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GOP BACKS LAWSUIT CHALLENGING EARLY VOTING

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The chair of the Republican Party of Delaware has filed a lawsuit in the Delaware Court of Chancery challenging the constitutionality of early voting and permanent absentee voting laws in Delaware. Jane Brady, who is a lawyer and former attorney general of Delaware, filed the suit on behalf of Michael Mennella.

Mennella is a Newark resident and off-and-on temporary employee with the Delaware Department of Elections who has served as a polling place inspector during eight elections.

Brady emphasized at a press conference Thursday morning at the Christiana Hilton that she filed the suit in her private capacity as a lawyer, not as the GOP chair.

While Mennella is not presently employed by the

department, the complaint asserts that Mennella's job requires him to ensure that the people who vote in elections are entitled to do so under the law.

"The conflict in the laws requires him to choose between following the law and violating his oath," Brady said during the press conference.

Among other things, that oath says, "I will not knowingly or willfully receive or consent to the receiving of the vote of any alien," and "I will not receive or consent to the receiving of the vote of any person whom I shall believe not entitled to vote, unless my associates shall adjudge such person to be entitled to vote."

The suit specifically challenges a new law that allows voters to cast their ballots at least 10 days before an elec-

tion, including the Saturday and Sunday immediately before the election at certain locations as determined by the state election commissioner. That law was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. John Carney in 2019 as House Bill 38.

Brady argued that the Delaware Constitution says voters must vote in person on election day unless the voter qualifies under "very limited conditions" to vote absentee.

Those who have traditionally taken advantage of absentee voting include out-of-state college students, Delawareans who are serving in the military and their families, U.S. citizens who live abroad, and disabled voters.

"Early voting clearly violates that requirement," Brady said. "In addition, all the provisions related to absentee voting are transitional and temporary."

Attempts to reach Delaware Commissioner of Elections Anthony Albence were unsuccessful.

This suit is being filed in conjunction with the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a conservative legal group that is known for suing states and local governments to purge non-active voters from election rolls.

Noel Johnson, an attorney with that group, said that treating permanent absentee status as an indefinite status that does not require certification or renewed application each election violates the Delaware Constitution.

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CORRECTIONS SUMMIT ENDS WITH APOLOGY TO INMATES, FAMILIES

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A two-day virtual summit on Delaware's correctional system ended with Sen. Marie Pinkney apologizing to current and former inmates for perceived failures in the state's criminal justice system.

"To those who have been involved in our justice system or to those that love people that have been involved in our justice system, we apologize for where we failed you," the New Castle senator said. "We will continue to do everything we can to make that right and to create better systems and opportunities moving forward."

The summit, which took place Feb. 22 and 23, featured national speakers, a community listening session and a series of roundtable discussions.

They addressed the physical and mental wellness of incarcerated people, the impacts of the juvenile justice system, the experiences of correctional staff and the state's expanding re-entry programs.

The event included presentations from the Delaware Department of Correction, Department of Labor, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, Office of Defense Services, ACLU Delaware, Delaware Center for Justice, Wilmington Hope Commission and the Group Violence Intervention Project.

Pinkney kicked off the summit Feb. 22 by asking attendees to refrain from using the word "inmates," and encouraged them to instead say "incarcerated people."

"One of our ground rules which I'll probably discuss prior to every panel is that we will not be using the term 'inmate' at all for these next two days," Pinkney admonished. "We will speak about people as if they are valued human lives, so there will be correcting if you hear the term 'inmate' because we are going to make it known that we value human life."

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AVIAN FLU FOUND IN POULTRY FARM AFTER INCREASED BIRD DEATHS THERE

BY BETSY PRICE

The Avian flu has been found in a Delaware poultry farm that was experiencing increased bird deaths.

The state announced Feb. 22 that the Euroasian H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI) had been found in eight wild ducks, a hawk and a Canada goose.

On Feb. 23 the state announced that it's been confirmed in the poultry farm, which will have to kill all the rest of its birds to try to prevent the spread to other farms.

Backyard flock owners who have sick or unusual deaths in their flocks should email Poultry.Health@delaware.gov or call (302) 698-4507 for assistance, the state said.

This finding is the first case of HPAI in commercial poultry in Delaware since 2004, the state Department of Agriculture said in a press release. There is no public

health concern, and avian influenza does not affect poultry meat or egg products, which remain safe to eat, the state stressed. While bird flu can be spread to humans, there has not been a transmission to humans in the U.S.

