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CENTRAL DELAWARE CHAMBER SEEKS CHANGES IN PAID LEAVE REGS

BY SAM HAUT

The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce is asking the Delaware Department of Labor to address concerns that small businesses have with proposed family medical leave regulations. In a letter dated Wednesday, the chamber asks for an immediate pause on the implementation of the regulations for a minimum of 60 to 90 days because of issues the chamber says will harm many of its 850 members. The letter, signed by Brian Stetina, chairman of the chamber's Board of Directors, included a five-page document detailing specific issues in the proposed regulation.

Those issues ranged from not properly defining an employer or an average weekly wage to wanting a written notice before the division starts penalizing businesses violating the act and making sure all days in the regulation are in business days. Judy Diogo, a consultant and former president of the Central Delaware Chamber, said

in an interview Thursday that the issues the chamber raised involve the negative impact it will have on small businesses.

“There’s a lot of criteria there, there are timetables, reports have to be turned in at different intervals... they’re talking about notices,” Diogo said. “They’re talking about the businesses being the one to either approve or deny a leave of absence. Those things are really hard when you have a business...but you don’t actually have an HR department...There’s just a lot of moving pieces to it.”

Christopher Counihan, the director of the Division of Paid Leave, said that there are some complaints they received from the chamber that they will be taking into consideration when they publish the rules July 1. The regulations take effect 10 days after that.

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STATE REP: WE MUST TEACH FINANCIAL LITERACY IN SCHOOL

BY JAREK RUTZ

A Republican legislature has made it his mission to educate Delaware's youth on finances. Rep. Jeff Hilovsky, R-Millsboro, has proposed a bill that would require public schools to teach financial literacy, which is essentially how to make smart decisions about money.

"I've kind of taken this on as a badge of honor," he said. Hilovsky said he has noticed his students had a significant lack of awareness about anything financial in his experience as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri and Salus University in Elkins Park, PA.

Several legislators and a school board member hailed the idea.

"Americans typically face a variety of financial struggles, such as difficulty budgeting, saving and investing, as well as difficulty understanding credit and debt," said Naveed Baqir, a board member of [Christina School District](#). "They also struggle to make informed decisions

about their financial future, leading to costly mistakes and missed opportunities."

Rep. Ruth Briggs King, R-Georgetown, said better preparation and understanding of finances will result in better outcomes for most students.

"We frequently hear that poor financial decisions at an early age result in staggering debt for many people," she said. "A mistake on student loans, payday and title loans can last a lifetime." It's important to note the elements of financial literacy will include critical reading, math skills and other education standards and will complement instruction in a practical manner, she said.

Most high schools used to require a few weeks of financial literacy classes, which included a bit of how the economy worked, but also practical matters such as saving and checking accounts, check-writing, paying bills, the use of credit cards, how interest is earned, the

value of budgets and more. Those classes began fading away in the 1980s, along with home economics and typing (which was replaced by keyboarding and taught in elementary schools).

Hilovsky plans to circulate his proposed bill for additional sponsors in the General Assembly and formally introduce it to the General Assembly soon. It will require high schools to provide a minimum of a half-credit course on financial literacy, beginning with students entering ninth grade in the 2025-2026 school year. Students will need to pass the course to graduate and earn their diploma.

He points out that data shows 60% of U.S. households live paycheck to paycheck, 40% of Americans have less than \$300 in savings, 33% of Americans have saved nothing for retirement, 95% of Americans have not saved enough for retirement and 87% of American teens admit to not understanding their finances.

"Teaching financial literacy in schools is something that I've been supportive of for many years," said Sen. Brian Pettyjohn, R-Georgetown. "Too many times, our youth fail to understand the consequences of their financial decisions once they become adults." Giving them the tools to make wise decisions about their finances is extremely important for their long-term success, he said.

Schools can adopt individual curricula to meet the requirement.

"It's probably going to be a little bit different instruction like in a town like Laurel versus somebody in center city Wilmington," Hilovsky said. "Their life experiences are different so I think they should have the right to pick and choose which individual subjects they're going to teach within the course."

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JEEP TO STOP SENDING GAS-POWERED WRANGLERS TO DE DEALERS

BY SAM HAUT

As DNREC mulls proposed electric vehicle regulations, Jeep dealers in Delaware may see the flow of new cars altered immediately. Santosh Viswanathan, CEO of Lakeshore Motor Co. in Seaford, said dealers were told by Jeep about two weeks ago that soon they will no longer get regular orders of gas-powered Jeep Wranglers. Instead, dealers will be sent Jeep Wranglers 4xe, the electric version of a Wrangler.

Viswanathan said dealers expect the same thing to happen with other Jeep models.

“They haven’t spoken too much about the rest of the models, but I’m sure others will follow,” Viswanathan said. “Our main concern was, and many of my fellow Jeep dealers’ concerns, was the Wranglers because they are the best selling lineup in the Jeep brand.”

The cheapest 2023 Jeep Wrangler Lakeshore Motor

Co. has available costs \$48,895, while the cheapest 4xe Wrangler costs \$59,130. The reason for the change, Viswanathan said, is because Delaware agreed to follow the lead of California on the Advanced Clean Car II rules, something he thinks should have gone through the legislature.

“Normally things of this magnitude are run through the legislature,” Viswanathan said. “But in this particular case, we’ve farmed that job out to the Department of Natural Resources, whereby an appointed secretary of DNREC is going to impose, unilaterally, DNREC’s policies, rules and procedures on the public...People in the legislature are not going to have any say in this.”

Lakeshore Motor Co. now has five electric Jeep Wranglers and four plug-in hybrids available for sale out of 56 vehicles in its new inventory, and no electric

vehicles in its used inventory of 46 vehicles.

While Jeep will stop sending bulk orders of gas Wranglers, Viswanathan said they will still send dealerships Wranglers if requested, but it could take up to 90 days to receive the vehicle.

