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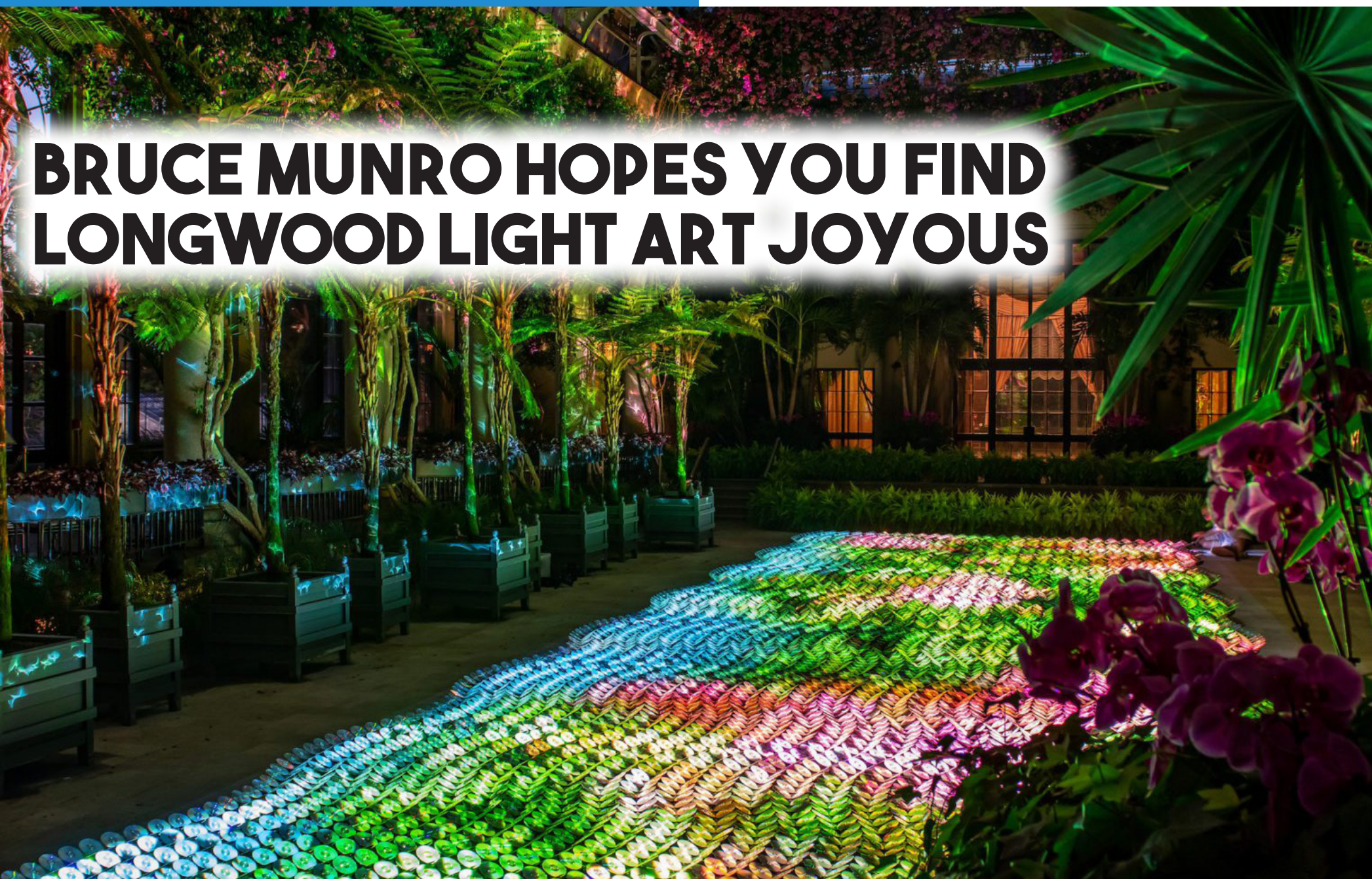


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HEADLINES



BRUCE MUNRO HOPES YOU FIND LONGWOOD LIGHT ART JOYOUS

BY BETSY PRICE

When light artist Bruce Munro this year brought his night magic back to Longwood Gardens, it was the first time he's brought a new exhibit to the site of a former one. Ten years ago, his "Bruce Munro: Light" exhibit delighted audiences at the former du Pont Estate in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

It also electrified his career, partly because Longwood

invited directors of gardens all over the country to see the exhibit and meet Munro, just as his connections in England and Australia were starting to blaze.

