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**INTENSE INTEREST IN FOULK ROAD**



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**MADDIE SCHEPPERS: GIRLS SOCCER  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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*Community*

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# FOULK ROAD RECONFIGURATION DRAWS INTENSE INTEREST

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

An open house that was billed the “absolute beginning of the process” to **reconfigure** Foulk Road generated intense interest from neighbors and owners of local businesses. It did not, however, generate a lot of answers. Nor did it generate a large number of people favoring the project to cut the road from four lanes, improve it for cyclists and pedestrians and make other changes.

“I understand that people are upset about speeding,” said Oak Lane Manor resident Monica Hill. “I understand about giving bicyclists access. But converting Foulk Road from four lanes to two is not the answer.”

A rare voice in favor came from Pembrey resident MaryJo Kealy. “I love it,” she said, adding that “I take my life in my hands” when she tries to bike out of her home.

The **Delaware Department of Transportation** event was held in the community room of the Brandywine

Hundred Library, on Foulk Road, and at times there was a line of people backed up in the hallway—a line that thematically resembled the backups that already occur near Foulk. More than 200 people checked in for Tuesday’s event.

Carolyn Zogby of Birch Knoll said she counted 12 cars backed up on Silverside Road on a recent Saturday.

Jim Lewis of Brandywood said it’s not uncommon for traffic on Grubb Road to wait for three cycles of the light at Foulk.

DelDOT has said the impetus for the project is the deteriorating roadbed, plus intermittent drainage issues. The basic concept, called a road diet, is to turn two lanes in each direction into one, with a dedicated left-turn lane in the center, and extra space on the edges for bicycle lanes. The road would widen to two through lanes at

major signalized intersections.

## FOULK ROAD PROJECT

The project covers Weldin Road to the Pennsylvania state line (true, at the northern end, Foulk is already just one lane, but sidewalks and bicycle lanes are nonexistent).

“Foulk is already highly congested, and a plan to reduce the capacity of this major artery doesn’t sound like it would be without consequence,” said RJ Miles, president of the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred, an umbrella group for the region’s subdivisions. “They’re telling us to expect development, so it doesn’t look like the left hand doesn’t know what the right hand is doing. What’s the alternative?”

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# TROLLEY SQUARE PROJECT TURNS UTILITY BOXES INTO ART

BY BETSY PRICE

**Sungmin Bobbyak** expected that painting a ladybug mural on a utility box near the Trolley Square fountain plaza would be a solitary experience. It wasn't.

Drivers honked and yelled compliments out of their windows as they drove by. People who were walking by stopped to talk, some thanking her profusely for creating the public artwork.

"I thought I would go there and I would pretty much be ignored. I'd just do my thing and leave," Bobbyak said. "It was so much more about community than I thought it would be."

That sense of community is exactly what organizers want to enhance. Her ladybug mural is one of 18 organized by Wilmington City Councilman **Nathan Field** and the **Delaware Avenue Community Association**.

The artwork on the utility boxes range from a pair of gold eyes staring at you out of an abstract painting by James Wyatt to a portrait of nearby Rockford Tower by Lelane Rossouw Bancroft to a Gogh Trolley Square incorporating bits of Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night by Karen Yarnall.

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# 'TEMPEST' MARKS DELAWARE SHAKESPEARE RETURN TO ROCKWOOD

BY BETSY PRICE

If what's past truly is prologue—as a famous quote from William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" says—**Delaware Shakespeare** couldn't have picked a better play for its summer offering.

The play—about freedom and confinement, betrayal and compassion, forgiveness and family—will run at **Rockwood Park** from Friday, July 15, through July 31.

Producing Artistic Director David Stradley had picked "The Tempest" as the 2020 Rockwood production and even cast it before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the world.

"It certainly is a play about what happens when you encounter chaos," he said. "And that certainly is apt. We've all been through quite a tempest in the last few years."

Now Stradley is been back laboring under the hot sun to build a square stage so that the play can be performed in the round (yeah, we know. Square. Round. Just go with it.). That allows more patrons and their picnic chairs to get as close to the stage as possible.

### 'STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE FROM'

Stradley joked on Facebook that he was delighted to be back with the Pod containing the set, only to instantly question himself.

"Oh POD at Rockwood, I've missed you," he wrote. "It's been three years. Wait, have I missed you?"

"I'm three years older than I was the last time we did this," Stradley, 46, joked Friday.