Under the [proposed regulations](#), which DNREC closed the public comment period on May 26, car dealerships in Delaware would need to have 35% of new vehicles be electric by 2025, and then increase that by about 8% each year, until it gets to 100% by 2035.

Several other states, including Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington State already have adopted similar regulations. [Colorado](#) is holding stakeholder meetings throughout 2023 while it considers the rules.

Asked how he’d feel about the rule if it had been voted on by the legislature, Viswanathan said he didn’t want to speculate but that the legislature is more deliberative.

“Some of the outcomes that come from deliberation tend to be more of what the public might desire and want,” he said.

Viswanathan is also the chairman of the legislative affairs committee for the Delaware Automobile and Truck Dealers’ Association and a managing partner at Willis Ford Smyrna.

Elton Caballero, a sales representative with the Preston Auto Group in Wilmington, said they have heard the same thing from Jeep, but also don’t know when the change will happen.

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HERE'S HOW MUCH COVID MONEY DISTRICTS, CHARTERS HAVE SPENT

BY JAREK RUTZ

Districts and charters have until Sept. 30, 2024, to spend more than half a billion dollars that was provided for COVID-19 pandemic relief. Delaware received \$637,239,246 in the \$122 billion federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, or ESSER Funds. Distributed in three separate rounds, ESSER Funds which were allocated across three separate rounds and part of the American Rescue Plan Act, better known as ARPA.

The first round of funds were distributed in March 2020 as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, and Delaware received \$43,492,752. The second round of funding—part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations, or CRRSA Act—was allocated in December 2020, with Delaware receiving \$182,885,104. In March 2021, the third round gave Delaware \$410,733,965.

Data on how much each district and charter received as well as how they divided the funds and how much money they have remaining, can be found in a portal on the [Department of Education's](#) online [ESSER Financial Transparency Report](#).

Laurisa Schutt, executive director of advocacy group [First State Educate](#), critiqued the fact that it takes half a dozen clicks on the department's website and some practice using the portal for the public to be able to get to the information on how schools spent the enormous amount of money.

Schools divide the funds into a plethora of categories, such as learning loss, technology, mental health, facility repairs, air quality, equitable services, summer learning, sanitation, professional development and more.

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BRANDYWINE STUDENTS DESIGN, MAKE LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Students in the Brandywine School District's elementaries are getting easier access to wholesome books—and some extra school spirit—with new Little Free Libraries adorned with school mascots.

The project also generated real-world experience for the high school engineering and design students who designed and built them—plus some bonding time with their young clients.

“I really just want there to be access to good books,” said Dina P. Evans, the reading specialist at Mt. Pleasant Elementary who came up with the idea. “It’s been awesome. A great collaboration across generations.”

She got quick support from the district, which bought the basic structures for about \$300 each. She also got

about \$3,000 from a fundraising campaign on Donor-Choose to buy books.

Evans wanted the libraries to start out with books geared toward students in kindergarten through fifth grade that promote mindfulness, equity, cultural diversity, LGBTQ issues and social emotional learning. The last concept helps students cope and respond to issues they’re facing in life. The selection includes picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, nonfiction works and poetry. “Poetry is a great motivator for struggling readers,” she said. “It offers quick satisfaction.”

They’re libraries, so books will come and go—and sometimes quickly. The three dozen books—symbolically, one for each kindergartner—at Hanby Elementary

dropped to four in the first week. Readers often bring books to the Little Free Libraries to share, and Evans said she has set up a core group of teachers to ensure that what’s put in is kid-friendly.

School libraries are open in the summer, and schools host multiple activities then. And all but one library, in Maple Lane Elementary, will be outdoors, offering even more access to books. In April, Maple Lane was the first library to be complete, with last ones expected in June.

Carrcroft Elementary already had a Little Free Library, so it was not involved in project. Leaders at Lombardy Elementary have asked for a second.

Evans is already thinking about an encore for next year: have the high schoolers build libraries from scratch, rather than modify kids, for the district’s early learning centers. “I have a passion for reading.”

