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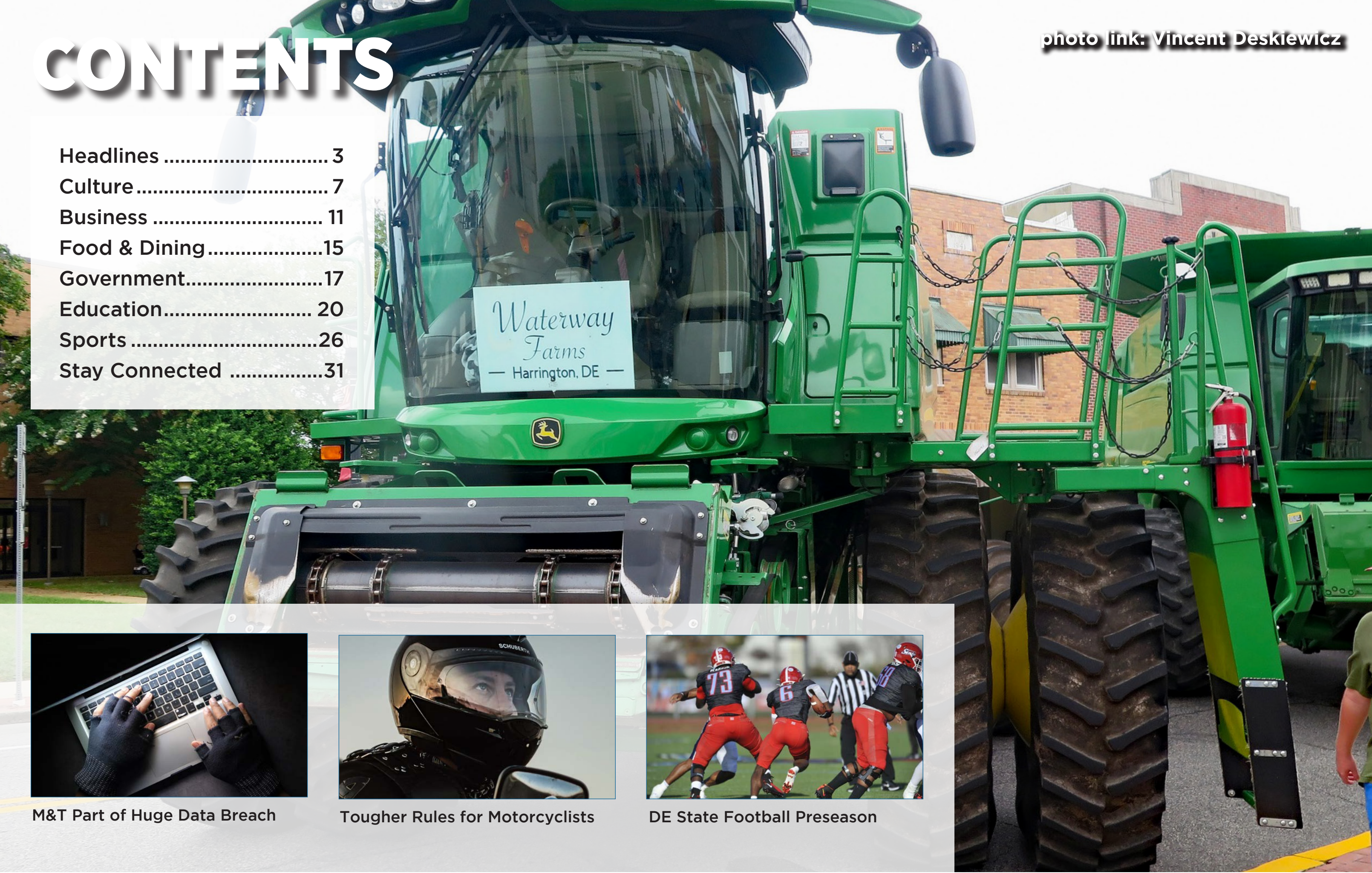
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M&T AMONG 1,000 PLACES HIT SO FAR IN HUGE DATA BREACH

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

The biggest security breach of the year has affected 60 million people so far, including customers of Delaware's biggest bank, M&T Bank. The hack dates back to the end of May, TechCrunch [said](#), with experts saying that the hackers knew about the vulnerability in the MOVE-it software as far back as 2021. Cl0p, a ransomware group linked to Russia, claimed responsibility for the hacks, TechCrunch said.

The biggest leak involves 11 million people serviced by Maximus, a company that manages federal data. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [said](#) the data breached "may have included" basically everything about the health and personal identity of 612,000 current Medicare beneficiaries. Almost as scary is a letter from Global Atlantic that says they "believe" that the hack included names, Social Security numbers and dates of birth. Global Atlantic's brands include Accor-

dia Life, Commonwealth Annuity, First Allmercia Finance and Forethought Life. Global Atlantic is offering customers two free years of Experian IdentityWorks.

WHAT HAPPENED AT M&T

M&T sent out at least two different letters to customers. Both said the hacked information at "external service providers" included names, addresses and account numbers. The note to those with personal accounts said "no PINs, passwords or other sensitive data, such as Social Security numbers, date of birth or debit/credit card numbers were accessed." The note to business accounts said no PINs or passwords were accessed.

M&T's letter to those with personal accounts offered a free year of credit monitoring from Equifax. Its letter to those with business accounts offered a free year of monitoring by Sontiq, a TransUnion company.

When asked what percentage of accounts were affected, Frank Lentini, senior communications director for M&T, said "We are now directly informing any customers who may have been affected."

Equifax, TransUnion (based in Chester, Pa.) and Experian are America's largest credit bureaus.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

A respected personal-finance website called NerdWallet [offers](#) four tips of what to do after a data breach:

- For best protection, freeze your credit.
- Place a fraud alert if you can't freeze right now.
- Check all three credit bureau reports.
- Watch your credit card activity.

The federal government [offers](#) these seven tips to protect your identity:

- Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages or email from numbers or people you do not know.
- Do not share personal information.
- Collect your mail every day and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- Understand how ATM skimming works and how to protect yourself.
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network.
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. Do not carry it in your wallet.

