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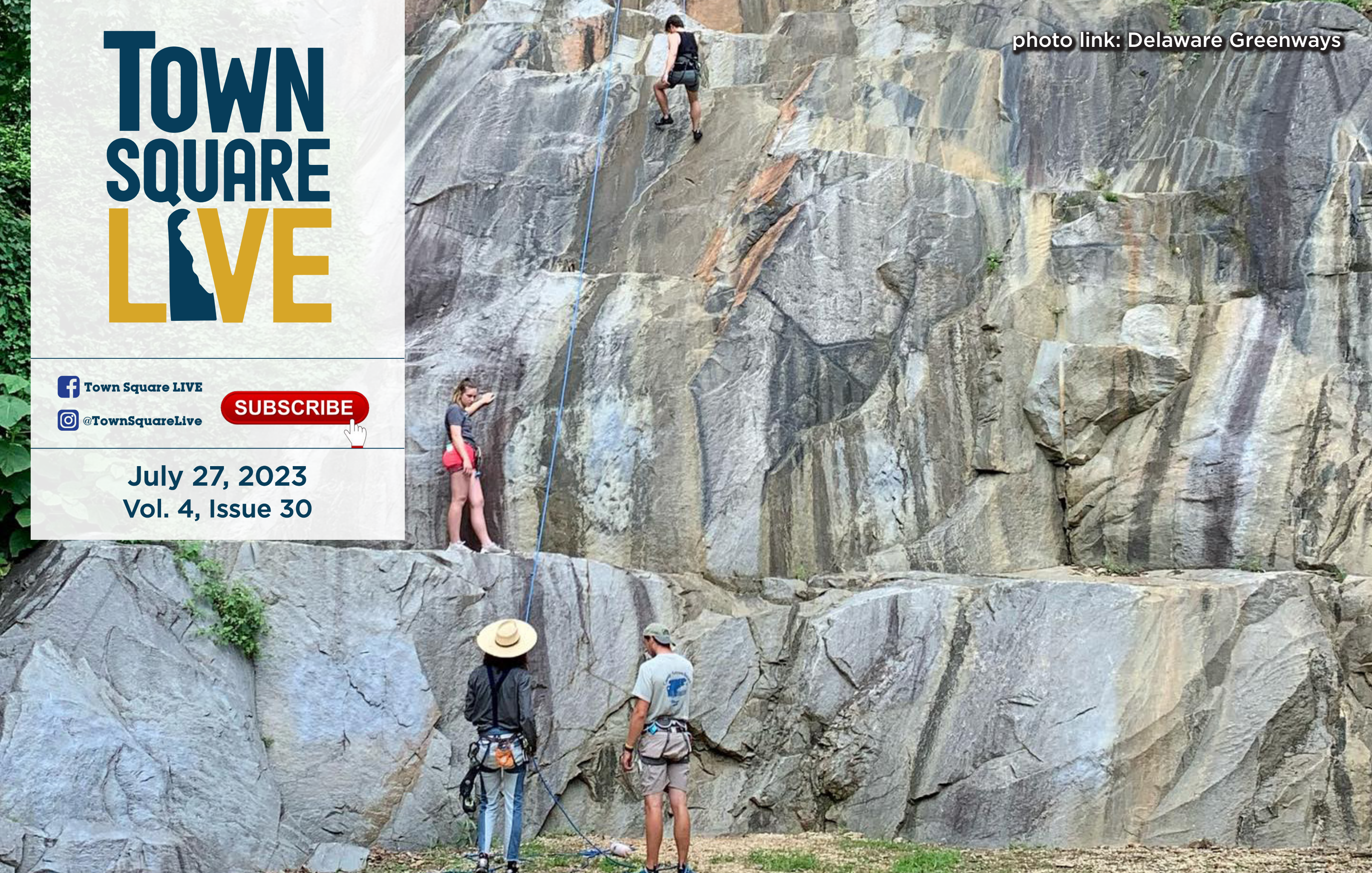
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Brian Perry Becomes an Olympian



\$6 Million Goes to Groups Helping with Housing



Friday Nights at Cavaliers Stadium

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Community

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DELAWARE FARM GROWS PUMPKINS TO HELP SAVE COLORADO BUSINESS

BY BETSY PRICE

The Great Pumpkin would approve.

Torrential rains and hail in Colorado have sparked a pumpkin pay-it-forward act of kindness from the owners of Poplar Hall, a historic farm near Newark.

Brian Santiago of Colorado Springs has had his heirloom pumpkin crops wiped out three times by storms and hail as big as a quarter or half dollar. No pumpkins means no seeds for his [Blue Pumpkin Seed Co.](#), which mails seeds for rare, heirloom, organic and hybrid varieties around the world.

Greg and Dawn Shelton, who own Poplar Hall, have been buying seeds from Santiago, with Greg and Brian bonding over their love of the blue varieties so much that they talk about once a month. After hearing about Santiago's plight, Greg Shelton volunteered to plant a larger patch than he originally planned and send seeds back from every one of the 25 varieties that they plant.

"It helps us stay in business," Santiago said last week from Colorado, in the middle of the 12th hail storm

this summer. In the background, ice could be heard plinking off the ground, roof and concrete steps.

Santiago said Blue Pumpkin wholesales some seeds, but he and his wife grow their own heirloom pumpkins to package and sell.

"There's some rare kinds that I have none left of," Santiago said. "If my pumpkin plants don't make it, he's kind of my insurance policy. He's gonna grow those and then I'll be able to carry that line on since they're so difficult to get ahold of."

The Sheltons had added a pumpkin patch to Poplar Hall, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, partly because they love Halloween and harvests events so much. The two-story house was built in the mid-1700s in Pencader Hundred, and the property includes six other buildings. The Sheltons are only the fourth owners.

Not just any pumpkin would do, Greg Shelton decided when he put in his patch. He likes pumpkins that are a

bit off-center, with unusual textures or colors. An ad showing a muted gray blue pumpkin led Shelton to Blue Pumpkin Seed Co.