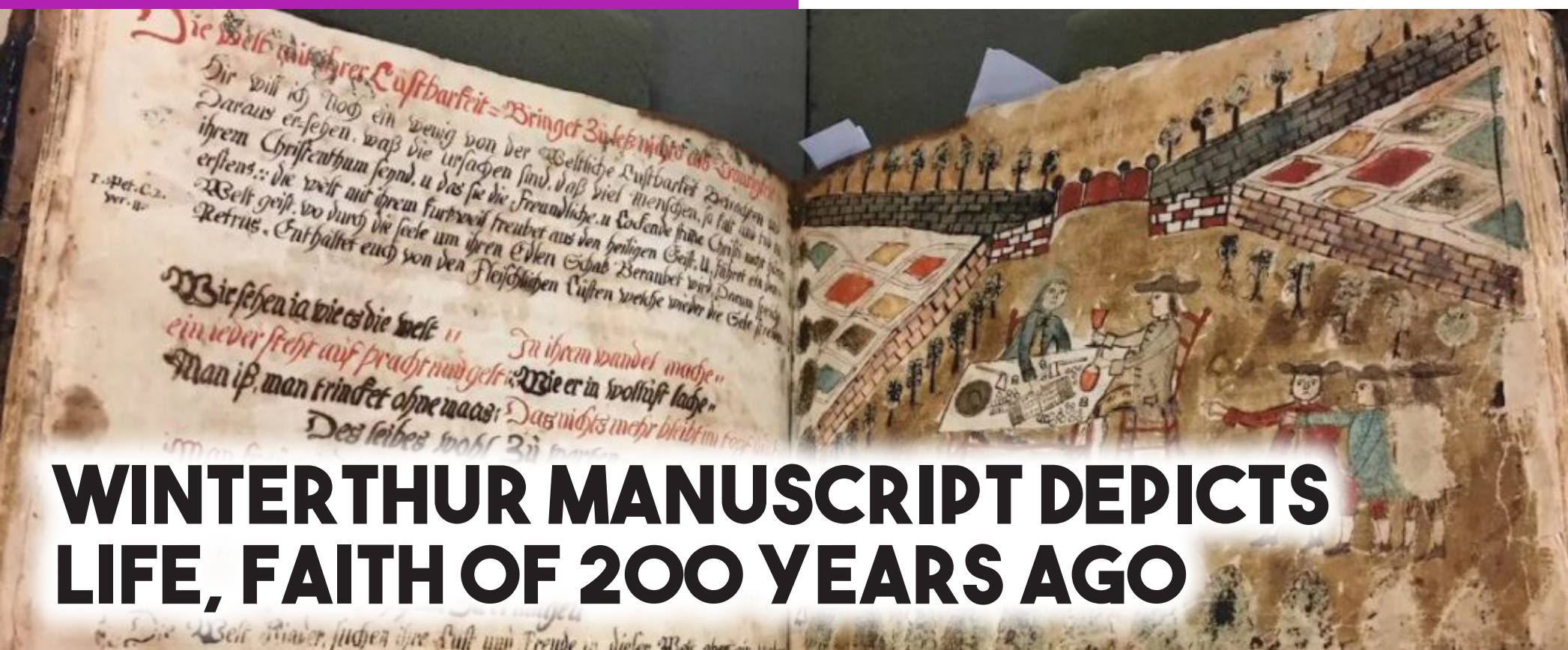
ENGINEERING PRACTICUM

The high schoolers completed the libraries as part of engineering classes taught by Jordan Estock at Concord, Creighton Anderson at Mt. Pleasant and Judson Wagner at Brandywine, who were asked to share the names of the students and photos of their projects.

The students had to plan their approach, starting out with the problem statement, then the criteria it had to fill, the target values for these criteria (measurable, quantifiable and observable things that can be tested) and constraints (time and money most of all).

For Maple Lane, Concord students Jalen Caesar and David Ennis had to ensure the very long wings of their owl were sturdy. And they reflected on what they learned—and what they would do in the future.

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WINTERTHUR MANUSCRIPT DEPICTS LIFE, FAITH OF 200 YEARS AGO

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

A shoemaker's remarkable record of life, art, music and faith in 18th-century Pennsylvania has a new home at Winterthur, and it's also on its way online.

"There's no manuscript like this that has survived," said Marie-Stéphanie Delamaire, who is leading the project to understand and digitize a manuscript created by Ludwig Denig.

The understanding included a recent half-day multidisciplinary study day at Winterthur. The manuscript, begun in 1784, is too fragile to display. "Given the document's fragility, each turn of the page threatens its physical integrity," Winterthur said in announcing the study day and explaining the importance of the digitalization and enhancing interpretation of its various facets.

Ludwig was born in 1755 in Lancaster. He started the manuscript in the 1780s and he died in 1830 in Chambersburg, where he also worked as an apothecary.

The work includes more than 300 pages made from rag paper and leather bindings that he did himself. Some pages are blank, and others incomplete, with perhaps an illustration and title but no text.

"His Pietist leanings and his connections to both Lutheran and Dutch Reformed churches surface in the book's hymns, personal and devotional texts, and ink-and-watercolor drawings of Biblical scenes and martyrdoms, which include events from the Passion of the Christ," Winterthur blogged. "It was made to be used by family and friends," she said, citing hymns written for multiple voices.

Christopher Herbert, assistant professor of music at William Paterson University of New Jersey, traced most hymns to published works but concluded one was written by Denig and another was copied from a private collection.

Ludwig wrote in German in a script called Fraktur, an ornate font that is considered hard to read. That's why the website, expected in 2024, will feature a transcription of the German and a translation into English. It will also include professional recordings of the hymns and essays by scholars.

He was a self-taught artist, said Delamaire, curator of European and American art at the Carnegie Museum of Art and previously curator of fine art at Winterthur. Examination of the drawings show him exploring techniques and copying from prints. "He's trying to figure it out as it goes," she said.

The work "follows the rich tradition of illustrated medieval religious text and music, but it's totally different," she said, noting that Ludwig's work stands out because his folk art shows the typical clothing of another continent and another era.

The manuscript was given to Winterthur by Alessandra and David Schwartz and the Schwartz Foundation. It had stayed in the family until early in the 20th century, when it was sold. It was sold again in the 1970s, which eventually led to the publication of a two-volume facsimile titled "The Picture-Bible of Ludwig Denig: A Pennsylvania German Emblem Book."

Delamaire doesn't want to call it a Bible because, even though it quotes a lot from the Bible, it also has a lot of commentary.

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Business

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BY JAREK RUTZ

One of the largest independent advertising agencies in the region is getting a new Delaware home. **Aloysius Butler & Clark** has moved its headquarters from 819 N. Washington Street in Wilmington to an office on the third floor of Courthouse Square at 600 N. King Street in the city. The 10,000-square-foot office space takes a modern approach to the office.

“We are not downsizing, we are growing,” said Nancy Rawdin D’Argenio, public relations account supervisor at the agency. “This new space was chosen to accommodate today’s hybrid model and provides a more open concept for collaboration.”

AD AGENCY AB&C FINDS NEW HOME IN HEART OF WILMINGTON

Employees started working in the new office this month. The agency, founded 50 years ago, has several departments including creative, digital, public relations, media, social media, account services, accounting, executive leadership and more.

“The space’s open floor plan affords ample space conducive to creative and strategic collaborations,” a statement from the company said, “as well as multiple conference rooms equipped with a variety of platforms necessary to connect remote workers with colleagues and local, national, and international clients and partners.”

The office’s location in the heart of Wilmington brings the company closer to public transportation, retail and restaurant options. AB&C hopes the central location will help attract employees to continue company expansion. In June 2022, the AB&C opened a larger, modern space in center city Philadelphia to accommodate recent expansion, staff growth and new clients in the region.

Last year, AB&C also acquired Mangos, an agency based in Conshohocken, PA, that serves national and international clients.