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HERE'S A CHANCE TO OWN SOME OF BARRY'S, GINGER'S COLLECTION

BY BETSY PRICE

You may know Barry Scheckler as the guy who breathed life back into the Brandywine Festival of the Arts and the Rockwood Ice Cream Festival. But many people know him and his significant other, Ginger Weiss, as art lovers who focus on regional art and outsider art from across the country, with many pieces made by people who have become their friends.

They're downsizing, which meant sifting through their collection, and about 50 pieces from it will go on sale Friday, Sept. 8, as the September show at Ellen Bartholomew's [Blue Streak Gallery](#) in Trolley Square. "We decided we were going to cherry pick some better pieces that we're not going to keep and Ellen, we thought, would be the best source to at least expose it to the buyer market," Scheckler said.

He's always liked outsider art and once traveled to Alabama each October for the annual Kentuck Art Festival, where he met a lot of outsider artists. He met many of the regional artists he collects during his time on the board of the Delaware Contemporary, the modern art museum on the Wilmington Riverfront.

The couple is moving out of their three-story house into a one-floor condominium and won't have enough wall space to hang it all even if, as Barry jokes, Ginger would let him. Much of the art hung in Scheckler's offices. He owned two personnel businesses from 1977 until 2010, when he thought he would retire at the age of 70, but immediately took up event planning.

He's still at it, with an indoors [Brandywine Holiday Festival of the Arts](#) planned for Dec. 16 and 17 at the

Chase Center on the Riverfront. He'll have room for 150 artists and within two weeks of him announcing he would try it, 100 artists already had signed up.

Choosing what to keep and what to let go of in his art collection was like choosing who to drop among his friends, Scheckler said.

"About a year or two ago it hit me that with the local art and even the outsider, the stuff I bought in Alabama and Tennessee, that I'm buying the art, one, because I love the art, and, two, because I love the artists," he said. "Knowing or loving or caring for the artists was the difference."

Local artists whose pieces he owns and he considers friends include Ken Mabry, Mitch Lyons and the late Gus V. Sermas. Scheckler and Weiss kept several of their pieces, but a few are in the Blue Streak Show. "Those three people probably made up 80% of local artists that I have collected over the years," he said. "I guess, just hanging out with them, getting to know them as friends, made the paintings mean so much more to me."

The same was true for the outsider—also called folk or primitive—artists he knows. Outsider artists have no formal art training and generally come from families who are struggling financially and yet create art because they're driven to.

BARRY'S TRAVELS

Scheckler spent a decade traveling to Kentuck with this friend Larry Martini. "Larry and Barry," he says with a laugh. They signed up as patrons, which gave them early access to shows and the pair often showed up to help some of the artists set up their booths.

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UD'S 4,000 FRESHMEN LIGHT UP NIGHT WITH TWILIGHT TRADITION

BY JAREK RUTZ

The central green of the **University of Delaware** looked like a field of fireflies Monday night as the incoming class joined the Blue Hen flock during the annual Twilight Induction Ceremony.

“This is officially our new beginning,” said Jacob Hudson, who’s pursuing a degree in computer science. “The past few days have all been about meeting people and becoming familiar with the campus and this really makes it feel like my new home.”

Just months ago, Hudson had his Garnet Valley High School graduation on UD’s campus. “It’s kind of full-circle and interesting how the last day of high school is also in the same place as the first day of my new journey in college,” he said.

It took about an hour just for new UD students to fill the open courtyard. The inaugural twilight induction

ceremony was in fall 2012, with the goal of making the newest generation of incoming students feel settled and a part of their new environment.

After some encouraging words from President Dennis Assanis, Provost Laura Carlson, Student Government President Julia Hatoum and Vice President of Student Life José Riera, the more than 4,000 freshmen lit their candles and waved them in the air, like a 1960s music festival.

“This night creates unity, especially being here with my floor and getting to know those people a lot more,” said Naomi Metcalf, who is majoring in psychology. “Also, it helps us feel connected to the grade as a whole, and really makes us feel like we’re part of the Class of 2027.”

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ROCKWOOD'S NEW GOTH BALL TO USHER IN SPOOKY SEASON

BY BETSY PRICE

Rockwood Park and Museum will kick off its panoply of Halloween and paranormal events with its first Goth Ball, set for Sept. 29.

“We’ve been leaning into our Best of Delaware status for paranormal tours—adding October programs like the haunted trails, oddities tour and the Revisionists in 2022 and 2023,” said Rockwood director Ryan Grover. “But the Goth Ball will help bring more attention to the whole haunted calendar through the lens of an 1850 gothic revival mansion.”

The evening’s name, inspired by the Gothic Revival design of the house, also will double as an opener for the park’s Haunted Trails, which features spookily lit garden paths perfect for Instagramming, and the Oddities Tour, added to regular tours of the museum.

Gothic design reflects the Romantic Era, Grover noted. The modern cultural embrace of vampire, witch and

ghost stories stems from the same cultural origins as revival art and the architecture of the mid-1800s, he said. Ultimately, Grover said, it was an exploration of individualism through fantasy, poetry and nostalgia. The night also will be a fundraiser for the 170-year-old home and garden.

This year’s financial focus is a massive renovation of Rockwood’s garden design, an emergency repaving of its brick-lined courtyard and an upgrading the design of its climate control systems.

Among the planned highlights (‘cause can you really expect anything tagged “goth” to go totally to plan?) are an appearance by medium [Kelly Kearney](#); music by the alt-’80s cover band [Melt With You](#) in the Carriage House; a preview performance from “The Revisionists: A Haunted Gothic Walk;” and an open bar, light fare and silent auction.

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HOME OF THE BRAVE BREAKS GROUND ON VET CENTER

BY JAREK RUTZ

A new community center providing support to transitioning military veterans broke ground this week in Milford. The **Home of the Brave Foundation**, in partnership with Nally Ventures and Horizon Construction Services, hosted the ceremony Tuesday.

The mission of the foundation is to reduce homelessness among military veterans. In addition to providing transitional housing, food and security, it assists with employment, counseling services, access to healthcare, transportation and locating affordable housing. The foundation's goal is to help veterans successfully

transition into permanent housing and personal independence.

