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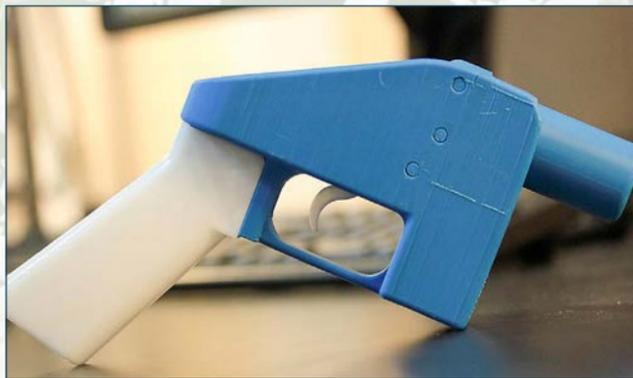
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"GHOST GUN" BAN PARTIALLY HALTED



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BY BETSY PRICE

Dig out your party hats. The Grand Gala is returning Dec. 3 with a show headlined by Tony Award-winning “Hamilton” star **Renée Elise Goldsberry**, with the traditional afterparty at **The Grand Opera House**. It will feature food, drink and entertainment spread out throughout the 150-year-old building.

A major fundraiser for the opera house’s community engagement programs, the 2020 gala was killed by the COVID pandemic and replaced with a holiday-themed downtown light show that brought 10,000 cars to the parking lot of Frawley Stadium.

Last year, the Grand held a mini gala and then a progressive party with an intimate crowd walking from restaurant to restaurant for the afterparty.

GRAND GALA RETURNS WITH ‘HAMILTON’ STAR ON STAGE

As public life has moved back toward normal without masks and other restrictions, the time felt right to bring back the old gal’s gala, said Kate Baker Frawley, director of development at The Grand.

Frawley said The Grand is delighted to have Goldsberry, who originated the role of Angelica Schuyler in “Hamilton.” For the gala’s first year back, the organizers wanted someone exciting and of the moment, but who could also bring together the Grand’s music, variety and Broadway fans.

It wasn’t easy to find someone to fit that bill. Many artists are not booking very far ahead, and others have dramatically raised their prices, Frawley said. But organizers think they have a winner with Goldsberry, who played Schuyler in “Hamilton.”

Not only is Goldsberry one of the It Women of the moment, she’s practically local, living in New York, an easy distance away, which helps avoid airline troubles. Goldsberry will sing Broadway tunes from “Hamilton,” “Rent” and “The Lion King,” all of which she starred in on Broadway, as well as pop and soul standards.

She will perform that night at 8 p.m. in the Grand’s Copeland Hall, after a program that will honor the Gilliam family for its member generations of support for the arts in Wilmington.

GRAND GALA AFTERPARTY

The afterparty will start after the concert. In the last decade, Grand Gala guests would walk up to the Hotel du Pont and wander from room to room, with all food

and drink included in the price of the ticket.

Food and drink again is included in the ticket, but this year it will focus on the city’s restaurants, which suffered when the pandemic shut down the shows at the Grand, Rossi said.

“Many of our local friends and partners, restaurants and artists, were affected by us being closed and by the pandemic,” she said. “We wanted to do our part to support them.”

The 800 block of Market Street will be closed for the evening, and the Grand will put up a marquee tent outside. Inside, themed rooms will be named for downtown restaurants, including Tonic, Chelsea Tavern and Oath 84, with more names expected to be revealed in the next two months. Each room will include a local entertainer or band, and themed cocktails and mocktails.

“So it will be a celebration of not only downtown and Wilmington, but really all of Delaware raising money for the Grand’s community outreach programs,” Frawley said. She’s not ready to reveal all the food specialties, but says the popular breakfast room and dessert room will be back.

All tickets include the Afterparty 818, named after The Grand’s Market Street address. Grand Gala tickets are \$200, \$300 for better seats and \$500 for the best seats and a pre-party. Tickets are available at www.thegrandwilmington.org, or through the Grand Box Office at 1-800-374-7263.





PRIVATE SCHOOLS GO INTO OVERDRIVE WITH OPEN HOUSES

BY JAREK RUTZ

Private schools across Delaware are in the thick of recruiting season, and most of them are holding open houses in the coming weeks. The programs for those open houses are designed both to entice the students, but also answer any questions they and their families have, so everybody can be sure the match is good. They are popular for both students and schools: Most students who attend a private school also went to one of its open houses.

Ursuline Academy, which on Sunday is holding its first of two open houses, is preparing to make the day one to remember.

“They get to see the show,” said Lisa Clody, director of enrollment management at Ursuline. “They get to see

everything nice and fancy and everybody is happily handing out information to the attendees.”

In addition, Ursuline’s head chef John Maguire is making hundreds of sample-sized dishes for students and families to try.