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# FIREFLY RELEASES DAILY LINEUP, ONE-DAY PASSES AVAILABLE FRIDAY

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Not everyone wants to trudge through the mud and muck for all four days of Dover’s Firefly Music Festival. For those who don’t, organizers on Monday released each day’s lineup, including headliners.

Single-day passes will go on sale Friday, July 15.

The annual festival, which takes place at The Woodlands of Dover Motor Speedway, will be held from Thursday, Sept. 22 to Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. This year marks the festival’s 10th anniversary.

- Thursday, Sept. 22: Halsey
- Friday, Sept. 23: My Chemical Romance
- Saturday, Sept. 24: Green Day
- Sunday, Sept. 25: Dua Lipa

Other big names on each day of Firefly:

- Thursday: Jamie XX, San Holo, Briston Maroney, Bakar, Wax Motif
- Friday: Weezer, Big Sean, Avril Lavigne, Cold War Kids, Dayglow, Gus Dapperton
- Saturday: Porter Robinson, Haim, Seven Lions, Bleachers, The Head and The Heart
- Sunday: The Kid Laroi, Gryffin, Charli XCX, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, T-Pain, Manchester Orchestra

For more information and the full Firefly lineup, visit

[www.fireflyfestival.com](http://www.fireflyfestival.com).



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# REHOBOTH HOSTED LIFE GUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS JULY 13

BY JAREK RUTZ

Lifeguards up and down the East Coast gathered July 13 at Rehoboth Beach to compete in the United States Lifesaving Association’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships. Contestants from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia participated in ocean and sand competitions, primarily in between Baltimore and Maryland Avenues, which was closed to beachgoers that day. The public was, however, invited to attend and cheer on the lifeguards from the sidelines.

Jeff Giles, who heads up the [Rehoboth Beach Patrol](#), called the event a great tradition.

“The competition can be really intense, but it’s a lot of fun, too,” he said in a press release. “This is a great opportunity for our lifeguard-athletes, and Rehoboth Beach, to shine.”

The first event of the day is the 2K beach run, which kicked off at 10 a.m. Other events include running,

swimming, and rescue, featuring both individual and team categories.

One of the championship’s staples is the landline rescue race. In it, a lifeguard will work with two others on shore, ready to haul in a “victim” who has a strap wrapped around him or her. A lifeguard taking part in the event will play the role of the drowning victim.

Another popular contest is called beach flags, a sandy version of musical chairs in which athletes are eliminated one by one as they race between flags 20 meters away.

The lifeguards are seeking to qualify for the [USLA National Championships](#) in Hermosa Beach, California, Aug. 11-13.



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BY BETSY PRICE

Two days weren't enough **last summer** to make it through all the booths at **Winterthur Museum's** inaugural Artisan Market, but guests can try again Saturday and Sunday. They'll have their jobs cut out for them, though: **This year's event** will have more than 100 vendors, up from last year.

The second annual version opens Saturday at 9 a.m. for early bird ticket holders and 11 a.m. to everybody else. It closes at 4 p.m. and then opens again Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market is a rain-or-shine event. The weather looks great Saturday, but rain is forecast for Sunday.

Wares will include antiques and collectibles; furniture and home décor; upcycled and architectural salvage pieces; high-quality crafts and handmade items; vintage clothing and jewelry; small batch and artisanal gourmet packaged goods; original art in a variety of media; and garden items.

General admission tickets are \$22 for adults; \$20 for students and seniors; \$8 for ages 2-11. An Artisan Market early bird VIP admission allows ticket holders in from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and includes reserved parking. It's \$50 per person; \$25 for members and includes special parking, options for a **lecture** on the "Jacqueline Kennedy and

# WINTERTHUR'S ARTISAN MARKET: WHERE TO FIND THE GOODS

H. F. du Pont: From Winterthur to the White House" exhibit and a house tour that will follow Jackie's path through the house on her visit.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org), by calling 800-448-3883, or on site on the day of the event. For more about the vendors and their wares, go to [Winterthur.org/ArtisanMarket](http://Winterthur.org/ArtisanMarket).

## ARTISAN MARKET BOOTHS

Here's where you will be able to find the goods.

**Visitor Center patio:** Warwick Furnace Farm; Karen Trimble Fine Art; Heirloom Acre Honey; Pluma Avis Domus; Beautiful Botanicals; Classic Elegance; and Works of Art.

**The Grove at museum lawn:** Walking Olive; Art by Samara Weaver; Atwater Designs; The Farm at Oxford; Toadstool; Short. Sweet. Saucy; and Ten Air Studios.

