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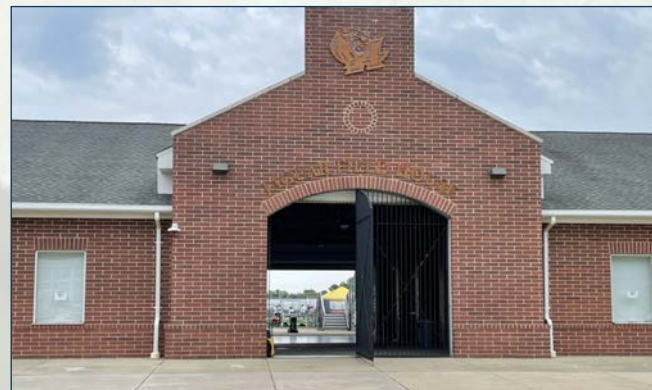
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Heavy Heavy Heads to Arden Gild Hall



Millsboro Man Found with 17 Molotov Cocktails



Appo's Jaguar Stadium



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# HEAVY HEAVY HEADS TO ARDEN GILD HALL FRIDAY

\$34), comic Ophira Eisenberg (Dec. 9, \$34). Visit [www.ardenconcerts.com](http://www.ardenconcerts.com).

Ozer, who is a trustee at The Grand, said the concert gild’s choices rarely conflict with acts that are chosen by The Grand or The Queen. That’s largely because they both are booking bigger venues, he said. The Gild Hall itself allows 300 standing or 250 people. It’s outside area will seat 300, he said.

While Ozer handles booking the Arden concert series as a volunteer, he’s paid to book the Elkton Music Hall.

“I have to consider whether it’s going to be an Arden show or an Elkton show when I’m looking at different bands,” Ozer said. “But Elkton has three or four nights a week they want to book, so it’s a lot more than Arden. We can’t do more than two or three a month really because we were just part of a number of guilds.” They include folk dancing, scholars, lectures, the Writers Gild, and theater groups for Shakespeare and Gilbert & Sullivan. A good number of Arden’s shows sell out, Ozer said.

## HEAVY HEAVY BACKGROUND

He hopes the Heavy Heavy will. Tickets for that show are \$23 and selling well, he said. Get ‘em [HERE](#).

Opener Joelton Mayfield starts at 6 p.m. That’s so the outdoor shows close earlier, since the hall sits in the middle of a neighborhood. Ozer has seen the band perform at the Newport Folk Fest and says every song is danceable. The band played the Brooklyn Bowl in Philadelphia, and WXPB has been playing a lot of their songs, he said. Ozer particularly likes the four-part harmonies that show up in various songs.

The five-piece Heavy Heavy is led by lifelong musicians Will Turner and Georgie Fuller. They describe their music as a “reverb-drenched collision of psychedelia and blues, acid rock and sunshine pop” heavy on the sounds of a decade ago.

“I think it’s gonna be a really good fit for our series,” Ozer said “We have a relatively older crowd and this music feels familiar. It doesn’t feel like some of the more jagged indie rock that we might get.”

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## BY BETSY PRICE

The Brits are coming...to [Arden Gild Hall](#).

[The Heavy Heavy](#), a retro rock band from Brighton, England, will play an outdoor concert in the north Delaware community Friday, Aug. 18.

“I would say they kind of have an early 70s rock sound influenced by Fleetwood Mac, Crosby, Stills and Nash,” said Ron Ozer, executive director of the hall. “They say their goal is to make records that sound like their favorite records, so you can kind of get that they’re not trying to sound edgy. In that sense, it’s a retro sound.”

The 170-year-old barn that serves as the home for concerts and other kinds of community events has played host to a variety of music in the concert series’ 25 years.

“We try to cover a lot of ground with rock, bluegrass, singer songwriters, world music, jazz and comedy,” Ozer said.

This season will include the Irish quartet Lankum (Sept. 27, \$28), Dar Williams (Oct. 6, \$45), Suzanne Vega (Oct. 7, \$65), the all-women jazz band Artemis (Oct. 13,






BY BETSY PRICE

The trees that seemed to take the brunt of the Aug. 7 storm through northern New Castle County were poplars and ashes, an arborist says. "They're just more brittle," said Tony Marsalo, arborist with Strobert Tree Service Inc. Their root systems aren't as deep, but it wasn't the roots that got them. "These trees were just snapped in half," he said. "They have very little flex in them, so they just snap." Another big problem was trees with a forked trunk. Many of those just split in half, he said. Marsalo has been working steadily in Hockessin and other areas helping

# ARBORIST: TREE DAMAGE SHOWS NEED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE


to clean up storm damage. He has a specific recommendation for anyone who is out evaluating their own property or trying to clean it up themselves: Look up. "You have to look up because what's down on the ground is not going to kill you," he said. "What's barely hanging on by a strand of wood above you will kill you." He also recommends that people put on a helmet—any kind of helmet, even a son's or daughter's hockey helmet—when walking their property after a storm. "Put it on and be looking up, not down, to assess the damage," he said. Even that's not a perfect safety solution. His crews have had trees that did not appear to be damaged by this storm topple over as they work on a nearby tree. Marsalo, a certified arborist, hopes that one thing people take away from the experience of seeing so much damage is that they should maintain their trees just like they maintain the house by servicing their heating and air conditioning systems or having pest control come annually. "We have different things checked every year in our house and probably the most important thing is that 100,000-pound tree about 10 feet from your house," he said.

