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DELAWARE SCHOOLS NEED 500 TEACHERS. HERE'S WHERE

BY JAREK RUTZ

As the academic year gears up, Delaware schools still have more than 500 teacher vacancies to fill.

“We think about it as a perfect storm of conditions,” said Stephanie Ingram, president of the [Delaware State Education Association](#).

Schools are expected to have a higher than normal number of retirements, partly because of the stresses of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, that’s been coupled with an increase in student enrollment of more than 7%, Ingram said.

At the same time, “We have fewer graduates from the educator programs than our surrounding states, which leads to the teacher shortage in our schools,” she said.

Some education officials believe that schools them-

selves—and even the media—are to blame for the teacher shortage. Bradley Layfield, principal of [Sussex Central High School](#), said school leadership plays a role in attracting and retaining teachers.

“As an administrator, I think that we bear some of this in how we treat our teachers and how we support our teachers to then support students,” he said.

Kendall Massett, executive director of [Delaware Charter Schools Network](#), said more attention should be paid to the teachers who do decide to work in the First State.

“While of course we need to get more teachers in and we want to bring more teachers to Delaware...I really wish we weren’t talking about that,” she said. “We need to

talk about the fact that we have so many amazing educators that are staying. We are not talking about them.”

Massett said the perception that there is a teacher shortage is caused, in large part, by how the media talks about it.

“When you focus on the bad and when you focus on the challenges, that’s what you’re going to get,” she said.

The situation frustrates districts in many ways.

“As a superintendent, we’re promising and guaranteeing that children are getting a quality education, and you’re doing everything you can to provide the best quality education you can,” said Jeff Menzer, superintendent of [Colonial School District](#).

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CHANGE TO STATE RETIREES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROMPTS ANGST

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A change to the health insurance held by retirees of Delaware's state government is causing an uproar. The state's requirement that retirees and pensioners switch from original Medicare to a specially-tailored Medicare Advantage plan has led to charges that retirees will lose their doctors or be denied services that are currently covered.

That's not true, said Delaware Secretary of Human Resources Claire DeMatteis. She insists the plan will be cheaper for retirees while offering the same access to care. It will even include a few perks, she said, such as **SilverSneakers**, a fitness program for senior citizens.

DeMatteis said 95% of Delaware doctors who accept traditional Medicare have already signed on to participate in the Advantage plan. State officials are working to get others on board, too.

The shift is necessary to reduce the state's \$10 billion unfunded liability for retiree healthcare, according to DeMatteis. Left unchanged, that liability would likely

grow to \$31 billion by 2050. An unfunded liability is when the state sets aside less than is needed to cover the expected full costs of benefits for its retirees.

With the Medicare Advantage plan, officials project the unfunded liability will shrink to \$3 billion by 2050.

"That's still not perfect, but much better than the current state," DeMatteis said. "Because the worst case scenario is the unfunded liability grows so severely that the state can no longer afford to pay for retiree health care. That won't happen because of the very reasonable, measured reforms that we're implementing now."

Rep. John Kowalko, D-Newark, who voted for the change in the FY 2023 budget, said the reforms are anything but reasonable and measured, and the governor's administration quietly pushed the change through the legislature without them having all the details.

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ELECTION

WHO'S RUNNING, UPDATED: DELAWARE'S SEPT. 13 PRIMARY

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

With Delaware's primary election just **days** away and **early voting** underway, time is running out to answer any questions you might still have.

If you're unsure who's running in your district — or even what district you're in—you've come to the right place. To find your polling location, click **HERE**. Scroll down for a list of candidates by district.

The primary election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13. The 151st General Assembly comes to an end in November, meaning all 21 Senate seats and 41 House seats are up for grabs. The deadline to file for election has passed.

Three of the state's executive offices—attorney general, treasurer and auditor of accounts—will also be on the

ballot. Each office's incumbent is running for re-election, including embattled State Auditor **Kathy McGuinness**, who is the only one with a primary challenger.

Six state representatives and senators are not seeking re-election: Sens. Ernie Lopez and Bruce Ennis, and Reps. David Bentz, John Kowalko, Andria Bennett and Steve Smyk, who is running for state Senate.

The House district previously represented by **Gerald Brady**, who resigned in February 2022, will no longer exist after November. During **redistricting**, a new district was created in the Long Neck and Oak Orchard area of Sussex County to reflect population growth there.