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MARKET WEST IS BUCCINI/POLLIN'S NEW DOWNTOWN WILM. BRAND

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

The Buccini/Pollin Group, which has been called Wilmington's largest private landowner, has rebranded its downtown holdings. Market West is the new name for five blocks that go from Market to West streets and Delaware Avenue and 12th Street. It features five buildings BPG bought from the DuPont Co. in 1999 and 2017 as the company downsized and moved to the suburbs. It also includes parking garages and lots.

The flagship is the **Nemours Building** at 1007 N. Orange St., rechristened the Market West building. The Brandywine Building, where BPG has its Delaware office, has been renamed 1000 N. West. The DuPont Building is keeping its name. The other two former DuPont buildings are the CityCenter and ParkBPG parking garages. Market West (the area, not the building) also includes the I.M. Pei Building at 1105 N. Market St.

BPG's announcement says it completed a nearly \$130 million renovation of parts of the campus in 2020, and it's now planning \$100 million in work on Market West (the building, not the area). The Market West building currently consists of 450,000 square feet of office space, 16,000 square feet of retail and 85 former extended-stay furnished apartments.

The redevelopment will reduce the office space to 150,000 square feet and repurpose the building into 355 luxury apartments and expand The Mill co-working space to 75,000 square feet. It will also include an "upscale" restaurant and "transform" the 17,000-square-foot outdoor plaza connecting the Market West and 1000 N. West buildings.

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Food & Dining

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NEW BEACH EATS: LATEST WAVE OF RESTAURANTS HITS COAST

BY PAM GEORGE

Memorial Day may be the unofficial start of the summer season at the beach, but traffic on Route 1 has been thick all spring. Credit the number of new communities west of Route 1 and the spike in visitors. Earlier this month, Delaware Tourism reported record numbers in 2021, with almost 10 million overnight visitors to the state.

While the beaches are the primary draw, many come for the food, and here are some of the tasty newcomers to the Culinary Coast.

DAYTIME DELIGHTS

A growing number of new restaurants specialize in breakfast and lunch. For instance, Danio Somoza and Thaina Bittencourt opened a second **Zava Café**. (The first is in Rehoboth Beach.) The downtown Milton café's breakfast and lunch menu reveals Chef Somoza's fine-dining experience. Consider blueberry-stuffed

French toast and an Angus burger with a sunny-side egg, goat cheese, arugula and pear chutney.

In May, **Café Pink Blossom** took up residence in the Route 1 space formerly occupied by Beaches Seafood Market—which still has a Milton restaurant. The cute bungalow was also once the home of Jimmy Lynn's Seafood. Owners Yulia Tarasova and Can Yalcin's menu includes eggs Benedict with Nova Scotia salmon, breakfast paninis, avocado grilled cheese and an array of salads.

In Dewey, Ashley and Lo Skardo own The Dewey Post. While the Coastal Highway hotspot is a destination for brunch dishes, it's open in the evenings for ice cream.

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restaurants, **Via Sophia by the Sea** opens this month in the old 99 Sea Level in Bethany Beach. The location in the **Bethany Beach Ocean Suites Residence Inn** by Marriott is an offshoot of the Via Sophia in Washington, D.C., which also has a Kennebunk, ME, restaurant. Menu highlights include Bolognese with veal and pork, cioppino with lobster and rigatoni with mussels, octopus, squid, saffron and espelette pepper.

ON THE MOVE

Several restaurants have relocated, so if you haven't been to the beach in some time, here's where to find them. **JAM Bistro**, for instance, moved from Baltimore Avenue to the location best remembered as Chez La Mer.

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Government

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PANEL: KEEP STATE BUDGET BENCHMARK, MAKE IT PART OF CODE

The idea for a benchmark first was suggested by Republicans and spread. After efforts to pass a law creating it failed, Gov. John Carney in 2018 issued an executive order asking the advisory council to create a benchmark and also establish a budget stabilization fund to smooth out any rough financial years.

The benchmark and the budget stabilization fund helped the state in 2020 when COVID-19 blindsided the economy.

Since then budget surpluses, aided by federal COVID money, have helped the state not only fund a lot of one-time projects, but also allowed the state to put money into the stabilization fund that's now near \$1 billion.

Fiscal year 2024 is not expected to have huge surpluses, but revenues are expected to grow more in 2025. Even with surpluses from the last three years, though, the General Assembly Joint Finance Committee plans to take some money out of the fund, partly because the state was hit with some bigger than expected expenses.

Carney's recommended \$5.5 billion budget for fiscal year 2024, which starts July 1, was designed to rise 7.1% instead of the benchmarked 6.2% recommended under the benchmark because of an expected surplus.

Those expenses included the state needing to put more money into Medicaid as federal COVID programs wind down. In addition, more money was needed to pay health care costs of state retirees who sued to stop the state from shifting them to a Medicaid Advantage

program instead of the generous plan they were—and still are—on.

Advisor council member Ed Ratledge said he felt like the benchmark hadn't really been tested in up and down cycles, but Delaware's Secretary of Finance Rick Geisinger argued that it was tested by COVID.

"We really haven't been through a full cycle on this where we've seen stuff bottom again," Ratledge said. He said he liked to look back 10 years and project ahead 10 years.

Geisinger said COVID hit when the benchmark was still relatively young.

"We had not yet built up the Budget Stabilization funds to the level that it is today," Geisinger said. "But we were able to make a withdrawal that allowed us to grow the budget in the year of COVID or otherwise we probably couldn't grow that budget."

Carney's executive order requires DEFAC to make recommendations about the benchmark every five years, including the methodology it uses. This will be the council's first five-year report. Houghton said he thought it was important to put the benchmark and budget stabilization fund into law and give it "a statutory infrastructure."

Because it's now simply an executive order, a new governor could dismantle it, he noted.

"I don't think that they would," he said. "I just think this is prudent fiscal policy."