The one-story community center will include an office, multi-purpose space, bathrooms, storage room and an outdoor covered activity space to provide programs and services for veterans. Nally Ventures and Horizon Construction Services are partnering to facilitate fundraising and provide construction management services for the project.



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YOUR GUIDE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND '23 IN DELAWARE

BY JAREK RUTZ

Labor Day may be a federal holiday celebrating the economic and social achievements of American workers, but it has come to symbolize the last days of summer. Trips to the beach, cookouts, long weekends and lots of getting ready for school mark the first Monday in September.

Sunlovers will find plenty to moon over, with the high Monday around 90. And those who want to beat the traffic should leave before 7 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on their day of travel to avoid the height of the crowds. Here's a look ahead.

WEATHER

The weekend will have wonderful weather with comfortable temperatures and clear skies, according to the [National Weather Service](#). Friday had a high of 78 and a low of 59. Saturday was sunny with a high of 80

and a low of 61. Sunday will heat up a bit, with sunny skies and a high of 86. There will be a slight overcast Sunday night as temperatures drop to 66. Labor Day Monday will be a scorcher, with clear skies and a high of 90. Monday night will be a cool 67 degrees.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

[Rehoboth Beach's Summer Concert Series](#) included The Fabulous Hubcaps on Friday, Broken Arrow–Still Sufin' on Saturday, and the Delaware State University band on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. All shows are free and performed at the Bandstand.

The [33rd Last Blast Prediction 5K Run](#) on Saturday, Sept. 2, in Rehoboth Beach.

The Arden Club's [115th annual Arden Fair](#) was Saturday, Sept. 2. It featured children's games and rides, handmade crafts by more than 100 vendors, an antiques

market, used books, plants, live music in the Shady Grove, food and drink, an art exhibit and more.

[Rehoboth Beach Convention Center](#) will host SUNFESTIVAL 2023, a fundraiser to benefit CAMP Rehoboth. The highlight is Sunday, Sept. 3 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday, with the festival's night of dance. DJ Robbie Leslie and DJ Joe Gauthreaux will be keeping people going through the late hours of Sunday. Register to get tickets [HERE](#).

[New Covenant Presbyterian Church](#) is having a "SON-Rise at the Beach" service Sunday, Sept. 3, at 8 a.m. on the sand at the end of Rehoboth Avenue.

[White Clay Creek State Park](#) is hosting a Labor Day/end of summer picnic in its Carpenter Recreation Area on Monday, Sept. 4, from noon to 5 p.m. There will be burgers, hot dogs, drinks and more set up at the pavilion with picnic tables. Attendees are encouraged to hike together on one of the trails. At 3 p.m., set up your folding chair as the Bandstand will be taken over with the music of The Launch, who will perform a tribute to iconic bands Boston, Styx and Queen.

[The Pines American Bistro](#) will host Monday Melodies with John Flynn and Friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4. "Piano Man" John Flynn will be performing classic, feel-good songs and encouraging the audience to join in. Admission is free. Musical performances in order of appearance include the Diamond State Concert Band, June Bugs, BoosKay (Sharon Bousquet Band), Sug Daniels & Sam Nobles, XTra Alltra, Howard Hues, Revolution Heroes and lastly, Montana Wildaxe.

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Business

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FINS OWNER JEFF HAMER: GOVERNMENT TRENDS HURTING BUSINESSES

BY BETSY PRICE

Thanks to Delaware's growing oyster industry, the water off Delaware beaches "has been unbelievably clean" in recent years, a prominent coastal restaurateur says. Jeff Hamer, owner of **Fins Hospitality Group**, credits the restoration of the state's oyster beds, because each oyster filters 30 to 40 gallons of water around it each day. That's made for beautiful trips on the water, more plentiful bait and other fish, and views he believes are in danger because of plans to put what he considers needless wind farms eight miles off shore.

The wind farms were one of the topics Hamer touched on Thursday during a wide-ranging online chat with **Caesar Rodney Institute's** Charlie Copeland, director of its Center for Analysis of Delaware's Economy & Government Spending. Much of the discussion revolved around government practices that Hamer said are hurting businesses and threatening Delaware's economy. While the institute maintains it is bipartisan, the

positions it espouses are conservative. The institute hopes to make the online chat a routine offering, Copeland said.

Among the topics they discussed were wind farms, Delaware's new Family and Medical Leave Act, the federal and national focus on alternative energy, crime and safety.

Hamer, who grew up as one of 11 kids in Baltimore, said he learned his work ethic from his father, who always had a job and a side job to support the family. "He said you want to get ahead, you work and you educate yourself," Hamer recalled.

His own first job was bussing tables and washing dishes at a Polynesian restaurant. His co-workers included immigrants from Vietnam and Cambodia, who told him their stories about leaving their countries after the Vietnam War and how hard it was to work their way to the United States.

"They were so happy to be in America," he said.

He had intended at one point to head to New York and Wall Street, preferably in mergers and acquisitions. "I figured I grew up poor. one of 11, and I've had a job since I was 12 and a half years old, so I knew I could outwork anybody on Wall Street," he said.

HAMER AND FINS

Then his relationship blew up and, instead, he headed to Rehoboth, where he bought a small sandwich and ice cream shop named Arena's. It was doing about \$100,000 worth of business a year selling \$6 sandwiches and \$4 beers. When he sold it to his employees in 2005, it was making \$2.5 million a year.

By then he was married and had small children and wanted a job that would let him be home more at night.

The last year he owned Arena's, he had gone to Lahaina on Maui—the community devastated by the recent wildfires—and was captivated by one of the restaurants. It had fish on the walls and he was told he could order any of the fish and they would be cooked however he preferred. That led to him founding Fins Fish House and Raw Bar, and ultimately to Fins Hospitality Group's expanding number of restaurants.

Hamer said many government policies are confusing and penalize businesses and the environment in ways the government won't acknowledge.

While cleaning up the Delaware Bay is an issue that both right and left can agree on, Hamer believes that the wind farm's 1,000-foot tall turbines—the height of the Chrysler Building, he pointed out—will harm the bay and do more than spoil the view.