“We have taken immediate action to contain this disease and will continue to work with poultry owners, the industry and our laboratory partners to protect against its spread,” said Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael T. Scuse in the press release. “This appears to be an isolated case, with no reports of disease among our chicken industry. Delmarva poultry is safe to eat, and consumers can be confident in the safety of their food.”

The Delaware Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will increase sampling and quarantining nearby poultry flocks.



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Avian influenza is an airborne respiratory virus that spreads easily among chickens through nasal and eye secretions, as well as manure, the state said. The virus can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers.

The farm is under quarantine to stop the spread. The birds on the affected farm will be killed to prevent the spread of disease, the state said.

In addition, because of the severity of this Avian influenza, anyone found trespassing on a quarantined farm will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, the state said.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Diocese of Wilmington on April 11 will hold its inaugural diocesan-wide ‘Reconciliation Monday.’

The event is designed to make it more convenient for Catholics to receive the sacrament at the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week in anticipation of the celebration of Easter.

Catholics from throughout the Diocese are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any of the 56 parish churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, on Monday, April 11, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

“It is traditional and desirable for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent,” explained the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, Bishop of Wilmington. “By establishing ‘Reconciliation Monday’ in our diocese, we are making it easier for parishioners to experience the loving forgiveness of God.”

Koenig said the diocese is hoping that people who have fallen away from their faith will use the opportunity

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON TO HOLD FIRST-EVER ‘RECONCILIATION MONDAY’

to prepare their hearts for a return to Mass at Easter.

“We invite all Catholics—whether it has been months, years, or decades since their last Confession—to take advantage of this diocesan-wide event in which all of our priests will participate,” Koenig said.

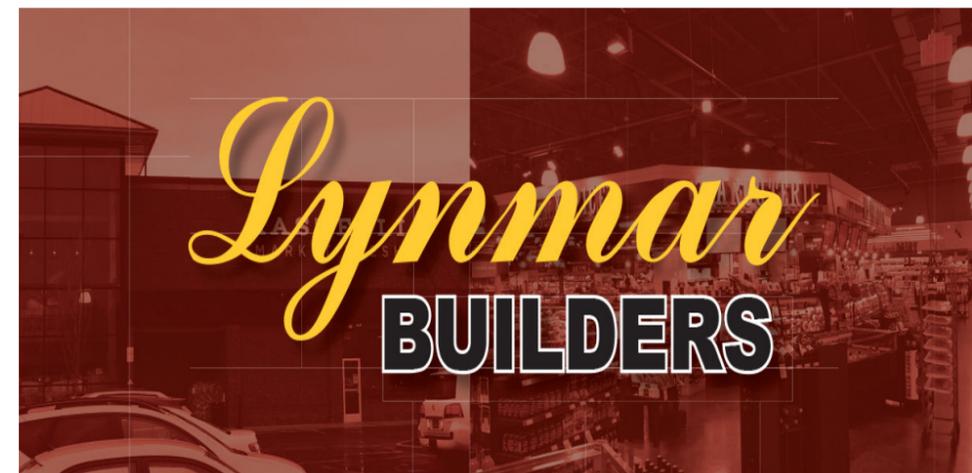
According to the diocese, ‘Reconciliation Monday’ was implemented years ago in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, where Bishop Koenig served as a pastor prior to being appointed Bishop of Wilmington by Pope Francis last year.

Over the years it has grown to be a popular annual event in New York, held the day after Palm Sunday.

All parishes offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. Many parishes offer penance services during Lent. This will be the first time in diocesan history that all parishes will hold concurrent confessions.

While all parishes will participate, it is not possible for every mission church in the diocese to hold confessions due to the limited number of priests. Parishioners are encouraged to check their local parish website or visit this link before heading out.

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THE POINT AT CAPE HENLOPEN TO CLOSE FOR SEASON

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Point at Cape Henlopen State Park, including a stretch of ocean and bay beach, will be closed beginning March 1 for the duration of the spring and summer.

Since 1993, The Point has closed annually for most of the spring and summer to protect threatened and endangered beachnesters and migratory shorebirds. Those species include red knots, piping plovers, oystercatchers, least terns and others.