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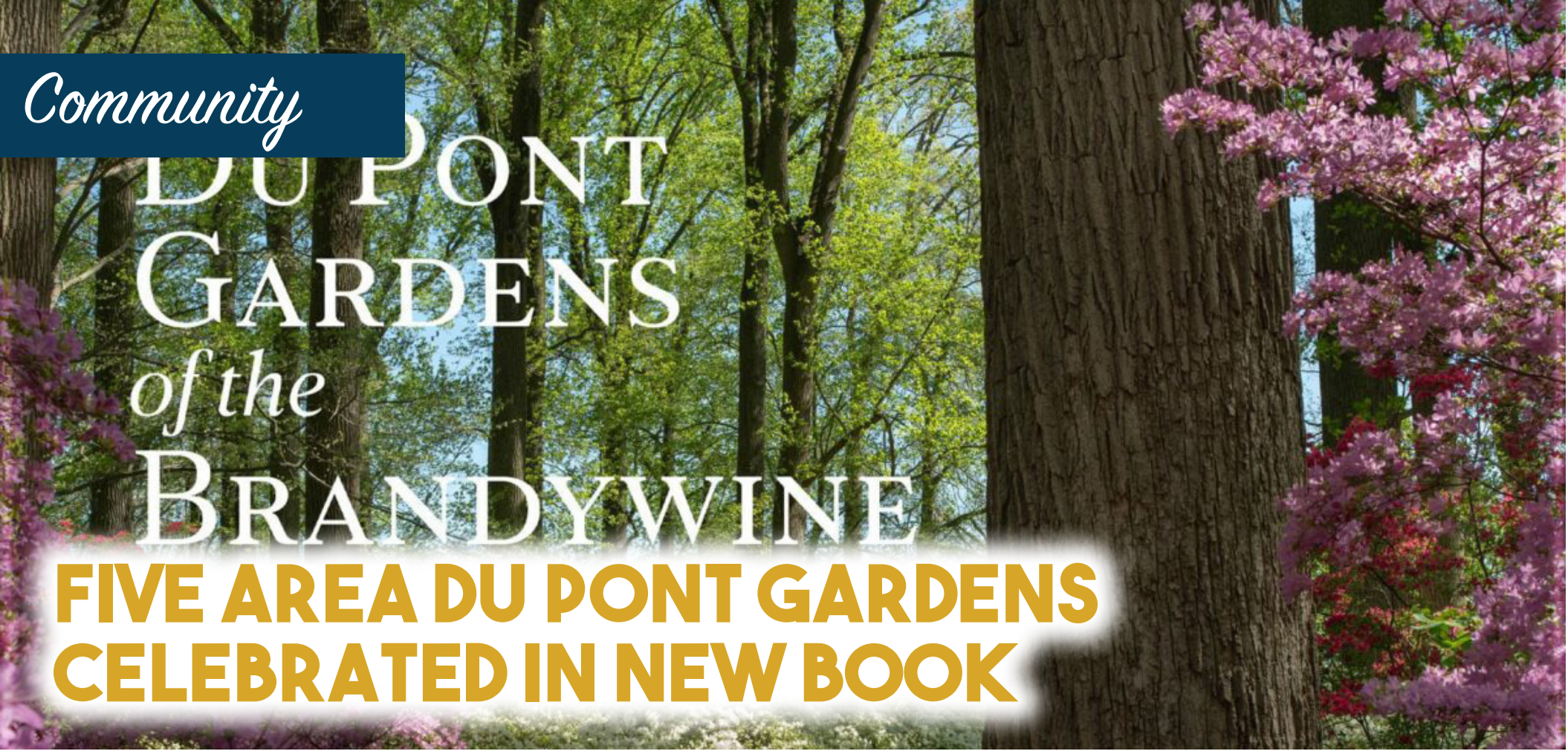


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# DU PONT GARDENS of the BRANDYWINE

## FIVE AREA DU PONT GARDENS CELEBRATED IN NEW BOOK

BY BETSY PRICE

A new book explores the rich heritage of five Delaware-area gardens that belonged to members of the du Pont family. “[Du Pont Gardens of the Brandywine Valley](#)” (Monacelli, \$60 hardcover) looks at [Hagley Museum and Library](#), [Nemours Estate](#), [Mt. Cuba Center](#), [Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library](#) and [Longwood Gardens](#). Written by [Marta McDowell](#) and featuring photos by [Larry Lederman](#), the book is 240 pages with 220 photos.

McDowell focuses on the stories of these gardens and their commitment to the future through strategies for sustainable management and growth.

“The Brandywine Valley is home to some of the most spectacular gardens in the world and so much of that

beauty is owed to the thoughtful vision of the du Pont family, who created and preserved these estates for all to enjoy,” said Paul B. Redman, president and CEO of Longwood Gardens.

The [du Pont family](#) arrived in America in 1800 and made a fortune first with their gunpowder mills before the family company moved into chemicals. While the family name became internationally recognized for its business, the family members became philanthropists, preservationists, collectors and ecological stewards.

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# AS CAR THEFTS SOAR, POLICE OFFER TIPS TO PROTECT VEHICLES

BY BETSY PRICE

New Castle County police investigated 35 reports of stolen vehicles or attempted thefts, and are warning car owners to take measures to protect their cars as much as they can. Of those 35 vehicles, 26 were Hyundai or Kia models. Both of the companies have released software upgrades designed to counter their easy thefts. Those upgrades are available for free as a safety recall.

Owners should call a local dealer to make an appointment to have the software loaded, or go to the websites for [Kia](#) or [Hyundai](#). In the meantime, free steering wheel locks are still currently available at NCCPD Public Safety Headquarters by calling (302) 395-8050.

Protecting your vehicle is more than having the software updated, New County police said. Everyone should:

- Lock your car doors. Police recommend adopting a 9 p.m. routine that encompasses removing valuables from their vehicles, locking vehicle doors, locking doors to residences, turning on exterior lights and activating all alarms and security systems.