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\$170 MILLION COLD STORAGE FACILITY HEADED TO CLAYMONT

BY BETSY PRICE

A new \$170 million cold storage facility will break ground in Claymont this fall and is expected to add about 130 jobs when it opens next summer. **Agile Cold Storage** will build a 275,000-square-foot cold-storage facility to help meet growing demand from North American food manufacturers, processors and growers.

The addition will be the first company warehouse outside its home state of Georgia and will go up in First State Crossing, a brownfield property that previously was a steel mill, along Naamans Road. The new facility will bring jobs to an area that was hard hit by the closing of nearby industrial companies.

Jobs there will include management and supervisors, general laborers, forklift operators, inventory control, customer service and maintenance. The average salary will be \$56,000, an official said. Additional jobs are likely to be added by partner service providers associated with the facility.

The company's Agile Cold Claymont division will invest that \$170 million over two phases across the next five years. The state will be kicking in \$4.05 million of that through a Capital Expenditures Grant of up to \$4.05 million from the Delaware Strategic Fund and another \$510,000 through a Council on Development Finance for a Jobs Performance Grant. To get the grants, Agile Cold must meet commitments promised to the state.

Agile Cold specializes in blast freezing, layer/case picking, cross docking, export services, tempering and e-commerce, and offers automation in warehouse receiving, storage and shipping, and a multi-temperature storage network suitable for a wide variety of inventory.

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Food & Dining

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FALL BENEFITS: SOME RESTAURANTS LOWER PRICES AFTER LABOR DAY

BY PAM GEORGE

People have a tendency to rush into fall and when it comes to food, that's not a bad thing, particularly if you like pumpkin, squashes, apples and heartier fare. Restaurants are revising menus, coastal eateries are reinstating specials and special events are kicking into high gear throughout the state.

THE SECOND SEASON

Coastal locals rejoice once Labor Day rolls around. It's the start of the Second Season, when the weather is still warm, but the crowds have gone home—hopefully.

To attract diners all year, restaurants start offering nightly specials, and given that [SoDel Concepts](#) has 12 restaurants at the beach (Surf Bagel and the brewpubs are now separate divisions), there are a lot of deals.

For instance, guests will receive 25% off their check at [Matt's Fish Camp](#) in Bethany Beach (Mondays), [Catch 54](#) in Fenwick Island (Tuesdays), [Bluecoast Seafood Grill](#) in Bethany Beach and [Matt's Fish Camp Fenwick](#) (Wednesdays), [Crust & Craft](#) (Thursdays). On select nights, [Lupo Italian Kitchen](#) cuts the price on chicken parmesan and pasta, while Crust & Craft discounts its pizzas. Visit the restaurants' website for a complete list.

CHEERS TO BRAZIL

[Torbert Street Social](#), one of Wilmington's top cocktail spots, is taking guests on a culinary trip to Brazil Tuesday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. The dinner starts with appetizers and includes salt cod croquettes, seared picanha steak with yuca gratin and chocolate and Bra-

zilian nut strudel. Each course comes with a cocktail. Tickets are \$100 each. Email willie@torbertsocial.com for reservations.

THE FLAVORS OF AUTUMN

In September, parents rejoice that kids are back in school. Chefs, meanwhile, celebrate the arrival of fall's harvest. Now is the time to see pumpkin in all its permutations, butternut squash and apples. Hamilton's on Main dropped its new menu on Friday. Dishes include creole scallops with pumpkin puree, mushroom ragu and citrus crema.

ACHIEVING CELEBRITY STATUS

Social media hummed on Aug. 27 when Food Network star Anne Burrell dined at Lewes Oyster House. The chef worked with Lidia Bastianich and Mario Batali before appearing on the Food Network's "Secrets of a Restaurant Chef" and "The Best Thing I Ever Ate." According to the Lewes restaurant's post, Burrell celebrated husband Stuart Claxton's birthday.

THE MARVELOUS MRS. STEELE

In 1923, Cecile Steele, a farmer's wife in Ocean View, received 500 chicks instead of the 50 she'd ordered for eggs. Steele raised the chicks for the meat, which was rare then, and the Delmarva broiler business was born.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the [Café on 26](#) in Ocean View—Steele's former home—will donate partial proceeds of dinner that evening to the Historic Village in Ocean View, a historical society with a collection of historic structures. As a side note, Maria Fraser, the restaurant's owner and a landscape architect, created a stunning outdoor area during the pandemic. Check it out before the weather gets cold.

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DE TOUGHENS RULES ON MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, EYE PROTECTION

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Delaware is requiring everyone who obtains a new motorcycle endorsement or anyone riding with them to wear a helmet and eye protection for two years after they receive their endorsement. The [law](#) went into effect on Friday, Sept. 1.

Currently, every adult operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle is required to have a helmet in their possession and wear eye protection while operating or riding a motorcycle. And everyone up to 19 years of age must wear a helmet and eye protection. Helmets and eye protection are already required for those operating with a temporary motorcycle instruction permit as required under [§2703 of Title 21](#) of Delaware Code, and no passengers are allowed.

“We know helmets save lives and prevent serious head injuries. We know a quarter of all motorcycle accidents that occurred last year involved a newly endorsed rider,” Secretary of Transportation Nicole Majeski said in announcing the new law. “By requiring this group to take extra precautions and wear a helmet, we’re able to help keep Delawareans safer.”

Violators will be fined \$25 to \$50. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. There are 22,174 motorcycles registered in the state. Riders interested in improving their skills can enroll in [safety courses](#) run by the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles.



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WILMINGTON PROJECT TO MAKE CITY MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR DISABLED

BY JAREK RUTZ

Teams of engineers will be spending the next few weeks focused on Wilmington sidewalks as part of a larger effort to make the city safe and accessible for people with disabilities. The goal is to be in complete compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which was enacted in 1990 to ensure that people with disabilities are guaranteed access to all programs and services provided by state and local governments.

Notably, the act has required state agencies to reconstruct several areas of public accommodations and public facilities. This usually includes making sure there's ramps to buildings and public places like parks and libraries are easily accessible.

Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki said Wednesday that the city aims to become a model of accessibility and is well on its way to being a more welcoming city to all its residents and visitors.

“Our mission is to create a city where businesses invest and thrive, and our neighborhoods are safe and beautiful,” he said. “What’s more, I’ve often spoke of making Wilmington a more ‘just city,’ a concept whose centerpiece is the idea that justice and respect are the principles that guide our actions and decisions each and every day.”