The Point's nesting habitat on the ocean side will reopen to the public on Sept. 1. The bayside beach will remain closed until Oct. 1 for use by shorebirds migrating south for the winter.

The DNREC Divisions of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, and Watershed Stewardship have worked together since 1990 to implement a management plan to halt the decline of beachnester and migratory shorebird populations.

For more information, contact Cape Henlopen State Park at 302-645-8983 or stop by the park office.

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DELAWARE TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH HISTORICAL EVENTS

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will host two special events in March to commemorate the historical contributions of women in Delaware. The events come on the heels of a jam-packed lineup of events held in February to celebrate Black History Month. Two of those events have yet to be hosted.

All programs are free and open to the public. To learn more about the Women's History Month events or reserve your spot, visit this [LINK](#).

Each year [National Women's History Month](#) employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme. For 2022, the theme is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," a tribute to the "ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history," the division said in a press release.

Women's History Month and general history programs to be held throughout the month of March include:

- **Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 4 p.m. — HMS DeBraak**

Virtual program from the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' Zwaanendael Museum explores the history of the British warship DeBraak which sank off the coast of Lewes in May of 1798 only to be recovered by treasure

hunters nearly 200 years later. Program streamed live via Zoom. Registration required. Call 302-645-1148 or email zmuseum@delaware.gov.

- **Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. — Concert by Christine Havrilla**
Presented in partnership with the [Delaware Friends of Folk](#). Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' The Old State House, 25 The Green, Dover. Face masks required for all persons over age two. Call 302-744-5054 or email OSHmuseum@delaware.gov.
- **Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 5 p.m. — The Different Lives of Delaware's 18th Century Women**
Virtual program in which lead interpreter Annie Fenimore of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' John Dickinson Plantation discusses how wealth, race, class and circumstance determined 18th-century women's lives in Delaware. Program streamed live via Zoom and on the Zwaanendael Museum's [Facebook](#) page. Zoom registration is recommended. Call 302-645-1148 or email zmuseum@delaware.gov.
- **Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 12 p.m. — Well Seasoned Heirlooms**
Virtual program in which historic site interpreter Kimberly Fritsch of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' New Castle Court House Museum shines a spotlight on the culinary practices, recipes and personalized cookbooks of women throughout Delaware history as they speak to us through their food. Cookbooks became a way for women to pass along their legacy and convey a sense of what was important in their culture, daily lives and, even, weather occurrences and events of the time. Program streamed live via Zoom. Registration required. Call 302-323-4453 or email NCCHmuseum@delaware.gov.

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STATE PARK FEE SEASON BEGINS MARCH 1

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

When does winter end? Google says March 20. Punxtawney Phil says March 16. DNREC says Tuesday, Mar. 1.

That's the day Delaware State Parks will transition from the winter free-season to the summer fee-season. The fee season will remain in effect until Nov. 30, 2022.

State park entrance fees for vehicles registered in Delaware are \$4 at inland parks and \$5 at ocean parks. Fees for out-of-state vehicles are \$8 at inland parks and \$10 at ocean parks.

Daily park entrance fees may be paid using credit card machines at most park locations, cash where fee attendants are on duty, or via self-registration envelopes provided at park entrances that are then placed in designated secured drop boxes.

Annual passes are also an option for folks who plan to visit Delaware State Parks throughout fee season. A resident annual pass costs \$35 and residents ages 62 and older receive a discounted rate of \$18. A \$65 lifetime pass

is available for Delawareans ages 65 and older.

Reduced rates are also offered to residents who receive public assistance, or who are active duty military or veterans. Active duty military personnel with an out-of-state license plate can purchase an annual pass at the in-state rate. Those who purchase annual passes online will receive a virtual pass that can be used up to 30 days from the date of purchase until the actual pass is received via mail.

Off-peak surf fishing permits are also available for purchase and double as an annual pass for entry into any state park in Delaware. Off-peak surf fishing permits may be used seven days a week except for weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The off-peak permit fee for Delaware residents is \$70, while the fee for out-of-state residents is \$140. Delaware residents age 62 and older receive a discounted rate of \$60.

Revenue generated from sales of passes and permits is used to manage 17 state parks, the Brandywine Zoo, and more than 26,000 acres of state parklands.

Park users generate 65% of the revenue utilized to operate and maintain the parks. The revenue is used for trail maintenance, environmental and recreational programs, visitor amenities, guarded beaches, management of campgrounds, cabins and more.

