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#### **HEADLINES**



#### BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Sussex County Republican Committee has denounced a mailer sent by a conservative political action committee attacking a Black GOP candidate for county office. The mailer, sent by the 35th Representative District Conservative Committee, criticizes Greg Fuller of Lincoln, a candidate for Register of Wills.

A long-time Democrat, Fuller became a Republican in 2021 after the party "left [him] behind," he said in a previous interview with Delaware LIVE News.

The mailer seeks to use Fuller's party switch to drive voters away from his campaign—a move Marilyn Booker, chair of the Sussex County Republican Committee, calls "unhelpful and racist."

Booker believes the mailer is racially motivated because Ellen Magee, one of Fuller's opponents in the Republican primary election, is also a former Democrat who

changed her party affiliation, but the mailer doesn't mention her.

"I just found it interesting that they only went after Greg, who happens to be a Black man," Booker said. "If the point of the mailer was that these people are Democrats, you can't trust them and they can't change their stripes, then why not add Ellen to it as well?"

On one side of the mailer, Fuller is superimposed over photos of Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and on the other side, he's shown in grayscale next to an out-of-context quote from an Oct. 2021 Delaware LIVE News article.

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#### **HEADLINES**



#### BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

In a rare move, the **Delaware Democratic Party** has endorsed a primary challenger over a sitting statewide-elected Democrat. The state party's 25-member executive committee unanimously voted last week to endorse **Lydia York**, a candidate for auditor of accounts, over incumbent Aauditor Kathy McGuiness.

McGuiness on July 1 was found guilty of three misdemeanor charges, including official misconduct, structuring and conflict of interest. She was acquitted on felony charges of theft and intimidation after a three-week trial. She maintains her innocence and has asked the judge to overrule the jury's verdict or grant a new trial.

"We saw Ms. York's candidacy as an opportunity to restore the auditor's office to its intended function and do away with the political theater that has kept the incumbent at center stage for all the wrong reasons," said Delaware Democratic Party chair Betsy Maron. "This September, Democratic primary voters looking for

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integrity, accountability and true leadership in their auditor need not look further than Lydia York."

In a statement to Delaware LIVE News, McGuiness pushed back against the party's decision.

"Since first being elected, I have been hard at work modernizing the office and producing results," she said. "I continue to do my job as your state auditor in accordance with the law. Over the past month, my team and I have been knocking on doors and spoke to thousands of Democratic voters. The feedback continues to be overwhelmingly positive and I am encouraged daily to keep fighting."

McGuiness said she's seeking re-election to serve all Delawareans, not a select few.

On her campaign website, York says she's running for state auditor to ensure the office "operates with a level of accountability and transparency."

"I believe our taxpayer dollars should be used as a catalyst for opportunity and innovation, empowering social good, rising to the challenges of the moment, and preparing for our best future using insight and care," she says. "There is work to be done and someone has to do the work. I intend to do that work."





#### **HEADLINES**





#### BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

One became the law of the land. The other went up in smoke. Both involved years of planning, hundreds of meetings, thousands of stakeholder discussions and countless compromises. The difference? One bill had the support of Gov. John Carney—the other didn't.

With his **signature**, the Healthy Delaware Families Act became the 151st General Assembly's big winner, while his veto once again stranded recreational marijuana in political limbo.

The **Healthy Delaware Families Act** made Delaware the 11th state in the country to guarantee private-sector workers paid parental, medical and military leave.

The veto killed any reasonable hope of legalizing marijuana or creating a regulated recreational cannabis market before Carney's term expires in 2025.

And although both chambers passed the marijuana bill with what looked like veto-proof majorities, when the time came to stand up and vote once more for what they had just weeks earlier said they believed in, lawmakers **voted** against the override.

#### A TALE OF TWO **BILLS: PAID LEAVE AND POT**

"A vote for a piece of legislation is one thing—a vote for a governor's veto override is a different animal," said Rep. Ed Osienski, D-Newark, who sponsored the effort to legalize marijuana.

Rep. Mike Smith, R-Pike Creek, was the only Republican to vote for both paid leave and marijuana legalization. That mystifies Osienski. He's confused why he doesn't have more support from freedom-loving Republicans who often criticize the government for encroaching into citizens' personal lives.

"That's always been very frustrating for me, knowing I don't have the strong bipartisan support for this," he said. "I can't really understand why and it's been troubling. That's one place I really need to gain some more support to be successful and where I won't have to wait for a new governor if opinions would change on the other side of the aisle."

