then made teachers responsible for ensur-

ing the health and safety of students when they returned to the classroom. Some education professionals worry that not enough young people will enter the field after having to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic as students themselves.

The bill drew bipartisan support with all 20 senators present voting yes. Sen. Gerald Hocker, R-Ocean View, said this bill will have the most impact on starting teachers, who he says get a smaller starting salary than starting teachers in neighboring states.

In 2019-2020, Delaware teachers averaged a salary of **\$64,853**, which ranked 20th in the nation. However, their pay has been on the decline. Delaware teachers are making 4.27% less on average than they made in 2010, according to one [study](#).

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# DMA NEEDS COMEBACK WIN TO DEFEAT CHARTER

BY NICK HALLIDAY



The No. 6 Delaware Military Academy (DMA) Seahawks hosted the Charter School of Wilmington Tuesday night at Frawley Stadium. In a pitcher's duel, the Seahawks trailed 1-0 late in the game during the Diamond State conference matchup. The Seahawks finally got to Charters' pitcher, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth to complete the comeback victory 2-1 over the Force.

Charter broke the 0-0 tie in the top of the third inning. With two outs in the inning, Justin Terranova hit a single back up the middle. Tyler Kreps then stepped to the plate and hit a hard ground ball to short that hopped over the glove of Drew Simpson and into the outfield. Terranova was able to round the bases on the error giving the Force a 1-0 lead.

Each team received strong pitching performances from their starting pitchers. Junior Logan Wiley from DMA and sophomore Brady Harach from Charter both pitched four strong innings. The only run in the game to this point was unearned. Both starters scattered four hits, as Wiley struck out seven batters, and Harach struck out 11 batters. It wasn't until the fifth inning that either pitcher would surrender an earned run.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Seahawks finally got to Charters' starting pitcher Harach. Jackson Dorsey reached safely with a walk on four straight balls from Harach. After Dorsey steals second base, Simpson redeemed himself from the error back in the third

inning as he drove a line drive deep to left center for a double scoring Dorsey from second base. Harach then walked the next two consecutive batters Tyler August and Luke Burdett to load the bases.

After the walks, Charter would make a pitching change as Terranova relieved Harach inheriting the bases loaded and one out. Wiley then helped himself as he popped up an 0-2 pitch that fell in between a couple Charter players in short right field scoring Simpson from third to give the Seahawks their first lead of the game which also proved to be the game-winning run as well.

Wiley was then relieved after the inning giving way to Simpson on the mound. Simpson would shut down the force going 1, 2, 3 in the sixth and seventh innings. He recorded six straight outs with five of them being strikeouts enroute to the save. Wiley would get the win for the Seahawks.

Simpson led DMA at the plate going 2-for-4 scoring a run and knocking in one. Sean Bogan and Tyler August each added a hit.

Terranova, Samuel Lefton, Brendan Craig, Max Aukamp and Justin Hahn all had one hit apiece for the Force.

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## DELAWARE TECH SOFTBALL SET TO HOST REGION 19 TOURNAMENT AS TOP SEED

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Delaware Technical Community College's softball team finished the regular season with a 28-2 record and has earned the top seed in this weekend's NJCAA Region 19 Softball Tournament. Delaware Tech will also host the double elimination tournament on May 13 and 14 at the Georgetown campus. The winner of this tournament will advance to the 2022 NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament in Alabama.

Delaware Tech is the defending NJCAA Region 19 champions and will open the three-team, double elimination tournament at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 13 against the winner of the 10 a.m. game between second-seeded Lackawanna College and third-seeded Mercer County Community College. In the regular season, Delaware Tech won all four games against Lackawanna College (by scores of 9-2, 8-2, 19-3 and 12-3) and won two games

against Mercer County (by scores of 6-4 and 5-2).

The winner of the 1 p.m. game advances to the championship game at 11 a.m. on May 14. The loser will play at 4 p.m. on May 13 in an elimination game.

Delaware Tech's potent offense is led by freshman third baseman Macey Myers, a Milford High School grad, who is batting .475 with 48 hits, 50 RBI and six home runs. Freshman shortstop Carlin Quinn, a Cape Henlopen High School grad, is right behind with a .480 batting average, 36 hits and 27 RBI. Freshman infielder Kylie Kruger, a Sussex Central high School grad, is batting .433 with 45 hits and 30 RBI, and freshman outfielder Kandice Schlabach is batting .440 with 37 hits, 33 RBI, and eight home runs.

Couri Smith, a Laurel High School grad, leads off the lineup and is batting .469 with 45 hits, 20 RBI, and