**Clenny Run lawn:** Barefoot Botanicals; Kim Smith Fine Art; River Rat Pottery; artist Andy Smith; malagueta; reFIIND furniture; Eric Zippe Fine Art; Burning Branch Studio; Carvings by Bruce; Partnership Crafts; Chalktree WAX Candles; The Fairy Potter; Catherine Colsher; Miche Scott Handmade; The Works of Tamarah; Give A Fig by Suzanne Gaadt; Harold Kalmus; OnlyInTheForest foraged botanical art; Earthen Creed; Jenn Hallgren; LouLou Clayton Custom Pet Portraits; Aston Windsor Chair Shop; Millmont; Stephen D. Smith Photography; Estelle Lukoff Designs; PysankyByBasia; Stephen Brehm; Bridget Hughes Pottery; Paper Hibiscus; and Terrarium Therapy.

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# FATE OF ELON MUSK'S TWITTER PURCHASE UP TO DELAWARE COURT

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A Delaware judge will decide whether Elon Musk should be forced to follow through with his \$44 billion acquisition of social media giant Twitter.

Musk **offered** to purchase Twitter on April 14, 2022, after previously acquiring 9.1% of the company's stock, becoming its largest shareholder.

On July 8, he terminated the deal, claiming that Twitter breached its agreement by refusing to crack down on spam accounts and disclose how many accounts were run by bots.

On Monday, Twitter filed suit against Musk, asking the Delaware Court of Chancery to compel Musk to complete the purchase.

## WHAT IS THE DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY?

The **Court of Chancery** is considered the preeminent forum to decide disputes between corporations and other business entities.

At least one of the parties in any case before the court must be registered in the state of Delaware. Twitter, along with more than 60% of Fortune 500 companies, is registered in Delaware.

The Court of Chancery was established in 1792 and has since become a preferred forum for corporations hoping to resolve disputes quickly with a judge but no jury.

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# *Food & Dining*

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# SUMMER & BARBECUE: TRY THESE FINGER-LICKIN' SPOTS

BY PAM GEORGE

Recent culinary headlines in Delaware have titillated coastal diners' taste buds. The team behind Bethany Blues plans to put a barbecue joint in the heart of Rehoboth Beach.

Downtown Blues—a departure from the name of the Lewes and Bethany Beach locations—will move into the original Nicola Pizza site on North First Street. (Nicola is moving to Lewes after the summer season.)

Bethany Blues has been on a roll. The recently renovated restaurant in Lewes now has a dedicated takeout and grab-and-go area, Bethany Express.

These establishments demonstrate that barbecue is having its day in Delaware. And it's about time. For generations, the tangy, tasty cuisine has been a Southern staple. It's only natural that it would creep over the Mason-Dixon line that forms Delaware's southern border.

## STYLE & SUBSTANCE

**Barbecue** comes from the West Indian term “barba-coa,” a cooking method that involves roasting meat for hours over hot coals. As with pizza, there are different styles of barbecue. Indeed, before opening the first Bethany Blues, the partners made pilgrimages to well-known barbecue towns, including Memphis, Kansas City and Mesquite, Texas.

Interestingly, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Rochester, New York, was a favorite.

In the coastal South, pork is the preferred meat, possibly because pigs were plentiful and easy to maintain.

In Texas, beef was—and is—the barbecued protein of choice. The addition of sausages might come from the large German population that settled in Fredericksburg, Texas.

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# DOGFISH HEAD'S REHOBOTH BREWPUB TO OFFER TWO FREE CONCERTS



BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Funk-soul piano man Neal Francis and indie-rock band Kiwi Jr. will grace the stage at Dogfish Head's Rehoboth Beach brewpub, Brewings and Eats, on Wednesday, July 27 and Friday, July 29. Both live shows are open to the public with no cover or tickets required.

By age 18, Francis—who will perform at 10 p.m. on July 27—was a piano prodigy touring Europe and playing backup for prominent blues artists worldwide. Now in the midst of his solo career, Francis brings his talents to Rehoboth Beach to share his tunes with Delaware's music lovers.

His music has been described as a unique blend of New Orleans rhythms, Chicago blues and early '70s

rock. You can check it out on [Spotify](#) or [Apple Music](#).

On Friday, July 29 at 10 p.m., Toronto-based indie rock group Kiwi Jr. will perform while the crowd gets an exclusive taste of Dogfish's newest limited-edition collaborative beer.