Making Wilmington more readily accessible to those residents and visitors who face varying physical challenges, he said, is an essential component of that idea and in doing so everyone wins. “We are carrying out this assessment not merely because it is legally required, but because it is the right thing to do,” Purzycki said.

In 2018, Wilmington contracted with Bureau Veritas, a Maryland-based audit and certification services firm, to conduct a Comprehensive Accessibility Evaluation of

all city properties in accordance with state and federal law. Following site visits by architects and engineers in June 2018 and January 2020, and after consultation with city staff members, Bureau Veritas issued an initial Transition Plan report covering city structures, public buildings, and parks in March 2020.

The next phase of this Americans Disabilities Act self-assessment involves public rights-of-way, such as sidewalks and alleyways, and will be conducted by Bureau Veritas assessors from now until late October, then resume later in 2024.

The assessments will be minimally invasive, with equipment that does not generate any noise and data being collected quickly. Once completed, Bureau Veritas will submit to the city a final Transition Plan, as required by the law.

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Education

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APPO OPENS NEW CRYSTAL RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY JAREK RUTZ

After two years of construction, Appoquinimink School District’s newest elementary school opened its doors to students and parents Thursday night. Crystal Run Elementary, located at 1470 Aviator Way in Middletown, sits in a sea of corn fields, sparking the feel of the movie “Field of Dreams.” About 400 students from grades one through five will attend this school year, with about 80 in each grade.

The \$52 million building is two stories with 38 classrooms. It’s the latest of Appo’s nine elementary schools. It was paid for by funding from a 2019 referendum, another step necessary because of the two-decade-plus growth of Middletown and the school district.

“The building’s beautiful, and it’s just been such a positive time with everyone full of energy,” said Tara DeMatteri, the school’s librarian.

Students lined up to take photos with the Maverick mascot.

“The school’s big goal is building the community and instead of focusing on rules for the new school, we really want students to hone in on their hopes and their dreams and the things they want to accomplish,” DeMatteri said.

Her goal for the inaugural year is making sure all the children feel safe and feel like they belong.

“When we knew the school was going to be open in August, it’s been a buzz ever since,” said Principal Don Davis. “Teachers have been working most of the summer just knowing that the first time we do things here will be the first time ever, so they really want to be part of that and we want to make sure our families get to be part of that beginning.”

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U.S. NEWS: WILMINGTON CHARTER NO. 1 HIGH SCHOOL IN DELAWARE

BY JAREK RUTZ

The Charter School of Wilmington once again was Delaware’s highest ranked public high school, according to the just-released *U.S. News & World Report* list. It didn’t crack the top 100, though. It was listed at 112 in the country. Forty of the state’s 59 public high schools were ranked, including eight charter schools, in the magazine’s [list](#) of 17,680 schools across the country.

“Serving the educational needs and best interests of our enthusiastic students is the priority at The Charter School of Wilmington,” said Reginald Johnson, school president. The charter is in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

The school’s ranking is accomplished through exceptional faculty and staff who establish the ideal conditions for learning and collaborating every day, Johnson said. The school community is excited to be included on the U.S. News list and will continue to seek opportu-

nities for its students as a national leader in science, technology, engineering and math education, he said.

Cab Calloway School of the Arts, a Red Clay magnet school, landed second in the state list. The highest ranked non-speciality high school from Delaware is Concord High School, in the Brandywine School District. It was seventh in the state and 3,385 nationally, followed by Mount Pleasant High School at eight, also a Brandywine school. Fun fact: Wilmington Charter and Cab Calloway share a building at 100 N. Dupont Road in Wilmington.

The rankings are based on a number of factors, such as graduation rate, state test scores, proficiency rates, college readiness, strength of curriculum and more.

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GOLDEY-BEACOM BEST AT GIVING HAND UP ECONOMIC LADDER

BY JAREK RUTZ

For the second year in a row, [Goldey-Beacom College](#) has ranked in the top 20% of national colleges and universities for helping make students economically mobile. Goldey-Beacom also was the only Delaware college that Washington, DC, think tank [Third Way](#) assigned to the Institution of Higher Education's Tier 1 ranking.

“The data show Goldey-Beacom’s EMI ranking at 24.7% with a 3.36 price-to-earnings premium for low-income students: years to pay down total net cost,” said Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, president of GBC, in a press release. She said 64% of students are in the low-income price-to-earnings percentile rank, 40% of all undergraduate students received a Pell Grant in 2021-22, of

which 38.6% were full-time students.

Other Delaware schools included in the ranking were: Tier 2 – Delaware State University; Tier 3 – University of Delaware; and Tier 4 – Wilmington University.

More than one-third of the 281 institutions in the top 20% of schools on their Economic Mobility Index are Hispanic-serving institutions, a federal designation for schools with an undergraduate enrollment of at least 25% Hispanic students,” said Third Way in a press release.

GOLDEY-BEACOM HONORS

The 2023 mobility title was one of several recent honors received by Goldey-Beacom. In March, the college was named an Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institution by

the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. The school expects to joining the institution list soon, as well as becoming a Minority Serving Institutions member. Goldey-Beacom also has been named a College of Distinction for the 2023-2024 academic year by the [Colleges of Distinction](#).

“We believe that engaged students are successful students,” said Tyson Schritter, chief operating officer at Colleges of Distinction, “and Goldey-Beacom College’s dedication to experiential learning shows us that each of its students has the opportunity to play an active role in their education.”

That designation is given to schools with engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community and successful outcomes. It was tagged for four distinctions: 2023-2024 College of Distinction; 2023-2024 College of Distinction, Delaware; 2023-2024 College of Distinction, Business; and 2023-2024 College of Distinction, Career Development

“Receiving four distinctions for the second consecutive year reflects the steady progress the College has made in many areas, including increased degree program offerings and additional student opportunities,” Keith said. The awards recognize Goldey-Beacom’s message of diversity and inclusion, Keith added.

Founded in 1886, Goldey-Beacom College has about 1,300 students enrolled from 22 states and 65 nations, offering 46 degrees in its graduate and undergraduate programs. It just added two additional degrees: bachelor of science in marketing, and bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in digital marketing.