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GREEN DAY, MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE, DUA LIPA, HALSEY TO HEADLINE FIREFLY FESTIVAL

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Green Day, My Chemical Romance, Dua Lipa and Halsey will headline the 2022 Firefly Festival, which will return to the Woodlands at Dover between Sept. 22 and 25.

The 2022 festival will be only the second to be held in the early fall. The event—previously held annually in June—was moved to September in 2021 due to the pandemic. COVID forced festival organizers to cancel the event in 2020.

“After last year’s rapturous return, Firefly 2022 is packed full of everything that makes the festival so special—incredible sets from iconic artists, the best food and beverage offerings within the Delaware Valley, treehouse DJ sets, spirited drag brunches and a joyful pride parade; unique, moments that give Firefly its characteristic sense of fun, flare and community,” said festival organizers in a press release.

Fans appeared to have mixed thoughts on the lineup after it was posted to the Firefly Facebook page Tues-

day. “Trash lineup as usual. Glad I’m going to Lost Lands instead,” wrote one festivalhead.

“I only know 5 people in this whole list,” wrote another.

“No Stevie Nicks or a similar big name?? Pretty underwhelming for a 10th anniversary lineup,” wrote one fan, whose comment earned discontent from some other Facebook users.

“Green Day is one of the biggest names in rock lol,” one fan responded. Another followed up, saying, “right!? So is Weezer!”

“Their line up is actually decent this year...you all down???” said one.

Presale for the festival will begin Friday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. Presale wristbands cost \$299 for a regular weekend pass, \$739 for a VIP weekend pass and \$2,699 for a Super VIP weekend pass.





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TWO DELAWARE CHEFS ARE SEMIFINALISTS FOR JAMES BEARD AWARD

BY PAM GEORGE

The James Beard Foundation announced the 2022 James Beard Award **semifinalists** Feb. 23, and two Delaware chefs, Antimo DiMeo and Bill Hoffman, made the list for Best Chef Mid-Atlantic.

DiMeo is executive chef and co-owner of **Bardea Food + Drink** in downtown Wilmington. Chef Bill Hoffman and his wife, Merry Catanuto, own the **House of William & Merry** in Hockessin.

The prestigious awards are the culinary equivalent of the Oscars, and earning even a nomination can boost a career and increase restaurant traffic.

Both chefs were over the moon after learning the news. “I’m still in shock; I’ve had goosebumps all morning,” said DiMeo, who owns Bardea with Scott Stein. “This has been a dream of mine since I started cooking at 19—

seeing my name on the Best Chef list. I saw it today, and I lost it.”

When the partners opened Bardea, they joked that their mission was “Beard or bust.” In 2019, Bardea was a semifinalist for the Best New Restaurant Award.

Hoffman was making bread when he got a phone call from Meghan Lee, owner of Heirloom in Lewes.

“She said, ‘Dude, you’re on the list,’” he said.

Hoffman couldn’t believe it. He and Catanuto have owned the House of William & Merry for 11 years, and he’d just about given up on an award. But he kept his head down and continued to produce beautiful food.

Admittedly, the last two have been challenging for all restaurants.

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IMPROVING DIVERSITY IN THE DELAWARE BENCH AND BAR

Strategic Plan

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

JANUARY 31, 2022

BY BETSY PRICE

The Delaware courts' new report on improving diversity includes 50 action points that stretch from pre-college years through promoting diversity recruitment for judicial positions in a variety of ways.

It never alludes to the Delaware Way or a good old boy network. Instead, it says the lack of diversity can be linked to several interrelated issues, starting with how the law and the legal profession is taught in schools to bar readiness, professional retention, and the judicial nominating process.

Among its solutions are creating school pipelines for future attorneys, changes to the bar exam, and suggestions for the bench and the bar to add mentors and make sure minority candidates know how to be considered for judicial appointments.

It even throws support behind the idea of a new law school at Delaware State University.

DELAWARE COURTS' DIVERSITY PLAN SUPPORTS LAW SCHOOL AT DSU

The 101-page "Improving Diversity in the Delaware Bench and Bar: Strategic Plan Report and Recommendations" was commissioned by the Delaware Supreme Court in May. Its committee was headed by Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz Jr. and Justice Tamika R. Montgomery.