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GIRL SCOUTS URGED NOT TO SELL TWO CAMPS, TWO OFFICES

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Several hundred people have signed a change.org [petition](#) urging the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay not to sell two camps and two offices. The sale includes the 244-acre Camp Grove Point in Earleville, MD; the 49-acre Camp Sandy Pines, in Fruitland, MD; and the Peninsula Resource Center in Salisbury; and the Newark Resource Center, a headquarters building less than a decade old on seven acres on Old Baltimore Pike.

The council [announced](#) the decision Aug. 30 on Facebook. It offered limited details and invited limited feedback on the About page of its website.

“Our Girl Scout Council is trying to sell the GS camps and program centers that our girls worked hard to build and preserve raising funds through cookie sales and service projects,” petition organizer Kristen Wickham [wrote](#) on Facebook. “GSCB also received a \$1M endowment for the preservation of Camp Grove Point and used the interest earned on that to fund other projects

and programs. Stop the sale!”

The local council and the national Girl Scout office did not return requests for comment.

Council leaders chose not to post the big decision on the top of its homepage, and it’s not part of the “latest news” either. On the About page, it’s under the [label](#) of long-range property planning. That planning tab lists several town-hall meetings: on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Peninsula Resource Center in Salisbury; on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Easton, MD, YMCA; and on Thursday, Sept. 15, at a place to be determined. [Registration](#) is required.

“All questions or topics for discussion must be submitted ahead of time,” the listing says.

On Facebook, leaders chose to disable comments.

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

By the time disaster strikes, it's too late to prepare. That's why the Delaware Emergency Management Agency plans to bring the community together to learn how to be ready for the unknown. However grim the premise, **DEMA** promises a fun-filled and adventure-packed day for the entire family.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m., the agency will host the 16th Annual Family Emergency Preparedness Day at Brecknock County Park in Camden, located at **80 Old Camden Road**. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held Sunday, Sept. 18. (That's good preparation for you.)

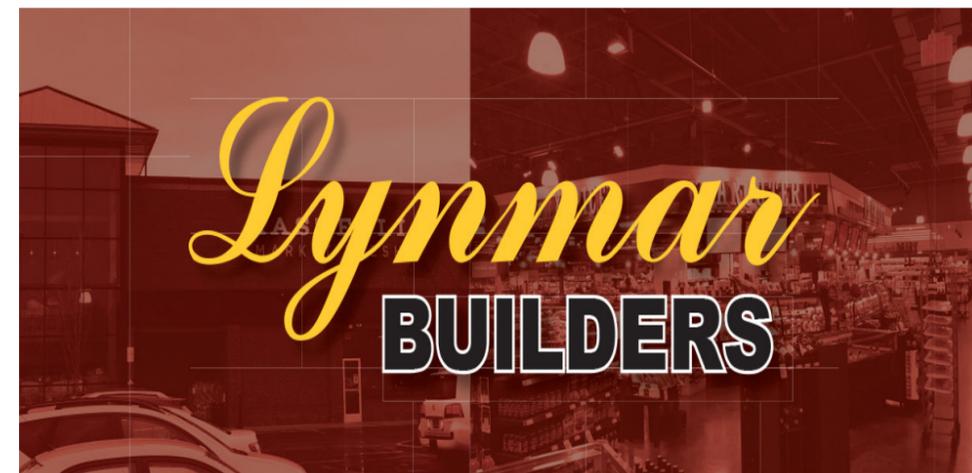
"Studies show that people who are prepared fare much better during emergencies," said John Peterson, DEMA's community relations coordinator. "Whether they've made a plan, built a kit or found a way to stay informed,

those people suffer less financial, emotional and physical impact from a storm or severe emergency."

The event will be the agency's first since the pandemic, and Peterson said they hope to bring it back better than ever. More than 30 agencies and community organizations will be present, including Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog. A complete list appears at the bottom of this story.

Exhibitors will offer interactive activities, games, promotional items and safety-themed giveaways. Kids can join emergency kit relay races and take part in a preparedness and safety scavenger hunt.

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Court Reporters Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL. Even sweeter, Zweizig, who is biracial, is believed to be the first person of color to win those contests. Zweizig also is the first person of color to join the Chancery Court’s team of court reporters.

Her fastest was 297 words per minute. He also hits that speed and has hit well over 300 in practices.

“Thing is, you can’t keep that speed up for really long,” he said.