- Remove your keys and spare keys from the vehicle.
- Make sure all windows are closed.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park near surveillance cameras.
- Install an audible alarm or motion-activated in-car camera.
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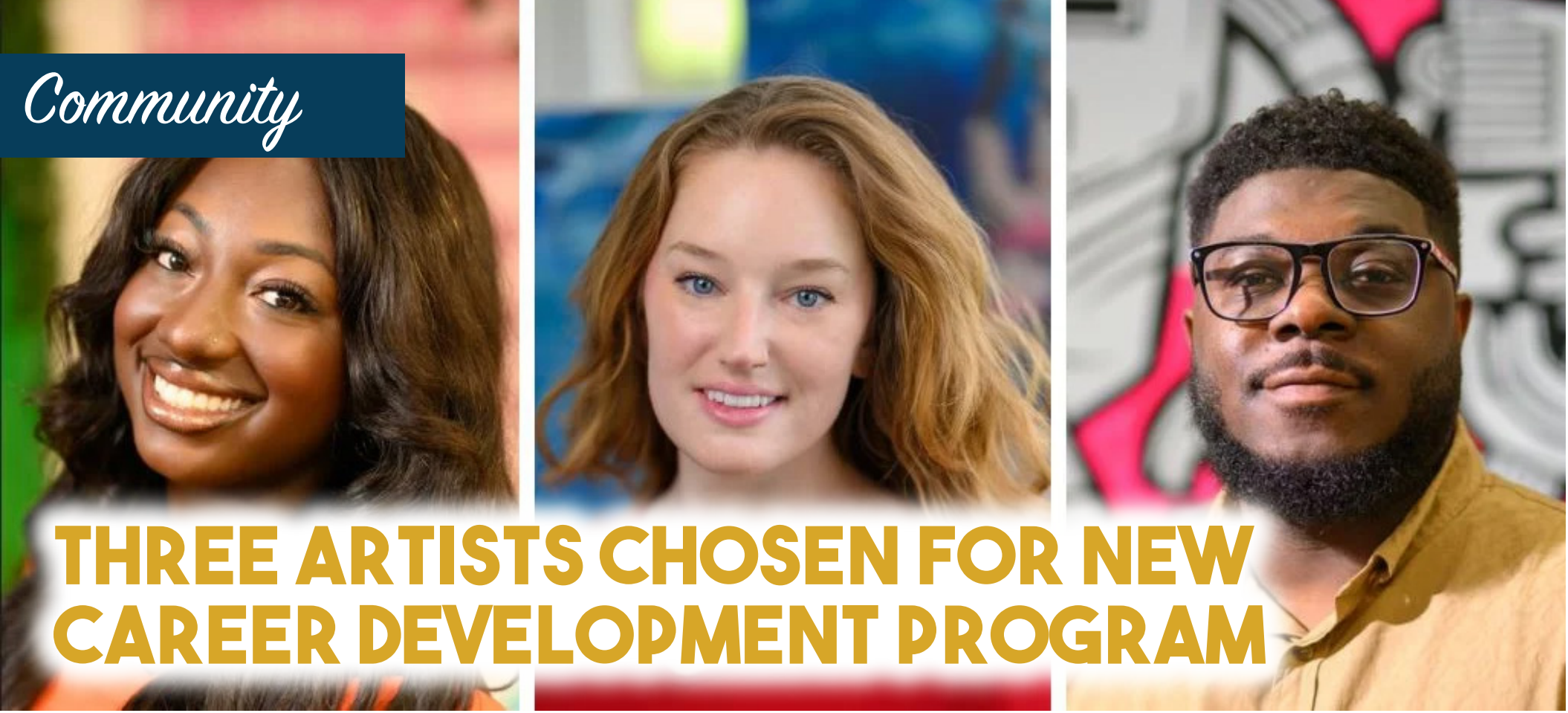
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# THREE ARTISTS CHOSEN FOR NEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BY BETSY PRICE

Two young painters and a sculptor have been selected to participate in a new Delaware Division of the Arts career development program. **Stephanie Boateng**, a painter in New Castle County; **Guy Miller**, a sculptor in Kent County; and **Hannah Whiddon**, a painter in Sussex County, will receive two years of sustained career support in the Artist Career Development program.

The three artists will be given \$10,000 each program year to advance their artistic and business practices and to build community connections.

In year two, the three artists will continue growing their businesses while planning and executing an arts activity for a community in the artist’s county of residence, in partnership with an arts- or community-based organization.

They were chosen from 47 applicants who included musicians, writers and visual artists. Four semifinalists have received \$1,500 to support professional development expenses including, but not limited to equipment, materials and supplies, professional development, space rental, marketing and publicity of events/activities.

“It didn’t hit me until now how deeply the Division is investing in me and my career,” said Whiddon of Lewes.

She draws inspiration from the beauty inherent in everyday life and the human form.

“The headshots and the various career-focused workshops all support my growth as an emerging artist,” she said.

The career development program was created to expand the geographic reach of funded programming



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and to enhance artists’ career-building skills through training opportunities and new connections with other artists and arts organizations.

“This initiative represents a tremendous opportunity for emerging artists to receive increased funding and jump-start the next phase of their careers as creative entrepreneurs,” said Jessica Ball, director of the Division of the Arts. “By supporting their artistic and business practices, we aim to empower these talented individuals to realize their full potential and make a significant impact on the cultural scene in our state.”





photo link: Longwood Gardens



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# AVELO ADDS PUERTO RICO, SARASOTA FLIGHTS FROM WILMINGTON

BY BETSY PRICE

**Avelo Airlines** will start flights to San Juan, Puerto Rico and Sarasota, FL, from Wilmington in November. The addition to Avelo's 13 current destinations was the focus of a festive announcement Thursday on the Wilmington Airport's tarmac.

"No surprises here," said **Delaware River & Bay Authority** Deputy Director Stephen Williams to the large crowd gathered Aug.10. The airlines already had begun flying to Puerto Rico from other airports, so many people expected that destination to be part of the announcement today.