"I realized he was going for a different style and different look and had knocked it out of the park because he has a really amazing collection of seeds from all over the world," Shelton said.

FROM INSURANCE TO PUMPKINS

Santiago founded the company in 2020. He had been working at a Progressive Insurance call center for 11 years when he decided to take a break. He and his wife started selling vegetables and pumpkin seeds from their garden.

"It just started to take off and so I was able to quit my job," Santiago said.

They started an Etsy site that went well and then launched their own website. Seeds come in small clear plastic bags and seem to sell for \$4 a bag.

Blue Pumpkin last year sold 122 varieties of pumpkin seeds and Santiago still hopes this year to be able to push that up to 150. Pumpkins were a kind of natural crop for him. Fall and Halloween are two of his favorite things.

"I would decorate the house with my mom, and then I've just always loved pumpkins," he said. "So when we found our property in 2018, I started a little pumpkin patch and over the past few years we have just kind of dedicated our entire front and back lot to them."

On a normal year, he and his wife will clean and dry the seeds through January. A lot of the people who buy his seeds are small farmers, Santiago said.

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FREDERICA'S BRIAN PERRY DEFIES ODDS, BECOMES AN OLYMPIAN

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Back in June, Brian Perry of Frederica got the call of a lifetime. The Special Olympics informed him that he would be representing the USA in the World Games in Berlin, Germany, this summer.

“We were shocked but also thrilled,” said his parents, Christine and Manny Perry. “It took us months to absorb that we were all going to Berlin. “It was surreal. Words cannot describe how proud we are of Brian and his accomplishments.”

Brian qualified for the 50-meter freestyle Olympic finals. The final heat is also known as the championship heat, which meant he was competing against the top qualifiers from around the world.

“Every day in Germany I wore the red, white, and blue Special Olympics USA uniforms, which made me very proud,” he said. “I got to bond with my swim team members and coaches for over two weeks and it was

fun. We cheered each other on during swim events and celebrated each other’s successes.”

Swimming in the international 50-meter freestyle was a challenge.

“The competition was tougher than I have ever had,” Brian said. “These were world class swimmers, and I am very proud to have won the fifth-place medal. It was an amazing adventure that I’ll remember forever.”

Brian’s love for swimming started at a young age.

“My mom had me in the water at the YMCA when I was six weeks old to teach me to float and to love the water,” he said.

PERRY’S SWIMMING START

Christine and Manny Perry recalled that 43 years ago, a doctor told them Brian wouldn’t have the mental capacity to be very successful in life and that they should consider institutionalizing him. They refused.

“We raised him with two younger siblings and gave him all the opportunities available to him,” they said. “We believed having strong social skills and keeping Brian in the community would get Brian places and look at him now!”

Brian said meeting new people and making new friends is important to him. He defied the odds and

competed in many Special Olympic sports.

“I like swimming because I feel the water makes me free,” he said. “When I am with my swimming trainer, I learn the strokes better and I increase my stamina. I also love the muscles I developed and the weight I lost with all the training.”

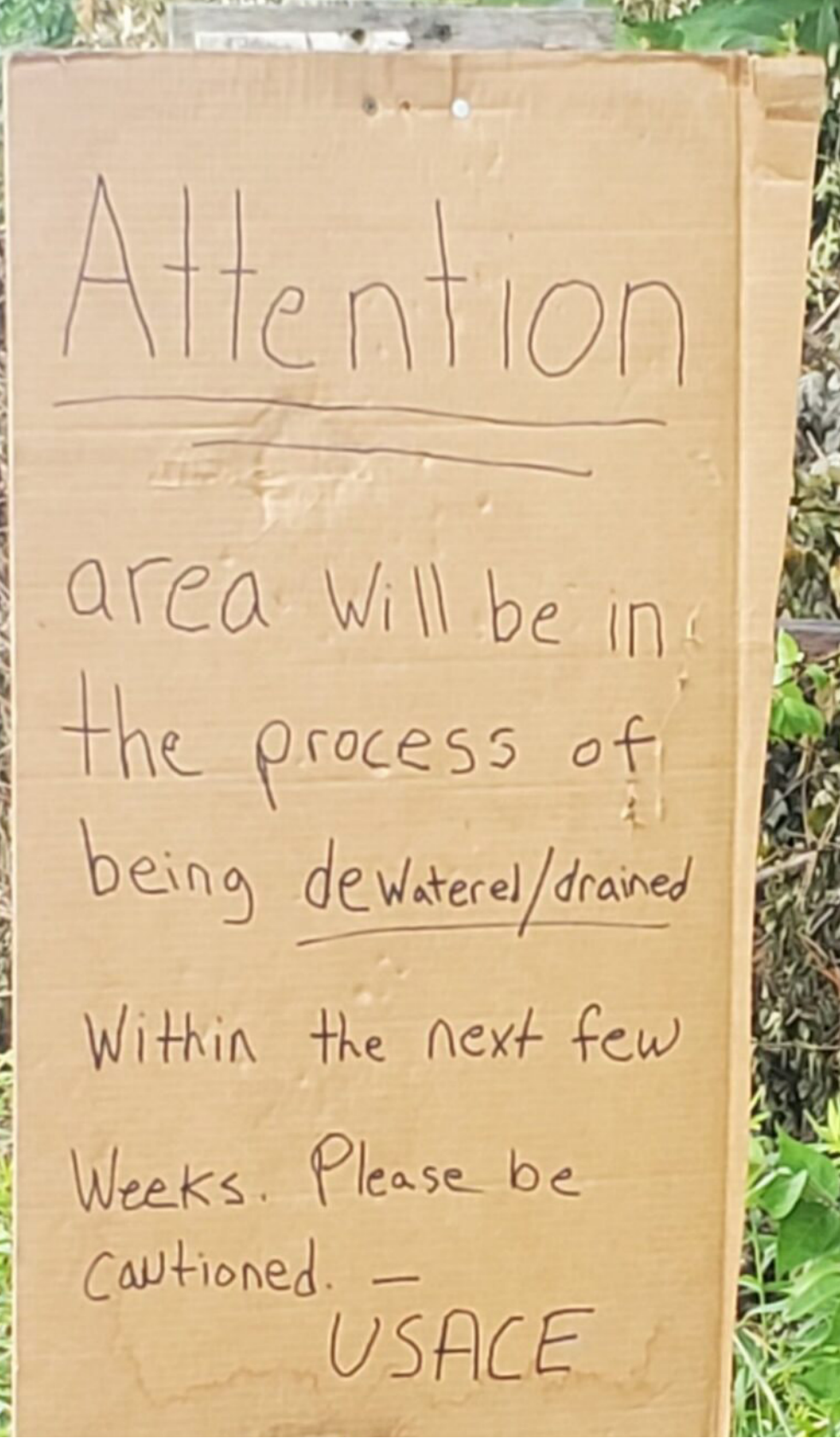
Brian was happy with his finish, but he’s not done.