Suddenly, he had a ton of work.

"You'll always be on my Christmas cards list," Munro told Paul Redman, Longwood's CEO, back then.

Now Munro, who has dual English/Australian citi-

zenship, is back with "Light: Installations by Bruce Munro." It includes eight installations, three inside and five outside.

"It's like coming home and seeing old friends," Munro told Delaware LIVE News, "not only the lovely people who work there, but also the amazing landscape."

47 YEARS OF SKETCHING

Munro, 63, says he's been sketching ideas since he was 16, when an art teacher gave him a stack of sketchbooks. He considers them private and won't allow others to look at them.

The urge to create has been with him all his life, he said. His road toward light installations began in 1985, when he pushed aside his ideas of a fine art career and started an illuminated display business in Sydney. He sold it in 1989 and went to work for the new owners.

By 1992, he and his then-fiancee, Serena Ludovici, had decided to move to England. Before they did, they went camping around Australia. At Uluru, a large sandstone formation, in the middle of Australia, he was amazed at the connection he felt with the space and with life.

"I wrote a whole lot of things in that sketchbook, but I had these thoughts and feelings about the landscape and how powerful it was and how it made me feel," Munro said.

Already working in lights, he suddenly had the idea for an artwork that would bloom at night, like dormant desert seeds responding to rain.

Munro had planned to paint when he returned to England, but it wasn't lucrative.

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DELAWARE WANTS TO PUT FOULK ROAD ON A DIET

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

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

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

A hearing is scheduled 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the **Brandywine Hundred Library**, 1300 Foulk Road.

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

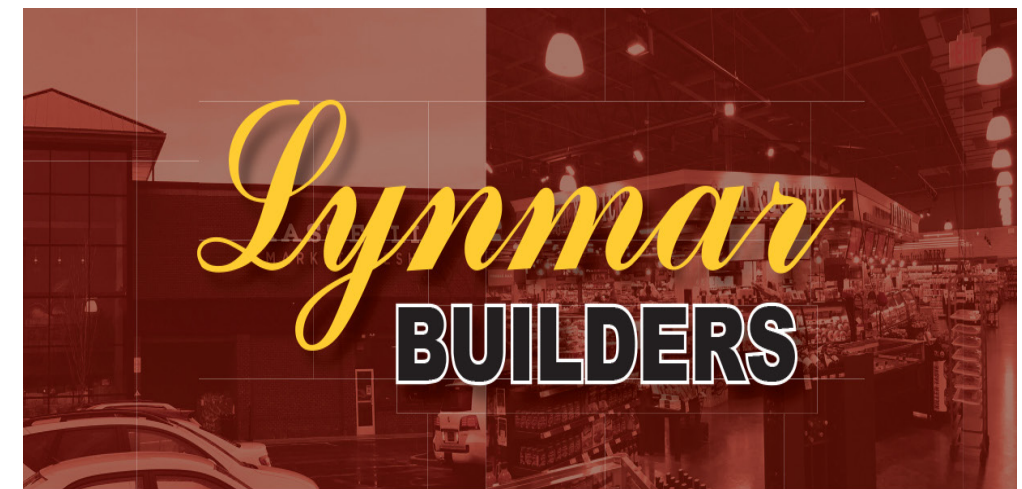
opposed. “Sigh,” “nightmare” and “horrible” were some of the printable things they said.

PROTECTING DRIVERS

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

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

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CALLS MOUNT FOR MCGUINNESS TO RESIGN, BE IMPEACHED

BY BETSY PRICE

Calls continued to mount Tuesday for Delaware's auditor, who was convicted July 1 of three misdemeanors, including official misconduct, to leave her office by resigning or being impeached. Kathleen McGuinness said after the **trial** that she planned to stay in the job and run for re-election this year.

Gov. John Carney on July 1 said McGuinness needs to resign, but that he can't move against her—yet. He has already said he doesn't believe McGuinness can do her job effectively.

"The Auditor of Accounts has been found guilty by a jury of three misdemeanors," Carney said in a press release about noon. "The Delaware Supreme Court has made it clear that under Article XV, Section 6 of the Delaware Constitution, addressing the removal of 'any public officer convicted of misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime.'"

He said that a governor has no power to act until a judgment of conviction is entered by the Superior Court, and the judge in the case has not yet done that.