Carlos de los Ramos, chair of the Delaware Hispanic Commission and associate state chair of the Delaware chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, thanks the airline and airport executives for their leadership and choice. The only place de los Ramos likes to hear a flight is canceled, he said, was when he was in

Puerto Rico, because it meant he could stay longer.

U.S. Census **figures** show that Puerto Ricans are 3% of Delaware's population and the second-largest Hispanic or Latino group after Mexicans, the *Delaware Business Times* reported Thursday.

Avelo, a Houston, Texas company, already uses its two Boeing Next-Generation 737-800 aircraft to make nonstop flights to 13 destinations in five Southeast states. The flights usually only leave and return to Wilmington twice a week. The way to get more flights, New County County Executive Matt Meyer told the crowd, was to keep all of them full.

"This only will work if we take these flights," Meyer said. "We'll only get more than two flights a week if we fill those two flights a week. So, let's use this. Let's buy these tickets. Let's expand airline service to make this a major destination for Puerto Ricans coming to the U.S."

Avelo has flown more than 125,000 travelers since its first flight in February, airline officials said.

## PUERTO RICO FLIGHTS

Flights to and from San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU) in San Juan, Puerto Rico will have one-way fares that start at \$99 Nov. 2. Flights to and from Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) in Florida will start at \$49 one way on Nov. 15.

Avelo also offers routes to and from Charleston, SC; Daytona Beach, FL; Fort Lauderdale/Miami, FL; Fort Myers, FL; Greenville/Spartanburg, SC; Myrtle Beach, SC; Nashville, TN; Orlando, FL; Raleigh/Durham, NC; Savannah, GA; Hilton Head, SC; Tampa, FL; West Palm Beach, FL; and Wilmington, NC.

"It feels like I was just here," joked Delaware Gov. John Carney, "because I was just here." He attended the April 20 announcement that added nine new destinations in the Southeast.

"But this announcement is different," Carney said, "because it goes to the heart of one of the strongest communities in our state, in our region and that's those of you who have roots in Puerto Rico."

Like Meyer, he stressed that the flights need to be used. "We've got to take those flights if they're going to be successful and we keep the service," Carney said.







# WJBR SOLD TO EVANGELICAL RADIO CHAIN VCY AMERICA

BY BETSY PRICE

WJBR radio station in Wilmington has been sold to an evangelical Christian radio chain **VCY America**. The New Castle station was the only Delaware station owned by **Beasley Media Group**, which is headquartered in Florida. VCY is headquartered in Milwaukee, WI. Details of the deal were not released. The sale must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

Until then, 99.5 WBJR will continue business as usual, including holding its 2023 Help Our Kids Radiothon to support Nemours Children’s Hospital in September.

Beasley owns six other stations in the Philly region, according to the Radio and Television Business Report.



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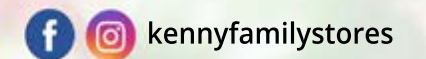
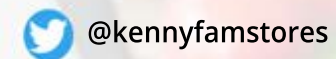




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# *Food & Dining*

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## SIROCCO OFFERS VIBRANT SPANISH, ITALIAN AND GREEK FLAVORS

BY PAM GEORGE

A sirocco is a Mediterranean wind from the Sahara that can reach hurricane-level speed. In Rehoboth Beach, however, Sirocco Food & Drink is a breath of fresh air. The newly opened restaurant is in [Coastal Rehoboth Beach](#), part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton. The hotel replaces the Sandcastle Motel, a concrete gray edifice resembling a giant prop for a “Camelot” production. In comparison, the 60-room Coastal Rehoboth Beach is a contemporary boutique hotel and along with the [Bellmoore Inn & Spa](#) and [Hotel Rehoboth](#), it meets the demand for upscale accommodations.

Unlike those two properties, however, Coastal Rehoboth Beach is two blocks from the boardwalk. It has a rooftop indoor pool, parking and the on-site restaurant off the lobby.

Although Sirocco just opened, it was hopping on a Sunday night and not all customers were hotel guests. Rehoboth Beach always embraces a new restaurant, but this eatery’s menu is particularly appealing.

### VIBRANT FLAVORS

Given the restaurant’s name, you would expect dishes with Spanish, Italian and Greek flavors. You won’t be disappointed. Take, for instance, lemon chicken and orzo with veggies and white beans or a classic Greek salad with kalamata olives, feta, cucumber and fresh oregano.

Or opt for the caprese, a fan of local tomatoes with burrata, pine nuts, basil-infused olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar. Small plates also include antipasto and charred octopus.

For a fun take on “smash burgers,” the kitchen uses merguez lamb patties with North African spices. The

two sliders are dressed with Greek feta, pickled onions and dill aioli, and a refreshing cucumber-tomato salad.

The Spanish influence is evident in a tumble of juicy shrimp and roasted garlic. The pool of olive oil is laced with guindilla chili peppers and red pepper flakes. With the grilled bread, you can sop up every spicy drop of oil.

Unfortunately, flaming saganaki, a Greek specialty, wasn’t available that night. The kefalograviera cheese used in the eye-catching dish is hard to source.

To draw attention to ourselves, we had the Nightfall Manhattan, made with Bulleit Bourbon. Using a device resembling a toy gun, the bartender created a wobbly citrus-infused bubble that adhered to the glass like a dome. Put the glass to your lips, however, and it dissolves into a pouf of smoke—a cocktail and a magic trick.

The beer list was carefully curated with two Italian-style pilsners, one of which comes from [Dewey Beer Co.](#) There are also beers from [Big Oyster Brewery](#) and [Dogfish Head Craft Brewery](#).

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Like the small plates and appetizers, many entrees reinforce the theme. Consider lamb chops with roasted eggplant, couscous and mint gremolata or whole branzino with a bright mix of citrusy lemon, tart capers and fresh herbs.