“Right now, I am taking a break from swim training but I will be back at the Y pool soon to be ready to swim for the Kent Wild Kats for the **DE Special Olympics**,” he said.

He would like to compete in the 2025 Special Olympics, which will be held in Canada, and wear red, white, and blue again for his country. But the real goal is to bring home another medal, hopefully a gold one.



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PLAN TO DRAIN DELAWARE CITY POND UPSETS SPORTSMEN'S GROUP

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

A pond just outside Delaware City is scheduled to be drained and eventually filled with dredging spoils, eliminating a popular spot for fishers and hunters. The **Delaware State Sportsmen's Association** says that people learned about the plan in June from a handwritten cardboard sign stating: "Attention: area will be in the process of being dewatered/drained within the next few weeks. Please be cautioned. -USACE."

USACE is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the federal agency that owns the pond and the land around it. The Corps is responsible for maintaining America's waterways, including the nearby Chesapeake & Delaware Canal and the Delaware River. It plans to use the site to dispose of dredging material from the canal and the river.

The association has appealed, without satisfaction, to multiple elected officials and bureaucrats. "No one really knows what's going on," Steve Kendus, hunting and fishing chair for the association, said in an interview. "Everyone is still trying to get details."

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NEW REP SEASON ANNOUNCED

BY BETSY PRICE

The Resident Ensemble Players’ 2023-24 season will include a look at the power of words; a stage version of “In the Heat of the Night;” a mash-up of “Waiting for Godot” and “Exodus;” and the crowd-pleasing “Deathtrap.” The season is designed to reflect our lives.

“As theater fans you know this, but I never get tired of saying it, these plays are the stories of us, inquiring into what it means to be human whether that inquiry is humorous, thrilling or political,” said Steve Tague, producing artistic director for the University of Delaware’s professional acting troupe. “Join us for more of these stories.”

The new season will open Sept. 21-Oct. 1 with Dame Eileen Atkins’s “Vita & Virginia.” It is adapted from letters and diaries to weave the story of the enduring friendship between aristocratic novelist and poet, Vita Sackville-West, and aloof literary icon, Virginia Woolf. The play also is meant to stand as a lyrical rebuke to today’s culture of hastily sent emails and tweets, illuminating an age when people wrote profusely and frequently, though few were as adept at correspondence as Vita and Virginia.

Suspense and intrigue will arrive Nov. 2-19 with “John Ball’s In the Heat of the Night.” It was adapted for stage by Matt Pelfrey from the book that inspired the Oscar-winning film of the same name. Set in 1962, it revolves around what happens when the body of a white man is discovered in a small town of Alabama. Local police arrest the only stranger in town, a black man named Virgil Tibbs. Little do they know, their suspect is a detective from California. Left with no witnesses, no motive, and no clues, Tibbs becomes this racially-tense community’s only hope of solving the brutal murder.

SEASON ENDERS

REP returns in the new year on Feb. 8-18 with Antoinette Chinonye Nwandu’s groundbreaking play, “Pass Over,” a mashup of Beckett’s “Waiting for Godot” and the Biblical “Exodus” story. It focuses on two young black men, Moses and Kitch,



stand on the corner—talking trash, killing time and dreaming of the promised land. Emotionally charged with poetic and humorous riffs, this play asks, “What is the value of a young black man’s life?”

Ira Levin’s dark comedy thriller, “Deathtrap” closes the season April 11-28. The story: Once famous playwright, Sidney Bruhl is fresh out of ideas with a string of failures and a shortage of cash. A change in fortune seemd to arrive in the form of a script, sent by a former student, with all the makings of a Broadway hit. The opportunity to steal the script and pass it off as his own may be too tempting for Sidney to ignore. Mayhem ensues.

A four-show subscription package goes on sale to the public Aug. 1. Prices range from \$54 to \$104 depending on night and seat location. Single tickets are on sale Aug. 22. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rep.udel.edu, by contacting the REP box office at (302) 831-2204, or by visiting in person at the Roselle Center for the Arts located at 110 Orchard Road in Newark Tuesday–Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

REP, as the troupe is known, is the professional theatre company in residence at UD. Its mission is to engage audiences throughout the tri-state region and beyond with outstanding classic, modern and contemporary plays performed in a wide variety of styles that celebrate and demonstrate the range, breadth and diverstiy of an ensemble of nationally respected stage actors.