In addition, McGuinness's lawyer, Steve Wood, said he was going to file a motion asking the judge for a judgment of acquittal, which could delay the official notation of conviction.

Efforts were unsuccessful to reach Wood for comment.

MCGUINNESS CONVICTIONS

After a three-week trial, McGuinness was found guilty of official misconduct, structuring and conflict of interest in Superior Court in Kent County.

The structuring charge alleged that McGuinness arranged payments to a campaign consultant in a way that circumvented the state's procurement code so they wouldn't be caught in routine checks.

The conflict of interest charge alleged that McGuinness violated the state officials' code of conduct by hiring her daughter, Saylar McGuinness, and affording her benefits not available to others, including the ability to work remotely while in college, drive a state vehicle and "bank hours" then apply them to weeks during which she did little or no work.

The official misconduct charge required the state to prove that McGuinness knowingly and willfully abused the powers of her office to enrich herself or disadvantage someone else. The state had maintained that if McGuinness was found guilty of one or more of the other charges, she should also be found guilty of official misconduct.

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PHOTO LINK: DELAWARE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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'TEMPEST' MARKS DELAWARE SHAKESPEARE RETURN TO ROCKWOOD

BY BETSY PRICE

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

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

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

"It certainly is a play about what happens when you encounter chaos," he said. "And that certainly is apt.

We've all been through quite a tempest in the last few years."

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

'STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE FROM'

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

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

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

The production helps celebrate Delaware Shakespeare's 20th season. The staff and cast may be the stuff that dreams are made of—another quote from "The Tempest"—but they have not spent the last two years rehearsing the play.

Stradley said he did get the occasional text or email from Jolie Garrett, who will play Prospero, with thoughts about the play (and, by the way, "thought is free," according to "The Tempest").

"It's definitely been in his heart and mind for quite a while," Stradley said.

While many pandemic restrictions have eased, COVID-19 has continued to plague rehearsals. Various cast members have become infected and had to isolate, despite following union rules, such as wearing masks when indoors.

Stradley is paying attention to warnings that the new form of Omicron is much more infectious than the original and that cases are rising.

"The theater industry, I think, is still taking COVID more seriously than a lot of other industries," he said. "I think the protocols that we have in place would still help us move forward no matter whatever variants come our way."

COVID issues are complicating the schedule for a world premiere bilingual version of "Twelfth Night," which was set to go in 2020. The community productions travel to venues such as prisons, and the company is having to wrestle with COVID rules in the locations it usually visits.

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WINTERTHUR BRINGS BACK ITS ARTISAN MARKET JULY 16-17

BY BETSY PRICE

Winterthur's Artisan Market will return July 16-17 with more than 100 vendors scattered in five locations around the grounds. Guests can walk to them or ride a trolley along the garden pathway for quicker access, with entertainment giving the event more of an old-fashioned festival feel.

Last year's inaugural **event** was a raging success, partly because the 5,000-plus attendees were so happy to be out of the house and in groups of people, even in muggy weather that felt like 105 degrees.

This year's event promised to have much better weather, with a high of 82 and a chance of rain on Saturday.

ARTISAN MARKET WARES

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

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DELAWARE STATE PARKS OFFER AFTER-DARK FUN

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Delaware state parks are typically open 8 a.m. to sunset, but they also host interesting evening events.

Three types of nighttime events—lantern tours, full-moon hikes and hikes looking for nocturnal creatures—occur at several of the state's 17 parks. A fourth—to marvel at the beauty of the Indian River Inlet Bridge—is a specialty of the adjacent Delaware Seashore State Park.

The most popular programs, judging just by how often they occur, are down at the beach, giving vacationers a distinctive alternative to the boardwalk and the outlets.

All the programs can be accessed from a Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation landing [page](#).

The lantern tours are \$10, and the other programs \$5 or \$6. Online registration ends 24 hours prior to the program. After that, interested people need to call the specific park.

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REHOBOTH TO HOST LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS JULY 13

BY JAREK RUTZ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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FOOD BANK CANGINEERING SPARKS COMMUNITY CREATIVITY

BY BETSY PRICE

A green and pink daisy created by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in its traditional colors was named Best in Show among the 25 entries in the 2022 **Food Bank of Delaware**'s CANgineering competition.

The contest is a food drive disguised as a structure building competition that gives entrants multiple ways to win while this year bringing in 17,000 pounds of much-needed food.