But this section also appeals to a broader audience. Since we are in a resort town on the Delmarva Peninsula, jumbo lump crab cakes are a must. Sirocco’s take is packed with snowy nuggets.

Meanwhile, frutti di mare over fettuccini now appears in non-Italian seafood restaurants. Along with cioppino and bouillabaisse, it’s a coastal standard.

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# MILLSBORO MAN WITH 17 MOLOTOV COCKTAILS GETS SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE

BY JAREK RUTZ

A Molotov cocktail—no, not a fruity adult beverage, but a hand-thrown destructive weapon—has landed a Millsboro man in federal prison for more than seven years. Job Gillette, a 25-year-old, will serve 87 months for possessing 17 Molotov cocktails, additional raw materials, an AK-47 semi-automatic rifle, ammunition and a ballistic vest.

The weapons were discovered after Gillette had threatened to “blow up or burn down” the group home where he lived. According to court records, he also believed in the New World Order, a conspiratorial idea that powerful entities are manipulating governments to create a one-world totalitarian government.

Gillette took measures to maximize the harmful impact of his weapons by adding styrofoam to his Molotov cocktails to “help the burning liquid adhere to the

target and create clouds of thick, choking smoke.” He also added screws and nails to increase their destructive impact.

“Had Mr. Gillette been able to follow through with his plot, the impact could have been devastating for the group home and its residents,” said David C. Weiss, U.S. Attorney. “This sentence should serve as a deterrent for anyone considering this similar violent conduct.”

Gillette was charged with four counts of possession of an unregistered destructive device, one count of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and one count of possession of a firearm with an altered or obliterated serial number.



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# PROPOSED GREEN ENERGY BILL COULD MEAN HIGHER POWER BILLS

BY JAREK RUTZ

A piece of proposed legislation that would give the Delaware Public Service Commission more power over the sources of energy in the First State is drawing fire from a state representative. The legislation, which popped up in a recent energy stakeholders meeting, would support Delaware's Climate Action Plan. It does not yet have a sponsor attached.

"They're pushing forward with all kinds of stuff that pushes us down the green road and it's not really green," said Rep. Rich Collins, R-Millsboro.

He didn't attend the meeting, but has been a vocal opponent to the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023, which was signed into law Aug. 3. The proposed legislation promotes the development and acquisition of low-carbon fuel resources, such as hydrogen and renewable natural gas, by Delaware utilities. The Public Service Commission oversees utilities.

Delaware's Climate Action Plan recommends increas-

ing production of and incentivizing markets for low-carbon fuels as a state-level initiative to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses. Under the proposed legislation, the Public Service Commission would be allowed to establish rules and procedures for utilities to voluntarily procure low-carbon fuels as an energy supply resource.

The rules that would be adopted by the commission under the legislation will permit utilities to recover the costs of acquiring low-carbon fuels and related infrastructure investments through a rate-recovery mechanism. That means costs will be passed onto customers. The utility costs must be found reasonable and in the public interest, according to the legislation.

The legislation also would mean:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emission for Delaware's natural gas system and benefiting the public at-large through improved local and regional air quality, water quality and improved public health.

- Diversification of energy supply allows the approximately 200,000 households and businesses throughout Delaware that rely on natural gas to include low-carbon fuels in their energy supply.

- Taking a product that is negatively impacting the environment – waste – and creating a clean and reliable energy resource that is fully compatible with Delaware's current natural gas infrastructure and appliances, serving a productive role in the clean energy transition.

- Helping meet the International Energy Agency projections that by 2050 (in a scenario in which countries reach the climate goals of the Paris Agreement) the world's low-carbon fuel supply will be 35% of the energy supply mix.

"Delaware has less than a million people and the world has eight billion people," Collins said. "People act like if Delaware has electric cars or [green-energy policies], the fires won't burn in Hawaii. There is no direct, positive benefit to anybody for Delaware to sacrifice."

The Public Service Commission will retain authority to reject any proposed low-carbon fuel supply purchases and infrastructure investments it determines are not in the public interest.

Collins thinks one solution is requiring federal diplomacy to focus more attention on the negative effects China and India have on the environment.

"The U.S. has somewhere around 11% of the share of global CO2 emissions," he said.

China in particular is embracing coal mining and coal-fired plants, the opposite of what the United States is doing. Even if America's emissions are taken out, he said the world still has the other 89% to deal with.

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# WILMINGTON TO SEND PARKING TICKETS TO COURT, END CITY REVIEW

BY BETSY PRICE

An organization pushing reform of Wilmington’s parking fine practices praised the city’s move to abandon its administrative appeals process and send appeals directly to court.

“This is a significant step in the right direction,” said Ken Grant on behalf of the Wilmington Fines and Fees Justice Team.

“After years of hearing about issues with the city’s administrative process for parking ticket appeals, it is good to see that drivers will now have access to their due process rights restored,” he said in a press release. “By taking the appeals process out of the ‘closed box’ system and putting it into an open, constitutional court, we expect to hear fewer complaints from the people of Wilmington.”

Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki had announced that parking ticket appeals will go directly to the state Justice of the Peace Court as of Monday, Aug. 14. Other cities and towns in Delaware already send appeals directly to the Justice of the Peace Court to review the legitimacy of a ticket and determine the outcome of an appeal.

“Ticket appeals should be heard and decided in a court of law, not in the offices of City Hall,” Purzycki said in a press release. “Moving appeals to the court is a fair process for constituents and less taxing on city staff who are regularly pulled from their assigned duties to review an appeal request.”

## PARKING TICKET APPEALS

Purzycki said appeals are often clearly unwarranted, perhaps because ticket holders know fines and additional penalties are frozen while the city offers an administrative appeal process.