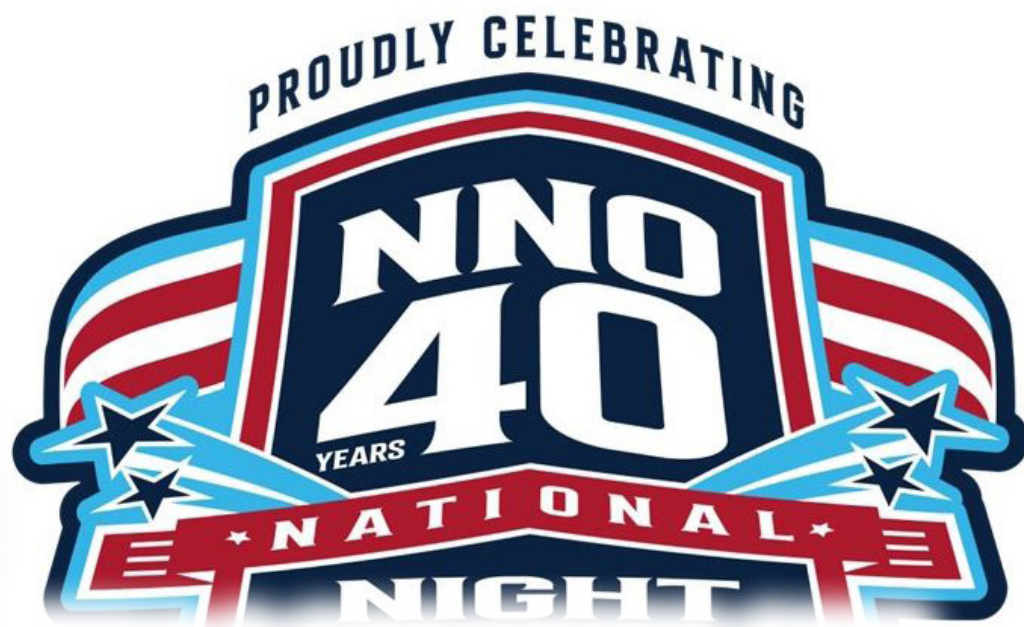
Community

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COPS, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SET FOR AUG. 1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



BY JAREK RUTZ

The camaraderie between Delaware’s police and communities in the First State will be celebrated Tuesday, Aug. 1. For the eighth straight year, the First State will participate in National Night Out where citizens throughout the state and across the nation are asked to turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement. The event will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The community-building campaign promotes strong partnerships between police and the communities they serve, as well as building neighborhood trust and friendliness to make Delaware a safer, more caring place to live and work.

In addition to socializing, the night is a chance for the public to learn about what local first responders do on a

daily basis. Agencies will be showcasing some of their equipment and specialized units.

Newark Night Out

Newark’s festivities will take place on Academy Street. From 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Newark Police Department is putting on a K-9 Unit demonstration. At 7:15 p.m., Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Co. will hold fire prevention and vehicle extrication demonstrations. Throughout the night, the Police Athletic League will have trailers with games and activities for children. Guitarist, singer and songwriter Sam Capolongo will be performing, and food and drinks are free.

The University of Delaware Creamery Truck will be selling its locally made ice cream to satisfy the community’s sweet tooth, and there will also be food from Wawa.

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TIPS TO AVOID HEAT STROKE EMERGENCIES THIS SUMMER

BY JAREK RUTZ

Delaware challenge: take a walk outside for 15 minutes and try not to sweat—mission impossible. In the heart of the summer season, the Delaware Division of Public Health warns First State residents and their animal companions, to beware of extreme heat conditions that cause serious threats to health.

“Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion, heat stroke and other serious health complications,” the agency said in a public statement. “Heat exhaustion can cause a variety of symptoms, including excessive sweating, dizziness, nausea, headache and muscle cramps.”

If symptoms aren’t treated, more serious side effects of the heat could include trouble breathing, loss of consciousness or confusion. If someone falls victim to heat stroke, they should immediately get out of the sun and

see medical attention. There are four tips the division of public health recommends:

Avoid direct sunlight and find a well-ventilated, air-conditioned place. If your household doesn’t have air conditioning, spend time in a public place that has it. Never leave people or pets in cars, even with the windows open. A quick trick the Centers for Disease Control recommends to remind you if a child is in the car is to keep a stuffed animal in a car safety seat unless a child is buckled in. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front seat so the driver has a mental reminder.

Prevent sunburn by applying sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher 30 minutes before going outside and re-apply as directed.

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WILMINGTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS HEADS TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA

STAFF WRITER

Members of the Wilmington Children's Chorus are bound for Wilmington's sister city of Fulda, Germany, on the first leg of a two-week tour. This exchange marks the 12-year anniversary of the collaboration between the chorus, their counterpart in Fulda, the Jugendsinfonieorchester Fulda (Fulda Youth Orchestra) and the sixth cultural exchange.

The first trip occurred in 2011, when 30 members of WCC and their chaperones traveled to Fulda and to Nemours, France, another of Wilmington's Sister Cities.

"We are delighted to reconnect with our friends overseas," said Kimberly Doucette, WCC's artistic director, who noted that the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the tradition.

The tour party includes 37 of the chorus's advanced singers, eight chaperones and three staff members. They

will stay in a German youth hostel, along with members of the orchestra. The musicians will rehearse daily for a joint concert and see historical and cultural landmarks. After nine days of working with the orchestra and performing the concert, the Wilmington chorus will go to Salzburg, Austria, for sightseeing.

"It's so much more than a tour," Doucette said. "We're connecting with like-minded ensembles from Wilmington's sister cities, sharing their traditions, learning about their history and making music together." The trip will make Wilmington's singers more confident, she said.

The chorus is the nation's only tuition-free, community children's chorus.



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EDGE FUNDING GOES TO 10 MORE DELAWARE STARTUPS

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Delaware has given grants to 10 small businesses, as winners of the seventh round of the Encouraging Development, Growth and Expansion competition. Five STEM-based companies will each receive up to \$100,000 for eligible expenses, while five Entrepreneur Class businesses will each receive up to \$50,000. Specific amounts to each company were not released.

EDGE is a matching grant program. The Delaware Division of Small Business matches a winning business's investment on a 3-to-1 basis. Including this round, \$5 million has been awarded to 80 promising Delaware small businesses since EDGE was launched in 2019.

This round drew 130 applications. Applications for the eighth round open Sept. 1. Businesses that are less than seven years old and employ no more than 10 staff are eligible.

RECIPIENTS

Connect2Co is a business-to-business startup software tool. Its all-in-one platform integrates external solutions, eliminating the need for toggling between various applications. The grant money enables Connect2Co to ramp up its initial operations by funding co-working space at the Mill in Wilmington, along with marketing and speeding the platform's development timeline.