Zakat Foundation, for example, won the popular vote award during a one-week social media campaign for its Fort Du Pont.

CANgineering winners include:

- Best Use of Labels: Fuji Film, which created a paint brush
- Most Needed Items: JP Morgan Chase's I Love DE
- Most Structurally Sound: DuPont Experimental Station's solar house
- Most Creative: Meadowlarks' 4H Mini Golf Course
- Largest Food Drive: Bank of America and Deerfield for Helping Hand

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FOOD & DINING

SUMMER & BARBECUE: TRY THESE FINGER-LICKIN' SPOTS

BY PAM GEORGE

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

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

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

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

STYLE & SUBSTANCE

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

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

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

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

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BY BETSY PRICE

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

- Help buy and rehab vacant homes in Delaware neighborhoods.
- Provide extra money to those building multi-family rental properties so rentals are affordable for those with low incomes.
- Offset the costs of construction of rental properties with the condition that a specific number of properties be rented to those with low incomes.

DELAWARE ALLOTS MILLIONS TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Pay existing properties to remain available to low-income families.
- Help those who got behind because of COVID-19 catch up on mortgages and other house expenses.

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

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

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

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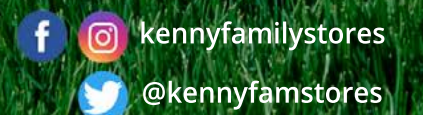
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READING, TEACHER RETENTION TOP SUCCESSFUL 2022 EDUCATION BILLS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Rodel, a local nonprofit espousing better education in Delaware, calls the 151st General Assembly, which just ended, the “Education General Assembly,” in regard to the number of education bills that passed.

“There’s more than 50 education bills this session and a 7% increase in the budget,” said Madeleine Bayard, senior vice president of Rodel. “They got a lot done and I think our main message is, thank you to the General Assembly for listening to educators and people in the field.”

The 151st Assembly is spread over two years, starting in Jan. 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, both years with healthy state budget surpluses. Many of the Democrat-pushed education bills came through in 2022 and focused in specific areas.

Several issues found bipartisan support, such as the bills focusing on mental health and the bills that required the state Education Department to focus on using and training for the science of reading.

Here’s a look at what was passed.

LITERACY

Since 2002, Delaware’s reading scores literacy has been on a sharp decline and several education bills addressed that.

Legislators and education nonprofits want to integrate the **science of reading** into public schools, which is an evidence-based method of teaching a person to read, rooted in phonics.

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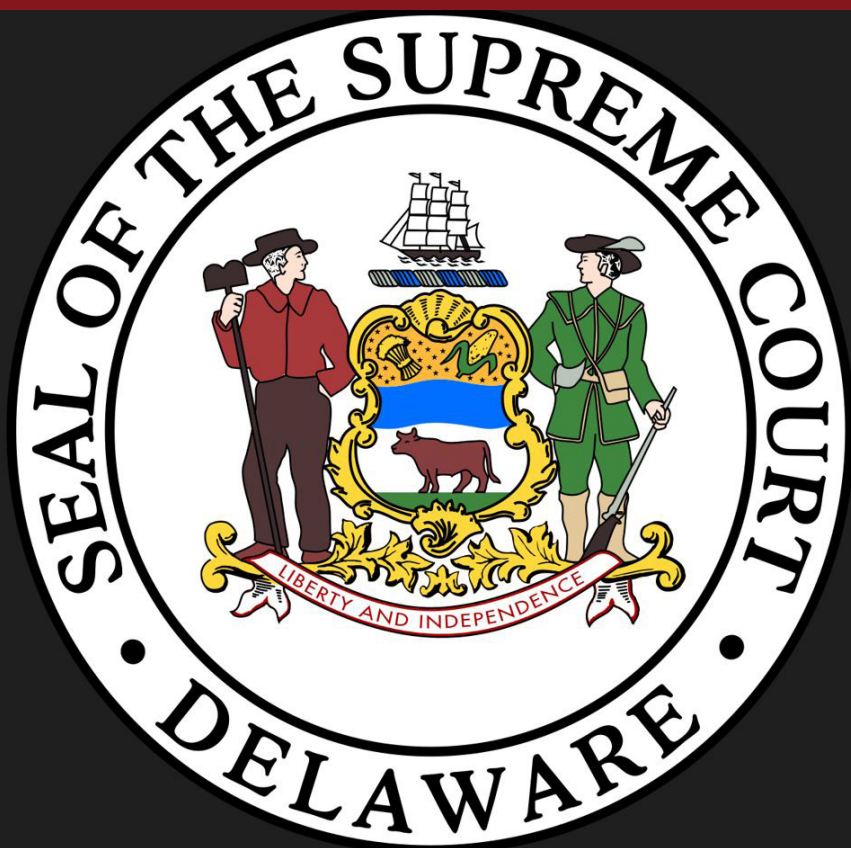
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BY BETSY PRICE