Dozens of Ursuline staff and students will be in and out of the campus buildings, giving families tours that tie into the packets detailing the school’s history, extra-curricular activities, goals and mission, enrollment demographics or any other information that can give a prospective family a thorough overview of the school.

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DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS, LAWYERS

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will honor police officers, firefighters, EMTs and military personnel during its annual Blue Mass on Friday, Oct. 7. The mass will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington, located at the corner of Cedar Street and South Clayton Street. The Diocese invites first responders and military personnel of any faith to attend. In-person attendees are asked to be ready to line up at 10:45 a.m.

The mass also will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel. Bishop William Koenig will preside. A reception will follow the mass in Grant Hall beneath the church.

RED MASS TO HONOR LEGAL PROFESSION

The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington will host its annual Red Mass at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Roman Catholic Church, located at 10 Old Church Road in Wilmington, on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Koenig with concelebrant Father Joseph W. McQuaide IV as homilist.

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STATE SEEKS INPUT ON PLAN FOR COOCH'S BRIDGE SITE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The 1777 **Battle of Cooch's Bridge** was the only one fought on Delaware soil and the first time that the Stars and Stripes were flown in battle. With such a storied history, you might be surprised to learn you could have a say in the site's future.

Well, you do. The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will hold three public workshops in October to gather input and design an interpretive plan. The historic site is located at **961 South Old Baltimore Pike** in Newark.

"The goal is to create a site where the interpretation is really community driven and includes the more expansive history of the site while putting a laser focus on what people want to see and hear from us as we build from the ground up," said site manager Kaitlyn Dykes.

Dykes and others are working with consultant **Robert Forloney** of the Cultural Institution to prepare a document that will assess the needs of the site. The document will outline goals relating to administration and management, visitor experience, community and stakeholder engagement and possible design options for what the site might ultimately look like.

"Most places don't get to do that because most historic sites are already established by the time they reach out to the community," Dykes said. "We're in a very cool spot where we get to reach out to the community first to build the foundation."

The goal is to have a plan completed in 2023. The public is encouraged to participate in upcoming public workshops in October 2022. Two workshops will

be held in person, and one will be held virtually:

- Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 6–8 p.m. In person at the **Buena Vista Conference Center**, 661 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle. Free and open to the public
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, 10 a.m.–noon. In person at the Buena Vista Conference Center, 661 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle. Free and open to the public
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, 6–8 p.m. Virtual workshop streamed live via Zoom. Free but registration required by going to this [link](#).

For additional information, call the Cooch's Bridge Historic Site at 302-922-7116 or email CBmuseum@delaware.gov.

The Cooch's Bridge Historic Site has multiple components, including the Cooch Homestead and Cooch-Dayett Mill complex.

The homestead, which includes a 10-acre parcel with the historic home and outbuildings, was the focal point for the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. The mill complex includes the circa-1830s mill, miller's house, outbuildings and the right-of-way access to the mill race and dams along the Christina River.

The current mill is the third in a succession of grist mills built by the family in the area, with the first dating to the mid-18th century. That portion of the property spans more than 60 acres and includes preserved lands such as a floodplain, meadows and a leased agricultural field.

Both components of the property help tell the agricultural and industrial story in and around Newark and illuminate the lives of those who worked and lived in the area.



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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Dogfish Head Craft Brewery will host its second annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at its Milton **Tasting Room and Kitchen**.

The free event will feature food, music, art, entertainment and off-centered ales, including a brand-new fall beer brewed in collaboration with **Dewey Beer Co.** and **Fifer Orchards**.

“I am always pumped for this time of year and for our annual Harvest Festival, but Deep Delish, our new collaboration beer with Dewey Beer Co. and Fifer Orchards, is going to bring a whole new level of excitement to the event,” said Sam Calagione, Dogfish Head founder and brewer. “I think our drinkers are going to have a lot of fun tasting it, especially knowing that it was ideated

and brewed in partnership with two other Delaware native brands.”

Deep Delish, which clocks in at 9.7% ABV, the first limited-edition 12-ounce can to be released from Dogfish Head’s Milton Tasting Room & Kitchen, was brewed in partnership with Dewey Beer Co. and Fifer Orchards. With maple syrup, brown sugar and apple juice concentrate from Fifer Orchards, “the beer radiates notes of maple and apple crisp for a fresh-from-the-oven flavor,” according to Dogfish.

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STATE RETIREES SUE TO STOP MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A group of Delaware state government retirees and pensioners has filed suit against two government officials tasked with implementing a change in their health insurance coverage.

RISE Delaware, an organization formed after state officials announced a **plan** to transition retirees to a Medicare Advantage program, filed the lawsuit in the Delaware Superior Court. RISE hopes to stop the transition to the Advantage program, which is set to take place on Jan. 1, 2023.