“The Court of Chancery court reporters are truly world class and vital to the court’s ability to swiftly administer justice,” said Chancellor Kathaleen McCormick. “We are lucky to have them, are proud of their achievements and offer our hearty congratulations.”

MAKING OF COURT REPORTERS

Ask the pair to describe how they learned the job and what they do in the courtroom, and it sounds like they are musicians.

They use an “instrument.” They learn by focusing on sound, specifically combinations of sounds that make up words.

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BY BETSY PRICE

Juli LaBadia, the chief court reporter for the Delaware Court of Chancery, says she doesn’t dream about working on her steno machine, even after 40 years on the job.

“You dream that you’re on a vacation at the beach and you have an emergency hearing and all you have is a stick and so you have to write longhand in the sand,” she says.

Neither she nor her colleague Douglas Zweizig had to rely on a stick to win two big speed and accuracy competitions this summer.

LaBadia won the top prize in speed capturing and real-time speech capturing at the **53rd Intersteno Congress World Championships** in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Zweizig earned first place in three speed events and placed second in the other two at the **2022 National**

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CHAUTAUQUA TENT SHOW EXPANDS TO HISTORIC NEW CASTLE

BY BETSY PRICE

Sharpshooter Annie Oakley is headed to Historic New Castle as part of Delaware's annual Chautauqua tent show, which for the first time will offer a full slate of live performances upstate in addition to the traditional Lewes site. But don't expect Annie to shoot up either place.

"Oh, no," says Kim Hanley of the [American Historical Theatre](#) in Philadelphia. "We talk about some of her trick shots."

Oakley not only appeared in Wild West Shows, but wanted to educate women about firearms, Hanley said. "In particular, she wanted women to be able to handle firearms, to not be afraid of them," Hanley said, "for their self defense, home defense and homeland defense, but also just for the joy of it. She got a lot of joy out of hunting."

A mix of education and entertainment, the Chautauqua tent show is free and features a noon-to-early evening series of performances and lectures each day.

With a theme this year of "That's Entertainment," it will include actors portraying Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill and Ichabod Crane; Linda Harris and David B. Cole singing songs of the Underground Railroad; an all-women string orchestra; lectures about Rosedale, a Delaware beach for Black families; the Happy Day Club, a Black social club; radio's "Amos and Andy Show;" the history of comics; and Jimi Hendrix.

"It's supposed to be educational. It's supposed to be diverse. It's supposed to include everyone," said Chautauqua coordinator Bridget Warner.

Some themes work. Some don't. Shows focused on World War I and the War of 1812 bombed, but shows organized around the Civil War and World War II drew big audiences.

Warner believes the World War II event was popular because so many people could relate to World War II having been alive then, or having grandparents or great-grandparents who served in the war.

CHAUTAUQUA HISTORY

Chautauqua tent shows began in the late 1800s at Lake Chautauqua in upstate New York, providing lectures and entertainment for adults. They were so popular, traveling shows—including one on a boat—crisscrossed the country offering the same kind of program.

Delaware's shows have been running for 24 years, originally sponsored by [Delaware Humanities](#) and taken over in 2008 by the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#).

Cultural Affairs had planned to expand upstate in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic intervened. Last year's shows were largely online. This year's will be under tents.

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HOCKESSIN LIBRARY SHIFT TO QUARTERLY BOOK SALE PROVES POPULAR

BY BETSY PRICE

When the Friends of the [Hockessin Library](#) decided to cancel their annual book sale, they started having smaller pop-up sales in the library itself. To the members' surprise, they like it better. Not only do they not have to worry about setting up, running and closing down the sale, which required about 200 volunteers, the new book sales seem more intimate.

"And more manageable," said Linda Lauria, chair of the sale. "I think it's become more of a local community event."

Many people enjoyed the large sale, and a large group of dealers from multiple states were always the first in the door, she said.

The first night of the sale—for members only—had become extremely crowded partly because memberships were sold at the door, which meant dealers and others could join and come in. The dealers, she said, fell

into two groups. One were book dealers really interested in the books. The other were book sellers who came in with scanners and only cared about the price and whether they could make a few bucks on the books at their own shops.

WHAT BOOK SALES PAY FOR

Many members stopped coming that night, she said. At the same time, Lauria said, it was getting harder and harder to get the number of volunteers they needed to run the big sale.

"And it was way bigger than we needed to meet the mission of our organization," she said.

The organization pays for equipment and other things that aren't covered in the library's New Castle County budget.