“We have taken many steps over the past year to provide a better parking enforcement system,” the mayor said, “and now we’ll continue that effort by having all appeals go directly to the court.

“This is a change for the better for both constituents and city government.”

Ticket recipients who wish to appeal their ticket should complete the on-line appeal form, which can be found

**HERE.** The city will submit the appeal request to the Justice of the Peace Court. The court will select a hearing date and notify the ticket recipient. Those who don’t have internet access can request a court appeal by mailing their appeal in writing to the City of Wilmington, P.O. Box 2308, Wilmington, DE 19899. Ticketed people also can drop off their written appeal at the first floor Department of Finance Customer Service Office at the Redding Government Building at 800 North French Street.

The Wilmington Fines and Fees Justice Team is a collaboration of community members and city council members pushing for reforms in Wilmington’s fines and fees and collections practices, with a focus on parking/red light tickets and water billing.







# POLICE DOGS TO RECEIVE MORE STATE BENEFITS WHEN WORKING, RETIRED

BY BETSY PRICE

Working and retired police dogs will have extra care and services paid for by the state now that two Republican bills have been signed into law. Both received wide bipartisan support, passing the General Assembly unanimously.

One bill signed Aug. 10 by Gov. John Carney allows working police dogs to be transported by paramedics and other emergency medical service providers. Another allows the owner of a retired police dog to be reimbursed for veterinary care.

### POLICE DOG LOVE

**Senate Bill 117** with Senate Amendment 1 (SB 117), sponsored by Sen. Brian Pettyjohn (R-Georgetown),

authorizes emergency medical service personnel to provide immediate care and transport police dogs that are injured at the scene of an emergency. It also grants civil immunity to these personnel if their efforts to assist were in good faith.

“Police K-9s are an integral part of our law enforcement community,” Pettyjohn said in a press release. “We must do all we can to provide the best level of care to not only the men and women in blue, but also to the police dogs that are often called to rush directly into danger.”

**Senate Bill 176** was sponsored by Sen. Dave Lawson (R-Marydel). This legislation requires the owner of a

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“I thank those who take in these retired police dogs and this new law will help provide financial relief to the individuals and families who care for these amazing canines.”





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## APPO ONBOARDS NEW SAFE DE APP FOR MENTAL HEALTH HELP

BY JAREK RUTZ

An app created to stop bullying in schools has been rebranded and expanded to help prevent suicides and connect struggling students with support services. The **SAFE DE app** was introduced Wednesday at **Appoquinimink**'s Middletown High School.

Formerly known as the **STOPit app**, SAFE DE has two new sections: a crisis text line and a resources tab. The STOPit app originally came to Appo in 2019.

“STOPit does not go away, but it’s expanded and it’s not only expanded within the app, it’s now statewide,” said Tom Poehlmann, Appo’s director of safety, security and operations. “We can still report things like bullying, but now it expands into the mental health and wellness aspects.”

The three main features of SAFE DE are:

- Ask for Help, which can be used to anonymously request help from local school contacts, including anonymous two-way communication with school contacts and students.
- Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed directly from the app to text with non-local trained crisis counselors.
- Get Resources, which can be used to search community, local, state and federal resources and helplines.

A representative from the National Crisis Text Line will respond immediately 24/7 every day of the year, including holiday breaks or the summer months when students are home from school.

Student mental health increasingly became a concern during the COVID-19 pandemic, Poehlmann said. Suicide rates are rising among America’s youth, and Poehlmann pointed out suicide or suicide attempts are especially prevalent among young males.

“It’s just something that people don’t like to talk about, so it’s sort of a hidden kind of thing,” he said. “There’s a crisis line for those at risk and those going through some struggles to get help, because besides reporting bullying, it’s also important to ask for help.”

Students who are worried about friends or family members can anonymously contact support as well to get resources for them.

A group of about 20 students were in the audience to learn about the app’s rebranding, and all of their hands shot up when asked if they were well-versed or used the STOPit app.

“We want to emphasize that as you guys go forth and talk about this, and we need you to encourage people to download the app, remove STOPit and add SAFE DE, that you can talk about the added features,” Poehlmann said, “but what’s important to me is what you’re used to in the STOPit app does not go away, that is still there.”

All the students have laptops issued by the district, and each laptop has a “self service” tab that will contain the new SAFE DE app. The app is available for iPhone and Android mobile phones.

Kristine Peters, Appo’s equity, climate and wellness coordinator, said the district’s students can submit a help report for people from other districts.

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# COMPENSATION COMMITTEE: RAISE BUS DRIVER PAY TO \$25 AN HOUR

BY JAREK RUTZ

A committee created to raise wages for Delaware’s educators recommended Monday that bus drivers be paid \$25 an hour. The 15-person **Public Education Compensation Committee** voted to increase the hourly rate of bus drivers from \$22.50. The **Delaware School Bus Contractors Association** has been calling for that hike since February.

If the state adapts the suggestion, it will cost Delaware just under \$4.4 million. Because the state funds 90% of Delaware educator’s pay, local districts will pay \$484,734.78 collectively. Bus aides are not included in the recommendation. On average, they make about \$13 an hour.

Also Monday, the committee introduced an updated pay scale for the 180 information technology workers in Delaware’s public schools. They now are paid according to seemingly random salary scales, sometimes as an

educator, custodian, paraprofessional or something else. Because the state does not provide funding units for them, districts are left to decide how to fund those positions.

The proposal discussed in the meeting would create funding units for information technology workers, costing the state \$6,926,517 in fiscal year 2025 and \$12,693,483 in fiscal year 2026. It would also include a local district share of \$2,400,914 in fiscal year 2025 and \$4,450,329 in fiscal year 2026.

During the discussions, the committee did not specify the salary for an IT worker.