“I have worked and contributed to Medicare my entire adult life,” said retired state Sen. Karen Peterson, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit. “For the state to take my Medicare benefits and give them to Highmark who,

in turn, will decide what medical treatments I can get, is totally unacceptable.”

“My doctors should make decisions about my medical care, not an insurance company that increases its profits by denying and delaying treatment,” Peterson said.

Secretary Claire DeMatteis, who leads the state’s Department of Human Resources, and Director Cerron Cade, who heads the Office of Management and Budget, are named as defendants in the suit. Cade is also co-chair of the State Employee Benefits Committee, the government body that manages employee and retiree benefit coverage. DeMatteis and Cade could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

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LAWMAKER HOSTS CONFERENCE AIMED AT ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Lawmakers, state employees and law enforcement officers gathered at Legislative Hall Tuesday to learn how Delaware can better address the scourge of human trafficking.

Delaware is one of 39 states to receive an ‘F’ on the [Shared Hope International Child and Youth Sex Trafficking Report Card](#), attendees learned. Areas the state performed the worst in **include** identification and response to victims, continuum of care and prevention and training.

That alarming reality prompted Sen. Bryant Richardson, R-Seaford, and his legislative aide, Sara Poore, to host the three-day symposium focused on ending sexual exploitation. Richardson said his first priority is conveying to victims of human trafficking that “there’s a way out,” he said.

“We’re going to see what we can do to encourage new laws that reduce the amount of human trafficking in Delaware,” Richardson told Delaware LIVE News. “I know—just from what I learned today—that policy changes can make a big difference.”

The event was led by nationally renowned experts Dr. Stephany Powell and Dr. Marian Hatcher.

Powell retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as a sergeant in charge of a vice unit. Today, she leads the National Center on Sexual Exploitation’s law enforcement training and survivor services division.

Hatcher is a survivor leader and policy consultant who has worked as a civilian member of law enforcement for 15 years. She was awarded the 2016 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service by President Barack Obama.

Much of the event focused on stopping sex buyers, or those who pay for sex, and prosecuting solicitors more harshly than sex workers.

“Shifting law enforcement’s limited resources from arresting people in prostitution toward arresting sex buyers corrects this imbalance and holds those responsible for inflicting abuse and harm accountable,” a pamphlet distributed to attendees reads.

Speakers also addressed the often overlooked reality that men and boys are common victims of sex trafficking, too. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation calls the issue a “long-neglected, festering national problem.”

“Because society frequently views sexual abuse and exploitation as phenomena exclusively affecting females, male victims of sexual trauma go unidentified, their pain and suffering unattended, their victimization unrecognized by the world around them,” the group writes. “This must stop.”

To learn more about sex trafficking in Delaware and what we can do to stop it, visit Shared Hope International and the [Polaris Project](#).





REHOBOTH'S OFFSHORE WIND PRIMER AIRED ALL SIDES OF ISSUE

BY BETSY PRICE

Whether you are a big fan of offshore wind power or you want all those turbines gone with the wind, a special **meeting** held by Rehoboth Beach officials offered insight into the projects and processes to create them.

The four-hour meeting revolved around the three projects proposed off Delaware's coast and ultimately functioned as an illuminating primer on the issue. Watch it **HERE**.

Organized by Rehoboth Beach to create a shared pool of information for future discussions, the event allowed state and federal government, the industries proposing the projects, local officials, researchers and opponents to talk from their points of view. Most of it amounted to congenial sales pitches given by self-assured lecturers.

Occasionally the talks veered into emotional waters, especially over the location and heights of the turbines.

"That pristine sunrise will never be the same," said Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan. "It will look like a backdrop from 'Star Wars.'"

The farms have proved to be contentious issues for Delaware beach towns that will deal with the impact of two already announced projects: US Wind's MarWin farm offshore Maryland and Ørsted's Skipjack wind farm offshore Delaware and Maryland, as well as a recently announced Garden State project from New Jersey.

The US Wind and Ørsted projects will cover 125 square miles, said David Stevenson, director of the Center for Energy Competitiveness at the Caesar Rodney Institute, and an unapologetic opponent of the wind farms.

