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WILL THIS REPUBLICAN IN SOLID BLUE DISTRICT WIN AGAIN?

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware's 9th Representative District is one of New Castle County's last remaining Republican holdouts, and Democrat **Terrell Williams**, an attorney, hopes to flip the seat blue in Delaware's Nov. 8 general election.

Rep. **Kevin Hensley**, a Republican, has represented the district where Democrats outnumber Republicans by nearly two-to-one since 2015.

The **district** runs along the Delaware Bayshore from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to just north of Woodland Beach, with Port Penn and Odessa in between. As of Sept. 2022, there are 9,625 registered Democrats

in the district, 5,756 registered Republicans and 5,098 who are unaffiliated or registered to a third party, according to the Department of Elections.

Hensley, a realtor who has overcome the Republican registration deficit in four elections, is confident he can do it again.

"I think that my message clearly resonates with Democrats and independents," Hensley said in an interview with Delaware LIVE News. "We typically earn about 32% of the Democratic vote and the majority of the independent vote, which is critical."

Hensley acknowledged that on paper, the task looks insurmountable, but his relationship with constituents is one that transcends party lines, he said.

While canvassing the neighborhoods in his district, Hensley said a great number of Democrats tell him, "Kevin, thank you for all you do in serving us—you're the only Republican I'll ever vote for."

"I'm very proud of that," Hensley said. "And I strive to continue to serve everybody in the community, no matter their political affiliation."

Williams, who is a public defender in Salem County, NJ, and a U.S. Army veteran, said Hensley's voting record doesn't align with that sentiment.

"I don't think his opponents in the past have spent a great deal of time focusing on Rep. Hensley's voting record," Williams said. "He's gotten away with pretending to be a nice guy and not really having to speak or defend his record."

"Well, he can't just hide behind the rumor of him being a nice guy. Kevin is going to have to actually talk and defend his legislative record."

That record, Williams said, is one of a politician who is wrong on abortion, wrong on gun control and wrong for his district's working class.

Hensley sees it differently. His primary focus in Dover has been improving the state's education system, he said. As a founding member of the MOT Charter School and former member of the Appoquinimink School District Board of Education, education is something he's been passionate about for his entire career.

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A LOOK AT BRANDYWINE'S CITY VS. SUBURBAN TEST SCORES

BY JAREK RUTZ

A look at the test scores of Brandywine School District's elementary schools shows why the state is focusing only on Wilmington children in its proposal for a program to raise student achievement in the city.

Brandywine school board member Kristin Pidgeon this week questioned why Brandywine's other eight elementaries—all in suburban schools—are not included in the [Wilmington Learning Collaborative](#). That program will invest \$7 million in the city elementaries in Brandywine, Red Clay and Christina school districts.

Pidgeon wanted to be able to see test scores for the city's [Harlan Elementary](#) and Brandywine's other elementaries. Several of those schools have city students bussed into them.

Here are the enrollment, attendance, demographics and test scores for all nine elementary schools in Bran-

dywine School District. Attendance rate refers to the percentage of students who missed less than 10% of school days in a year (click link below).

They show that Harlan's achievement rates rank far below the other Brandywine schools, with one exception in math, and even that's slightly better than Harlan.

[Laurisa Schutt](#), executive director of First State Educate, a Delaware education advocacy group, said people are getting hung up on little details trying to make the learning collaborative perfect. That's only delaying the process and causing more harm to the students who are waiting for change, she said.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR DELAWARE STATE AUDITOR



BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

In the race for state auditor, Delawareans have two choices: Democrat **Lydia York**, a career accountant and attorney, and Republican **Janice Lorrh**, an attorney who rose to prominence by suing Delaware's governor over his COVID-era school mask mandate.

Both say they're running to restore integrity to the Office of the Auditor—a position that traditionally doesn't get much attention, but in recent years, has become a focal point in Delaware politics.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8. For a list of candidates running for other positions, click [HERE](#).

Incumbent state auditor Kathy McGuiness, who York handily **defeated** in a stunning primary election, was **convicted** in July on two corruption charges—a story that kept Delaware's political reporters busy for the better part of a year.

But the spotlight on McGuiness didn't begin with her legal woes. When she ran for the position, one of her key priorities was increasing awareness of the office and all it's tasked to do. She achieved that goal, albeit in a way she probably didn't intend. York and Lorrh are less interested in the spotlight, they said.