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BY BETSY PRICE

A state review panel will recommend that Delaware not only keep a budget benchmark appropriation that limits the growth of the state budget, but also put it into law. The [Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council's Benchmark Evaluation and Review Panel](#) also agreed to suggest that incoming legislators undergo training in how the state budget works.

DEFAC chairman Michael Houghton told the panel that the benchmark "has been working pretty well over the last five years." The benchmark uses projections of personal income growth, population growth and inflation to limit the growth of the state budget each year.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DISCUSSES PLANS FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

BY SAM HAUT

Legislative Hall may get a Holocaust memorial, according to discussions in the week's Joint Legislative Council. The council, made up of the Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate and House of Representatives, also agreed to re-establish the Legislative Building Committee so it can oversee a \$23 million expansion of Leg Hall, including a new wing and a parking garage. The Legislative Council oversees two legislative agencies, the Division of Research and the Office of the Controller General.

Dick Carter, chair of the Delaware Heritage Commission and director of communications for the Delaware State Senate, said it was the idea of 12-year-old Elliana Levine to create a memorial for the Holocaust on the grounds of the state capitol.

Elliana, the daughter of Melanie Ross Levin, director of the Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy, has been looking for a way to memorialize the genocide of six million European Jews and the role of Delawareans

in that history, Carter said. Carter said the memorial would include pictures of Delawareans who lived through the Holocaust and panels that would give details about the Holocaust. Carter said he isn't sure at this time how much the Holocaust memorial would cost, but did mention they have considered getting funding from a private source.

A similar memorial in Delaware relating to the Supreme Court's decision on the *Brown v. Board of Education* currently in progress will cost around \$60,000, Carter said. The Holocaust memorial could be placed where the current 9/11 memorial bench is located, near the west front of Legislative Hall.

Speaker of the House Rep. Pete Schwartzkopf, D-Rehoboth Beach, asked Carter where the 9/11 memorial bench would be relocated, and Carter said there's a sidewalk that runs across the west front of Legislative Hall where they could move the bench.

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DE INSPECTOR GENERAL BILL LIKELY TO WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR

BY SAM HAUT

With some state expenses, such as Medicaid, higher than expected for 2024, legislators who want to create a state office of inspector general plan to wait until next year to introduce a bill to do that.

“[I]t does come with a fiscal note, to create a new agency does cost some money,” said Sen. Laura Sturgeon, D-Hockessin. “It’s not astronomical. I think it’s going to be maybe in the vicinity of perhaps around \$2 million or so.” Because the state budget is tighter than hoped and a chunk of the markup process has been done, “it doesn’t seem realistic that we’ll be able to find the funding to do it this year,” Sturgeon said.

The idea of an inspector general who had the power to examine state programs and make sure money is being spent as meant, among other duties, has been floated for years around the General Assembly. A push last year by former Rep. John Kowalko failed, but the idea didn’t

die. Last month, several lawmakers and advocates held a meeting to discuss the benefits of creating an inspector general. That meeting, which was organized by the Delaware Coalition for Open Government and Delaware Press Association, was attended by Sturgeon, Rep. Eric Morrison, D-Glasgow, and Rep. Mike Smith, R-Pike Creek, who all spoke in favor of an inspector general bill.

While finances make no sense right now, Sturgeon said, said there are also some who have reservations about the bill itself. Many ask why the state auditor of accounts or the Department of Justice couldn’t handle those duties.

“I’ve even heard the Public Integrity Commission, I believe, has been floated as another currently standing agency or group that could do the things that we’re talking about an inspector general doing,” Sturgeon

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said. But an inspector general would have its own role, she said. “We think that an inspector general is distinct from any of those other agencies, and we would stand to gain by having an inspector general,” she said.

Smith said Kowalko’s bill failed because it wasn’t introduced early enough.

“By the time the bill actually got a committee hearing, it was so late in session that there was no chance of it being funded by Joint Finance,” Smith said. “So at that point, there wasn’t really a shot, but it did pass out of committee unanimously.

“We gotta get leadership on board earlier.”

The bill will grow the size of the government, but Smith said that isn’t an issue.

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UPDATED WILMINGTON TOWING CONTRACT LEADS TO SOME SKEPTICISM

BY SAM HAUT

Despite several recently announced changes to Wilmington’s towing contract, one outspoken critic is still worried. Ken Grant, who has been following the issue for the past 10 years, said that he doesn’t have faith that the proposed changes will be implemented.

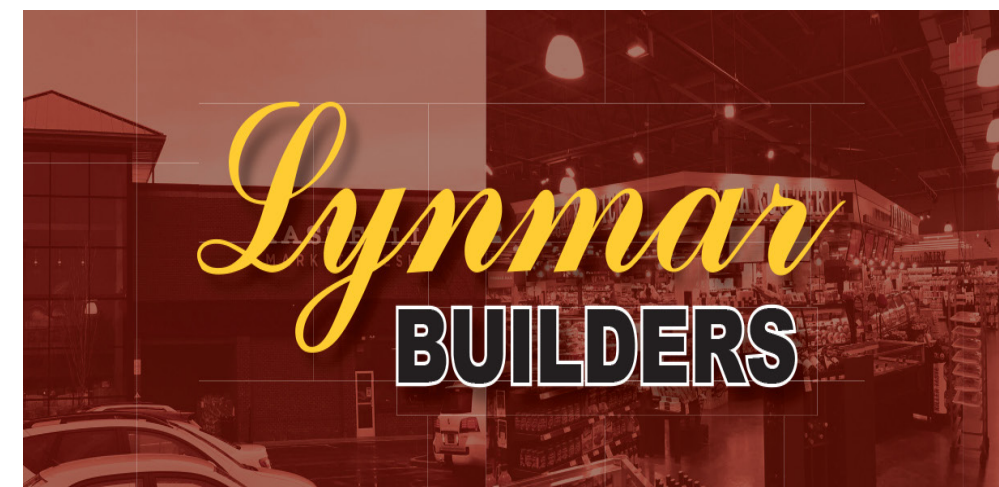
“They’re not addressing the real issue,” Grant said. “This is what the city does consistently. When they’re facing the kind of legitimate criticism that they’re facing now on this issue, they turn around and say, ‘Oh, we’re announcing a bunch of reforms.’ So you can find the reforms that they announced back in 2019 over all this. Which, again, absolutely positively, none of those reforms were put into place in 2019 or 2020 or 2021.”