Even without significant Republican support, the marijuana bill (which only required a simple majority) earned a three-fifths vote in the House the first time around—and while the override wasn't successful, the first vote is enough to clearly indicate the will of the people.

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#### BY KEN MAMMARELLA

A marina, an amphitheater and 4.4 miles of trails are among the features suggested in a proposal for a large new park in Claymont.

"We have a team ready...to make it a first-rate amenity," said Brett Saddler, executive director of the **Claymont Renaissance Development Corp.**, referring to a group of Delawareans with expertise in the environment, recreation and government.

Two big hurdles: Money and a government agreeing to operate the park. Saddler said the Commercial Development Co., the St. Louis developer that owns the site, is negotiating with New Castle County about donating 125 acres for the park.

"We remain committed to create a beautiful park on the Claymont waterfront, in collaboration with the developer and the state government," New Castle County executive Matt Meyer said. "There are many more details pending, and we continue to work through those details. This will ultimately be fantastic outdoor space for Claymont and for many families in Delaware and the greater Philadelphia area."

Saddler said there were preliminary conversations with the office of Gov. John

## CLAYMONT EYED FOR NEW PARK WITH MARINA, AMPHITHEATER

Carney and the Delaware Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, which runs state parks.

"The reaction we got from the state is that they were not interested in taking on any additional state parks," Sadler said. But, thanks to the support of **Rep. Debra Heffernan**, he said, the state is ready to allocate \$1 million from the bond bill for preliminary engineering and design, once an agreement has been made for a county park.

"Deb's support has tipped the balance," Saddler said. He suggested it would take at least \$15 million and many years to fully develop the park.

#### **CLAYMONT FEATURES COULD CHANGE**

Of course, features might change from what's depicted in a 60-page report commissioned from the Coastal Resilience Design Studio, a team of University of Delaware students that considered elements for park goers and ways to mitigate "disruptions from short-term hazardous events and long-term environmental changes."

The site for almost a century was a steel mill, so mitigation has already involved contaminants in the soil, and the report also favors efforts, such as restoring wetlands, to reduce flooding and erosion. In the last 20 years, it has lost six acres of wetlands to erosion. The park would be part of a 425-acre tract that Commercial Development bought (along with its "environmental liability," it points out on its website).

The project, called First State Crossing, mixes office, residential, retail and light-industrial construction. CDC also donated 15 acres for a new train station. So why would Commercial Development devote even more land instead of developing it?

A representative for Commercial Development did not respond to a request for comment, but Saddler said "it creates more value and attractiveness for the rest of the project."





#### **BY STAFF WRITER**

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library now offers \$2 admission for up to four people to those who receive the modern version of food stamps. The goal, through Museums for All and ACCESS Delaware, is to allow people who may not otherwise be able to afford admission a chance to visit regularly and enjoy the art, nature and history Winterthur shares.

Those who present their **SNAP EBT** card can pay \$2 admission for up to four people during all regular Winterthur hours.

ACCESS Delaware also extends low-cost access to people with disabilities who purchase an Art-Reach card through the **Art-Reach** website.

"Winterthur, like other cultural institutions, exists for the enrichment of all," said Chris Strand, the chief executive officer of Winterthur.

"As we rebound from the pandemic, we want to give our community the opportunity to engage in safe, healthy and fun activities at a time when they need it most. We want to make sure Everyone—with a capital E—can experience the best museums have to offer."

Winterthur was founded by H.F. du Pont, who in the early 1900s was one of the first to collect and celebrate American-made furniture. Prior to that, most people considered only European goods—particularly English and French items—as worthy of collecting.

Today, Winterthur is known as a historic country estates with a distinguished collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic garden and research library for the study of American art and material culture.





#### **BY STAFF WRITER**

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is seeking volunteers to help with the 35th annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cleanup will take place at 41 sites statewide on that Saturday. Volunteers may now register to participate at de.gov/coastalcleanup.

The cleanup is a popular event for families and groups who want to help Delaware's environment, and even earn some volunteer hours to meet school or group requirements.

"The Coastal Cleanup is a great reminder that volunteers of all ages can make a difference, whether they sign up for the Sept. 17 statewide cleanup event or choose their own time, date and place to pick up trash," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin.