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DELAWARE HOSPITALS GAVE AWAY \$978M IN FY 2020

BY STAFF WRITER

Delaware's **hospitals** and health system provided nearly \$978 million in community benefit spending during Fiscal Year 2020, according to a new report from the Delaware Healthcare Association. Community benefit spending includes charity care, bad debt, losses on government-sponsored health insurance and support for community programs.

The figure was included in the Delaware Healthcare Association's 2022 Community Benefits Report, a biennial report of the public health and economic benefits Delaware hospitals and health systems provide to the state.

The report also sheds light on the impact of COVID-19 on hospital finances. Delaware hospitals, on average, had an operating margin of -3.8% during FY 2020 without federal COVID-19 relief. Including federal assistance, Delaware hospitals had an operating margin of just 0.34%—just above the breakeven point.

“Regardless of the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, Delaware hospitals and health systems continued to make significant investments in the health and well-being of all Delawareans,” said Wayne Smith, president and CEO of the Delaware Healthcare Association.

The report finds that in 2020, Delaware hospitals contributed nearly \$978 million statewide in community benefit spending, including:

- \$775.66 million in unpaid costs of patient care, such as charity care (\$47.85 million), bad debt (\$65.5 million), and unpaid costs from Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare (\$662.29 million)
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DELAWARE TO GET ABOUT \$8 MILLION FROM JUUL SETTLEMENT

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A \$438.5 million agreement between e-cigarette maker **JUUL Labs** and 34 states and territories has been reached over the alleged role it played in getting a new generation of Americans hooked on nicotine.

Delaware stands to recover between \$7.8 million and \$8.5 million under the agreement, according to Attorney General **Kathy Jennings**. The “agreement in principle” comes as the result of a two-year-long bipartisan investigation into JUUL’s marketing and sales practices.

In addition to the financial terms, the settlement would force JUUL to comply with a series of strict injunctive terms severely limiting its marketing and sales practices, according to Jennings.

“Our greatest responsibility is to our children,” Jennings said in a press release Tuesday. “Delaware and our sister states have spent decades educating kids and adults alike on the dangers of smoking. JUUL’s conduct contributed to a troubling backslide in that work.”

Thanks to JUUL, she said, there’s been an “explosion of e-cigarette use” by teenagers who, for the first time in

a generation, are seeing more ads for nicotine, not fewer—to say nothing of misleading claims about these products’ safety. According to the news release, until recently, JUUL was the dominant player in the vaping market.

“The multistate investigation revealed that JUUL rose to this position by willfully engaging in an advertising campaign that appealed to youth, even though its e-cigarettes are both illegal for them to purchase and are unhealthy for youth to use,” the attorney general’s office said.

JUUL relentlessly marketed to underage users with launch parties, advertisements using young and trendy-looking models, social media posts and free samples, Jennings said.

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HOW MUCH IS KELLER HOPKINS WILLING TO PAY?

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Keller Hopkins, candidate for Sussex County Council, has personally **loaned** his campaign \$163,000, even though the job he's after pays just \$35,252 per year.

That means if he wins, he'll have to serve on County Council for four and a half years to make enough money to pay himself back.

If he loses—well, you do the math.

The loans are shown on Hopkins' most recent campaign finance **filing**, which was submitted to the Department of Elections on Sept. 6.

During the same period of time, Hopkins' primary opponent, John Rieley, loaned his campaign \$15,000.

Meanwhile, as of Jan. 1, 2022, New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer has **loaned** \$209,389.62 of his own money to a candidate committee he set up in anticipation of his 2024 run for governor.

With those figures in mind, the amount Hopkins has loaned himself is 78% of what Meyer has, albeit for a much less glamorous position.

Hopkins could not be reached for comment.

“What is the prize at play here to loan yourself that much money to win a primary election,” Rieley asked in an interview with Delaware LIVE News. “We don't spend that much money on state Senate races—sometimes not even statewide races. And that's not even total spending—that's just what he's loaned himself.”

“I wonder if it has something to do with rezoning Route 1 from Lewes clear up to Milford,” Rieley said. “A lot of money in play for developers if that would happen.”

Rieley said a Facebook **post** he recently made shows that Hopkins has a track record of voting in favor of developments, then accepting contracts to work on those developments.

“There's a clear pattern there,” he said.

Also listed on Hopkins' most recent campaign finance **filing** is a \$25,871.96 payment to his own company, Hopkins Construction. It's not clear what goods or services he purchased from his company.