Doubly is a minority and women-owned startup founded in 2023 in Middletown. Doubly's application integrates with enterprise messaging platforms like Teams and Slack to help boost productivity, and connectedness as a result of remote work conditions.

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The **Buccini/Pollin Group Inc.** broke ground July 21 on Humble Park, its latest residential development in downtown Wilmington.

Located at the intersection of 4th and Market Streets, the multi-family community will bring 61 apartments to 317 N., Market St. in the summer of 2024.

Designed by **Digsau**, the \$16 million development will span three buildings increasing from four to six stories across the site, a BPG press release said. The design reflects the historic characteristics in the neighborhood while still being contemporary and attractive for today’s renter, the release said.,

One and two-bedroom apartments will feature high-end finishes and modern conveniences such as quartz countertops, LVT flooring, stainless steel appliances, and in-unit washer and dryer. Interior units will over-

look a lightwell in the center of the building, providing ample natural light for residents. The community will include a fitness center, resident lounge and co-working space.

APARTMENT/PARK CONNECTION

Meant to dazzle is a mural designed by artist, musician and co-owner of Spaceboy Clothing, Dave Sanchez of Chez Creative. In 2017, Chez Creative and Downtown Visions revitalized the neglected park and transformed the space into an outdoor performing arts venue.

The community continues the revitalization on Lower Market Street, strengthening the connection to the Wilmington Riverfront, the release said. It will also have quick access to the Wilmington Train Station and Transit Center, local employment hubs and neighborhood attractions.

It will join the of 41-unit apartment community Lincoln Square, which opened in July 2022 and **The Cooper**, a 92-unit apartment community, which opened in 2021.

As of July 21, BPG has built more than 2,200 units in Wilmington and has another 700 units under development or construction, including **The Standard**, located in Market West, the former Nemours Building. That community welcomed its first residents last week. In May, BPG opened **Crosby Hill**, a 203-unit high-rise apartment community located at 517 N Shipley St.

“If cities don’t grow, they die—it’s that simple,” said Mayor Mike Purzycki. “Wilmington, I’m happy to say, is growing in a way that it hasn’t in a very long time, and that’s good for everyone.”



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Food & Dining

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PIZZERIA MAKI OPENS SECOND SITE; STATE FAIR RIBBON WINNERS

BY PAM GEORGE

As Delaware slides into August, our appetite for fresh produce and easy meals expands. Enter restaurants and food festivals, which offer a place to eat and socialize. Here's the skinny on Delaware's dining scene.

Beefsteak tomatoes, burgers & blueberry pies

The [Delaware State Fair](#) continues through July 29, and while the fair boasts a heavy roster of entertainment, it also offers a lineup of culinary contests.

Once again, Amy Bish, aka "That Pie Girl," from Wilmington, has nabbed many ribbons. The Wilmington resident won first place for her apple-brown sugar crumb (a repeat winner), Mexican street corn quiche and blueberry lattice pies. Her peach-raspberry-pecan crumb took second place and her Atlantic beach pie and baked 9-inch shell came in third.

The Friday "Pie Day" contest is at the end of the week.

Bish also got a second-place nod for her brownie, and other culinary competitions include cupcakes, peach recipes, ice cream and bar cookies.

There will also be contests at the [Historic Lewes Farmers Market's](#) annual Tomato Festival on Aug. 5 at George H. P. Smith Park in Lewes. Home gardeners can enter their largest homegrown tomatoes in the Biggest Tomato contest, and customers can also guess the number of tomatoes in a jar.


If you were planning on going to the [Delaware Burger Battle](#) on Aug. 26 but hadn't bought your ticket, you're out of luck. The event is sold out.


Pizza for breakfast

[Nick's Pizza](#) is opening a store on Newport Gap Pike in fall, but until then, owner Nick Vouras is popping up all over the place with pizza specials. For instance, this Saturday, July 29, he's selling breakfast pizzas at the family business, [Kozy Korner](#) in Wilmington. Options include scrapple, egg and cheese or sausage and gravy. Order a day ahead at 302-547-0380 and pick up between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. You can also message him on Instagram.

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Government

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STATE GIVES \$6 MILLION TO GROUPS HELPING WITH HOUSING

STAFF WRITER

Four Delaware nonprofits that focus on housing problems in Delaware will split \$6 million of the state’s federal COVID-19 funding. That includes:

- \$350,000 to the **Home of the Brave** in Milford to renovate the facility to serve more homeless veterans and provide services to homeless veterans in Delaware including individual case management, mental health counseling, life skills training and educational services.
- More than \$2.4 million to **The Springboard Collaborative** to support this nonprofit organization’s initiatives to build shelter villages for homeless adults in southern and central Delaware in low-income areas hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \$470,000 to the **Delmarva Clergy United in Social Action Foundation** in Ellendale for renovations to expand the number of beds to keep homeless off the streets in Sussex County, in a safe, socially distant physical space.
- \$2.5 million to **Children and Families First** to support an extensive renovation of their Seaford House Transitional Residence. Seaford House serves youth in foster care who receive round the clock support from

specialty trained staff who provide ongoing intensive therapy, case management, and life skills training. Planned expansion and upgrades include adding bedrooms to allow for single-occupancy rooms, improving HVAC systems to support appropriate ventilation, building outdoor spaces to accommodate services and recreation, and more.

The money is part of the American Rescue Plan Act’s capital projects funding. These capital funds are already at work to build a better future for the next generation of Delawareans. You can see it in our libraries and community centers across the state,” said Gov John Carney. “The projects announced today will assist some of our most vulnerable neighbors—those dealing with lack of safe and affordable housing.”

Delaware submitted its Capital Projects plan to the U.S. Treasury on Jan. 14, 2022, and the first batch of projects were approved on May 1, 2023. Delaware’s Project Plan for housing projects was approved July 19, 2023. Here is the full list of Delaware’s **ARPA allocations**.