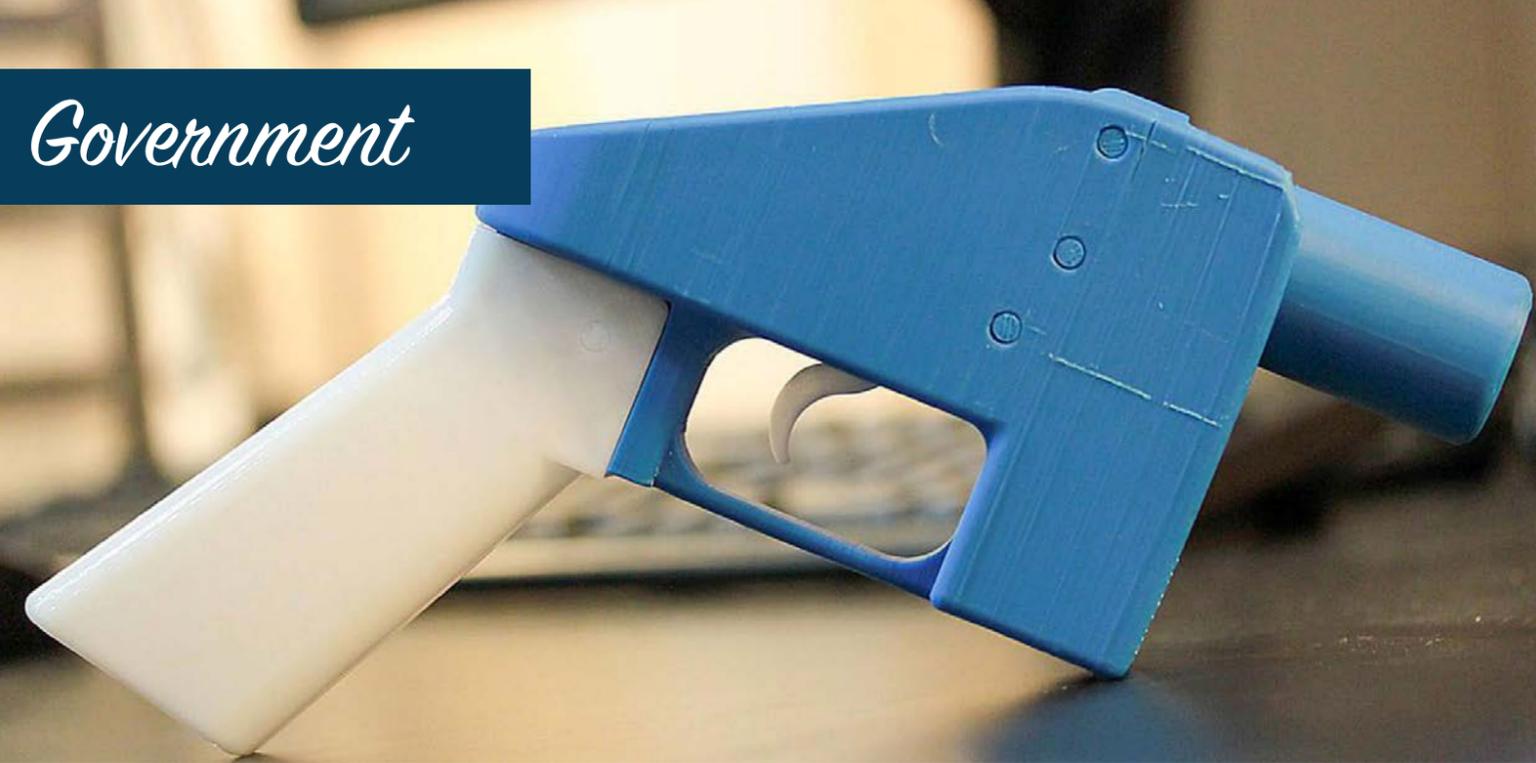
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FEDERAL JUDGE PARTIALLY HALTS 'GHOST GUN' BAN

criminals choose ghost guns because these guns make it harder to bring murderers to justice and more dangerous for our law enforcement community.”

The preliminary injunction only halts the possession and manufacturing component of the law. It remains illegal to sell or distribute unserialized guns and gun parts in Delaware. The case has not yet been decided. The injunction is designed to halt the unconstitutional elements of the law while it is being challenged.

'GHOST GUNS' BACKGROUND

On Oct. 20, 2021, Gov. John Carney, a Democrat, signed [House Bill 125](#). The law criminalized the possession, manufacture and distribution of unserialized firearms and unfinished firearm components. In addition to banning the guns and gun parts, the law made it illegal to distribute instructions, including digital files or code that could be used to program a 3D printer to manufacture a gun or gun part.

Delawareans Alan Knight and John Rigby [filed](#) suit against Jennings in November 2021, alleging the law violates their Second Amendment rights and constitutes an impermissible taking of their private property under the Fifth Amendment. They also alleged the law violates their First Amendment right to free speech because it outlaws the distribution of instructions, files or code to create the weapons.

In the suit, Rigby said he self-manufactured a firearm prior to the law taking effect, which he removed from the state out of fear of prosecution. Rigby wishes to continue manufacturing guns with firearm components that he owns. He also owns a 3D printer which he hopes to use to manufacture firearms using a digital file in his possession, according to the filing. If not for the law, Rigby said he would still possess his self-manufactured handgun, continue building firearms and distribute code that might be used to manufacture firearms on a 3D printer.