Grant said that he also has an issue with the money the city makes from parking tickets and impounding fees.

“While this administration is not doing anything to proactively change anything, it did not initiate all of this stuff,” Grant said. “This goes back more than 20 years. What the city did was decide this was going to be a revenue generator. They were going to use parking tickets and enforcement to make money for the city. That’s when they raised the ticket price to \$40.”

John Rago, deputy chief of staff for the mayor of Wilmington, said people like Grant blow up issues to seem more noteworthy than they are.

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BY SAM HAUT

In front of the Delaware Humane Animal Partners building in Wilmington and a crowd of 45 people, Gov. John Carney made the rescue dog the state's permanent official state dog. The bill to do it was sponsored by Sen. Jack Walsh, D-Stanton/Newport.

"It only takes one visit inside to tug at your hearts, right? And it's not just dogs, it's cats too," Walsh said. "But one visit inside. And you'll know why we're making the rescue dog our state dog in the state of Delaware. I myself have a rescue dog. I rescued a dog about eight years ago, her name's Daisy."

Carney recounted the story of how his family adopted a rescue dog.

RESCUE DOG MADE DELAWARE'S OFFICIAL STATE PUP

"It was a Sunday morning, and I got a call from Tracy and my youngest son, Jim, to come down here to visit the cats. And this particular day, Tracy said, you need to come down.

"And so I came down and they were in with the dogs. And this one dog whose name was Kinsey had his chin on my youngest son's lap. Years later, Kinsey had stayed with us for 15 years."

In previous years the legislature made rescue dogs the state dog for only a year, as was the case with [House Bill 57](#) in 2019 and [House Bill 76](#) in 2021. Before that, certain breeds were named the state dog. Keith Hasset, a member of the Delaware Humane Association, said it's appropriate Delaware to make the rescue dog the state dog.

"Rescue dogs fit a wide variety of breeds," Hasset said. "So instead of having the collie as a state dog, everybody can identify with the rescue dog. So I think it's fitting. That way you can cover all the breeds and everybody feels included."

Cassidy Krastel, a humane education coordinator at the Brandywine Valley SPCA, said some people consider rescue dogs as less popular than specific breeds, but she feels they're just as good as any dog.

"They want purebreds. They want labs and poodles, different dogs like that. So rescue dogs are definitely less popular," Krastel said. "But they're great. They're very lovable. They're a lot more grateful for us than a regular dog would be because we're taking them home to a home that they've never had before, giving them things they've never had before."

Krastel said that they hope more people adopt because they're over capacity because of the holiday weekend. Many people abandon dogs over holidays, she said. "We definitely are doing as much as we can to get them moving," she said.

The bill that made the rescue dog the state dog permanently was sponsored in the House by Rep. Bryan Shupe, R-Milford. He is the CEO of Delaware LIVE.





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LEARNING COLLAB PICKS TWO FINALISTS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY JAREK RUTZ

The Wilmington Learning Collaborative has narrowed the search for an executive director to two finalists after months of appealing for applications and then sifting through more than 100 candidates.

Dr. Laura Burgos and **Dr. Edward Ryans** are the finalists for the job, said council member Alethea Smith-Tucker during the Thursday night meeting of the collaborative's governing council meeting.

The **Wilmington Learning Collaborative** is a state agency created in November 2022 to focus on children in nine city elementary schools across Brandywine, Red Clay and Christina school districts.

The executive director will implement the programs the collaborative endorses. The collaborative is expected to try novel ways to empower city students and families,

as well as on-the-ground workers, by giving them a voice in policy making to improve student achievement metrics like test scores, absenteeism and graduation rates. The collaborative also hopes to connect families with social services to address issues such as homelessness, poverty and hunger that can affect education.

Burgos, who lives in Wilmington, has experience in public, nonprofit and private education.

She holds three degrees: a 2000 bachelors in telecommunications from Penn State University; a 2003 master's in elementary education and teaching from Brooklyn College; and a 2018 doctorate in education leadership from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