For the Sept. 17 coordinated cleanup, volunteers should sign up by Wednesday, Aug. 31, for their choice of sites. Site captains with supplies will be on site to sign in volunteers and provide trash bags and directions. Although gloves, paper data cards and pencils will be available upon request, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves and to use the online Coastal Cleanup reporting tool, when it goes live Sept. 1, to share their findings. Walkups are not encouraged due to volunteer site capacity limitations.

Volunteers in the Sept. 17 event can post photos on facebook.com/DelawareDNREC for a chance to win a 2023 Delaware State Parks pass and a prize bag by posting photos.

#### COASTAL CLEANUP RESULTS

All volunteers also should also report their findings and are invited to share photos through the Coastal Cleanup page. Last year, nearly 600 volunteers filled about 400 bags, cleaning up 5,500 pounds of trash from waterways, wetlands and other natural areas. The top five trash items collected were:

- 7,671 cigarette butts;
- 2,921 plastic and glass beverage bottles and cans;
- 1,785 food containers;
- 846 plastic bags;
- and 381 balloons.

Cleaning up locally makes a big difference statewide and keeps trash from entering waterways and making its way to beaches and beyond. DNREC suggests several ways to help make a difference all year long:

- Pick up trash near your home to keep your neighborhood clean.
  - Follow a carry-in/carry-out plan and take all trash with you when visiting outdoor spaces, including federal, state, county or local parks.
  - Pack a bag and rubber gloves when you take a walk, go for a hike, go hunting or fishing, etc., to collect and carry out trash you find along the way.
  - Recycle applicable items through in-home recycling or designated drop-off locations.

Learn more at www.de.gov/recycling.







# **BUSINESS**

#### BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware has launched a \$225,000 campaign to advertise the many state jobs available, and to make sure job seekers know the state has raised salaries and offers alternative schedules.

The campaign is a unique move for the state, pointed out Claire DeMatteis, secretary of the Delaware Department of Human Resources. It's aimed at catching the attention of Delaware workers as well as workers in nearby states, and getting them to explore state jobs and apply, she said.

"The state government in the past really hasn't promoted itself and tooted its own horn and said, look, we have great opportunities for people with great benefits, competitive salaries and flexible work schedules,"

#### **DELAWARE** LAUNCHES DRIVE TO FILL 400 JOBS

DeMatteis said. "Part of this is truly getting the word out like private sector jobs do on social media, on billboards, on buses and really tell the great nature of state jobs."

The state jobs campaign will run through October and include radio, social media, outdoor, transit and digital advertising.

Like other large employers, state offices are having trouble filling jobs, said **DeMatteis**, who took over Human Resources in January after serving as commissioner of the Department of Correction and overseeing COVID funds in Carney's office.

There is an imbalance between the technical skills required and the positions available, while generational changes regarding work-life balance no longer want the once proverbial 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. office jobs.

Many of the workers the state is seeking often look for work in the private sector or other government agencies: nurses, employment services specialists, unemployment insurance claims processors and field agents, vocational rehabilitation counselors, disability determination adjudicators and law enforcement officers.





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#### MILFORD SEAFORD LEWES SMYRNA BERLIN

























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#### FOOD & DINING



#### BY BETSY PRICE

The **Delaware Burger Battle**, which spawned winners such as Maiale Deli's Mexican Burger and Metro Grill's Peach Burger, returns Saturday, Aug. 27.

Ten entries will vie for the burger trophy, with three others going for the alternative burger title.

A fundraiser for the Food Bank of Delaware and the Delaware ProStart Program, the battle will start at noon at Rockford Park, 2000 Lookout Drive, Wilmington.

Its last rendition took place in 2019 with ticket sales capped at 925, raising \$14,000 for charity.

#### **BURGER BATTLE RETURNS AFTER PANDEMIC HIATUS**

#### **BURGER BATTLE TICKETS CAPPED**

"After experiencing our first 'sold out' Battle in 2019, the pandemic hiatus broke my heart, especially as our charitable purposes—alleviating food insecurity and supporting culinary careers—became ever more important," said Burger Battle founder JulieAnne Cross. "Based on the response so far to the 2022 Battle, I'm not the only one overjoyed by its return."

This year's post-plague event has been capped at 600 tickets to guarantee room to spread out and to make sure restaurants already dealing with labor shortages aren't charred in the effort.