The brew, also called Kiwi Jr., is a 5% ABV ale brewed with black pepper, grains of paradise, kaffir lime leaves, lime juice concentrate and kiwi.

"We're thrilled to not only bring two national music acts to the stage this month, but to take the fun a little further through our awesome collaboration with Kiwi Jr. on a brand new Gristette-style ale," said Sam Calagione, Dogfish Head founder and brewer.

According to Dogfish, the beer is an "eclectic blend of fruit and spices and provides a deliciously refreshing quality perfect for any live music show."

The beer will be available on draft at 12 p.m. on Friday, July 29. It will also be available to-go in four-packs of 16-ounce cans at Dogfish Head's Off-Centered Em-POURium in Rehoboth. The four-pack will cost \$16.

Formed in 2015 by a group of four friends, Kiwi Jr. (the band) has integrated themselves into the Toronto music industry, producing and playing a portfolio of original tunes that draw inspiration from pop and indie rock acts with nods to college party scenes.

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# LAWMAKERS PRAISE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STATE GRANTS

islators continually received requests for funding from community organizations throughout the year and we tried to organize them as best as we could in our office.”

Previously, organizations seeking grants for qualifying projects would send requests to state senators and representatives. If they supported the projects, lawmakers would ask the Office of the Controller General and Joint Capital Improvement Committee, often called the Bond Committee, to consider allocating funds.

Some said the lack of a formal application process meant those with closer relationships to lawmakers or more general political awareness may have had an edge in receiving state grants.

This year, the Office of the Controller General rolled out a new **process** that requires organizations to submit requests online using a standardized application form. The office then compiles the applications, determines eligibility, and passes those which qualify for funding to the Bond Committee for consideration.

“Any organization that was asking for money had to fill out an application this year,” Jones said.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A change to the way non-profits apply for state community development funds has lawmakers and advocates on both sides of the aisle applauding what they consider a victory for transparency in government.

When the General Assembly passed the largest Bond Bill in state history this June, it authorized \$90 million in grants for projects aimed at improving the economic, cultural, historical and recreational wellbeing of Delaware communities. Those grants were included in the Community Reinvestment Fund, a pot of money that has, in the past, received criticism for its lack of a formal application process.

“Last year, we didn’t have much of an application process,” said Controller General Ruth Ann Jones. “Leg-



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# DELAWARE ALLOTS MILLIONS TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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“We are investing in affordable housing development across our state so that more Delaware families have access to safe, affordable housing,” said Gov. John Carney in a Thursday press release. “We are using ARPA funds to make sure these affordable housing construction projects get through the finish line, support more Delawareans in becoming homeowners, and revitalize communities that were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The programs largely will be overseen by the Delaware State Housing Authority through 2026.

Delaware’s lack of affordable housing has been a constant **worry** for a decade, both in metro areas where swank units are out of general reach and in Sussex County where a building boom is luring well-off retirees but leaving workers on the street.

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**BY BETSY PRICE**

Millions in **American Rescue Plan Act** money will fund a wide variety of programs designed to help Delawareans stay in their homes, get into a home or find a rental that’s affordable. To do that, the initiatives announced in recent days will:

- Help buy and rehab vacant homes in Delaware neighborhoods.
- Provide extra money to those building multi-family rental properties so rentals are affordable for those with low incomes.
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# DELAWARE WANTS TO PUT FOULK ROAD ON A DIET

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

State officials want to increase safety by reducing the number of lanes on Foulk Road. The idea is drawing a lot of interest on what the project entails—and a visceral outcry.

The **Delaware Department of Transportation** “wants to reconfigure Foulk Road the same way it has Philadelphia Pike,” Mike Lang wrote on the Take Back Claymont Facebook page. “They want to reduce it from two lanes to one in each direction with a center turning lane, plus add a bike lane and a continuous sidewalk.”

A hearing was held July 12, at the **Brandywine Hundred Library**, 1300 Foulk Road.

The lane diet, Lang said, would cover the space between Weldin Road and the Pennsylvania state line. His post drew a dozen comments in a few hours, all

opposed. “Sigh,” “nightmare” and “horrible” were some of the printable things they said.

### PROTECTING DRIVERS

“It’s safety first and foremost,” DelDOT spokesman C.R. McLeod said, acknowledging that he had heard similar “knee-jerk reactions” to earlier lane diets that DelDOT has orchestrated.