Hopkins sent \$8,000 to Florida-based campaign consultant Jon Coley. In August, Delaware LIVE News reported that a political action committee sent Coley \$17,000 to produce **mailers** critical of Greg Fuller, a candidate for register of wills.

According to his filing, Hopkins also paid \$12,808.78 to **BullsEye Public Affairs**, a company Coley owns.





STATE TO SPEND \$28 MILLION ON LIBRARIES .2 MILES APART

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware will spend \$22 million to construct a new library in North Wilmington just 0.2 miles from an existing library, which is undergoing a \$6 million renovation. Once complete, visitors will be able to check out a book at the \$22 million library located at **3905 N Market St.**, then walk five minutes down the road to the \$6 million **3400 N Market St.** location, where they can check out another book.

In a [press release](#) Tuesday, Gov. John Carney said, “Libraries have evolved to meet the needs of communities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

It’s fitting, then, that the state would use COVID relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act as well as FY 2023 Bond Bill funds to plow down a vintage Saab dealership and, in its place, build a library with “ample land for site development and increased parking needs.”

Jeff Bullock, Delaware’s secretary of state, said patrons will be able to do more than check out books at the new libraries.

“When we invest in our libraries, we are investing in children and families of all walks of life,” Bullock said. “No other public institution but libraries can assist someone looking for employment, provide health and social services, and connect individuals to critical resources all in one place.”

Sen. Darius Brown, D-Wilmington, said libraries help to bridge inequities in Delaware’s communities.

“Reimagining our libraries is paramount to helping our young folks who are falling through the cracks of our education system and as a result, ending up on the streets,” Brown said. “This investment is about giving our children in marginalized communities better opportunities to succeed.”

The press release didn’t mention a timeline for the project or offer any insight into the design plans.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND APPO'S ANNUAL 9/11 CEREMONY FRIDAY

BY JAREK RUTZ

The somber trumpet notes of “Taps” rang outside of Middletown High School Friday, as the **Appoquinimink School District** held its annual 9/11 memorial ceremony.

About 200 members of the military, students and community members gathered to remember the nearly 3,000 people who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that killed people in the Pentagon, Twin Towers and a field in Pennsylvania.

Middletown High senior Alison Lewis served as the ceremony’s trumpeter, playing the **military anthem** that dates back to the Civil War.

“This was such an incredible honor,” Lewis said. “Both of my grandparents served in the military and in the Air Force, so it’s really a great opportunity to do some-

thing I love in a meaningful way to honor others.” Her hands continued to shake 10 minutes after the performance from nerves and excitement.

“Today’s ceremony helps us remember those who lost their lives not only in the crash, but the hundreds who risked their lives to save the victims,” Lewis said.

The ceremony included a 30-second moment of silence during which attendees bowed their heads in respect. The morning also saw the raising of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag, which Appo was the first district in the state to adopt.

Since 2017, every Appo school has flown the flag, which is designed to contain several symbols.

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READING NONPROFIT HELPS 4TH GRADER LEARN TO LOVE LIBRARY

BY JAREK RUTZ

In spring 2021, Ameilia Carrubba's struggles with reading because of her dyslexia meant she shied away from books and reading. Today, "she wants to read," said her mom, Kelli Carrubba. "She wants to go to the library and get a book out and she definitely has a much more positive attitude and pushes herself more when it comes to reading."

The difference can be credited to **Reading Assist**, a Wilmington nonprofit that provides year-round intensive tutoring services to at-risk children across Delaware with the most significant reading challenges.

The nonprofit has helped more than 1,000 First State students overcome learning loss incurred during uneven schooling because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amelia started working with Reading Assist when a Linden Hill Elementary teacher recommended she repeat the second grade or work with the nonprofit. Amelia's parents picked the nonprofit.

Kelli said she saw immediate progress when Amelia started working with the organization in Summer 2021.

"Before she wouldn't even touch a book because she had a lot of anxiety built up towards reading," Carrubba said. "Within a few weeks working with Reading Assist, by the time she started third grade, we saw dramatic improvements and now a year into it she's become a much more confident reader." Now, Amelia is starting **Gateway Charter** as a fourth grader.

Amelia has been working one-on-one with a Reading Assist tutor twice a week in 45-minute sessions.