Knight owns and possesses two unserialized, unfinished receivers suitable for the manufacture and assembly of an AR-15 style rifle, according to the suit.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A federal judge on Sept. 23 granted a [preliminary injunction](#) partially halting Delaware's enforcement of its new "ghost gun" ban. "Ghost guns" refer to privately manufactured firearms, often assembled with various parts purchased online or created with 3D printers. The guns do not have serial numbers and are untraceable.

The decision marks the first-ever federal Second Amendment decision upholding the right to self-manufacture arms, according to the [Firearms Policy Coalition](#), one of the plaintiffs in the suit. "The self-manufacture of arms is deeply rooted in American history," said Joseph Greenlee, director of constitutional studies with the coalition.

"It has been a celebrated tradition since the earliest colonial days, it helped save America's war for Independence, it was essential to western expansion, and it has led to many of the most innovative technological breakthroughs in our nation's history," Greenlee said. "We are pleased that the court recognized this essential element of the right to keep and bear arms and will continue to fiercely advocate for its protection."

In a statement to Delaware LIVE News, Attorney General Kathy Jennings called the judge's decision into question.

"The idea that the Founders intended 'well-regulated militia' to mean 'unregulated, untraceable, semi-automatic guns' is a delusion," Jennings said. "Let's be clear: violent



MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR DELAWARE STATE AUDITOR

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

In the race for state auditor, Delawareans have two choices: Democrat **Lydia York**, a career accountant and attorney, and Republican **Janice Lorrh**, an attorney who rose to prominence by suing Delaware’s governor over his COVID-era school mask mandate.

Both say they’re running to restore integrity to the Office of the Auditor—a position that traditionally doesn’t get much attention, but in recent years, has become a focal point in Delaware politics.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8. For a list of candidates running for other positions, click [HERE](#).

Incumbent state auditor Kathy McGuiness, who York handily **defeated** in a stunning primary election, was **convicted** in July on two corruption charges—a story that kept Delaware’s political reporters busy for the better part of a year.

But the spotlight on McGuiness didn’t begin with her legal woes. When she ran for the position, one of her key priorities was increasing awareness of the office and all it’s tasked to do. She achieved that goal, albeit in a way she probably didn’t intend. York and Lorrh are less interested in the spotlight, they said.

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NEXT IN MCGUINNESS SAGA: SENTENCING

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A sentencing date has been set in the case of state auditor **Kathy McGuinness**.

In July, McGuinness was found **guilty** on charges of conflict of interest, official misconduct and structuring to avoid compliance with procurement law. The structuring charge was later **dismissed** by the judge. She will be sentenced on the conflict of interest and official misconduct charges Wednesday, Oct. 19.

McGuinness sought **re-election** despite her legal woes, but was unsuccessful. Attorney and accountant Lydia York **defeated** McGuinness in a landslide, taking more than 70% of the vote.

“While our re-election campaign ends, please know how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to serve

the people of our state, even under the most challenging of circumstances,” McGuinness said in a press statement Sunday.

“I look forward to the days ahead and more time spent towards the important work of further clearing my name from the falsehoods and attacks which have come relentlessly over the last year.”

After sentencing, McGuinness has said she plans to appeal her convictions to the Delaware Supreme Court.



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GROUND BROKEN ON NEW KENT COUNTY FAMILY COURT

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Just three months after the groundbreaking of **Sussex County's** new Family Court building, officials gathered in Dover Sept. 22 to kick off construction of Kent County's Family Court.

The \$117.7 million, three-story, 106,711 square-foot building, located at the corner of South Governors Avenue and Water Street, will be more than three times larger than the existing courthouse—expansion officials say is well needed.

To maximize design and construction efficiency and ultimately save money, the state used the same general layout and plans for the projects in Kent and Sussex counties. Both buildings will have the same number of courtrooms and similar safety features, though the exterior of each is different to fit in with the unique historic surroundings of each community.

Sean O'Sullivan, chief of community relations for **Delaware Courts**, told Delaware LIVE News the exist-

ing Family Court facilities have been deficient for at least 20 years. Because it deals with intra-family conflict, the Family Court handles some of the judiciary's most contentious and emotionally-charged proceedings, O'Sullivan said. In the existing courtrooms, "you could literally reach your hand out and touch the person sitting at the defense or prosecution table."

That's especially problematic during divorce proceedings and hearings for people seeking protection from abuse orders, he added.

"Same thing in the waiting areas," O'Sullivan said. "You're having these parties who, obviously, have some serious issues with each other, and they're literally sitting right next to each other."

The result, he said, is courts that are unsafe by modern court standards, ultimately causing issues for attorneys, litigants and court staff.