“I am not yet familiar with the details of what is being proposed, but I can tell you that ‘speeding traffic’ is one of the top two complaints my office receives,” said County Council member Dee Durham, whose districts covers most of the road.

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# *Education*

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## APPO BOOKMOBILE: HUNDREDS OF FREEBIES

BY JAREK RUTZ

Appoquinimink School District librarians are hopping in their bookmobile and giving away hundreds of free publications July 20.

While the giveaway has been going on for more than a decade, the project this year will include a mobile trailer to organize the selection of books.

The volunteer effort of district librarians has been going on for about 15 years, said Susan Austin, librarian at **Bunker Hill Elementary School** in Middletown.

Before this year, “librarians would drive around in our own cars, put books in our trunks and lay out a tarp and put books out,” Austin said, “but we are getting a little bit more professional and organized with the trailer.”

The district has dubbed the annual affair as “words on wheels,” and it typically happens once per month in the summer.

On July 20, the bookmobile will stop at these four locations:

- Olive B. Loss Elementary from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (200 Brennan Blvd., Bear)
- Doc Levinson Park from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Doc Levinson Drive., Middletown)
- Silver Lake Elementary Bus Circle from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (200 E. Cochran St., Middletown)
- Townsend Municipal Park from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (0 Edgar Road., Townsend)

The bookmobile will have a wide array of titles from infant to the adult novels, although most of the books are for children.

During June’s event, the district gave away books to 465 students, with more than half of them in elementary school.

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# APPO COMMITTEE TO ASK SCHOOL BOARD TO BUY 25 BUSES

BY JAREK RUTZ

Appoquinimink’s Transportation Committee voted July 7 to buy up to 25 new school buses for fall, as the district’s contractors struggle to find drivers for the 2,000 students who still need to be assigned to buses.

Tom Poehlmann, the district’s director of Safety, Security and Operations, originally proposed buying 11 buses to the committee. On July 7, he said the district needed 11 to 25 bus purchases, partly because several of its buses are heading into their last year of service.

“A new bus is good for 14 years of operation,” said Poehlmann.

Purchasing 11 buses will cost the district about \$95,000, Poehlmann said. If the board opts for 25, the price tag will be around \$215,000.

Appoquinimink, like many other school districts around the country, has struggled to find a way to get students to school and back home in a timely manner because so few people are willing to be bus drivers.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated that trend.

Appoquinimink coped by doubling up routes for as many students as it could. For some students, that meant arriving at school well more than an hour before classes started, and having to wait hours to get bussed home.

Many students did not have access to a bus, forcing parents or neighbors to drive them to schools that weren’t physically configured to handle that much traffic at the start and stop of the school day.

## THREE-BELL SCHEDULE FOR BUSES

Appoquinimink hoped to ease the bus situation by moving to a three-bell system this fall, meaning elementary, middle and high school students all start class at different times of the day.

That system is designed to follow the science that says high school students need more sleep to do their best in school.

When the 2022-23 school year starts, middle schools will start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:10; high schools will start at 8:20 and end at 3 p.m; elementary schools will start at 9:10 and end at 3:30, and PreK will start at 9:10 and end at 3:10.

Having three bells also allows a bus to run up to three routes, depending on how far away from the school that route is.

## COST OF REPAIRING BUSES

This past year, Appoquinimink acquired eight used buses from Christina School District, and it’s now in the process of hiring eight bus drivers. The district is revamping the eight buses, said Poehlmann.

That will cost about \$25,000 a bus, including \$13,000 for service and maintenance, \$10,000 for painting, \$1,100 for detailing, \$1,000 for changing the labels on the side of the buses to Appoquinimink and \$95 for safety equipment.

The district had routes run by five bus contracting companies last year. Two of them recently returned 11 contracts because they couldn’t find drivers.

Appoquinimink now has the burden of filling those positions to have bus service on those routes.