HOW LESSONS IMPROVE READING

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A COMMUNITY OF SUITS GREET EASTSIDE EAGLES ON FIRST DAY

BY JAREK RUTZ

Community members decked out in suits fought a torrential downpour to welcome students back to East-Side Charter School Tuesday morning.

For the seventh year in a row, the charter in northeast Wilmington held its annual Suit Up, Show Up first day, with students walking through rows of professional and other community members there to encourage them. The students are high-fived, welcomed back and otherwise encouraged to value the importance of education.

“I actually think it’s better that it was pouring,” said Matt Meyer, county executive of New Castle County.

He thought the experience was just the jolt of energy the students needed when their first day was a dreary Tuesday “that kind of felt like a Monday after the three-day weekend.”

Suit Up, Show Up helps the kids “know that this school isn’t just an academic educational place, but it’s a source of great excitement and enthusiasm, not just for the school community, but for the broader community,” he said. “I think that’s really meaningful.”

The group that shows up every year has been a mixture of neighbors, parents, community leaders, politicians and business leaders, said Aaron Bass, chief executive officer of **EastSide Charter**.

“They have encouraged our children and it’s important because we need our children who have all this potential to also see people that are in those positions,” Bass said.

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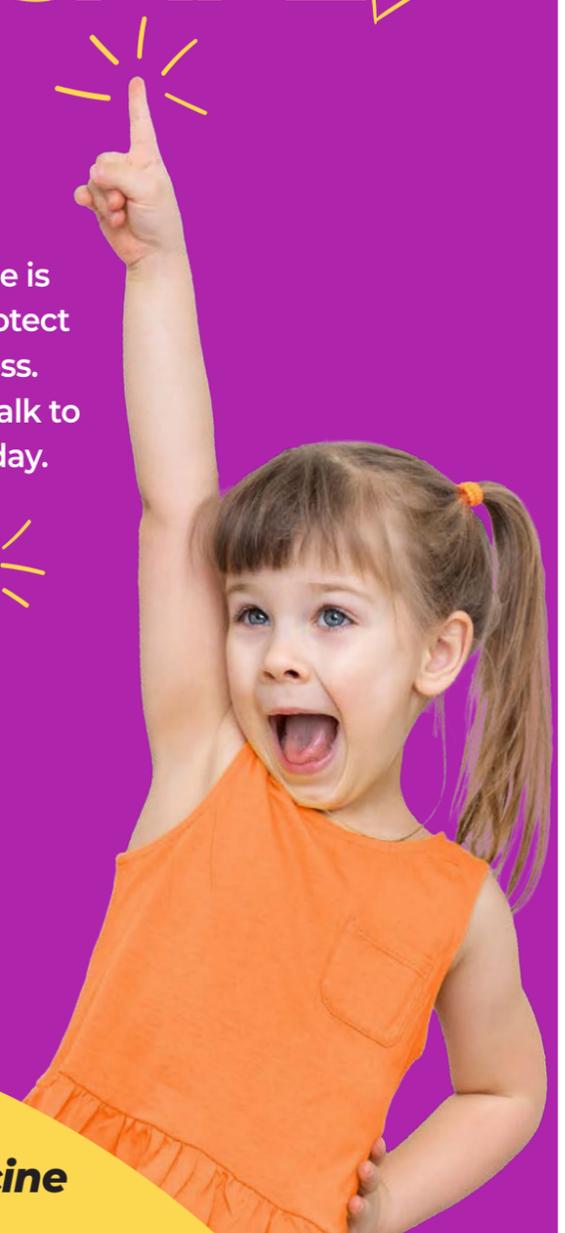
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SMYRNA OPENS SEASON WITHOUT COACH JUDY

BY GLENN FRAZER

Delaware Live-302 Sports has learned that the Smyrna Eagles football team opened the 2022 season at Arundel, MD, without head coach Mike Judy. Defensive coordinator Dan Wagner sent an email to me earlier on Friday, Sept. 9, in response to a question regarding the starting quarterback.

“Glenn, Coach Judy is out on a temporary medical leave of absence (non-life threatening) and I am the interim head coach until he returns.”

Coach Judy took over at Smyrna in 2014. He and his staff guided the Eagles to three consecutive state championships in Division I from 2015-2017.

Everyone here at Delaware Live wishes for a speedy recovery for one of the nicest guys in the sport, and we hope to see him back on the sidelines in the near future.