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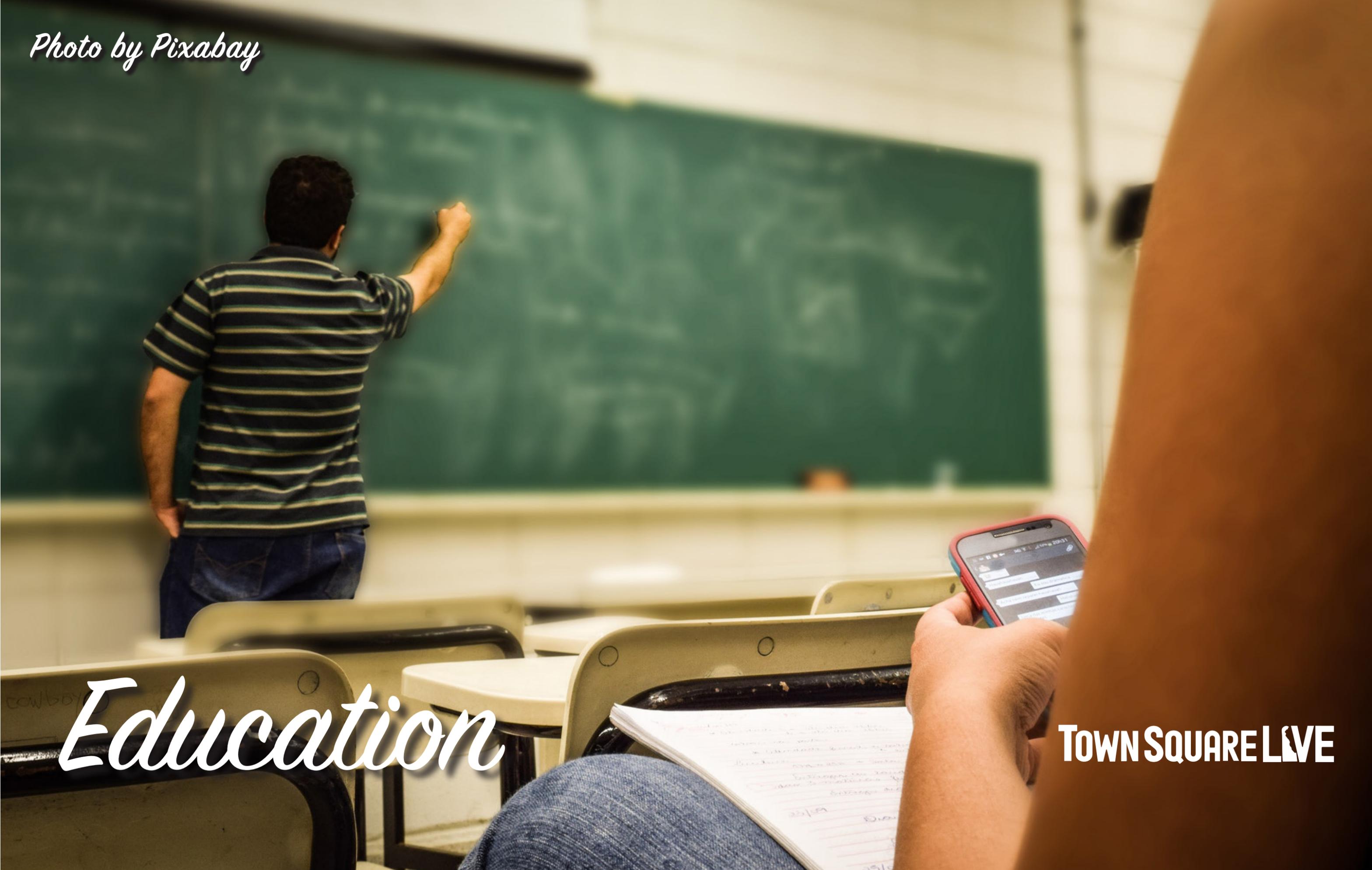
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The new facility will have eight courtrooms as opposed to the current six, and those courtrooms will be more than twice the size of the existing rooms, ranging between 1,400 and 1,800 square feet compared to 600 feet, on average.

The new courtrooms will allow Family Court to better handle the caseload in Kent County, which has nearly doubled since the existing Family Court Courthouse opened in 1989, according to the court.

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Education

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APPO, HOWARD CHANGE FOOTBALL ADMISSIONS POLICIES

BY JAREK RUTZ

Sports fans shouldn't just assume that incidents like the ones that rocked recent Howard and Appoquinimink high school football games are inevitable, says the superintendent of New Castle Vo-Tech.

"As a lifetime educator, most of the kids we interact with every day are doing wonderful, and even in these incidents, you discover it's only a few kids," said Dr. Joseph Jones, superintendent of New Castle VoTech School District, which includes Howard. "That's what's very unfortunate."

"We go into situations preparing for the worst but always expecting the best, not just for a football game but for any event that brings the community together."

Even so, both Howard and Appoquinimink are changing the attendance policies for their school football games to try to quell troubles as state police maintain a presence as they always have.