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STATE SEEKS INPUT ON PLAN FOR COOCH'S BRIDGE SITE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The 1777 [Battle of Cooch's Bridge](#) was the only one fought on Delaware soil and the first time that the Stars and Stripes were flown in battle. With such a storied history, you might be surprised to learn you could have a say in the site's future.

Well, you do. The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will hold three public workshops in October to gather input and design an interpretive plan. The historic site is located at [961 South Old Baltimore Pike](#) in Newark.

"The goal is to create a site where the interpretation is really community driven and includes the more expansive history of the site while putting a laser focus on what people want to see and hear from us as we build from the ground up," said site manager Kaitlyn Dykes.

Dykes and others are working with consultant [Robert Forloney](#) of the Cultural Institution to prepare a document that will assess the needs of the site. The document will outline goals relating to administration and management, visitor experience, community and stakeholder engagement and possible design options for what the site might ultimately look like.

"Most places don't get to do that because most historic sites are already established by the time they reach out to the community," Dykes said. "We're in a very cool spot where we get to reach out to the community first to build the foundation."

The goal is to have a plan completed in 2023.

The public is encouraged to participate in upcoming public workshops in October 2022. Two workshops will

be held in person, and one will be held virtually:

- Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 6–8 p.m. In person at the [Buena Vista Conference Center](#), 661 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle. Free and open to the public
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, 10 a.m.–noon. In person at the Buena Vista Conference Center, 661 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle. Free and open to the public
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, 6–8 p.m. Virtual workshop streamed live via Zoom. Free but registration required by going to this [link](#).

For additional information, call the Cooch's Bridge Historic Site at 302-922-7116 or email CBmuseum@delaware.gov.

The Cooch's Bridge Historic Site has multiple components, including the Cooch Homestead and Cooch-Dayett Mill complex.

The homestead, which includes a 10-acre parcel with the historic home and outbuildings, was the focal point for the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. The mill complex includes the circa-1830s mill, miller's house, outbuildings and the right-of-way access to the mill race and dams along the Christina River.

The current mill is the third in a succession of grist mills built by the family in the area, with the first dating to the mid-18th century. That portion of the property spans more than 60 acres and includes preserved lands such as a floodplain, meadows and a leased agricultural field.

Both components of the property help tell the agricultural and industrial story in and around Newark and illuminate the lives of those who worked and lived in the area.



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FOOD & DINING

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BEACH'S ICONIC SUMMER HOUSE SOLD TO NALU'S OWNER

BY BETSY PRICE

When Regan Derrickson was 21, he left work at the SandCastle Motel and crossed Rehoboth Avenue for his doorman shift at the **Summer House**, where he checked patrons' identification. It was a fast-paced job.

The restaurant, which had opened in 1977, was a happening nightspot after 9 p.m. The establishment personified the beach vibe, and it was the inspiration behind **Nalu Surf Bar & Grill**, the fun tropical-themed eatery that Derrickson and wife Kim own in Dewey Beach and Rehoboth.

Now things have come full circle for Derrickson. This month, he purchased the iconic Summer House.

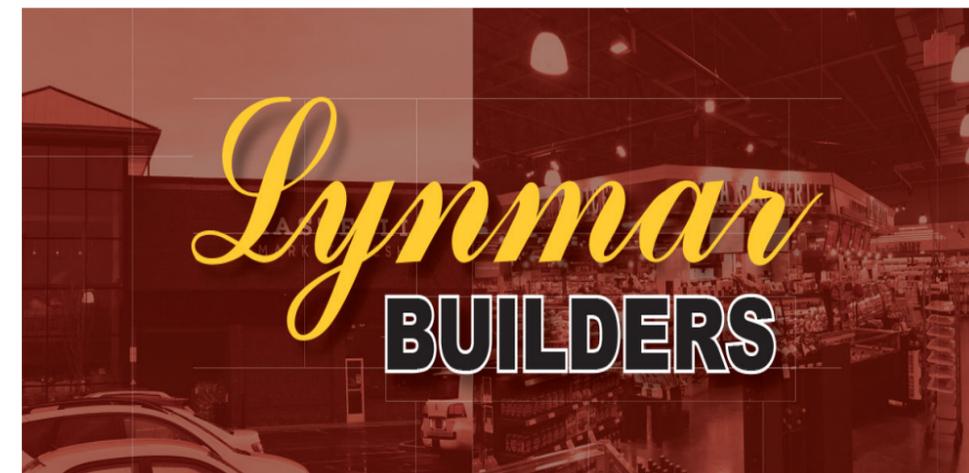
"It means so much to me and so many people," he says. "It's surreal."