SUN DOESN'T SHOW, BUT SENIORS DO AT NEWARK CHARTER TRADITION

BY JAREK RUTZ

The seniors of **Newark Charter School** took advantage of their new stadium Monday to mark the first day of school with a sunrise gathering that felt more like a day at the boardwalk than the start of school. The school tradition included a waffle truck, backyard games, music and a T-shirt giveaway.

Starting with the school's first senior class in 2016, seniors have kicked off at sunrise, gathering around 6 a.m. to spend an hour watching the sun come up, catching up with friends, playing games and transitioning back into classrooms.

"Having gone to Newark Charter since kindergarten, having this day means a lot to me," said Samira Morgan. "It's amazing to look back and see how much the school grew, from having two grass fields to a whole stadium." She described the tradition as a "sendoff" to all the students who grew up together.

This year's senior sunrise was the first time the 172 seniors were able to congregate in the school's new

sports stadium. The facility is the latest addition in Newark Charter's expansion since it opened in 2001. The school went from having classes in parking lot trailers to being indistinguishable from a small university with three school buildings across multiple campuses.

"Personally, this day really is about just growing up, maturing and being with the same people in an evolving environment since kindergarten," Morgan said.

Regular classes started Wednesday, but Monday and Tuesday were "transition days."

"The seniors will do things with the guidance counselors the rest of the day, like some college application work and then sort of a preview of all the stuff they have to get done in their senior year," said Sam Golder, head of school. "A lot of kids are walking up and giving hugs to teachers and administrators that they haven't seen in a long time. It just sets the stage for their senior year, but it's also a time to rekindle that camaraderie and get together with your crew."

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FIRST LATINOS STUDENT SUMMIT TO CELEBRATE CULTURE, VOICE

BY JAREK RUTZ

An upcoming Latinos Unidos Student Summit is designed to bring those students together to empower them and to celebrate their culture and student voice. The Saturday, Sept. 16 event, sponsored by the United Way of Delaware, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hodgson Vo-Tech High School in Newark.

The summit is meant to prepare, train, re-fuel and uplift students and the adults that support them. During the summit, students will learn why it's important to use their voice and how to do it in a way that catalyzes change for the better.

Las Américas ASPIRA Academy students are looking forward to the summit, said Margie López Waite, chief executive officer. Her Newark charter school serves 71.22% Hispanic or Latino students and some of them were on the summit's planning committee.

"The Latino Unidos Student Summit is a great example of the ASPIRA process of awareness, analysis and action," López Waite said. "A student was aware of a youth conference, analyzed the possibility of creating an event for Hispanic students and took action to make a change." She said it's a prime example of ASPIRA's

mission to empower Hispanic youth to be leaders and agents of change.

The top three schools in the state with the most students at the Latinos Unidos Student Summit will win a cash prize.

A fashion show will start the day, followed by keynote speaker Rony Baltazar-Lopez, director of policy and communications for the **Delaware Department of State**.

After a lunch and fellowship, the attendees will break off into workshop sessions, which include discussions about immigration and laws; mental health and generational trauma; sexualization of Hispanic women and machismo; college application and funding process for first generation students; and dance and cultural traditions.

"I admire United Way of Delaware's work and I hope they have a wonderful summit," said Jose Matthews, president of the **Red Clay Consolidated School District** Board of Education.

To volunteer for the summit, or to register to attend, click [HERE](#).





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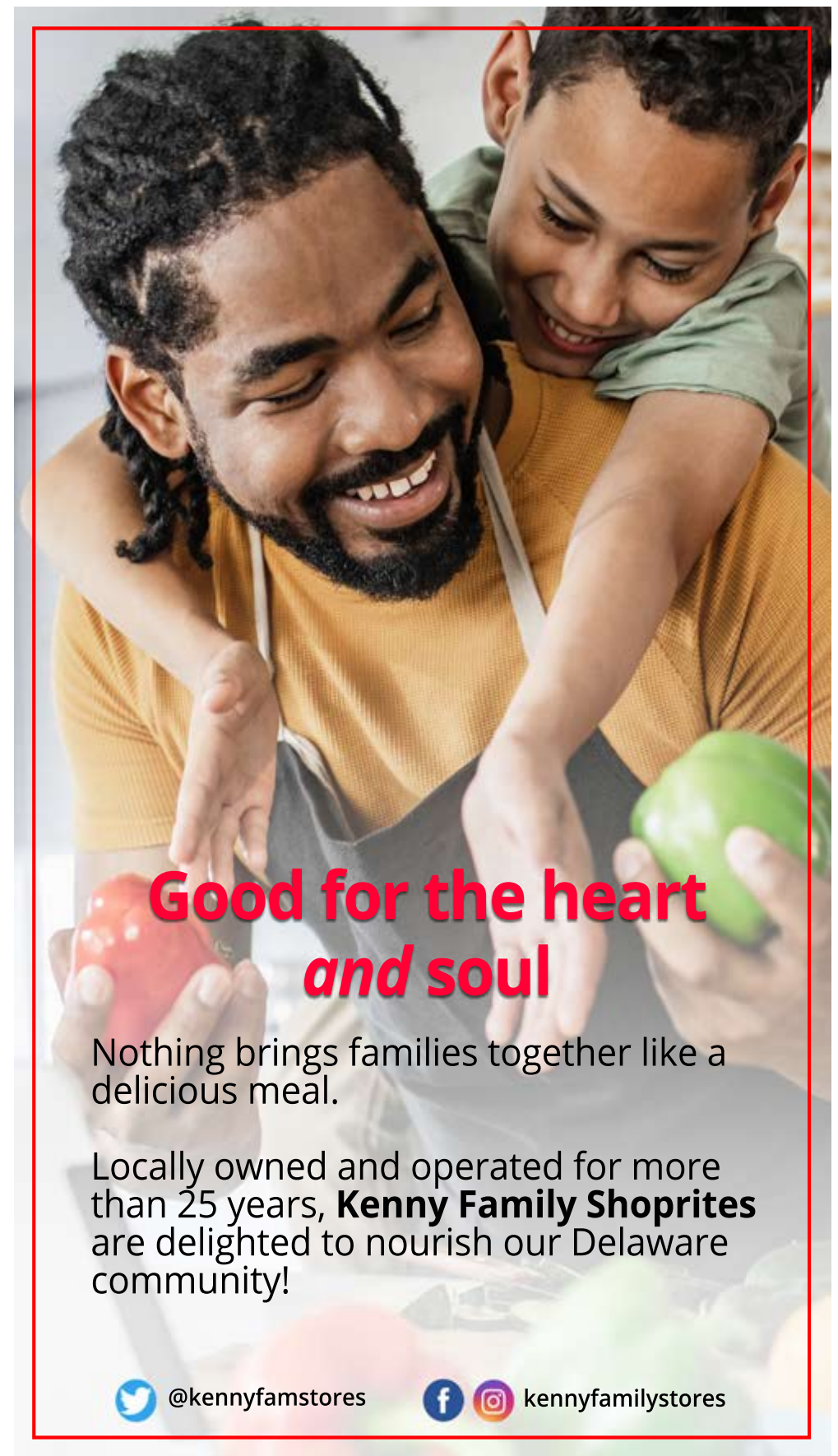
BY NICK ALESSANDRINI