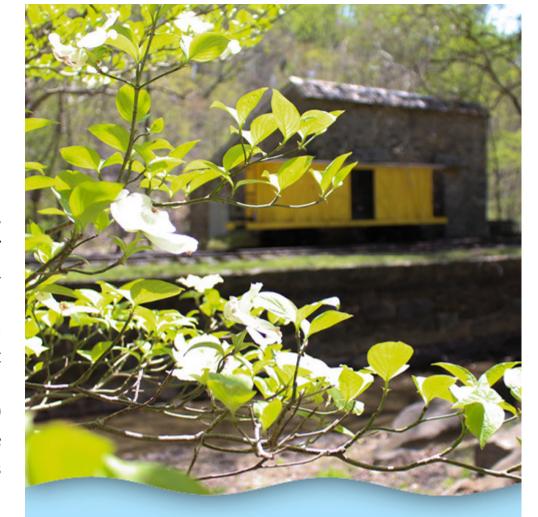
"Consider it like a family picnic," said Cross.

Guests wander the competition, sampling burgers and alternative sandwiches, which this year will include two plant-based offerings and a poultry offering. The sandwiches are judged by a trio of foodies. Guests vote on a People's Choice Award.

The samples are usually one-quarter of a full-sized burger, Cross said. That means that a guest who sampled all of them would walk out with the equivalent of three and one-half burgers sloshing around in the tummy—and maybe more, if they go back for seconds.

Some guests use a buddy system: They split up to get samples and then share each one, Cross said.

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#### BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The five-day trial to decide whether the world's richest man will be forced to purchase social media behemoth Twitter Inc. will begin Oct. 17 in Wilmington, a Chancery Court judge decided last week.

Twitter sued Tesla founder Elon Musk after he withdrew from an agreement to take the platform private for \$44 billion, or \$54.20 per share.

Musk announced he would no longer go forward with the purchase because he believed Twitter breached their agreement by refusing to crack down on spam profiles and disclose how many accounts were run by bots.

During a July 19 pre-trial hearing, Twitter asked Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick for an expedited hearing, with attorney William Savitt arguing that uncertainty surrounding the acquisition "inflicts harm on Twitter every day," and "the earliest possible trial date is imperative."

"Musk has been and remains contractually obligated to use his best efforts to close this deal," Savitt said. "What he's doing is the exact opposite—it's sabotage."

But Andrew Rossman, Musk's attorney, said the September trial Twitter requested would not give either side enough time to prepare, or for the court to come to a fair judgment.

In her ruling, McCormick said Musk's legal team "underestimate the ability of this court...to quickly process complex litigation." McCormick said if it becomes apparent that a five-day trial won't be sufficient to resolve the matter, she'll entertain a request to increase the number of trial days, though she'll consider that request "with great skepticism."

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#### BY STAFF WRITER

Even in a time of stark political division, there is thing almost everybody can agree on: scam calls suck. In that vein, Delaware has joined a nationwide task force to cut down on illegal robocalls.

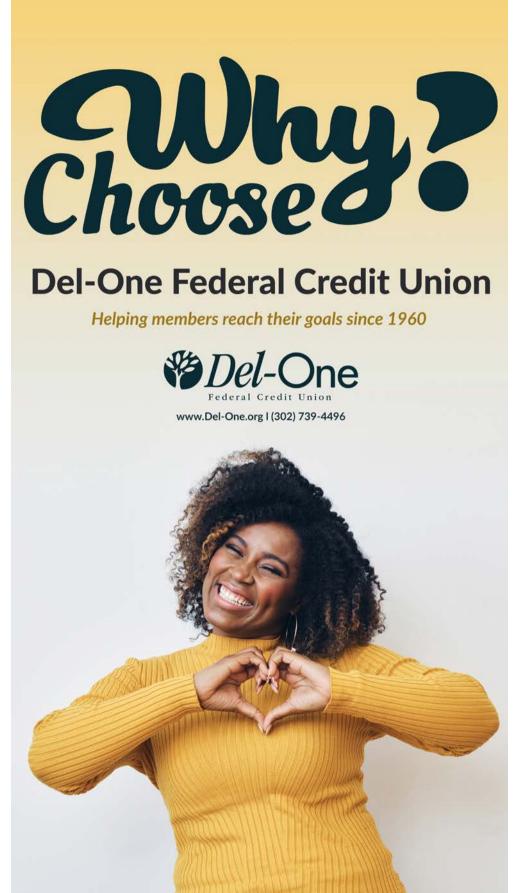
Comprised of 50 attorneys general from across the United States, the Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force will investigate and take legal action against the telecommunications companies responsible for bringing foreign robocalls into the country, Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings announced Tuesday.