Montgomery-Reeves said the plan is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation for a court system that offers "concrete steps to consider to make the Delaware bench and bar more representative of the diversity of our great State."

The National Center for State Courts and the AccessLex Institute participated in the report's creation. A steering committee included representatives from each of Delaware's state courts, Delaware legal aid groups, the Board of Bar Examiners, the Department of Justice, the Office of Defense Services, the Governor's Office, private law firms, Widener University Delaware Law School, the University of Delaware, Delaware State University and community and technical colleges. Dozens more were involved in subcommittee working groups or participated in interviews for the study.

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WILMINGTON MAN GETS 15 YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR SELLING FAKE OXYCODONE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A Wilmington man has been sentenced to more than 15 years in federal prison for making and selling fake oxycodone pills laced with fentanyl, among other charges. According to court documents, Joseph Thomas, 29, was arrested on April 30, 2020, by state and federal law enforcement.

Searches of Thomas' home, car detailing business and a storage unit he leased revealed an organized fentanyl pill-making operation, including instructions for making fake prescription pills with fentanyl, a commercial pill press, five firearms and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

One of the guns Thomas possessed had been reported stolen. The serial number on another gun was destroyed, making it difficult to trace.

Law enforcement also found over \$86,000 in cash inside a safe belonging to Thomas.

“Selling deadly fentanyl in pill form designed to mimic the appearance of the legitimate prescription drug oxycodone endangers lives,” said David Weiss, U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware. “The illegal possession of firearms and ammunition endangers lives.” Weiss emphasized that his office will seek significant prison sentences for anybody who engages in similar activity and threatens the safety of communities in Delaware.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Ibrahim and Thomas' crimes were unveiled after an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations—the investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security—and the Newport Police Department.

William Walker, special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations Philadelphia, said Thomas showed



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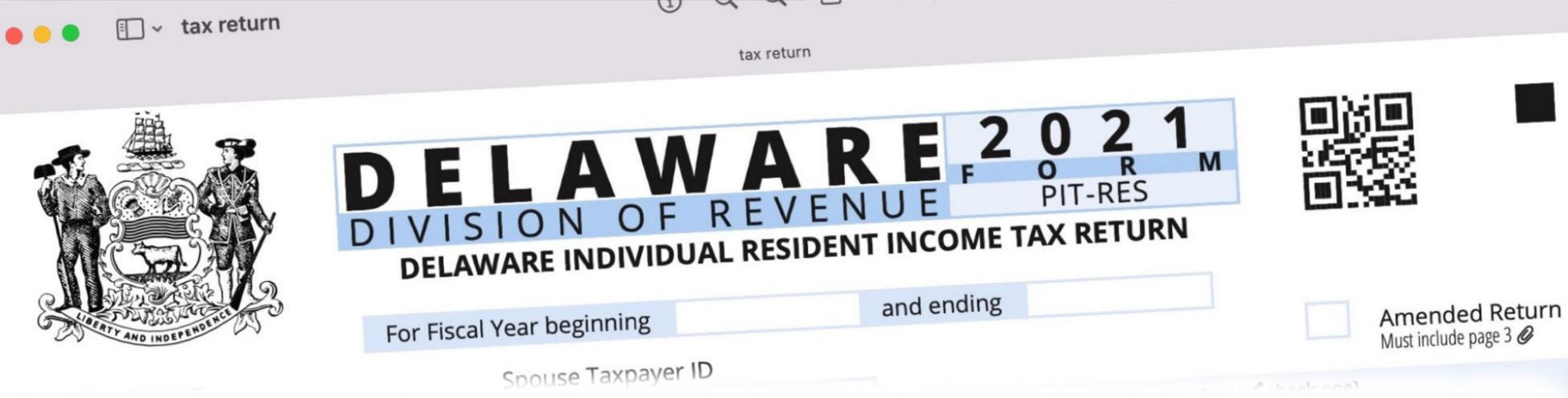


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little regard for the safety of his consumers as he willingly manufactured and sold fake prescription drugs laced with fentanyl.

“Each time highly addictive narcotics, like fentanyl, are pressed into pills, narcotics traffickers ensure repeat customers and higher profits,” Walker said. “This sentencing should serve as a reminder to those seeking to line their pockets through others' addictions. You will be arrested, you will be prosecuted, and you will be incarcerated for your criminal acts.”