A nonprofit formed in the bitter aftermath of a Delaware court decision is launching a \$200,000-plus campaign to push Gov. John Carney to appoint a Black judge to the **Delaware Supreme Court**.

Citizens for Judicial Fairness—until recently known as **Citizens for a Pro-Business Delaware**—wants Carney to name a Black judge to replace Supreme Court Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves. She has been nominated by President Joe Biden to join the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Montgomery-Reeves, the first Black woman justice on both the Delaware Chancery Court and the Delaware Supreme Court, must still be confirmed for the federal role. Chris Coffey of the Citizens for Judicial Fairness said his organization would do everything it could to help ensure she is.

\$200,000 DRIVE TO PRESSURE CARNEY TO APPOINT BLACK JUDGE

“Yet again, President Biden has shown bold and courageous leadership while Gov. Carney has been nothing but a coward when it comes to actually making our courts more equitable,” said Coffey in a press release.

Carney’s office declined to comment.

The group recently pressured Carney to fill an opening on the Chancery Court with a Black lawyer. He **didn’t**.

“We can’t let Carney get away with appointing another member of the Delaware Old Boys’ Club to replace Justice Montgomery-Reeves,” Coffey said in the press release. “We are going to call out Gov. Carney for his lack of leadership and make sure he listens to the voices of thousands of Delawareans who want their courts to actually look like them.”

The campaign will include paid digital, print and radio advertising as well as grassroots canvassing, protests and more,” he said. The group will be working with the Rev. Al Sharpton, Pastor Blaine Hackett of Newark and Keandra McDole.

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BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Delaware has banned 37 invasive plants, and the number will grow. The hit list in a [law](#) that became effective July 1 includes plants often sold to homeowners or shared among gardeners and weeds that just seem to be all around that no one today likes.

They are:

- (1) Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*).
- (2) Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*).
- (3) Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*).
- (4) Japanese stilt grass (*Microstegium vimineum*).
- (5) Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*).
- (6) Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*).
- (7) Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*).
- (8) European reed (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*).
- (9) Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*).
- (10) Morrow's honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*).
- (11) Mile-a-minute weed (*Persicaria perfoliata*).
- (12) Yam-leaved clematis (*Clematis terniflora*).

DELAWARE BANS 37 INVASIVE PLANTS

- (13) European privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*).
- (14) European sweetflag (*Acorus calamus*).
- (15) Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*).
- (16) Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*).
- (17) Lesser periwinkle (*Vinca minor*).
- (18) Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*).
- (19) Winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*).
- (20) Porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis glandulosa*).
- (21) Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*).
- (22) Marsh dewflower (*Murdannia keisak*).
- (23) Lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*).
- (24) Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*).
- (25) Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*).
- (26) Tartarian honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*).
- (27) Tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).
- (28) Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe* subsp. *micranthos*).
- (29) Creeping water primrose (*Ludwigia peploides* subsp. *glabrescens*).
- (30) Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*).
- (31) Parrot-feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*).
- (32) English ivy (*Hedera helix*).
- (33) Orange daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*).
- (34) Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudoacorus*).
- (35) Creeping jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*).
- (36) Japanese pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*).