"Robocalls are a nationwide problem that Delawareans—including me—deal with every day," Jennings said in a press release. "The nature of these scams makes it nigh impossible for any one state to singlehandedly stop robocalls; but this task force combines our resources and focuses them on the bad actors in the telecom

industry who enable this scourge."

The task force has issued 20 civil investigative demands to 20 gateway providers and other entities that are allegedly responsible for a majority of foreign robocall traffic. Gateway providers that bring foreign traffic into the U.S. telephone network have a responsibility to ensure the traffic is legal, but according to Jennings, these providers are not taking sufficient action to stop robocall traffic.

"In many cases, they appear to be intentionally turning a blind eye in return for steady revenue," the press release said. "The Task Force will focus on the bad actors throughout the telecommunications industry to help reduce the number of robocalls that consumers receive and benefit the companies that are following the rules." **CLICK HERE TO READ MORE** 







If anyone ever needed proof that state legislators are animal lovers, they needn't look any further than this year's Bond Bill. The \$1.4 billion spending package the largest in history—includes a record amount of money for the state's largest animal shelters.

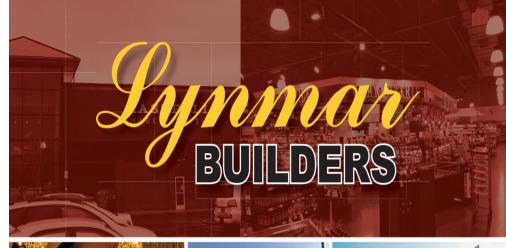
Faithful Friends Animal Society, Brandywine Valley SPCA and Delaware SPCA each received \$1 million, while First State Animal Center and SPCA received \$800,000.

That means about 4.2% of the \$90 million in the Bond Bill's Community Reinvestment Fund will go to cats and dogs. That kind of investment in Delaware's furriest residents deserves a round of a-paws.

The Community Reinvestment Fund is a capital grant program that allocates funds to be used for community redevelopment, revitalization and other projects that improve the economic, cultural, historical and recreational health of Delaware communities.

"It's a tremendous gift from the state legislature," said Jane Pierantozzi, executive director of Faithful Friends Animal Society. "We'll be using the funds for our Building Compassion Capital Campaign, which will provide a new purpose-built animal adoption and community resource center on Airport Road."

With the investment from the state, Faithful Friends has satisfied 90% of its fundraising goal, Pierantozzi said, and the state-of-the-art Sharon Struthers Animal Adoption and Community Resource Center is expected to open by the end of this year. The new facility will be located at 165 Airport Road in New Castle.















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#### **BY JAREK RUTZ**

Angelie Ross-Jimenez is 19 years old with an associate's degree and a full-time job, and she has Wilmington University to thank for that. The university has created a grow-your-own teacher pipeline program in order to address the teacher shortage in Delaware.

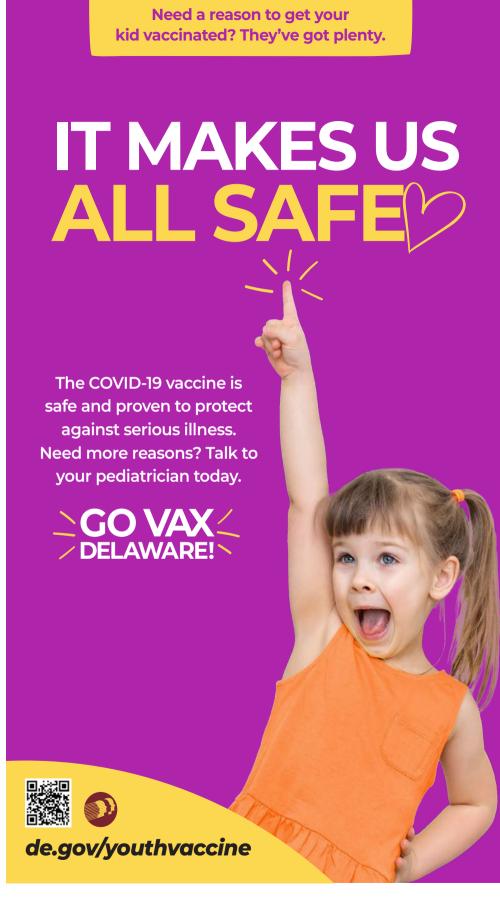
Not only did teachers leave classrooms because of COVID, the state has 4,000 educators eligible for retirement within the next five years.