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SAINT MARKS THOROUGH IN VICTORY

BY GLENN FRAZER

The parking lots were filled, the crowd was at capacity, and much to the delight of the home fans, the Saint Mark's Spartans delivered an impressive 48-0 win over Red Lion Christian Academy in a Class 2A game.

Last year these two teams were separated by a single point in a game not decided until late in the fourth quarter. This time, Saint Marks served notice early, scoring on each of its first three possessions on runs of 35 yards and 12 yards by Donovan Artis and an eight-yard run from T-J Martin. The Spartans enjoyed great field position on the second drive of the opening quarter at the Lions' 22-yard line and converted a fourth and 14 to set up Martin's TD. Defensively, All State lineman Luke Watson, Aidan Zellman and Jake O'Donoghue pressured Lion QB Evan Buddinger and throttled the run game to gain a 21-0 lead after one.

The two defenses dominated the second quarter after Matt Hanich scored at the 11:14 mark to give the Spartans four TDs on four consecutive drives. That touchdown was set up by the defense as Martin blitzed off the corner, deflected a pass, and Mas Paoli returned the "pick" 43 yards to the two-yard line.

Red Lion would answer on a drive that featured some nice pass plays from freshman Buttinger to Seth McGroerty for 17 yards, Kyle Manley for 40 yards and a 21-yard reception by Jacque Wilson to the Spartan 24, but the drive stalled and Sam Crossan was called on to attempt a 47-yard field goal. His kick came up a little short and the Lions came away empty on their best scoring opportunity of the night. The first half came to a close with Saint Marks leading 28-0.

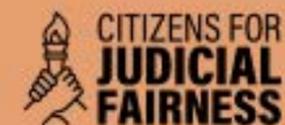
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GOLDEN KNIGHTS GRIND OUT A WIN IN HOME OPENER

BY BENNY MITCHELL

The Sussex Central Golden Knights locked into a defensive battle with Salesianum in their home opener on a night where they paid tribute to the Armed Forces.

Andrew Long went around the left end for a 45-yard touchdown with six minutes to go in the first half. The score would stand for the next 30 minutes as the Golden Knights defeated Salesianum 7-0 in front of a large home crowd.

Long rushed for 59 of Sussex Central's 215 total yards. Salesianum outgained the Knights with 227 total yards with 167 passing yards. Salesianum also had 14 first downs to Sussex Central's 10.

"Our defense bent tonight, but it didn't break," Sussex Central head coach John Wells said. "I give a lot of credit to my coaches for coming up with the right schemes and

our players for making the correct calls at the right time."

The two teams traded punts in the first quarter as Salesianum appeared to have an edge in field position. Sussex Central drove to the Salesianum 20-yard line early in the second quarter. On fourth and six, the Knights set up for a 37-yard field goal, but the low snap was mishandled and Salesianum took over on downs at the 32-yard line.

Sussex Central took a 7-0 lead into halftime, but Salesianum emerged in the third quarter moving the ball down to the Knights' 12-yard line. The drive stalled when Ryan Stoehr's fourth down pass fell incomplete, halting Salesianum's drive.

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SPARTANS SPOILS GREEN KNIGHTS HOME OPENER

BY NICK HALLIDAY

The Green Knights traveled to Lake Forest last season and came home with a 33-0 loss. Mount was looking to avenge that loss as Lake Forest traveled north to Wilmington for this season's home opener.

After a back and forth first quarter, Mount Pleasant was able to get the scoring started. Laivyun Snow hit James Simmons on an out pattern, which Simmons took down the sideline making some moves while coasting into the end zone for a 48-yard touchdown. The extra point was unsuccessful giving the Green Knights a 6-0 late in the second quarter.

Lake Forest answered right back. A couple of minutes later Jaymeire Snell took a handoff on a sweep play and made some exceptional moves, making defenders miss as he went 66 yards for the touchdown. A failed extra

point brought the score to 6-6 and that is how the first half would end.

After the half, Lake Forest took the lead late in the third quarter. Snell scored his second touchdown of the game as Spartans quarterback Jonathan Tyndall hit him with a 34-yard touchdown pass. The Spartans then converted a successful two-point conversion giving them a 14-6 lead at the end of three quarters.

The Spartans struck again early in the fourth quarter. Ayden Young broke a run for 40 yards only to be tackled by the shoelace at the three-yard line. On the very next play, Young would plunge in for a three-yard touchdown run. Again the Spartan went for the two-point conversion and were successful pushing the lead to 22-6.

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