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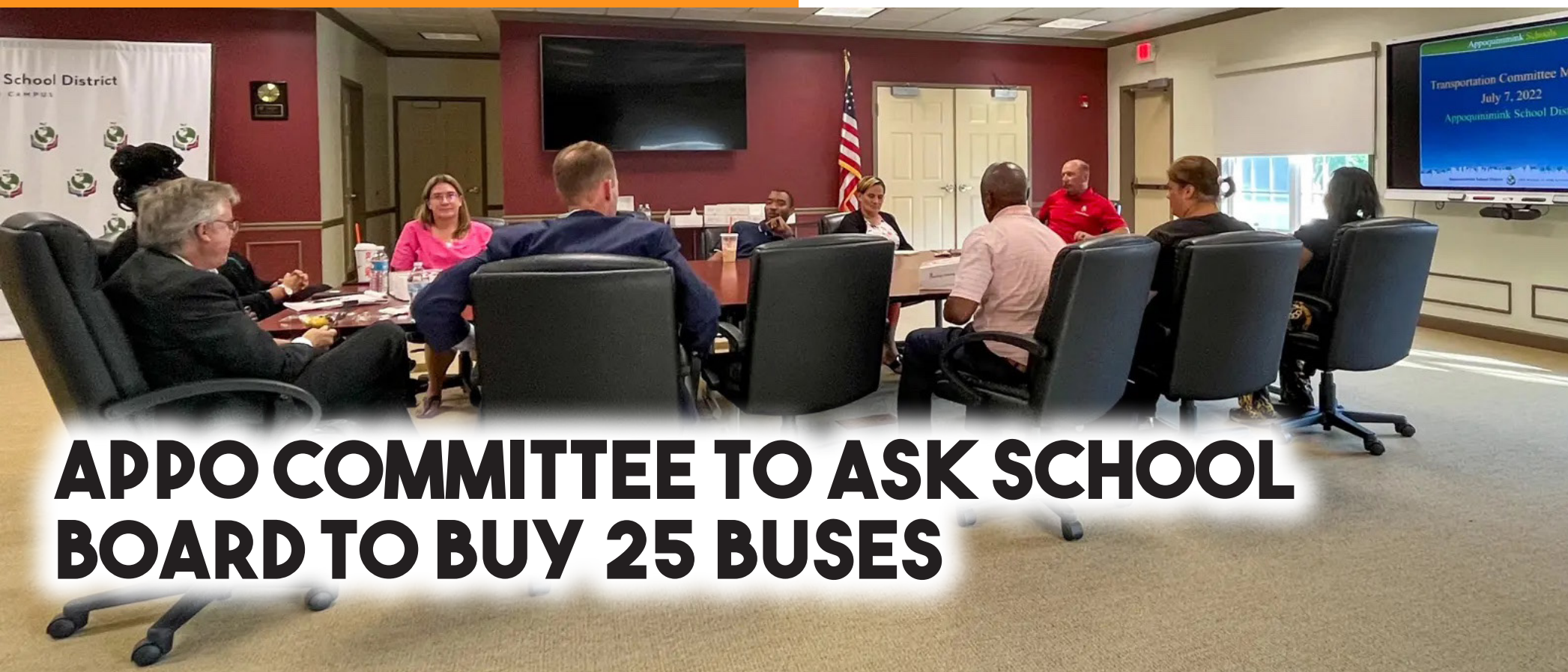
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APPO COMMITTEE TO ASK SCHOOL BOARD TO BUY 25 BUSES

BY JAREK RUTZ

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

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

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

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

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

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated that trend.

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

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

THREE-BELL SCHEDULE FOR BUSES

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

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

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

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

COST OF REPAIRING BUSES

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

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

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

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

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CAESAR RODNEY TURNS TO BOARDDOCS FOR EASIER PUBLIC ACCESS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Caesar Rodney's school board voted Tuesday night to buy software that will cost \$10,500 annually, but serve as a one-stop-shop for families seeking information. All meetings, agendas, meeting minutes, documents, recordings, policies and other information about the school board will be easily available, the board was told.

BoardDocs is a paperless meeting management software for public school boards. Eleven of Delaware's 19 public school districts use the software for families to get information about their school boards.

Caesar Rodney's move comes as school boards everywhere are seeing increased interest in what they are doing and why. The COVID-19 lockdown, which sent kids home to learn via the internet for a year, spurred parent interest in school decision-making. So did issues

such as whether masks were mandatory for students, how trans students were treated and exactly what was being taught and how it was being taught.

Drew Wareham, governance sales advisor at BoardDocs, told Caesar Rodney's board Tuesday night that the purchase is an investment.

"It's very easy for your board members and the public to look at previous content," he said, "and it's very transparent and very easy for them to find any meeting material."

Wareham said that he's seen superintendent newsletters, budget reporting, contracts and committee material—even COVID-19 updates handled via BoardDocs.

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BY JAREK RUTZ

Several First State students finished in the top 10 of events at the 45th annual **HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference** in Nashville. The gathering of 10,500 students and advisors from across the world included more than 150 Delawareans competing in events such as medical reading, epidemiology, sports medicine, community awareness, dental terminology and health education.