Enrollment in teaching courses has declined by 67% since 2010, and some educators worry that high school students who watched the chaos that COVID created in classrooms may shy away from a career in education.

In the next 10 years, student enrollment in Delaware schools is expected to grow 7.8%, but the public teacher workforce is only projected to grow 6%. Added to that,

neighboring states are starting to pay much higher salaries than Delaware does, sparking fears of teachers leaving the First State.

Education Secretary Mark Holodick has pointed out on numerous occasions during Wilmington Learning **Collaborative** events that many teachers leave Delaware after five years. The Delaware General Assembly tried to help stem the tide by passing bills that allowed growyour-own programs, year-long teacher residencies for prospective educators and a periodic evaluation of the starting salaries of Delaware's teachers.







Children of migrant workers who move to Delaware, whether from a different state or a different country, can spend the summer receiving educational and social emotional support through a state and federal program.

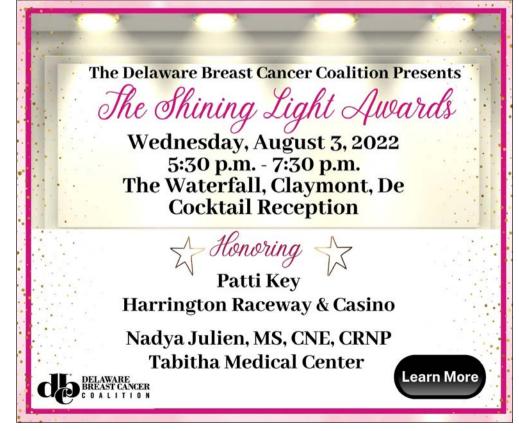
Delaware's Migrant Education Program is specifically for migrants whose parents work in agriculture and who have moved in the previous three years.

"It can be as simple as moving from county to county, or it can be a student whose family came from Guatemala or another country," said Ryan McNulty, a Milford middle school teacher and coach who runs the program's Milford site.

Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club and the Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club are the two sites in Delaware that operate the Migrant Education Programs.

"The purpose of the program is to fill in some of the learning gaps that some of these kids might have considering that they are a migrant population," McNulty said. The federally-funded program provides a full day of support for five days a week for seven weeks in the summer.





#### **EDUCATION**



#### **BY JAREK RUTZ**

Six First State students each won a \$100 cash prize in a state digital mapping competition with projects on Delaware's poultry industry, estuaries, snow geese and more. The **ESRI 2022 ArcGIS U.S. School Competition** is an event for middle and high school students to create and present interactive mapping projects using ESRI software.

The Delawareans who competed developed a digital map or StoryMap that showcases facts and features unique to the First State.

"I enjoyed exploring the students' projects and am impressed at the level of skill they already have at this young age," Education Secretary Mark Holodick said.

The competition gives students a chance to practice real-world skills in both an enjoyable and a meaningful way, said Deputy Secretary of Education Christine Alois in a press release.

Here are the winners. Click on their names to be linked to their digital maps.

Eric Lewis, a seventh grade homeschool student,

#### SIX DELAWARE STUDENTS CASH IN WITH DIGITAL MAPS

landed first place in the middle school competition for his project on the state's estuaries. An estuary is an enclosed coastal body of water with at least one stream or river flowing into it, connected to a sea. In his project, Lewis explained their economic value and the habitats that benefit from them, such as horseshoe crabs.

Natalie Lewis, a sophomore at Caesar Rodney High School, took home first place for the high school competition. She created a digital map explaining the importance of broilers to poultry farms and how broilers serve as a symbolic catalyst for the economic success of the poultry industry.

Alejandro Lobo, a senior at Newark High School, landed in second place for the high school event. He also designed a digital map of Delaware's poultry industry, starting with the historical beginnings of it and also mapping out where the chicken farms are across the state and how they are distanced from areas with high populations of people.

Wendy Santana Medina, a junior at Newark High School, finished third in the high school competition for her digital map of the history of peach farms in Delaware. In her project, she details the "peach boom" of the 19th century and some of the historic houses that popularized peach farms.