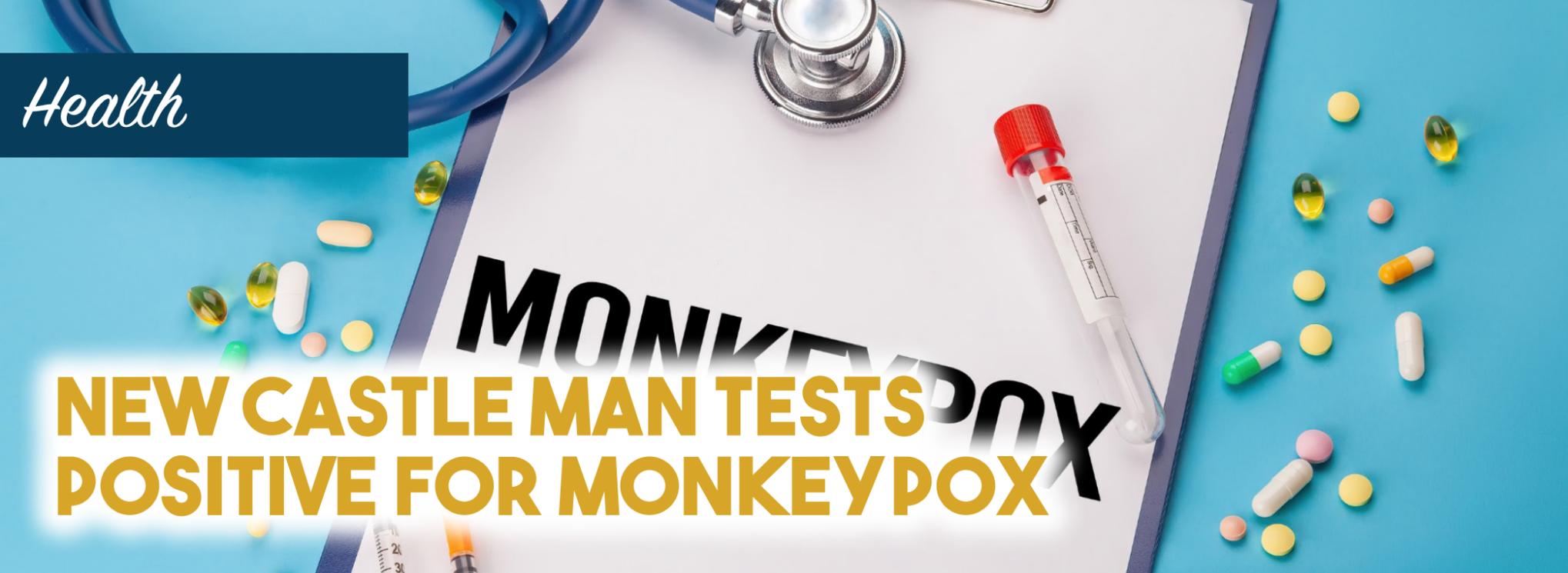
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# MONKEYPOX

## NEW CASTLE MAN TESTS POSITIVE FOR MONKEYPOX

### BY STAFF WRITER

A 41-year-old New Castle County man tested positive for the monkeypox virus this week. It's the state's first case of the communicable virus, which has already been found in states around the country.

The man did not report any travel or exposure to someone known to have the virus, called MPX for short, but is believed to have been exposed after intimate contact with an individual in early July, according to the Delaware Division of Public Health.

The individual, who the state will not name, is self-isolating and the state is trying to track his close contacts. Public Health also is working with the [Centers for Disease Control](#) to confirm the best course of treatment.

"The Delaware Division of Public Health has prepared to respond to MPX cases," said Dr. Rich Hong, interim director of Public Health. "As we work to confirm our first case in the state, we encourage Delawareans to be aware of being in close intimate contact with individu-

als who have rashes or flu-like symptoms. We will continue to monitor this situation closely."

MPX can make you sick, causing a rash, which may look like pimples or blisters, often with an earlier flu-like illness. Transmission occurs when a person encounters the virus from an animal, human or materials contaminated with the virus. The virus enters the body through broken skin (even if not visible), respiratory tract or the mucous membranes (eyes, nose, or mouth).

The overall risk of MPX is low, generally caused by close intimate contact, the state press release said. However there are other ways it can spread including:

- Direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs or body fluids
- Respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling or sex
- Touching items (such as clothing or linens) that pre-

- viously touched the infectious rash or body fluids
- Pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta
- Infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by the animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

The incubation period of the illness (time from infection to symptoms) is typically seven to 14 days but can as long as 21 days. The illness itself typically lasts two to four weeks and is rarely fatal. People who do not have symptoms cannot spread the virus to others.

### MONKEYPOX SIGNS, SYMPTOMS

The symptoms of MPX are similar to, but milder than, the symptoms of smallpox. They usually start within three weeks of exposure to the virus.

Most people who contract the virus will develop a rash, and some will develop flu-like symptoms beforehand. The flu-like symptoms may include fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, sore throat, cough, swollen lymph nodes, chills or exhaustion.