Each Howard and Archmere football player and cheerleader had to submit the names of two guests, one being an adult, and that limited attendance significantly, Jones said.

In a statement on Appo's Facebook [page](#), they said that for future football games, students will need to buy tickets on either Wednesday or Thursday, and they'll need to show identification to confirm their attendance at the time of purchase and when they arrive at the game.

Each player, cheerleader and band member will be granted five guests but they will have to pay for the guests' tickets at their school. Guests who are minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Howard will continue to explore creative tactics to limit crowd size and commotion, such as limiting tickets for Friday night games, pre-selling tickets or moving



the start time up to 5 p.m., Jones said.

The school may add more security at their games, whether it's bringing in a few more police officers or school resource officers. Howard has even considered hiring a private security company to send people out on game days to search people's bags and patrol the scene, he said.

Concern about football games began when the season-opening Delaware Military Academy and Howard High School game was suspended after a string of events that caused confusion and chaos.

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CHRISTINA BOARD LOOKING FOR NEW MODEL TO EVALUATE SUPERINTENDENT

BY JAREK RUTZ

Christina School District's school board explored a new model to evaluate its superintendent and other administrators during a board workshop Tuesday night.

Dr. John Marrinuci, executive director of the **Delaware School Boards Association**, showed a new plan to the board that was created by a different district's board member as part of her doctoral dissertation. It's more in-depth than the system Christina now uses, he said.

"The old model did not include feedback or surveys from the various constituents that work with, and are impacted by, the decisions led by the superintendent," said board member Alethea Smith-Tucker. "The outcomes of the strategic plans were also not included as a measure for success of the superintendent."

Smith-Tucker also wanted a model that would show specific metrics around student achievement and standardized testing, two elements that the superintendent isn't now evaluated on.

Under Marrinuci's proposed model, Christina's school board will evaluate the superintendent's competence in meeting expectations for:

- Vision and goals
- Teaching and learning
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Christina School District Superintendent Dan Shelton would score himself on the goals as below expectations,

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meets expectations or exceeds expectations.

Under the proposed program, the board will hold a special meeting with the superintendent each year to determine the specific goals and the needed actions to succeed for each component, and the superintendent will do the same. Throughout the year, there will be three other meetings between the superintendent and board to discuss the metrics and data needed to evaluate progress on established goals. This will include a mid-year review, which will be less formal than the end-of-the-year final evaluation.

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MEET DSU'S FIRST TERRANCE NEWTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Jaden Rivera dropped his phone on his lap and started crying when he got the phone call that he was being given a new scholarship. Ja'ron Hunt screamed in excitement when he got the same call, knowing the money will help him earn a career in teaching where he can be the kind of Black male leader he aspires to be.

Both Delaware State University seniors were awarded the first Terrance Newton Scholarships.

The new scholarship honors Terrance Newton, a life-long Delawarean and longtime educator and community leader in Red Clay who died in March 2022 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

His death shocked the community. "Newt" was a DSU grad known for many things, including welcoming Warner Elementary students to school each morning with smiles, hugs and encouragement.

"Discovering some of the selfless acts and community efforts he was able to do while he was here, just made me even more appreciative and proud to receive the scholarship," said Hunt of Seaford. "He inspires me as an educator and he represented someone not just going to work for a paycheck, but to make a difference in the lives around him."

Rivera also said the scholarship meant more because of its namesake.

"Just to have my name in the same sentence as somebody that was as prolific as him in the Wilmington community is extraordinary," Rivera said. "His impact is something I want to replicate as I create my own legacy and as I'm carrying on his."

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LEARNING COLLAB OFFICIALS WANT DEAL SIGNED BEFORE NOVEMBER

BY JAREK RUTZ

Wilmington Learning Collaborative officials are asking its member districts for a definitive vote by the end of October.

“We have asked for a vote in October because we really need to get the board appointed, get the executive director hired, and that’s going to take some time,” said Jon Sheehan, chief of policy and senior advisor to the governor, during Red Clay’s school board meeting Sept. 21.

“Pushing it beyond October just really, really complicates things and doesn’t give us the chance to do that robust planning that’s needed,” he said.

A fifth version of the Learning Collab’s memorandum of understanding will be finalized within the next two weeks and will be distributed individually to Red Clay, Brandywine and Christina school districts.

“Then we can start this incredibly important planning collaboratively,” Education Secretary Mark Holodick told Delaware LIVE this week. “When the final vote occurs, we can finally move forward and get to work, rather than just talking about it.”

Originally, the boards were expected to vote on the **draft agreement** during the summer, but board member concerns over legal liability, the line of authority, funding and suburban school involvement have delayed what Learning Collab officials had hoped to be the first rollout year.

As with previous board meetings, several members of the public spoke to share their support for the collaborative and the urgency for the districts to sign the agreement and begin working.