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DE TAX BOOKLETS DELAYED IN DELIVERY TO LIBRARIES

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

A problem with paper supplies has delayed the printing and distribution of Delaware’s personal income tax booklets. Public libraries got their first copies on Feb. 22.

The state ordered 30,000 resident tax booklets and 10,000 non-resident tax booklets. “Paper copies of Delaware tax forms were delayed because the printer did not have the necessary paper available,” a representative of the Delaware Division of Revenue said. Taxpayers who want the booklets mailed to them should call 302-577-8209 or email formsrequest@delaware.gov.

Most taxpayers file electronically, and the state has over the years cut back on mailing tax booklets and delivering them to post offices and stores. Roughly 600,000 returns will be filed in 2022, and last year about 8% of returns were filed on paper.

“Due in part to the pandemic, the Delaware Division of Revenue anticipates delays in processing paper

returns for the 2022 filing season,” according to the division [website](#). “As a result, please consider filing your return electronically instead of submitting a paper return.”

Paper is one of the many products encountering logistical issues in the pandemic. The most famous case was with toilet paper, but problems have also occurred with [paper towels](#), [wedding invitations](#) and [wine labels](#).

“Paper mills and merchants are projecting allocations and continued limited supplies well into 2022,” according to [Takach Paper](#). “However, as paper mills work to replenish inventories and demand levels off, most experts anticipate some relief after the second quarter, with pulp and wood prices likely to moderate.”



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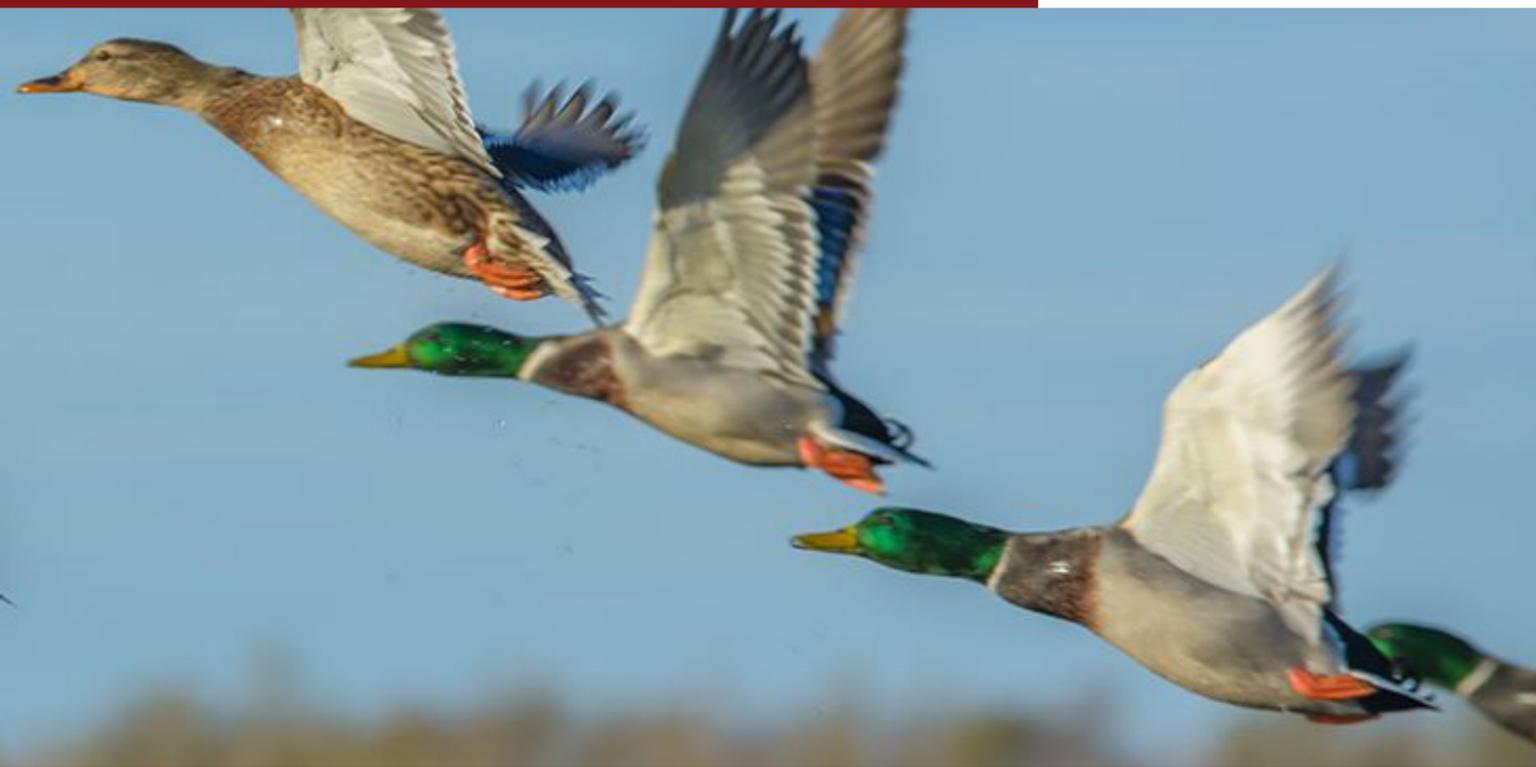
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DEADLY BIRD FLU FOUND IN DELAWARE DUCKS, GOOSE, HAWK