If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash one to four days later.

If you suspect you are experiencing any symptoms associated with monkeypox you should immediately contact your doctor, avoid being intimate with other, make a list of contacts within the last 21 days and self-isolate until all lesions have resolved, the scabs have fallen off and a fresh layer of intact skin has formed.

Currently, there is no specific treatment for monkeypox virus infection. Instead, smallpox vaccine, antivirals and vaccinia immune globulin are used.

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**TOWN SQUARE LIVE**



BY NICK ALESSANDRINI

Former Salesianum graduate and Delaware native Donte DiVincenzo recently agreed to a two-year, \$9.3 million deal with the Golden State Warriors, first reported by Shams Charania of The Athletic. The deal will include a player option in year two and will be part of the Warriors' Taxpayer Mid-Level Exception. The Kings declined to make DiVincenzo a qualifying offer when free agency opened back on June 30, surprising many NBA front offices. DiVincenzo averaged nine points, four rebounds, and 2.8 assists in 20 minutes per game. In 25 games with the Kings after his mid-season trade from Milwaukee, his numbers took a small leap as he averaged 10.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.8 assists in 26 minutes per game.

DiVincenzo was a member of the 20-21 Milwaukee Bucks that hoisted the Larry O' Brien Trophy. In his third season with the Bucks, DiVincenzo was averaging

## SALESIANUM ALUM DONTE DIVINCENZO FINDS NEW NBA HOME IN GOLDEN STATE

career highs in points (10.8), rebounds (5.8) and assists per game (three) while shooting 37.9% from three. He will look to get back to full form after dealing with injuries the last few seasons.

"Coming off the injury, it's not hidden—I got off to a slow start. Percentages weren't there, everything wasn't there. I was still trying to get traction and everything. Then getting traded, it just weighs on you," said DiVincenzo.

"Now I have a full complete offseason to start developing more and get acclimated to this system. I think once I get acclimated to the system and everything that they do, everything will take off from there."

He also spoke with Steph Curry, who dealt with injuries himself early in his career before joining the defending NBA Champions. "That's something that Steph and I talked about, just the injury thing," DiVincenzo said Saturday. "He's like, 'We know you can play. You know you can play. You just have to show everybody for a year that you can play.'" Donte will have an opportunity to make a big impact on a team that will most likely be competing for another NBA Championship. *(All Quotes from NBC Sports)*

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# NBA TALENT AT FIELDHOUSE SATURDAY

BY NICK ALESSANDRINI

Some of the biggest talent the state has ever seen will be hitting the hardwood at the Chase Fieldhouse on Saturday, July 16 in the Brotherly Love Showcase. The showcase will feature team DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia) vs. Team Brotherly Love and you will see some names you know.

Team DMV consists of NBA Superstar Kevin Durant, former No. 2 overall pick Michael Beasley, NBA champion Quinn Cook, former UNC star and NCAA champion Ty Lawson and Naji Marshall. The team is coached by Kevin's brother Tony Durant, alongside Sean Raynor and Tee Johnson. Team Brotherly Love will consist of players from the Philly/PA area and is led by former lottery pick Dion Waiters, the Morris twins (Markieff and Marcus), former lottery picks Lonnie Walker and DeAndre Hunter, and Brad Wanamaker. Brotherly Love will be coached by Joe Pop Ross, Chuck Ellis and Scoop Jardine.

Tickets for the event are unfortunately sold out, but you can follow the Brotherly Love Pro AM League on Twitter @Phillyproam for more info and ways to watch the upcoming game. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Chase Fieldhouse.



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# SAINT MARK'S SCHEPPERS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Saint Mark's High School is pleased to announce that Maddie Schepers was recently named the Gatorade Delaware Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated both on and off the field, distinguishes Schepers as Delaware's best high school girls soccer player.

The 5-foot-7 senior midfielder and forward scored 36 goals and passed for 19 assists this past season, leading the Spartans (16-2) to the Division 2 state championship. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Schepers was named Player of the Year by the Delaware High School Girls Soccer Coaches Association. She concluded her prep career with 107 goals and has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Delaware this fall.

Off the field, Schepers is just as impressive. She regularly gives back to her community, volunteering locally for a soup kitchen, Habitat for Humanity and youth soccer camps. With a weighted 4.13 GPA in the classroom, Schepers has shown she is a scholar as well as an athlete.