A SUMMER LEGACY

When the Summer House opened in the late 1970s, it was a "fern bar" with gleaming wood trim and upscale cuisine. Indeed, Morning News critic Otto Dekom called it "elegant."

However, even near the start, the restaurant had a split personality.

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GROUND BROKEN ON NEW KENT COUNTY FAMILY COURT

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Just three months after the groundbreaking of **Sussex County's** new Family Court building, officials gathered in Dover Thursday to kick off construction of Kent County's Family Court.

The \$117.7 million, three-story, 106,711 square-foot building, located at the corner of South Governors Avenue and Water Street, will be more than three times larger than the existing courthouse—expansion officials say is well needed.

To maximize design and construction efficiency and ultimately save money, the state used the same general layout and plans for the projects in Kent and Sussex counties. Both buildings will have the same number of courtrooms and similar safety features, though the exterior of each is different to fit in with the unique historic surroundings of each community.

Sean O'Sullivan, chief of community relations for **Delaware Courts**, told Delaware LIVE News the existing Family Court facilities have been deficient for at

least 20 years. Because it deals with intra-family conflict, the Family Court handles some of the judiciary's most contentious and emotionally-charged proceedings, O'Sullivan said. In the existing courtrooms, "you could literally reach your hand out and touch the person sitting at the defense or prosecution table."

That's especially problematic during divorce proceedings and hearings for people seeking protection from abuse orders, he added.

"Same thing in the waiting areas," O'Sullivan said. "You're having these parties who, obviously, have some serious issues with each other, and they're literally sitting right next to each other."

The result, he said, is courts that are unsafe by modern court standards, ultimately causing issues for attorneys, litigants and court staff.

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WILMINGTON LAUNCHES POLICE CADET APPRENTICESHIP

BY BETSY PRICE

The Wilmington Police Department is re-establishing its Police Cadet apprenticeship program. Open to young adults 18 to 21 years old, the initiative will give participants experience working directly with police officers and community members. The department last offered an apprenticeship program in the 1990s.

“We are excited to re-start our department’s historic Police Cadet Program, with an eye towards bolstering

relationships with young adults in the community and providing valuable experience to those who might be considering a career in policing,” said Chief Robert J. Tracy. “This program will also expand upon our community engagement efforts as we plan to mobilize cadets during community events alongside our officers.”

Cadets will be paid as part-time city employees and rotate their work schedule through various police de-

partment divisions and units. Following a comprehensive training program, they will provide support to sworn officers for various assignments, conduct traffic control at special events, assist with recruiting, attend community meetings and assist with special events such as parades and concerts.

POLICE CADET DETAILS

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, a valid state identification and the ability to work evenings. They will undergo a background investigation, drug screening, medical examination and interviews. Cadets will receive uniforms that are distinct and different from those worn by officers, as well as equipment.

Mayor Mike Purzycki said he is pleased the Cadet Program had been restarted. The city needs to familiarize young adults with the work of the police as well as offer valuable experience, he said. Wilmington has made great gains in recent years to diversify the police force, the mayor said, but the city needs to continue to try and interest young people in a law enforcement career.

Apply [HERE](#). For more information, contact Lt. Andrea Janvier at 302-576-3174 or Andrea.janvier@cj.state.de.u.



MAIL-IN VOTING RULING ON HOLD PENDING SUPREME COURT APPEAL

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

The Delaware Department of Elections will be allowed to continue processing mail-in voting applications and preparing ballots while it appeals last week's Chancery Court **decision** rendering the new law unconstitutional. The department will not be allowed to mail ballots to voters.

In a letter opinion Monday, Vice Chancellor Nathan Cook granted the Department of Elections' request to stay his ruling pending the outcome of the Supreme Court appeal.

"My injunction in this matter was compelled by an advisory decision from five decades ago that, in turn, cited precedent from eight decades ago."

Without the stay, Cook wrote, if the Supreme Court revisits that precedent and concludes that the vote-by-mail statute is constitutional, "Delaware voters will be denied the opportunity to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming General Election by all constitutional

means," something he said would be a "grave injustice."