BY BETSY PRICE

A highly infectious bird flu that can rapidly kill domestic poultry including chicken, turkeys and ducks, has been found in eight wild ducks, a Canada goose and a hawk. The discovery has triggered a warning to hunters, poultry owners and poultry producers to take precautions in handling the birds.

The Eurasian H5 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza can be transmitted to humans, but no human infections have been found in the United States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the risk to the general public from HPAI H5 infections to be low.

The discovery of the virus was not unexpected because the Mid-Atlantic is part of a giant flyway through which birds migrate south in fall and winter and then back north again in spring. Wild birds can be infected, but not show signs. However, the E5 virus can make domesticated birds very sick, spread quickly and cause death. Avian influenza is not linked to the COVID-19 virus (SARS-CoV-2).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed the Eurasian H5 strain in eight wild ducks and a Canada goose in Kent County, as well as one red-shouldered hawk in New Castle County. All the ducks

found to have the avian influenza—including five northern shovelers, one American wigeon, one black duck and a gadwall—were harvested by hunters and submitted to APHIS for sampling. The Canada goose was dead when submitted for testing, while the red-shouldered hawk was tested after it had been taken to Tri-State Bird Rescue for rehabilitation. The USDA, DNREC and others will implement additional avian influenza surveillance and testing.

Eight other states in the Atlantic Flyway have found avian influenza this year in wild birds, and it's believed to be widespread in migratory waterfowl. Wild free-flying ducks, geese and shorebirds can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, as can raptors such as hawks and owls.

Avian influenza, commonly known as “bird flu,” is a respiratory disease of birds caused by an influenza Type A virus. These viruses can infect poultry (chickens, ducks, quail, pheasants, guinea fowl and turkeys) and some wild bird species (such as ducks, geese, swans, shorebirds, hawks and owls). However, it impacts poultry and wild birds in different ways, a DNREC press release said.

DNREC also warned the general public that the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F will kill bacteria and viruses, including the bird flu.

Among the recommendations DNREC offered were precautions for waterfowl hunters and those who own birds or bird feeders.

A snow goose **conservation order** is in effect through April 8. Delaware waterfowl hunters were told they can reduce the risk of exposing poultry or pet birds to AI by taking basic safety precautions to keep the disease from spreading. No one should harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead, the state said.

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DSU CELEBRATES RETURN TO WILMINGTON IN CAPITAL ONE BUILDING

BY BETSY PRICE

Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, dean of graduate and adult studies at Delaware State University, stood on the sixth floor of the school’s new riverfront building, pointing out the Wilmington train station next door.

“When people get off the train, they’ll see Delaware State University,” she said Friday as a crowd of officials descended on 1 S. Orange St. to cut the ribbon for DSU’s fifth campus.

The focus of all the attention was a \$4.7 million former Capital One facility that the bank donated in August to Delaware’s only Historically Black College and University.

DSU will move its School for Graduate, Adult, and Continuing Education, which has grown under Gilliam-Johnson from about 250 students to 1,000, into the 35,000-square-foot building.

It also will house an Apple program designed to help

students succeed, a new partnership with the Teen Warehouse, the university’s workforce development center, and an incubation hub for micro and small businesses with a particular focus on minority and women-owned companies.