“\$13 million to IT professionals makes it harder to get \$13 million to teachers where we know that we have a problem,” said committee member Jonathan Starkey, the governor’s chief of staff. “It’s not at all clear to me that we can do all of this.”

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# 17 SCHOOLS SHOW LESS THAN 10% PROFICIENCY ON STATE TESTS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Seventeen Delaware schools had single-digit proficiency rates in math, reading or the SAT on state-administered tests. More than 200 public schools take part in the Smarter Balanced test, which measures the knowledge of students in grades three through eight in math and reading, and the SAT for all juniors in high school. Ten of those grammar and middle schools had less than 10% of their students score as proficient on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Another seven had single-digit proficiency in the SAT, which once stood for Scholastic Aptitude Test, but now just goes by its initials.

Delaware is one of eight states that give the SATs to all 11th graders, which lowers the state's scores. In most states, it is usually taken only by students headed to college.

If a student is not proficient, that means they do not meet grade-level expectations and standards in a given

subject, but it doesn't necessarily mean they cannot read, write or do math.

"While we want to see all schools at or above the state average for proficiency, we need to remember that these scores are just one data point," said Kendall Massett, executive director of the **Delaware Charter Schools Network**. "Students and schools are much more than one test score, which is why our Delaware report cards have multiple measures for schools."

However, Massett said, it is encouraging to see a decrease in the number of schools with single-digit proficiency over the last few years. Last year, 10 schools had single-digit proficiency scores for SAT, and 16 for the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

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# DSU UNVEILS NEW ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC LOGOS

BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware State University is getting a new look. With record enrollment numbers, growing infrastructure, and expanding programs and partnerships over the last decade, the Historical Black College and University has unveiled new academic and athletic logos.

The academic logo is a new visual mark that connects this past, present and future at DSU. After market research and feedback from stakeholders, including more than 600 students, faculty, staff, leadership, alumni and community members, the design team decided to incorporate the iconic flag poles at the entrance of its main campus in Dover.

Along the ever-flying United States flag, the other flags are periodically changed to embrace the diverse number of countries the university's students, faculty and staff represent. DSU is the only HBCU in Delaware and has connections with 23 different countries around the world. Many surveyed said that seeing the flag poles was one of their most memorable moments of their first visit to the university, and it serves as a focal point for students to connect.



“It’s what we all remember from our first campus tour visit in middle or high school,” said Josh Holloway, president of the Student Government Association for 2023-24. “Even now, we say, ‘Meet me at the flagpoles!’”

Jasmine Couch was the lead designer of the marketing team.

“We are excited to introduce this new visual mark featuring flags that represent our diversity and honor, a mound that denotes our strong foundation, and traditional blue and red colors that reflect our inspiration and loyalty,” said Dawn Mosley, senior associate vice president of marketing.

For the new athletic logo, the design team made sure to feature the beloved blue hornet mascot. The mascot took its moniker from the “Blue Hornet” nickname for the blue bus that transported the football team of the then-State College for Colored Students to its away games. By the time the college formally became a member of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1945, the “Hornet” had already been adopted as the mascot name.

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# MEDIA LITERACY STANDARDS DISCUSSED IN STATE BOARD

BY JAREK RUTZ

Delaware’s State Board of Education is in the process of drafting standards that align with a new state law requiring schools to teach media literacy. At its monthly meeting Aug. 10, Alyssa Moore, education associate for digital learning at the [Department of Education](#), presented proposed standards to the board.

The [legislation](#), known as the “Digital Citizenship Education Act,” requires the Department of Education to develop and maintain evidence-based media literacy standards for school districts and charter schools serving students in grades kindergarten through 12.

“Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create and take action with all forms of communication,” Moore said, “and encompasses the foundational skills of digital citizenship and internet safety including the norms of appropriate, responsible, ethical and healthy behavior and cyberbullying prevention.”

All standards and materials curated by the department need to address appropriate, responsible and healthy

online behavior. With the massive presence of social media and internet use, the law aims to make sure people, especially young impressionable citizens, have the knowledge to navigate through misinformation, scams and dangerous behaviors.

“Digital citizenship goes along with [media literacy] and is the diverse set of skills related to current technology and social media, including the norms of appropriate, responsible and healthy behavior,” Moore said.

The standards presented were broken into 13 key components of media literacy:

- Purpose and acceptable use of different social media platforms.
- Understanding negative impact of inappropriate technology use, including online bullying and harassment, hacking, intentional virus setting, invasion of privacy, and piracy of software, music, video and other media.

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## CAPITAL COMMUNITY CENTER: FOOD, CLOTHES, INTERNET, MORE

BY JAREK RUTZ

A partnership between a local church and **Capital School District** will bring social services and more to district families in Dover. The Capital Community Center was officially opened Aug. 10 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Located at 109 North West Street in Dover, the center will be open and accessible to all Capital School District families in need of services such as food, clothes, internet access, school supplies, laundry facilities and more.

Vilicia Cade, superintendent of Capital, said the idea for the collaboration was sparked in 2021. The **Solid Rock Baptist Church** already had a small community center, but wanted to add services to it.

“Post-COVID, it’s becoming more important that we focus on the holistic needs of the children and the fam-

ilies that we serve,” Cade said. “In order for us to really, really move the needle on academic achievement, we’ve got to remove some of the non-academic barriers.”

Some of these challenges, she pointed out, include food insecurity, instability in the home and lack of clothes to wear. Capital also serves many families who are experiencing homelessness, she said.

Onsite support include a clothing closet with new clothes and shoes, as well as a food pantry with refrigerated and frozen food. The center also houses a school supply closet to provide families with essentials for school. The center will provide families with access to two industrial-size washers and dryers that can make laundry faster for a family.

All Capital School District family members will have access to onsite computers, printers and the internet to access school information, school assignments, enrollment, job searches and housing information.