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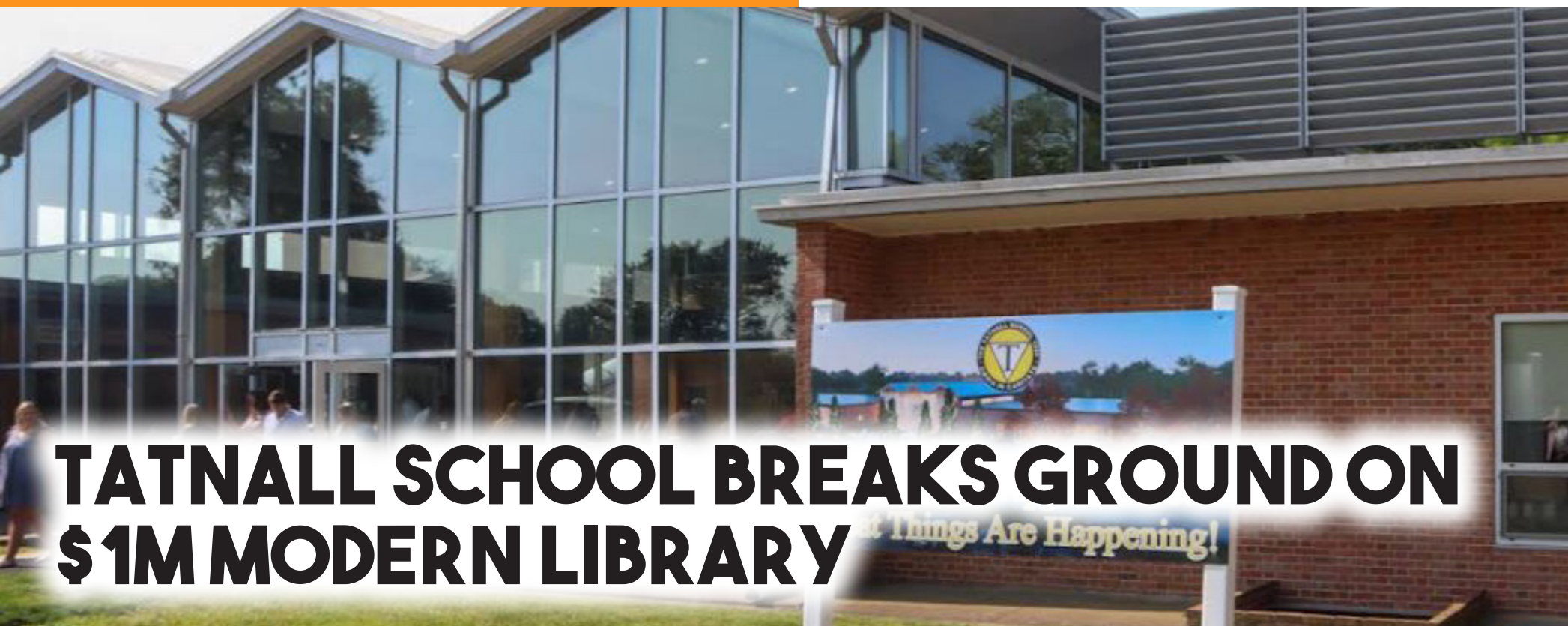
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TATNALL SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON \$1M MODERN LIBRARY

BY JAREK RUTZ

in Wilmington is transforming its library this summer to include STEM technology, 3D printers, robotics, a new media bar and more.

“The library was incredibly underutilized as stacks of books,” said Patrick Manahan, director of advancement for Tatnall. “The resource books which had long been a hallmark of the library space were all moving online.”

School and government officials ceremoniously broke ground on the project Wednesday morning. They echoed that the Ederic Library has been a foundational space for the school since it was built more than 50 years ago.

“Schools like Tatnall have an enormous responsibility and enormous burden to somehow adapt to this tremendously changing world,” said Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki, “and to create wisdom and education for our children.”

“We will see this aesthetic of the design and the decor transformed to make the library the central hub of the school,” said Chris Daniels, president of Tatnall’s school’s board of trustees. “This will include enclosed collaborative spaces, science, lab tables and individual study rooms that students can use.”

Tatnall isn’t alone in updating its library to reflect changes in today’s technology and learning styles. Tower Hill School last year unveiled its new library, dubbed the Education Hub, paid for through a capital campaign.

The budget for Tatnall’s renovations is \$977,000, driven by a \$475,000 grant from the [Longwood Foundation](#). The rest of the money came from a few other local foundations and private individuals within the Tatnall community, such as alumni, parents and board members.

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ARCHMERE DOMINATES IN GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

BY NICK HALLIDAY

The No. 4 seed Archmere Auks upset the top two seeds to win the 2023 DIAA DII girls' soccer state championship. After upsetting the No. 1 seed Caravel on Wednesday, the Auks kept on their magical run as they beat the No. 2 seed Saint Mark's for their first state championship title in girls soccer.

Archmere won its first state championship for girls soccer with a 6-1 victory over the reigning champs Saint Mark's in dominant fashion. The Auks scored the first three goals of the game before Saint Mark's got on the board.

Emma Gioffre scored the first goal off a nice kick from about 15 yards out that went right over the hand of the Saint Mark's goalkeeper Marissa Cirillo in the top left corner. A few minutes later, Marina Mahon sent a great

centering pass in front of the goal as Julianna Witherell headed in for the goal. Witherell then scored her second goal as she found herself in front of the net as a loose ball found her foot knocking it in the back of the net.

Saint Mark's then answered with a goal of its own. Hailey Short was on the receiving end of a great through ball that hit her in stride as she shot it right past the Archmere goalkeeper Gabriela Fernandez.

Archmere then went on another three-goal run to take the commanding 6-1 lead which would prove to be the final score and the last of the scoring for the game.

Gioffre set up a free kick right outside the 18-yard box. Saint Mark's keeper Cirillo was able to block the shot, but the rebound bounced right in front of her.

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2023 ALL STATE BASEBALL AWARDS

BY NICK HALLIDAY

Delaware Military Academy's Tyler August is the 2023 All State Baseball Player of the Year, and Jamie Clark from Sanford is the 2023 All State Baseball Coach of the Year. August was voted as player of the year for dominance on the mound and with his bat. His 1.40 ERA was second this season to Marty Coyne of Tower Hill who posted a 0.84. Both pitchers were tied with 78 Ks this season, but Tyler posted a 5-1 record and also pitched a no hitter this season. He is a highly touted pitcher by many Major League baseball scouts with a fastball that has reached 96 at times and a slider that is extremely hard to hit.

At the plate, August posted a .411 batting average with 17 singles, five doubles and a home run. He also added 20 RBI and in his 56 plate appearances he only struck out six times.

Clark led the Sanford Warriors to their first Delaware Independent Sports Conference (DISC) championship in 48 years. The last time Sanford won its conference was 1975. The Warriors had a 16-1 record this season which earned them the No. 7 seed in this year's baseball state championship.