Fifteen Delaware students and advisors were recognized for their top 10 finishes in eight different competitions:

- Gold Medal: Anna Gliwa (Newark Charter), finished first in the Job-Seeking Skills competition.
- Bronze Medal: Laura Houghton (Newark Charter), finished third in the Math for Health Professionals competition.

DELAWARE STUDENTS MAKE TOP 10 LISTS AT HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE

- Top 10: Dheeraj Danthuluri (Newark Charter), finished in the top 10 of the Epidemiology competition.
- Top 10: Elyssa Nabung, Therese Kim and Runyi Liu (Newark Charter), finished in the top 10 in the Public Health competition.
- Top 10: Arjun Bharath (Middletown High), finished top 10 in the Human Growth and Development competition.
- Top 10: Alexander Broadhurst, Bode Dial, Cameron Nguyen and Aditha Jonnagadla (Middletown High), finished top 10 in the Health Career Display competition.
- Top 10: Allison Aquino, Daina Avendano and Allison Kish (Middletown High), finished top 10 in the Community Awareness competition.
- Top 10: Julia Ivery finished top 10 in the Health Career Photography competition.

The four-day conference, which ended June 25, was hosted by the Health Occupation Students of America, a career and technical student organization dedicated to students who are interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.



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BY JAREK RUTZ

Eight different Delaware students finished in the top 10 of 10 different competitions at this year's national STEM conference in Dallas. Overall, 103 Delaware students competed in the event, which focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The events included computer-aided design, dragster design, leadership strategies, manufacturing prototype, on-demand video, promotional graphics, structural engineering, system control technology, video game design, website design, engineering inventions and innovations, and a slew of other challenges.

Delaware students who finished in the top 10 were:

- 1st place: Alexandra McWatters (Newark Charter School) finished first in the Essays on Technology competition.
- 3rd place: Leana Griffin (Newark Charter School) finished third in the Computer Aided Design (CAD) Engineering competition.
- 4th place: Sudipa Chowdhury (Newark Charter School) finished fourth in the Forensic Technology competition.
- 5th place: Tyler Selden (H.B. duPont Middle School) finished fifth in the Cyber-security competition.

10 FOR 10: DELAWARE STUDENTS SHINE AT NATIONAL STEM CONFERENCE

- 7th place: Niranjana Kumar (Cab Calloway School of The Arts) finished seventh in the Biotechnology competition.
- 8th place: Sudipa Chowdhury (Newark Charter School) finished eighth in the Prepared Speech competition.
- 9th place: Ava Skye Barton (Cab Calloway School of The Arts) finished ninth in the Scientific Visualization competition.
- 9th place: Borislav Hristov (Cab Calloway School of The Arts) finished ninth in the STEM Animation competition.
- 10th place: Amogh Dattatri (H.B. duPont Middle School) finished 10th in the Foundations of Information Technology competition.
- 10th place: Ava Skye Barton (Cab Calloway School of The Arts) finished 10th in the On Demand Video competition.

The eight students weren't the only Delaware winners at this year's competition.

- Samhitha Vallury (MOT Charter School) was elected to serve as the national secretary for the Technology Student Association.
- Samra Iqbal (Caesar Rodney High School) was elected to serve as the national reporter for Technology Student Association.
- Chris Meanor (Newark Charter School) was recognized as High School Advisor of the Year.
- Gail Morris (Gauger-Cobbs Middle School) was recognized as Middle School Advisor of the Year.

The five-day event ended June 30 and was hosted by the Technology Student Association, an organization of students interested in the future of invention, innovation, engineering and technology.





SPORTS



UD MEN'S BASKETBALL TO TAKE ON DUKE THIS FALL

BY NICK HALLIDAY

The University of Delaware men's basketball is set to head to Durham, North Carolina, for a non-conference bout against Duke University Nov. 18, head coach **Martin Ingelsby** announced Wednesday.

This will mark the third time in program history that the Blue Hens will go head-to-head with the Blue Devils after traveling to Durham in 1995 and 2012.

In the teams' first matchup, UD held its own only to narrowly fall to then-No. 20 Duke 79-73. The No. 2-ranked host claimed the 2012 contest.

Fans who purchase 2022-23 Delaware men's basketball season tickets before Oct. 1 will be automatically entered to win two free tickets to the game at Duke. Season ticket deposits are available now for \$25 per seat. Click [HERE](#) to buy.