The Supreme Court will hear arguments Oct. 5—just days before the Oct. 10 deadline to decide whether or not to use the method in the upcoming general election.

If the Chancery Court ruling is upheld, Cook said, the Department of Elections will need to notify mail-in ballot applicants that they will need to vote in person in November's general election.

Last week, Cook ruled that the way mail-in voting **became law** put it at odds with the state Constitution and that it cannot be used in November's general election.

In an 87-page opinion, Cook relied on legal precedent: A 1972 Supreme Court advisory opinion that said it is "beyond the power of the Legislature" to limit or expand the Constitution's list of reasons an elector can cast an absentee ballot.

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IS DESANTIS SENDING IMMIGRANTS TO SUSSEX COUNTY?

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Media swarmed Georgetown’s Delaware Coastal Airport Tuesday following reports that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis planned to send a plane full of undocumented immigrants to President Joe Biden’s home state.

The plane never arrived.

Just last week, DeSantis **ordered** two planes of migrants to Martha’s Vineyard, where former President Barack Obama has a vacation home.

On Tuesday, it appeared to be happening again. A Fairchild Dornier 328JET—the same type sent to Martha’s Vineyard—was set to take off from East Texas Regional Airport in Fairview, Texas at 6:58 a.m. CDT.

But according to flight tracking software **Flightradar24**, the plane didn’t take off until 1:30 p.m.

From East Texas Regional, it was scheduled to fly to Kelly Field in San Antonio, TX, presumably to pick up

the immigrants, then depart for Bob Sikes Airport in Crestview, FL, before heading to Georgetown.

The plane didn’t end up flying to San Antonio—it went to Nashville, TN. East Texas Regional’s airport director, Roy Miller, said he believed the plane was going to be “crew-only,” meaning there would not be additional passengers on board.

For that reason, unless the plane picked up passengers in Nashville (which did not see any arrivals Tuesday from San Antonio, or anywhere in Texas) it’s unlikely to have had undocumented immigrants on board.

Nevertheless, Gov. John Carney’s office says it continues to prepare for the possibility of migrants arriving in Delaware unannounced.

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NEXT IN MCGUINNESS SAGA: SENTENCING

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A sentencing date has been set in the case of state auditor **Kathy McGuinness**.

In July, McGuinness was found **guilty** on charges of conflict of interest, official misconduct and structuring to avoid compliance with procurement law. The structuring charge was later **dismissed** by the judge. She will be sentenced on the conflict of interest and official misconduct charges Wednesday, Oct. 19.

McGuinness sought **re-election** despite her legal woes, but was unsuccessful. Attorney and accountant Lydia York **defeated** McGuinness in a landslide, taking more than 70% of the vote.

“While our re-election campaign ends, please know how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to serve

the people of our state, even under the most challenging of circumstances,” McGuinness said in a press statement Sunday.

“I look forward to the days ahead and more time spent towards the important work of further clearing my name from the falsehoods and attacks which have come relentlessly over the last year.”

After sentencing, McGuinness has said she plans to appeal her convictions to the Delaware Supreme Court.

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MEET DSU'S FIRST TERRANCE NEWTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Jaden Rivera dropped his phone on his lap and started crying when he got the phone call that he was being given a new scholarship. Ja'ron Hunt screamed in excitement when he got the same call, knowing the money will help him earn a career in teaching where he can be the kind of Black male leader he aspires to be.

Both Delaware State University seniors were awarded the first Terrance Newton Scholarships.

The new scholarship honors Terrance Newton, a life-long Delawarean and longtime educator and community leader in Red Clay who died in March 2022 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

His death shocked the community. "Newt" was a DSU grad known for many things, including welcoming Warner Elementary students to school each morning with smiles, hugs and encouragement.

"Discovering some of the selfless acts and community efforts he was able to do while he was here, just made me even more appreciative and proud to receive the scholarship," said Hunt of Seaford. "He inspires me as an educator and he represented someone not just going to work for a paycheck, but to make a difference in the lives around him."

Rivera also said the scholarship meant more because of its namesake.

"Just to have my name in the same sentence as somebody that was as prolific as him in the Wilmington community is extraordinary," Rivera said. "His impact is something I want to replicate as I create my own legacy and as I'm carrying on his."