The center is also certified to proctor and offers certification in over 5,000 credentialing exams, including GED, para-professional, real estate and more.

For now, the center is open by appointment only, but Capital plans on hiring at least one full-time worker in the coming months to help the center establish regular hours.

“My personal call to action is to make sure that every human being realizes their value and their significance, regardless of what walk of life they may have come from,” said Pastor William Grimes of Solid Rock. “That’s why this partnership is so important to us, because it fits into the fabric of what we do...We are here to uplift individuals.”

The original community center primarily served as a food pantry. Some of the major additions provided by the partnership include building out a kitchen and installing the washing machines, dryers and refrigerator.

The center represents a collective moral imperative that underscores the intersection of Capital’s schools, children and future, Cade said.

Cade was not able to provide the exact amount of funding used for the expansion. However, she said a lot of it came from **McKinney-Vento** funds. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 is a federal law providing federal money for programs benefiting homeless youth.

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# Robert W. Gore Stadium

## 'UNDER THE LIGHTS' TO CELEBRATE NEWARK CHARTER'S GORE STADIUM

BY NICK HALLIDAY

On Sept. 8, Newark Charter School will unveil its new athletic complex as the field hockey team takes on Padua at 7 p.m. It will be the first night event at Boulden Brothers Field at the Robert W. Gore Stadium, a name announced this week in a press release. Robert Gore, president of W. L. Gore & Associates, is the inventor of Gore-Tex.

Head of School Sam Golder said the “Under the Lights” event set for that night celebrates much work from many stakeholders in the school’s community.

“Not only do we thank our donors, but we also thank the countless volunteers who have given time to the project,” Golder said. “We are excited about our school’s growth and cannot wait to cheer on our field hockey team.”

The evening will be attended by several dignitaries and include activities for younger students.

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Scott and Larisa Gore, parents of Newark Charter students, generously contributed to the Building the Future Capital Campaign and have chosen to name the stadium in honor of Scott Gore’s late father, Robert W. Gore.

“Newark Charter School is forever grateful to the Gore family for their commitment to ensuring a high quality, multi-functional space that will be enjoyed by all Patriots!” a school press release said.

The six-lane track at the stadium was named Coach Steve Sinko Track in recognition of longtime cross country, track and field head coach Steve Sinko. Sinko has been coaching at Newark Charter since the school opened and started both track programs.



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# APPO HIGH'S TEAMS PAW THE TURF AT JAGUAR STADIUM

BY GLENN FRAZER

The Delaware Live sports staff this summer is featuring some of the high school football venues where they have covered games. As you drive west of Middletown near the Route 301 Bypass on Friday nights in the fall, you can't miss the lights of the Appoquinimink High football stadium. One of three high schools in the Appoquinimink School District, Jaguar Stadium pulls a big crowd for its home events.

Your journey into the complex takes you past Bunker Hill Elementary to the ample parking surrounding the

high school. The stadium's entrance features a brick arch topped with the mascot logo. To get to the bleachers and field, you've got to make your way through a crowded lobby area, with the always bustling grill to the left. Once you're near the bleachers, you can't miss the jaguar statue as you gaze upon the "all-weather" surface.

The school was the district's second high school, completed in 2008. Stadium seating capacity is estimated at just over 4,000. Principal Sam Postlethwait, who played quarterback and was the punter at both Caesar Rodney

High and the University of Delaware, can be seen attending most of the home games.

Jaguar Stadium was one of the few turf fields at a public school when it opened. With the new field and ample parking, the stadium was a great option for the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) to hold lots of state playoff and championship games. In the last decade, other schools have opened or added new stadiums that are turf, and the playoff and championship games have moved around the state now.

The initial varsity season began in 2009 under head coach Jeff Weiner, who guided the Jags to a playoff spot in just his second year before they fell to Archmere 31-24. The current head coach is Brian Timpson, who coaches both softball and football.

The football program started in Division II, then was moved up to Division I a few years later as the team took its "lumps" early on. Recent success includes qualifying for the playoffs three of the last five seasons, including last year's first-ever conference title after winning the tiebreaker in District 1 of Class AAA with Middletown and Salesianum.

Timpson's Jags recorded the school's first win ever against the Sals last year at Abessinio by a final of 30-20. Timpson also has the distinction of leading the Jags football team to their only playoff win in 2021 against Cape Henlopen on their home turf.

The team is busy preparing for its 2023 opening game when Appo will face cross-district opponent Odessa for the first meeting between the two.

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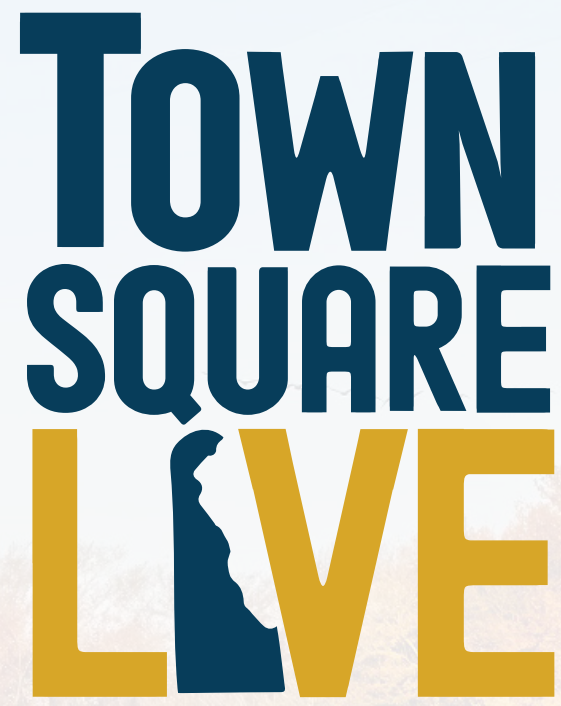


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