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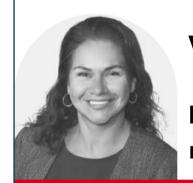
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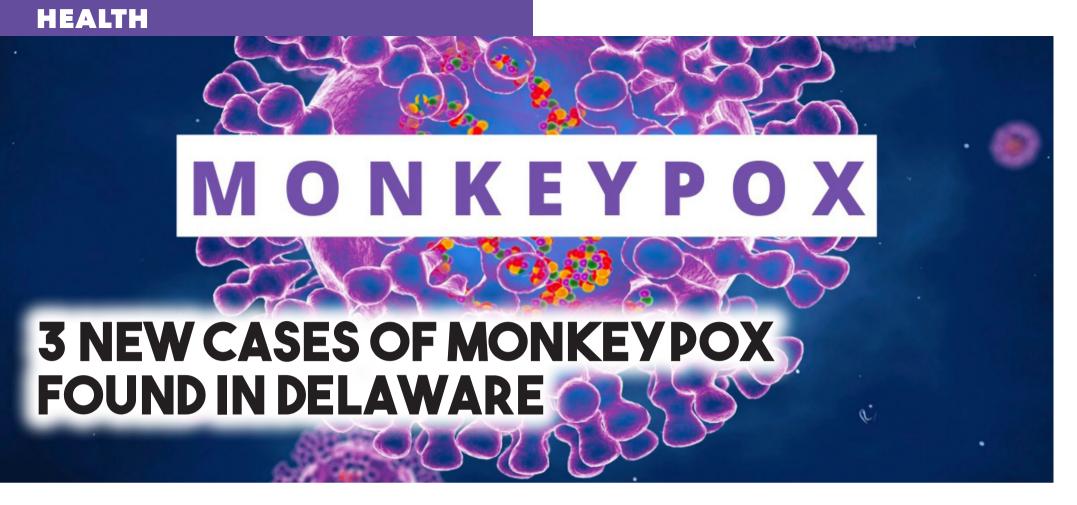
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#### **BY STAFF WRITER**

A 42-year-old Kent County man and two New Castle County men, 19 and 24, have become the fourth, fifth and sixth Delawareans to test positive for monkeypox.

The risk to the general public in Delaware remains low, the Division of Public Health said Thursday.

None of the individuals reported recent travel. While at least one individual confirmed close intimate contact with another individual, none reported close contact with someone known to have monkeypox. All three individuals reported close contact with a very limited number of individuals and are self-isolating.

The first Delaware case of monkeypox, caused by a virus dubbed MPX, was found in a 46-year-old man in New Castle County and announced July 12.

Though U.S. Health Secretary Xavier Becerra declared monkeypox a national public health emergency Thursday, the Division of Public Health does not plan to make a similar declaration specific to Delaware, the agency said in a press release. "However, low risk does not mean no risk," the agency said.

There have been more than 6,600 **confirmed** infections in the United States—overwhelmingly among gay and bisexual men. Anyone may contract monkeypox, though certain activities by individuals can increase their chance of contracting the virus.

Monkeypox is different from COVID-19 in that it spreads primarily through direct contact with the rash or scabs of someone with monkeypox.

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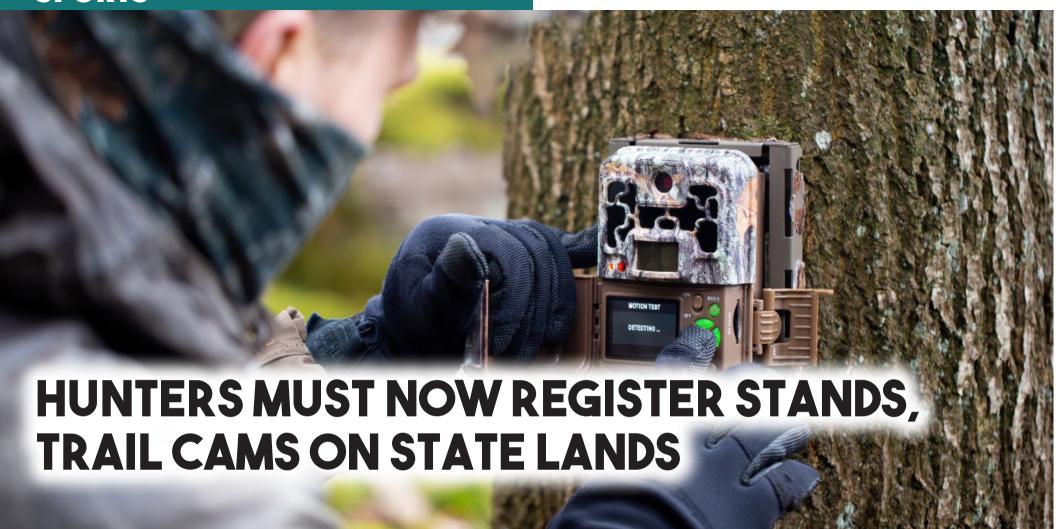
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#### BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Hunters must now register temporary deer stands, ground blinds and trail cameras placed on state lands. Here's a **link** to the registration form.