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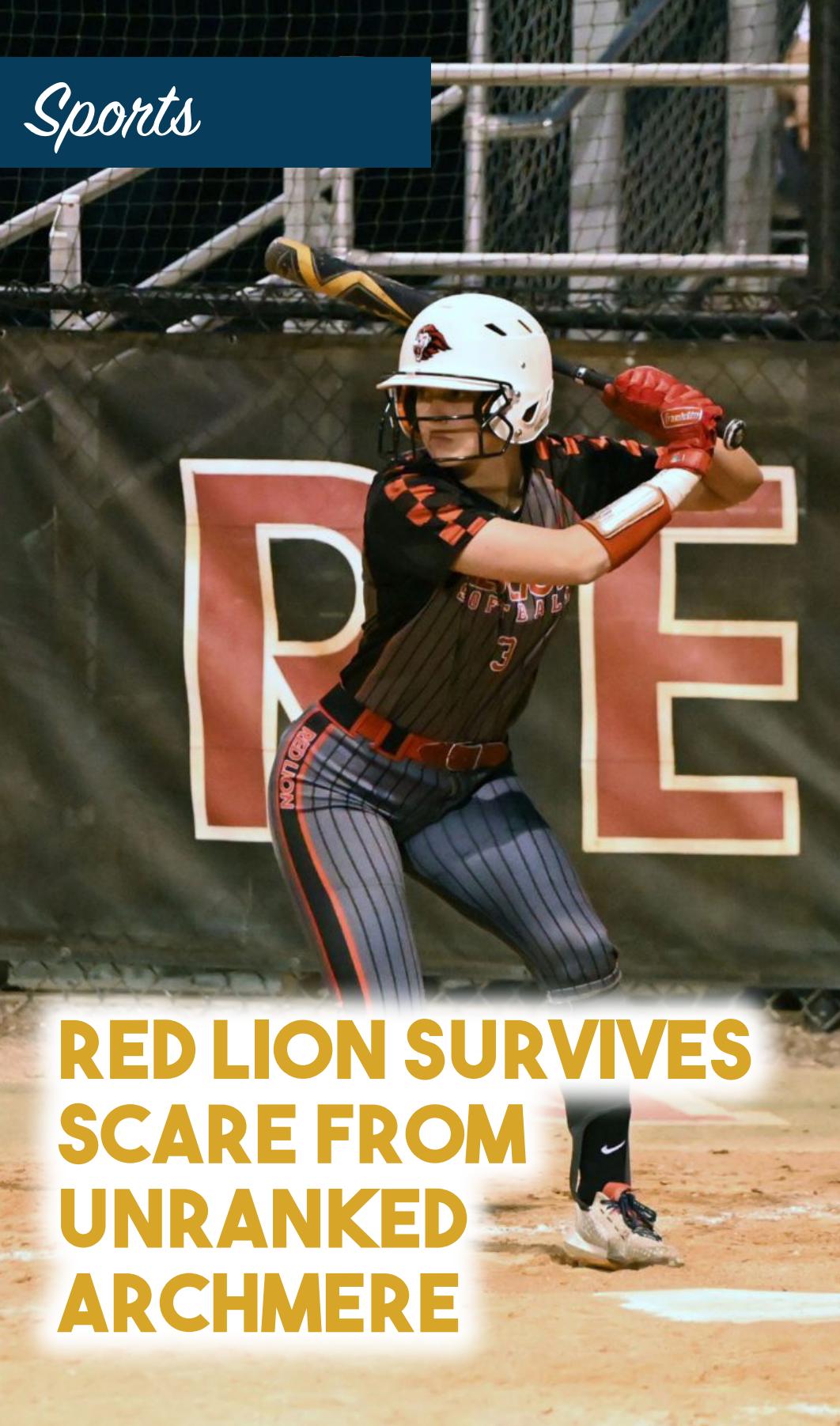
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15 stolen bases. Finally, Logan Walls, a Delmar High School grad, is batting .426 with 40 hits, 25 RBI, and nine stolen bases.

Pitching is always key, and Delaware Tech boasts the two best pitchers in Region 19. Starter Lauren Smith, of Snow Hill, Md., was 12-1 during the regular season with 62 strikeouts and a 1.80 ERA, second best in the region. Carly Collins, a Sussex Central High School grad, was 11-1 during the regular season with 59 strikeouts and a 1.27 ERA, best in the region.

Due to the potential for inclement weather on the first two days of the tournament, please visit [dtcc.edu/athletics](http://dtcc.edu/athletics) or follow dtccathletics for potential schedule changes.

# RED LION SURVIVES SCARE FROM UNRANKED ARCHMERE



BY GLENN FRAZER

Fifth-ranked Red Lion Christian Academy had to fight from behind on “Senior Night” to gain a softball win against Archmere 15-10 May 4.

Senior Peyton Pusey led the way with three hits in four at-bats including two home runs and four RBI. Pusey, along with seniors Regan Mendick and Bella Hurst were honored prior to the game.

Archmere (7-7) took an 8-4 lead in the third inning on three walks, two singles and a grand slam by Ava Beach. The lead was 9-5 after four, but the Lady Lions would rally for three runs in the fifth and seven runs in the home half of the sixth to come away with the victory.

The two teams combined for 23 hits including seven home runs. Pusey hit a solo shot in her first at bat, then added a three-run “dinger” in her final plate appearance in the sixth. The only time Archmere retired her was on a great running catch by Ryan Vitola in center field on a hard-hit line drive. Also “going deep” for Red Lion were catcher Morgan Lieske and Cam Hoffman. Alayna Griffing and Pusey each scored three runs for the Lions. The Auks homers came from Beach, Katie Schaller and Kaitlin Lotkowski. Schaller reached base all four times on three hits and a walk. Tori Connor, Vitola, Lotkowski and Schaller each scored twice for the Auks.

With the come-from-behind win, Red Lion improves to 11-1 and traveled to Polytech on May 6. Archmere took on Hodgson on May 6.



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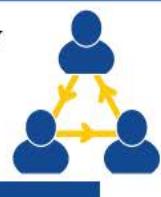
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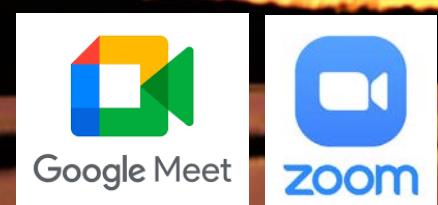
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