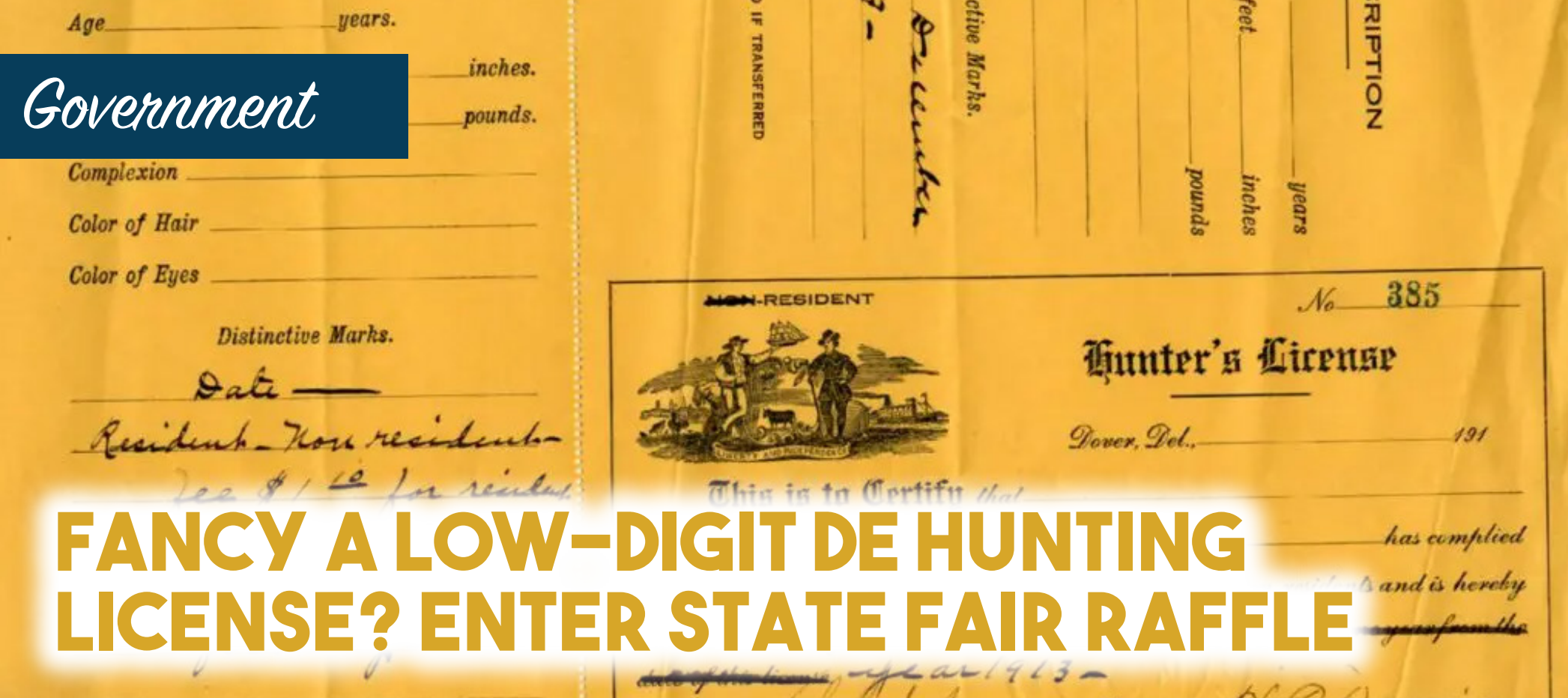



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The **Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control** will give away a low digit hunting license during its first-ever hunting license raffle.

A raffle ticket will be given to any Delaware resident hunter who buys a 2023/2024 license at the DNREC Building at the Delaware State Fair between opening day, Thursday, July 20, and noon July 27. The winner's name for Delaware hunting license 000232 will be drawn by Gov. John Carney during the afternoon of July 27. Hunters are not required to be present to win.

The low number license cannot be used for the 2023/2024 hunting season, but will be activated when the winner buys a 2024/2025 Delaware hunting license next year. License number 000232 will remain valid for as long as the holder renews it, an annual requirement

for retaining the low number Delaware resident hunting licenses.

Delaware hunting licenses numbered between 000001-001200 are available only to Delaware residents, a DNREC press release said. In the past, low number hunting licenses—which generated great interest amongst Delaware hunters as do low number license plates for First State motorists and low number surf tags for anglers auctioned off each year by DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation—were drawn by lottery. That tradition was discontinued during the previous decade.

The state fair raffle for a low number license is expected to spark interest in reviving the low number license lottery, DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Pat Emory said.

The DNREC Recreational License Office will operate throughout the fair, selling both resident and non-resident hunting licenses, resident and non-resident fishing licenses, and Conservation Access Passes required for wildlife watching and other outdoor pursuits on DNREC's wildlife areas. The office also will renew low number hunting licenses and trapping licenses that were purchased for previous seasons.

For more information, go to de.gov/huntinglicense or call the DNREC Recreational License Office at 302-739-9918.



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Education

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SHOULD VO-TECHS DO AWAY WITH THE SAT TESTS?

BY JAREK RUTZ

Delaware Secretary of Education Mark Holodick wondered aloud Thursday night about whether it's effective for Vo-tech students who are focused on a pathway to a job to have to take the Scholastic Assessment Test. **The State Board of Education** was discussing assessments and accountability when Holodick began talking about the SATs.

The SATs have been around for almost a century and are typically taken in high school with scores sent to prospective colleges and universities as part of a student's application. In Delaware, the state has been using the test each spring since 2016 to assess high school juniors' abilities in critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills, students and if they have developed over time and that they need to be successful in college and career. More than two million students in the country take it every year.

In a July 20 meeting, Holodick pointed out that the First State is one of eight that gives the SATs to all 11th

graders, saving college-bound students the cost of paying for the test. The other states that require it are Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

"One of the obvious pros is many students see it as a relevant assessment and try really hard on it," Holodick said.

When the students were taking the Delaware Student Testing Program or the Smarter Balanced Assessment "they didn't take it very seriously because it's really not relevant to them," he said. "So it's easier to get the kids sort of charged up and excited about doing well on the SAT."