The **Delaware Department of Natural Resources** and Environmental Control (DNREC) said in a press release that the registration "will help wildlife area managers evaluate the increasing numbers and use of these hunting tools on state wildlife areas."

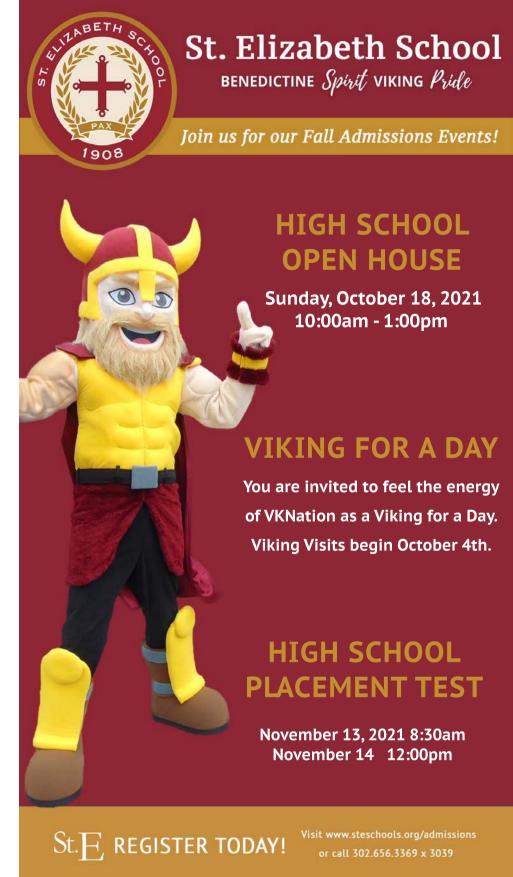
But members of the "Delaware Deer Hunting" Facebook **page** weren't so quick to take DNREC's word.

"Who comes up with these dumb rules and what's the purpose," wrote one user.

"Probably so they can fine you after February if they find it still up," wrote another.

"So they can estimate how much \$\$ they are missing out on," another said. "Bet next year that registration number will cost you."

In a statement to Delaware LIVE News, an official from the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife said items left behind after hunting season ends are subject to fines and confiscation if necessary, but the agency's approach will be to seek "compliance through education."









#### BY BETSY PRICE

The Office of Animal Welfare's Delaware Animal Services is seeking the public's help to find the person or person responsible for abandoning a dog that died after being found,

The dog was found clinging to life earlier this week in a crate left in the brush off North Little Creek Road in Dover.

DelDOT workers who found her immediately contacted Animal Services. Responding officers found the dog barely responsive.

She was rushed to a local veterinary hospital for care, but died despite efforts to save her.

#### STATE SEEKS THOSE WHO ABANDONED DOG THAT LATER DIED

The emaciated animal had lost most of her hair and was covered in sores and scabs.

The medium-sized dog was left in very tall weeds set back off the road near the Route 1 overpass.

She is estimated to be approximately two years old, had very long nails, and was wearing a blue, orange and white striped collar. She did not have a microchip.

Due to her condition, the breed of dog could not be determined.

Anyone with any information about the person or persons who abandoned the dog is urged to contact Delaware Animal Services at 302-255-4646 or at www. animalservices.delaware.gov. Tips may be made anonymously. See a photo of the abandoned dog HERE, but be warned: It's gruesome.

Unforeseen life events such as financial hardships, health concerns or behavioral problems may force Delawareans to give up a beloved pet.

The Office of Animal Welfare provides assistance to pet owners to prevent similar circumstances from happening. For more information about that, go HERE.





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