The Delaware Blue Hens began their football season Thursday at LaValle stadium up in Long Island, NY. The Hens finished off 2022 with a 7-4 regular season record and a trip to the round of 16 of the FCS playoffs before losing to eventual National Champion South Dakota State. This season Delaware will look to get back to the playoffs, but will have to do so with some new names.

Delaware headed into Thursday's matchup with a fair share of new faces on all sides of the ball. The Blue Hens will only return two starters defensively, a few more on offense and a completely brand new group of legs on Special Teams. The first test came against the Stony Brook Sea Wolves, a team that has Delaware's number at home in Long Island, winning two of the last three. The Sea Wolves are coming off a 2-9 season, the worst in the last 24 seasons.

The biggest question mark for the Delaware Blue Hens entering Thursday's matchup is the quarterback position. Delaware native Nolan Henderson called it a career for the Hens after the conclusion of last season, after breaking numerous records during his tenure at Delaware. Will it be the redshirt sophomore Ryan O'Conner, who we saw late in some games in relief of Nolan Henderson? Or will it be the transfer from Iowa Central Community College Zach Marker? Coach Ryan Carty says both will play and hasn't named a starter ahead of the matchup.

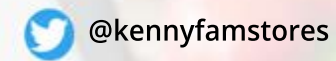
Last season Delaware kicked off the season on the road in Annapolis with a 14-7 win over FBS Navy. This season it will be a short travel week with conference opponent Stony Brook.



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BY NICK HALLIDAY

Delaware State is set to kick off the 2023 season under new head coach Lee Hull. Hull was introduced as the new head coach in December of 2022. Hull was most recently the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at MEAC rival Howard University. He brings more than 25 years of coaching experience at the professional and NCAA Division I levels.

The Hornets are coming off a 5-6 season in which they finished tied for third in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with Morgan State and Norfolk State. Defending MEAC champion North Carolina Central were not only predicted as the league's top team once again with Howard ranked second with South Carolina State in third. Morgan State, Norfolk State and Delaware State rounded out the bottom half in that order on this year's preseason rankings.

In a press release, MEAC announced six Hornets in its All-MEAC preseason honors. Delaware State's first

DE STATE FOOTBALL PRESEASON OUTLOOK

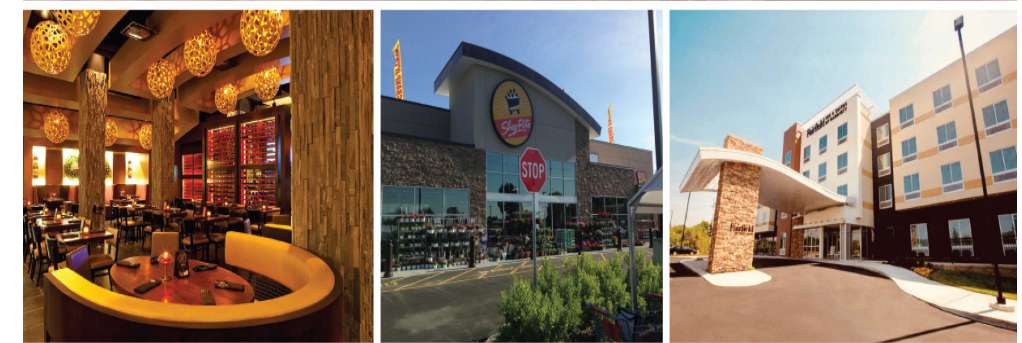
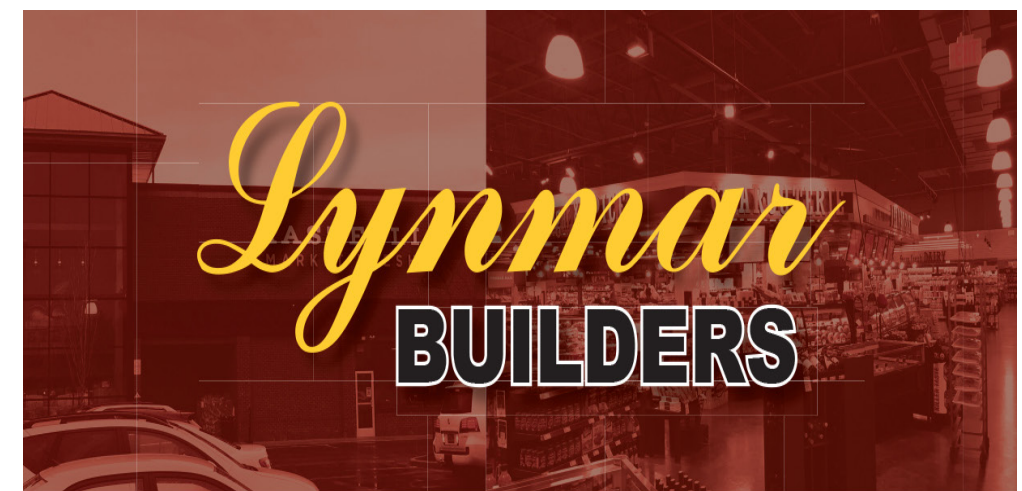
team selections were highlighted by reigning MEAC Offensive Rookie of the Year Marquis Gillis (RB), a local talent from Milford. Joining Gillis on the first team were seniors Sam Pearson (OL) and Romell Harris-Freeman (DB). Rounding out the Hornet All-MEAC preseason selections were junior offensive lineman Isaiah Cook, junior linebacker Maurio Goings and sophomore place kicker Nathan Wilson.