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GEORGETOWN'S WIN FORCES "IF GAME" IN DISTRICT 3 SENIORS

BY GLENN FRAZER

The Georgetown Senior League All Star team started out tournament play suffering a 12-10 loss to Lower Sussex in the opening game of the 2022 District 3 tournament. After a night off, Georgetown has won four games on four consecutive nights to put it into the championship game.

Georgetown defeated unbeaten Cape 6-3 on July 1 to force the winner-take-all game that was played on July 5.

Jeremy Vest and Kole Swain combined for the win on the mound for Georgetown, each scattering three hits and striking out five Cape batters.

Vest started the game, but was limited to 45 pitches on the night, which he used wisely, exiting after the third inning having thrown 41 pitches issuing only one walk. Swain earned the win on the mound going four innings, also allowing just one walk and one earned run.

"They are both great pitchers, we have a good pitching staff," Georgetown manager Brian Clark said.

"I came in here with a 45-pitch limit, so I came in here to just fill a zone just try to get quick outs so we could get back out there and score those early runs," said Vest.

Georgetown got off to a fast start offensively as Talan Savage led off the bottom of the first with a double, stole third base and scored on a sacrifice fly by Connor Clark. Kade Hall, who had reached base on a walk, later scored on a sacrifice fly by Gabe Cannon as Georgetown took a 2-0 lead at the end of the first inning.

Cape answered with a run in the second when Jackson Cunningham led off the inning with a single. Aiden Block's RBI single drove in Cunningham.

Georgetown added two more runs in the third inning when Savage led off the inning with a base on balls then stole second and third base. Savage scored on an errant throw on a pickoff attempt. Savage stole three bases in the game for Georgetown.

Clark later singled in the inning and scored on Swain's RBI single. Georgetown added two more runs in the fourth as Gage Shockley and Palmer Schaeffer singled to start the fifth inning. Hall drove in Shockley on a ground ball to the right side of the infield and Schaeffer scored on an RBI single by Clarke. Clarke was 2-for-2 with two RBI for Georgetown.

"I saw some fastballs early that I hit, then they started throwing curveballs so I was ready," Clarke said.

Reed Thompson reached base on a one-out error for Cape in the sixth inning. Thompson then reached second on an error, advanced to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a throwing error on the same play. Cunningham, who had reached base on a fielder's choice, later scored on Trey Hitchcock's RBI single as Cape cut Georgetown's lead to 6-3.

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POST ONE



BASEBALL

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Post 1 was down early when Middletown's big left handed hitter Zach Sophy who doubled to left center field driving in two runs. That was all the motivation Post 1 needed to get its own scoring barrage going as Jack Sczerba and Brett Walmsley reached safely with hits. Braedon Scherer then belted his third home run of the season to put Post 1 on top where it would remain the rest of the game.

Tyler Pirrung, Todd Gilardi, Mason Deluca and Jamieson Summerill would all contribute with hits to help Post 1 offensively. Post 1 received some outstanding defensive plays from middle infielders Pirrung and

POST ONE NEEDS COMEBACK VICTORY OVER POST 25

Garrett Quinn that helped secure the 10-3 win over Middletown Post 25.

Post 1 starting pitcher Steven Mann, a recent St. Mark's Spartan graduate and incoming Wilmington University freshman, went to the mound in a light rain for the start of the game and took his talented left arm well into the sixth inning for Post 1. Mann racked up seven strikeouts only allowing three hits in his third outing of the season. He kept the Post 25 hitters off balance with a steady diet of fastballs and breaking balls that seemed to dance through the zone all night avoiding contact of the very talented power hitters from Middletown. He was relieved in the sixth inning by his fellow St. Mark's teammate Ryan Smith who kept those same hitters off balanced with his own timely off-speed pitches and changeups. The combined effort gave Mann his third win of the season.

Both teams will meet again this Saturday at St. Mark's High School with the first pitch scheduled noon in their final regular season matchup.

Post 1 was on the road Thursday to take on Dover's Fox Post 2 at Dover High School 6 p.m.



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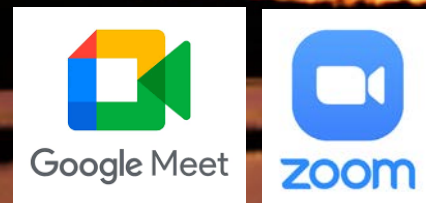


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