The state-administered Smarter Balanced Assessment is an end-of-the-year summative test that measures the abilities of students in grades three through eight in math and reading.

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UD CELEBRATES TOPPING OFF OF BUILDING X

BY JAREK RUTZ

Scattered rain didn't stop the University of Delaware from raising the final beam into place for its \$165 million new Building X July 20. Imagined as a hub for science research and classes, the building is on track to be completed and open to the public in fall 2024. The ceremony ended up getting downsized because of rain and because dignitaries expected to attend were caught in traffic.

The building will be four stories and 132,000-square-feet with themes of mind, brain and behavior; models and mechanisms of human disease; and quantum science and technology. Most of the technological work will take place in the basement, while the upper floors will mainly consist of a mix between life sciences and neurosciences work.

Construction started in February 2022 when the school demolished the **McKinley Lab**, which was built in the 1970s. A 2017 fire had severely damaged the lab beyond repair. Building X will be the newest addition to UD's 15 **core research facilities**. They share instrumentation that's used by many different kinds of scientists. The new building will serve as a workspace for 48 research scientists and will welcome more than 1,000 students per year in its four teaching labs.

Funding came from university funds and the \$41 million the university received through the federal **American Rescue Plan Act**, which was pandemic relief money.

John Pelesko, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and head of Building X's planning team, has



said that Building X will be a nucleus for neuroscience research, specifically with studying models, treatments and mechanisms of human disease. The building will act as a focal point for quantum science and technology in a time Pelesko called the "next quantum revolution."

Quantum science explores the physical properties of nature at the scale of atoms and subatomic particles, often in relation to energy. Some of the practical applications of quantum science are creating MRI scanners, lasers, fluorescent lights, solar cells and more.



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FRIDAY NIGHTS AT CAVALIERS STADIUM

BY GLENN FRAZER

This summer, the 302 Sports staff discussed the opportunity to feature some of the high school football venues where we have been fortunate to broadcast, and view games over the years. Since I am the “senior” sportscaster (by far), I thought about taking the lead with my alma mater, Middletown High School. Today, one of the most enthusiastic fan bases supports a very successful program with eight total state championships. However, winning didn’t come too often in the beginning. From its first season in 1953 until 1962, the Cavaliers had an overall record of 14-54-3 and never had a winning season. Things changed in 1962 when Bill Billings was hired. Middletown defeated Caesar Rodney 19-6 on Sept. 14, 1962. The Cavaliers would not lose again until 1967, falling to Coach Bob Hoffman’s Newark Yellowjackets. The 53-game winning streak is the longest in Delaware history and was ended by a

Newark program that had a record of 137-32 dating back to 1947!

During the 53-game winning streak, Middletown upset the heavily-favored Salesianum Sals 14-13 in 1966. The Sals team out-weighted the Middletown players by an average of 30 pounds per man. Seating capacity at Middletown was 3,500 but police estimated a crowd upwards of 8,000 that night.

The stadium is still situated behind the Everett Meredith Middle School at 504 S. Broad Street as it was in 1966. That was the location of the one (and only) high school in a district that now boasts two other high schools (Odessa and Appo) with another building coming soon. On any given Friday night, the stands are full with standing-room around the fences behind both end zones. Oh yes, don’t forget the cowbells and a crowd that can be heard throughout most of the town when the Cavaliers score.

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DELAWARE LIVE'S TOP FOOTBALL GAMES THIS FALL

BY JASON WINCHELL

With the fall high school sports season around the corner, we wanted to give you an early list of our top games. Below are my 15 football games that are a must watch this upcoming fall season.

Football 3A games to watch:

Smyrna @ Sallies on Sept. 22: Sallies has a new coach that will lead to a more spread-out offense and a sophomore QB that has a year under his belt. This will be the game we find out if Sallies is a threat or will they have a long way to go. The defending champs can score on big plays and have a top defensive unit.

CR @ Cape Henlopen on Oct. 20: The Riders have a new coach and look to put the '22 season behind them and a trip to Lewes in October could be the game to see if they are heading in the right direction. Cape is looking to improve on a solid season that saw them make the 3A tournament.

Saint Mark's @ William Penn on Oct. 28: The Spartans move up to Class 3A this year and this game could determine if one of these two teams could grab a tournament spot.

Appoquinimink @ Middletown on Nov. 10: The Jags won District 1 last year despite a 14-0 loss to their rival Middletown. Could the district title be on the line for this rivalry game to close out the regular season? (I'm not including the Harvest bowl because that is a given.)

Football 2A games to watch:

Odessa @ Lake Forest on Aug. 31: The Ducks move up to 2A this year as they finally have seniors in the school now. They travel to Lake who was a 2A tournament team last year that lost to Friends in the quarterfinals. With only eight teams making the 2A tournament this year, this week 0 game could put one team in the right direction.

Laurel @ Woodbridge on Oct. 6: The two time 1A champions move up to 2A and travel to Scrapple sandwich territory to take on Woodbridge in a big district game. The Blue Raiders look to bounce back after a tough season and look to make their home field advantage count.

DMA @ Caravel on Nov. 3: The Bucs fell to Friends in the championship game last year and now switch to District 1. This game could be for the district title and should be an exciting game that could be filled with big plays.

Friends @ Archmere on Nov. 11: The only 2A champions meet to close out the regular season and could a district title be on the line? Both teams are replacing All State QBs that both teams relied on to carry their teams

to a championship and Claymont will be the place to be on Veterans Day.

Football 1A games to watch:

McKean @ Tatnall on Oct. 7: This game sees two new coaches facing each other for an early morning kick off. These two teams along with St. E's and Wilmington Charter make District 1 interesting to watch this year.

Wilmington Charter @ St Elizabeth's on Oct. 14: This game was filled with big plays last year and this game could decide who could be an early front runner for the District 1 crown.

AI DuPont @ Glasgow on Oct. 28: The Tigers are back to playing football this year and a trip to old rival Glasgow won't be easy. These two teams could be fighting for a tournament spot and this game could give one of these teams the upper hand.