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LEARNING COLLAB OFFICIALS WANT DEAL SIGNED BEFORE NOVEMBER

BY JAREK RUTZ

Wilmington Learning Collaborative officials are asking its member districts for a definitive vote by the end of October.

“We have asked for a vote in October because we really need to get the board appointed, get the executive director hired, and that’s going to take some time,” said Jon Sheehan, chief of policy and senior advisor to the governor, during Red Clay’s school board meeting Wednesday.

“Pushing it beyond October just really, really complicates things and doesn’t give us the chance to do that robust planning that’s needed,” he said.

A fifth version of the Learning Collab’s memorandum of understanding will be finalized within the next two weeks and will be distributed individually to Red Clay, Brandywine and Christina school districts.

“Then we can start this incredibly important planning collaboratively,” Education Secretary Mark Holodick told Delaware LIVE this week. “When the final vote occurs, we can finally move forward and get to work, rather than just talking about it.”

Originally, the boards were expected to vote on the **draft agreement** during the summer, but board member concerns over legal liability, the line of authority, funding and suburban school involvement have delayed what Learning Collab officials had hoped to be the first rollout year.

As with previous board meetings, several members of the public spoke to share their support for the collaborative and the urgency for the districts to sign the agreement and begin working.

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LEARNING COLLAB: BRANDYWINE BYPASSES VOTE AGAIN

BY JAREK RUTZ

Brandywine School District’s Board of Education has once again bypassed a vote on whether the district should join the **Wilmington Learning Collaborative**.

During the school board’s Monday meeting, board members cited concerns over the collaborative’s governance structure and who would be responsible if the collaborative fails. The board did not indicate whether a vote would take place during its next meeting on Oct. 17.

Board member Kristin Pidgeon said she was wary about Brandywine’s suburban schools not being included in the plan. If established, the collaborative would include eight Wilmington elementary schools from **Brandywine**, **Christina** and **Red Clay** school districts, but not schools located outside of the city.

During a joint meeting in late August, the same concerns held by Brandywine’s board members were shared by members of the other districts.

Some officials stressed that the districts shouldn’t rush into an agreement until everyone’s worries are addressed, while others expressed a sense of urgency to sign the 19-page draft agreement, saying they would iron out the details once everyone is committed.

The most updated **memorandum of understanding**, published Sept. 12, is the fourth version of the draft. Officials had originally hoped to sign the agreement by the end of summer.

MORE CONCERNS WITH THE LEARNING COLLAB

“I think some districts still have questions and concerns surrounding the school leadership and the complexities of supervision of our school principals,” board President John Skrobot said Monday. “They’re being asked to relinquish a lot of that supervision.”

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“I think that it’s a topic that’s always referred to but never exactly has that made sense to me or a lot of students,” Cho said. “There’s always a pressure to prepare for college but I don’t think there is explicit support and guidance on how to do that.”

Cho’s parents migrated to America from South Korea in 2000. He said many immigrant students and students of color have a difficult time navigating the college application process, especially since many of them are first generation college students in America.

“The system is wildly different, and I had to find a lot of the information by myself, and it was a hard journey,” he said. “It’s a lot of tough information and it’s not something that’s easy to navigate or a clear path that you can follow.”

Cho also hopes to mitigate the disparities between white students and minority students. To do that, he said, power needs to be held by the students.

“Often, the adults in these systems don’t necessarily know what exactly the students want, and they can get a basic picture of it, but a student truly knows what they need and what they want,” he said. “I want to really focus on the minority student experience and how to fix the issues and barriers that they face, and really just amplify their voice in a space that they often aren’t heard.”

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BY JAREK RUTZ

Columbia University hopeful Nathan Cho is not going to miss his shot. He’s been eyeing a spot on the Delaware Board of Education for years and now Gov. **John Carney** has appointed the **Conrad Schools of Science** senior to the board. His first meeting was last week.

Cho said he hopes to emphasize college readiness, especially for immigrant and first-generation college students.

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member to exclusively focus on environmental literacy. Klawinski defines environmental literacy as a result of meaningful environmental education. The first part of environmental education, he said, is studying and creating initiatives related to outdoor education and getting kids and adults back outdoors throughout the year.

The other element, Klawinski said, is sustainability, and teaching or practicing with students the best practices for keeping a healthy ecosystem for animals and plants. Environmental literacy is achieved when an environmental education program is meaningful and systemic, he said.