"I was very surprised and excited to be receiving such a high honor," said Schepers. "It feels amazing to be the state champ and Gatorade Player of the Year because it

shows that all my hard work and the team's hard work has paid off."

Saint Mark's Head Coach Dan Swasey has high praise for Schepers. "Maddie Schepers has exhibited dedication, passion, motivation, and a tireless work ethic to better herself as a soccer player," he said. "Maddie does it all with a humility and quiet confidence that is rare among athletes. She has played at the highest levels, but never puts herself above her team."

"Maddie is as even-keel an athlete as I have coached, never getting too high when things are up and never dwelling on the lows. She balances an unbelievable competitiveness for the game of soccer while keeping her emotions in check each and every day."

Saint Mark's President Tom Fertal was quick to offer his congratulations to Schepers. "We are so very proud of Maddie and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor! Maddie embodies all that is best in student athletics. Her relentless pursuit of excellence is inspiring to all," he said.

Athletics Director Matt Smith echoed the sentiment. "Maddie Schepers was a leader both on and off the field. She is a highly skilled player and is extremely deserving of this award," he said.

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# LEWES AND LAUREL ADVANCE IN DISTRICT 3 MINOR ALL STARS

BY BENNY MITCHELL

District 3 All Star action is in full swing in 2022 after two years of restrictions on tournament play due to COVID-19. As the Minor All Star tournament begins, everything looks back to normal including doubleheader semifinal action at the Lewes Little League Park.

## LEWES 11 NANTICOKE 4

Finn Gannon went 4-for-4 from the plate with an RBI and three runs scored, leading Lewes to an 11-4 semifinal round victory over Nanticoke in District 3 Minor All Star action on July 8.

Lewes took advantage of six errors and seven walks by Nanticoke as it improved to 2-0 in the tournament.

Briggs Gannon got the win on the mound, allowing two runs on three hits with three strikeouts and issuing three walks in four innings of work.

Lucan Fazio and Jacoby Clarke each had a hit for Lewes, while Brayden Neal had a double and Brayden Ridenour added a triple for Nanticoke.

Nanticoke faced Woodbridge on July 9 in Bridgeville while Lewes had a day's rest before hosting Laurel on July 10.

## LAUREL 14 MILLSBORO 1

In the second game of the doubleheader, Laurel jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning and never

looked back as it advanced in the bracket with a 14-1 win over Millsboro in four innings.

Christian Farlow and J.J. Haddock each had a hit and three RBI for Laurel. Carter Bristow was 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. Bristow had a two RBI single in the third inning to plate the 10th run for Laurel.

Liam Stover and Austen Steen each had hits while Blaze Bryan added a pinch hit two-RBI single in Laurel's seven-run third inning. Bryan also closed out the game on the mound.

Mateo Tressler picked up the win scattering three hits with four strikeouts and surrendered one base on balls and zero runs. Tressler also scored two runs to help his own cause.

Farlow allowed two runs in relief, striking out two with one base on balls. Farlow also scored two runs.

Millsboro got hits from Dylan DeLoy, Cooper Lewis and Brody Snyder. Draeden Waters had an RBI. Millsboro faced Georgetown July 9 in Bridgeville.

Laurel squared off with Lewes on July 10 with the winner advancing to the championship game.



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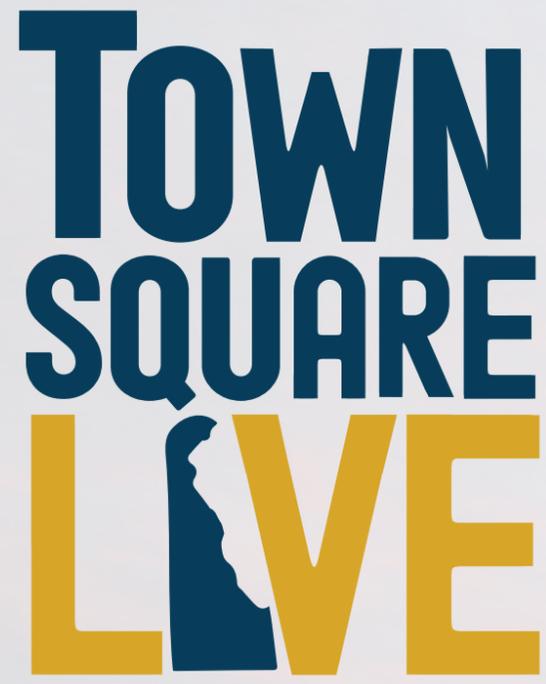


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