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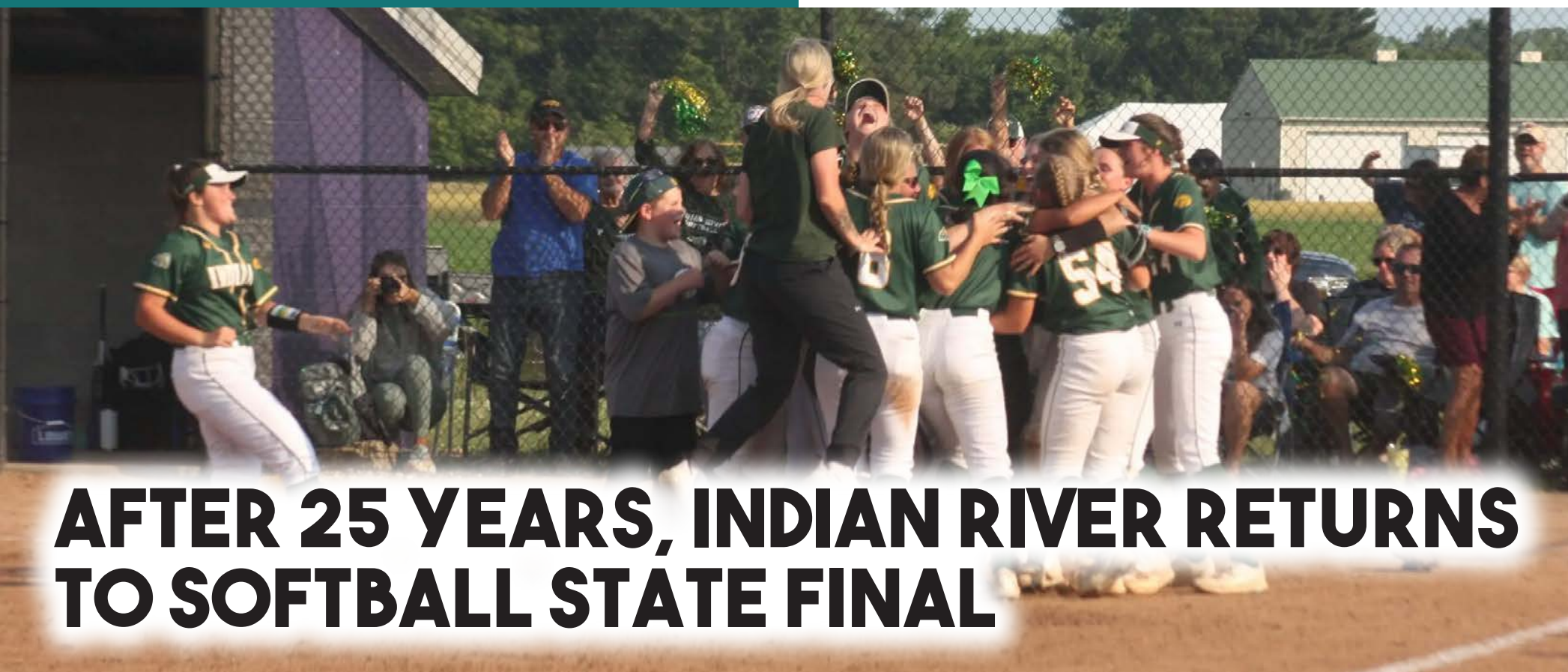
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AFTER 25 YEARS, INDIAN RIVER RETURNS TO SOFTBALL STATE FINAL

BY BENNY MITCHELL

Indian River head coach Sara Powell said their mantra all season has been to be 1% better each game. The past two games against Sussex Central and Delmarva Christian, the Indians have been one run better, which was all they needed to reach the state championship game for the first time since 1998.

The field at Delmarva Christian High School was surrounded as 900 plus spectators watched as the Indians scored a run in the fifth and added another in the sixth to edge the Royals 2-1 in the DIAA state tournament semifinal. Indian River met Caravel Academy on Saturday at the University of Delaware. First pitch was scheduled for 2 p.m.

“I am so proud of this group, we have talked all season about the history. In fact I wore one of the girls’ jackets

from 1998 to practice the other day, so yes we have discussed how it has been 25 years since IR has won a championship,” Powell said.

The Indians’ Kinsley Hall and the Royals’ Kaylan Yoder settled into a pitcher’s duel for the first three innings. Hall finished the game with 15 strikeouts, while Yoder fanned 17.

It was not until the fourth inning that either team threatened when Delmarva Christian put two runners on base with no outs. Maggie Kwiatkowski singled followed by Yoder reaching on a throwing error. Kwiatowski reached third on a stolen base, but the Indians’ defense stiffened and stranded the two Royals baserunners.

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MAXWELL PROPELS CARAVEL TO SOFTBALL TITLE GAME

BY GLENN FRAZER

Caravel Academy softball coach Randy Johnson has efficiently used two pitchers this season as a formula to success. The Buccaneers combination of starter Kasey Xenidis and reliever Morgan Maxwell worked well in a 13-4 semifinal win that propelled the Bucs to Saturday's DIAA championship game. Xenidis (13-1) pitched the first three innings against Laurel and handed a 6-3 lead to 8th grade relief pitcher Maxwell. Laurel could manage just one hit and one run against Maxwell over four innings, while the offense broke open a close game with six runs in the sixth.

Laurel grabbed an early lead with two runs in the first inning. Bailey Ullman and her sister Ashlyn both

singled and scored on a hit by Mackenzie Whaley. Caravel answered with two runs to tie the game, and scored twice in the second for a 4-3 lead they would not relinquish.

The Bulldogs plated a single run in the top of the sixth to make the score 7-4, but Caravel opened the bottom half of the inning with Zayda Rocke's second "no doubt" home run of the night, then the rally culminated with Maxwell's "grand slam".

Laurel head coach Jodi Green helped guide her team to another very impressive season and with just two senior starters, returns a solid nucleus in 2024. Erika Johnson was 2-for-2 with a walk, an RBI and a run.



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Caravel's offense was led by Zayda Rocke, Maxwell and Morgan Moxley all with two hits. Seventeen different players participated for the Buccaneers.

The Bucs are seeking the program's 13th state title and will face Indian River, a team they lost to 3-2 in the final regular season game on May 17. That loss to the Indians snapped a 31-game win streak against "in state" competition for Caravel. IR advanced to the title game for the first time since 1998, with a 2-1 win over the No. 2 seed Delmarva Christian.

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