“It’s not just reading books in the classroom,” he said. “It means actually being involved and taking actions and going from what you learn in the class to applying those practices in your community to actually make a difference.”

This commitment to bettering the environment throughout someone’s life is what makes a person environmentally literate, Klawinski said.

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BY JAREK RUTZ

Caesar Rodney School District is the only district in the country to be awarded a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for habitat restoration and education. The district will use that \$227,000 to continue to restore underutilized space on 14 public school campuses within the district.

To do that, it will revitalize the EcoTeam Volunteer Corps, use traditional coursework, district professional development and community outreach, grow a network of community partners and even hire students as seasonal workers.

“How do students really understand the impact of humans on nature if all they do is study in the classroom,” asked Dr. Todd Klawinski, Caesar Rodney’s environmental education specialist. He is the district’s first staff

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GOLDEN KNIGHTS DEFEAT HODGSON TO GIVE WELLS HIS 200TH WIN

BY BENNY MITCHELL

Sussex Central head football coach John Wells will forever remember career win number 200. Not so much for the milestone, but for the dramatic fashion in how his team won.

“A pick six, a scoop and score, turnovers in the first half surely didn’t look like we would win this game, but these guys stepped up in the second half and got it done,” Wells said.

Trailing 28-21 at halftime, Sussex Central scored six touchdowns in the second half for a 54-34 win.

The Golden Knights led 14-7 early in the second quarter on touchdowns by Reif Steen and Andrew Long before Hodgson answered with three straight scores. The Silver Eagles’ Jace Hawkins scored on runs of two

and 10 yards, followed by a 42 yard interception return by Logan Peck. P.J. Henry returned the ensuing kickoff 68 yards as the Silver Eagles took a 28-21 lead into half-time.

Sussex Central came out of the intermission scoring the next four scores of the game with three of them by Henry. Henry scored on runs of 60, 6 and 76 yards. Malik Bell added a 29-yard run for a touchdown.

Hawkins scored on a three-yard run for Hodgson to close the game to 40-34 late in the fourth quarter, but Long’s 60-yard touchdown run and Bell’s 46-yarder put the game away for Sussex Central.

Sussex Central improves to 3-0 and was idle this week before traveling to Smyrna on Sept. 30 for its Class AAA



District 2 opener. Hodgson falls to 1-2 and hosted William Penn on Saturday.

“There have been a lot of players, a lot of coaches through the years that have contributed to the 200 wins. People like Dave Marvel and Derrick Layfield who have been with me for many years,” Wells said.

Wells also has over 400 wins as Sussex Central’s softball coach. He has won state championships in both sports.

“I have been very blessed,” Wells said.





BY NICK HALLIDAY

The Reading Fightin Phils have named Billy Sullivan FirstEnergy Pitcher of the Year. Sullivan spent the entire season with Reading as he made its opening day roster. He had an impressive season filling in many roles for the Fightins.

Sullivan spent most of the year coming out of the bullpen as a long reliever, closer and even made two starts. He finished the season with a 4.20 ERA in 49.1 innings pitched totaling 74 strikeouts. Sullivan's best month of the summer for Reading came in July when he boasted a 0.96 ERA, allowing just one run and striking out 15 batters.

SULLIVAN NAMED READING PHILS PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Since being drafted by the Phillies in 2020 out of the University of Delaware, Sullivan has a cumulative 3.98 ERA in 74.2 innings. He owns a 6-2 record to go along with seven career saves. The most impressive stat is he has totaled 112 strikeouts over those 74.2 innings pitched.

Sullivan's velocity sits around 94-97 mph and at times he can get up to 99. He also boasts a slider that helps keep batters swinging and missing. Matt Wilkekman from Philliesminorthoughts.com writes "His control will ultimately be the separator as to whether he is pitching high leverage innings or is a AAAA up and down reliever. he could move quickly to AAA and the majors, as the Phillies have both a need for high octane bullpen arms and a propensity to move those arms quickly if they show success"

Sullivan is a native of New Castle, DE. He played his high school baseball at Saint Mark's High School. He was drafted as a senior coming out of high school by the Phillies, but he decided to play college baseball at the University of Delaware. Sullivan was then signed by the Phillies as a free agent in 2020 coming out of college.



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KILBY SCORES FOUR TOUCHDOWNS TO LEAD SENATORS IN DISTRICT WIN

BY BENNY MITCHELL

Jakwon Kilby carried the ball 20 times for 158 yards and scored four touchdowns, leading the Dover Senators to a 33-12 win over Cape Henlopen Friday night.