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TOP-RANKED CAVALIERS SECURE WIN WITH BIG PLAYS

BY NICK HALLIDAY

The Appoquinimink Jaguars have never beaten their district rival Middletown (on the field) in football since the Jags started playing on the varsity level in 2009. That streak continued Friday night in a “hard fought” game at Appo high. The defending state champs scored on two long plays to secure a 14-0 win in front of a capacity crowd of more than 2,300.

Noah Kracyla returned the opening kickoff 61 yards from his nine to the Jags 30, giving the Cavs excellent field position to start the game. However, the Appo defense rose to the occasion, stopping Middletown on a short run and three straight incomplete passes. Then it was the Daniel McConomey show. The junior halfback carried the ball on nine consecutive plays, gaining nearly 50 yards to the Cavalier 24, but the Cavs held on downs. The two defenses continued to dictate the flow

of the game until the Jags punted early in the second quarter and Michael Pearson returned the kick 86 yards for the only touchdown of the first half.

At halftime, Appo outgained Middletown 128 yards to 17 plus the Jags’ “ball control” offense ran 32 plays to 13 for the Cavs, but the number that counted the most was the 7-0 lead for Middletown.

The Cavalier pass attack came to life in the second half as Austin Troyer and Ty’ Hynson hooked up on an 84-yard catch-and-run to give Middletown a 14-0 lead. Troyer ended up completing nine of 22 attempts for 171 yards and a touchdown. He has passed for over 500 yards in three games so far this season.

The Jaguars advanced inside the Cavs’ 10-yard line only once and could not score against the “bend-but-don’t-break” Middletown defense. McConomey ended



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the night with 154 yards on 44 carries to lead the Jags. He has 533 rushing yards and six touchdowns in three games.

Not counting last year’s forfeit win, this was the closest game between the two schools since the Middletown 14-13 victory in 2019.

The Jaguars fell to 0-1 in District 1 (1-2 overall) and will travel a few miles north Saturday to face St. Georges Tech in another District 1 contest. Middletown (1-0/2-1) will travel to Ohio for a meeting with Washington High Friday night in a game to be played at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.





MULTIPLE HUNTING SEASONS TO OPEN IN OCTOBER

BY STAFF WRITER

Additional Delaware **hunting seasons** are set to open in October, including various deer firearm seasons, duck, snow goose and other migratory game birds—as well as the one-day youth-only waterfowl hunt. The youth-only waterfowl hunt will occur on Saturday, Oct. 15, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control announced Tuesday.

Deer hunting is allowed on all Sundays through Jan. 31, 2023, using only those hunting methods legal for the respective established deer hunting seasons. Additional information is available at this [link](#).

Hunting season dates and hunting hours for seasons opening in October:

- Snow goose: Oct. 1–Jan. 31, 2023; Feb. 4, 2023 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Antlerless deer: Oct. 1–2, 17, 21–24 and 28–31, including Sundays (½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset)

- Muzzleloader deer: Oct. 7–16, including Sundays (½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset)
- Youth Waterfowl Hunt: Oct. 15 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Ducks, coots and mergansers: first season split Oct. 21–29 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)

Continuing hunting seasons include:

- Mourning dove: through Oct. 3 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Moorhen, gallinule, sora, Virginia rail, king rail and clapper rail: through Nov. 23 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Common snipe: through Nov. 26 (½-hour before sunrise to sunset)
- Archery and crossbow deer: through Jan. 31, 2023, including all Sundays (½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset)

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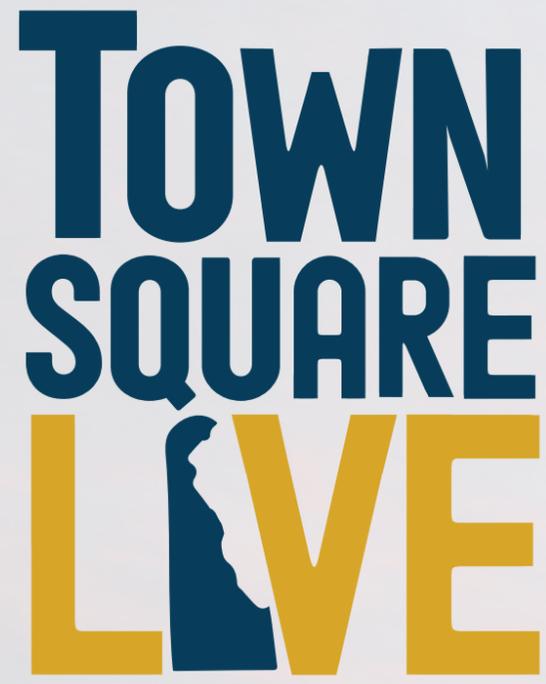


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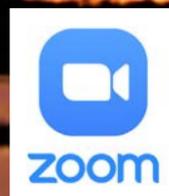


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