Indian River @ Conrad on Nov. 3: The Red Wolves moved down to 1A and are bringing in the temporary lights for the district game against IR. This game could decide the District 2 champions.

Out of Class games to watch—1A vs 2A or 2A vs 3A:

DMA @ Sallies on Aug. 31: Both teams have new coaches and look to start their seasons strong. This 2A vs 3A game could be huge to start the season off.

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IN THE TOWN TOO BIG FOR ONE STATE SITS FRANCES E. NUNVAR STADIUM

BY NICK HALLIDAY

This is a series looking at Delaware stadiums and gyms, and the experience gamegoers will have at them.

We told you about the best stadium atmosphere upstate, now we head to the furthest school south in Delaware and the cozy confines of Frances E. Nunvar Stadium, where the Delmar Wildcats play.

Many know how tough a road trip to Delmar can be. The field has no track so the fans seem to sit right on top of the action. The fans who arrive late can be equally intimidating as they line the fence of the end zone.

When you drive down Line Road (literally the state line) houses on your left are in Maryland and to the right are the Delaware residents. That's when you start to get the small town feeling. It might be a small town, but too big for just one state.

This fall will be the 95th anniversary of organized football in Delmar. In 1928, teacher/coach Frances Nunvar began removing trees to make way for what would become the first football field in the town.

With a new school in 1998 came a new field and the Frances E. Nunvar Stadium was officially dedicated. What happened to the old field you ask? The current Delmar Middle/High School now sits on that site.

The community has seen 20 Henlopen South championships and seven Division II state titles. Faithful fans young and old still turn out for a 7:30 kickoff on Friday nights.



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LAUREL ENDS DROUGHT WINNING MAJOR BOYS' DISTRICT 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BENNY MITCHELL

Webster defines destiny as “a predetermined course of events held to be an irresistible power.” Many in the Laurel fan base on July 20 talked about how the Boys’ Major baseball team was a team of destiny or at the very least 29 years without a championship was long enough.

Solid defense, aggressive baserunning and a strong pitching performance by Nathan Moore led to a 6-5 win over Georgetown as Laurel won its first ever District 3 championship. The league’s last title came in 1994 when Laurel was a part of District 1.

“Watching the kids running off the field throwing their gloves and pumping their fists, that feels good to me more than any win or a banner,” Laurel manager Jason Copeland said.

Moore picked up his second win of the District tournament, scattering eight hits with 11 strikeouts on the mound.

Georgetown took a 2-0 lead in the first inning as John Klosiewicz started off the game with a single followed by Mason Eikenberry reaching on a hit by pitch. Carter Lecates laced a single into center field driving in two runs. It was the first time Laurel trailed in a game during the tournament. The game cruised along to the fourth where Laurel tied the game. Pierre Louis led off the inning reaching on an error followed by Colt Crockett reaching on a hit by pitch. Moore flew out to right field. As the runners tagged to advance, the throw was wide at third, allowing Louis to score on the play. Crockett moved up to third then caught the Georgetown defense sleeping and stole home tying the game at 2-2.

Laurel took their first lead of the game in the fifth. Carter Bristow reached on an error and Trey Copeland singled. Brayden Moore hit a chopper to the left side of the mound that Georgetown pitcher Brayden Farrington

was unable to field, allowing Bristow to score. Copeland then scored on a fielder choice by Austin Steen as Laurel took back the lead 4-2.

Georgetown responded in the bottom of the fifth with three runs of their own. Lennon Kelly led off reaching on an error and Klosiewicz singled. Eikenberry tied the game with his two rbi single then later scored on LeCates double giving Georgetown a 5-4 lead going into the final inning.

Farrington reached his pitch limit in the fifth, but was impressive on the mound, allowing four runs on four hits, striking out six and yielding just one walk in a five inning no decision on the mound for Georgetown.

Crockett reached on a hit by pitch to start the sixth inning followed by a walk issued to Moore. Noah Tyndall stepped up and delivered a two-run double giving Laurel the lead back at 6-5.

Moore returned to the mound in the sixth forcing a ground out and a strikeout before reaching his pitch limit. His cousin Brayden Moore came in to get the final out as Laurel ended its 29-year drought winning the District 3 championship.

“I told them before the game that everybody knows that our whole community has been through alot over the past seven or eight months, I said tonight that is who we play for. We play for each other and we play for the whole entire community of Laurel,” Copeland said.

Laurel advances to the Delaware State Tournament set to begin on Monday, July 25 at the Nanticoke Little League Park in Seaford. As the host district Laurel will receive a bye in the first round. They will face the winner of District 1 (Middletown-Odessa-Townsend) and District 2 (Naamans).

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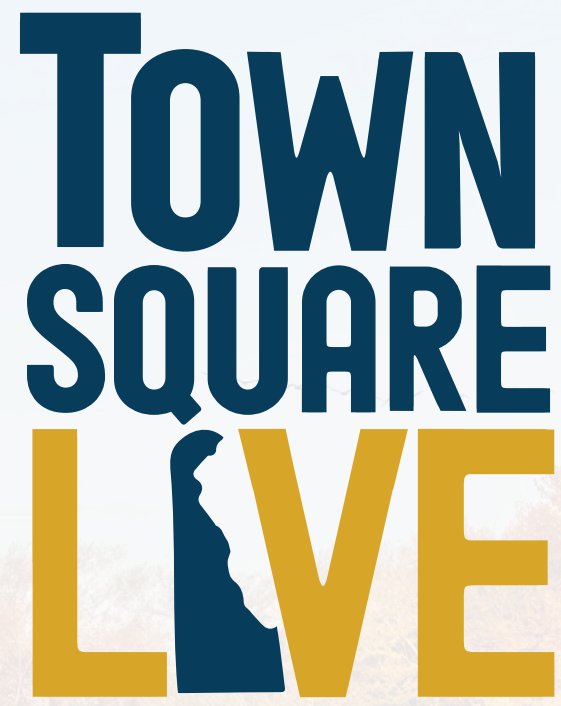
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