“It’s really nice to have a player like Jakwon Kilby on your team. He is a power runner and he did a nice job finishing off drives tonight,” Dover head coach Chip Knapp said.

Cape Henlopen drove inside the Dover 40 on the opening drive of the game, but the drive stalled there as the Senators took over after an incomplete fourth down pass.

Seven plays later Kilby scored on a four-yard run with 2:42 to play in the first quarter. Brandon Yoder added the PAT as the Senators took a 7-0 lead.

Dover appeared to be ready to thwart another Cape Henlopen drive, but a roughing the passer penalty gave the Vikings a first down. Three plays later on a third and 13, Maurki James carried the ball inside the five-yard line. Two plays later, James scored on a one-yard run. Dover blocked the PAT kick clinging to a 7-6 lead.

Dover answered with a 12-play, 80-yard drive using nearly six minutes capped off by a 15-yard run by Kilby for a touchdown with just 58 seconds to play in the half. Yoder added the PAT as Dover took a 14-6 lead into halftime.

Kilby added two more touchdowns in the third quarter with runs of one and five yards. The Senators were un-

able to convert on both PATs as Dover extended its lead to 26-6 late in the third quarter.

Shameek Morris added a one-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter for Dover and Keishawn Mansfield closed out the scoring with a 25-yard run for the Vikings.

Dover amassed 320 yards of total offense with 263 coming on the ground. Nahseem Cosme completed all eight of his pass attempts for 57 yards. John Parker caught six of those passes for 48 yards.

“Our offense did a very good job of limiting the mistakes tonight, we didn’t shoot ourselves in the foot like we have in some earlier games this season,” Knapp said.

Dover held James to 69 yards on 19 carries in the game. In the previous three games, James has averaged over 100 per game.

“The defense kept themselves in good positions tonight to make plays. They kept a really good running back in Maurki James from getting going tonight,” Knapp said.

Dover improves to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in District 2. Dover will host Caesar Rodney next Saturday with a noon kickoff. Cape Henlopen fell to 2-2 overall and 0-1 in district play and will be idle next week, and then travel to Delmar on Oct. 7.

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TOP-RANKED CAVALIERS SECURE WIN WITH BIG PLAYS

BY NICK HALLIDAY

The Appoquinimink Jaguars have never beaten their district rival Middletown (on the field) in football since the Jags started playing on the varsity level in 2009. That streak continued Friday night in a “hard fought” game at Appo high. The defending state champs scored on two long plays to secure a 14-0 win in front of a capacity crowd of more than 2,300.

Noah Kracyla returned the opening kickoff 61 yards from his nine to the Jags 30, giving the Cavs excellent field position to start the game. However, the Appo defense rose to the occasion, stopping Middletown on a short run and three straight incomplete passes. Then it was the Daniel McConomey show. The junior halfback carried the ball on nine consecutive plays, gaining nearly 50 yards to the Cavalier 24, but the Cavs held on downs. The two defenses continued to dictate the flow

of the game until the Jags punted early in the second quarter and Michael Pearson returned the kick 86 yards for the only touchdown of the first half.

At halftime, Appo outgained Middletown 128 yards to 17 plus the Jags’ “ball control” offense ran 32 plays to 13 for the Cavs, but the number that counted the most was the 7-0 lead for Middletown.

The Cavalier pass attack came to life in the second half as Austin Troyer and Ty’ Hynson hooked up on an 84-yard catch-and-run to give Middletown a 14-0 lead. Troyer ended up completing nine of 22 attempts for 171 yards and a touchdown. He has passed for over 500 yards in three games so far this season.

The Jaguars advanced inside the Cavs’ 10-yard line only once and could not score against the “bend-but-don’t-break” Middletown defense. McConomey ended

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the night with 154 yards on 44 carries to lead the Jags. He has 533 rushing yards and six touchdowns in three games.

Not counting last year’s forfeit win, this was the closest game between the two schools since the Middletown 14-13 victory in 2019.

The Jaguars fell to 0-1 in District 1 (1-2 overall) and will travel a few miles north Saturday to face St. Georges Tech in another District 1 contest. Middletown (1-0/2-1) will travel to Ohio for a meeting with Washington High next Friday night in a game to be played at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.

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BY JASON WINCHELL

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