Ultimately, though, the building is about jobs, said Delaware Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, who wore DSU Hornet colors in a bright red suit with a bright blue shirt.

“This is about strengthening our economy. This is about making us competitive around the world. This is about building wealth, and generational wealth, and creating businesses,” she said. “But don’t get it twisted. This ain’t just a building. This is our today upskilling, reskilling workforce development, and it starts tomorrow.”

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OFFERS THOUSANDS IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

BY SUSAN MONDAY

As college kids decide where they're going to school, their next focus is how they're going to pay for it. The Delaware Community Foundation may be able to help.

The foundation, a nonprofit that manages lots of small funds, is a clearinghouse for hundreds of scholarships in various amounts. Last year, it awarded about \$400,000 in cash and expects to do the same this year.

Most of the scholarships are needs-based with a GPA requirement, and some are county-specific. Good news for applicants: The scholarships are not dependent on a recipient going to a Delaware school.

While there are a number of scholarships for things like engineering, business or healthcare, there are some "quirky" scholarships. They include:

- The MATRA Scholarship that requires the applicant to be a current member of the Manufacturers and Tent Renters Association.
- The Achievement Scholarship for Students with a History of Chronic Illness. It says applicants must have experienced a health-related issue lasting at least six months that impaired the individual's

ability to pursue his or her education.

- The Dr. Jill Biden Scholarship, part of the First Lady's Breast Health Initiative. It is open to applicants pursuing a career in healthcare or education.
- The Ken Cicerale Memorial Music Scholarship. It's aimed at applicants pursuing a major in music at an accredited four-year institution.

The deadline to apply is March 15. Find the complete list [HERE](#).

Foundation CEO Stuart Comstock-Gay says the donor determines the individual scholarship amount and any special criteria. Last year, the amounts ranged from \$500 to \$26,000. The foundation uses social media and high school counselors to advertise the scholarship program. Once a student applies, volunteers in each of Delaware's three counties review the applications and select an appropriate recipient.

Comstock-Gay says the donors, some of whom are anonymous, just want to be generous. Many credit college for their success in life, or are organizations who want to encourage students to continue their education.

He says he's proud that the foundation "has the honor of shepherding the money to those who need it."



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BY JOE SINGLES

The No. 4 Howard Wildcats visited No. 1 Salesianum High School Feb. 19 for a highly-anticipated boys' basketball matchup that many experts believe could be a preview of the state finals in mid-March. Both teams came out ready to play in the first quarter with a ton of energy on the defensive end. Howard this season has thrived on its defensive intensity and the first eight min-

HOWARD'S PRESSURE TOO MUCH FOR NO. 1 SALESIANUM

utes of the game was no different as they pressed and trapped Sallies' ball handlers just across the half court line. The Wildcats also came to play on the offensive end, scoring 17 points in the quarter including three for five from deep. Despite all this Sallies ended the quarter with an 18-17 lead getting contributions from their two top players—Justin Molen and Isaiah Hinson.

Howard's tough defense became more of an issue for Sallies' ball handlers in the beginning of the second quarter. The home team found it difficult to get into any sort of rhythm offensively as most of its scoring opportunities came off of broken plays and cross court passes. The Wildcats, on the other hand, executed its half court sets and passed the ball around well but unlike the first quarter settled for deep three-point shots that they were unable to knock down. Isiah Hinson for Sallies was the only player on the court who found consistent offense and added eight points in the quarter to lead all scorers with 13 and guided Sallies to a 33-31 lead going into the locker room at half time.

The third quarter started slow with neither team scoring a point until the 3:30 mark. Both teams struggled to take care of the basketball and attempted low percentage shots on most of their offensive possessions. The energy level finally picked up late as both squads traded baskets in a fast paced last three minutes of the quarter that culminated with a two-handed dunk by Howard on the baseline that electrified the crowd.

The dunk brought Howard within two, but Justin Molen was fouled on a 70-foot heave right at the end of quarter. Molen made both free throws to extend the lead to 44-40.

Howard came out in the fourth with the intensity level that it started the game with, taking its first lead since early in the first quarter. Jameer DeShields and Darius Brown for the Wildcats made multiple three-point shots and attacked the basket out of the fast break to put pressure on a back-peddling Sallies defense.

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