Coach Hull has yet to name his quarterback starter and told us "that the QB #1 QB spot has not been appointed." Former Delaware Gatorade Player CJ Henry from Hodgson is one of those quarterbacks battling for the starting position. Henry led the Hornets last season playing in eight games, going 92-for-148 throwing for 1,028 yards with nine touchdowns and four interceptions.

We did ask Coach Lee for some interviews, but were told "that none of our players are available for interviews".

The Hornets open the 2023 campaign on Saturday, Sept. 2, against Bowie State. Kickoff from Alumni Stadium is currently scheduled for 1 p.m. Below is a full schedule on how to watch the Hornets televised games this season.

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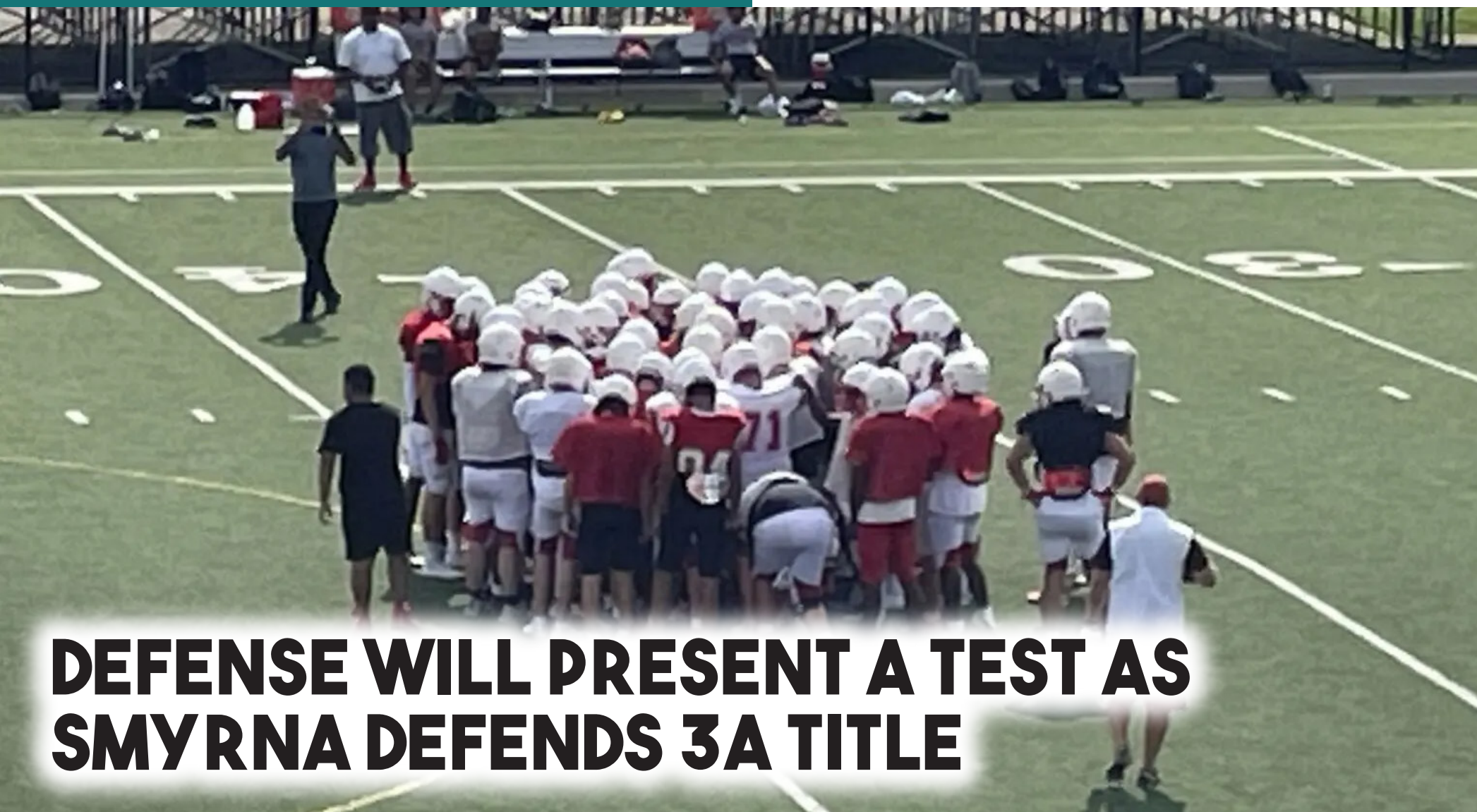
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DEFENSE WILL PRESENT A TEST AS SMYRNA DEFENDS 3A TITLE

BY GLENN FRAZER

The Smyrna Eagles dominated in the playoffs last year en route to the program's fourth state championship since 2015, all four coming under head coach Mike Judy. This year's team has plenty of young talent that will be called upon to replace the 15 starters gone from that title squad. Coach Judy told me "we are really looking forward to the season, with a bright-young group of guys that have been a pleasure to coach thus far."

The Eagles scrimmaged Elkton from the Bayside Conference on Friday, Aug. 25, when I caught up with

Coach Judy. Typically, the defense is ahead of the offense in preseason, but that's not the case with Smyrna. The Eagles scored three touchdowns in their first four series against the Golden Elks, a team that went deep in the Maryland playoffs a year ago.

Senior Jesse Dixon completed two passes over the middle to Kahmaj Kearney and Phoenix Henriquez, before connecting with Dior Mackey on a screen pass for the first score. Linebacker Cole Moyer ran in the two-point conversion from the Eagles' trademark

"earthquake" formation and the offense never slowed down the remainder of the scrimmage.

The Eagles return the entire starting offensive line except for "all-state" center Evan Blaeuer while Dixon and transfer Jake Tiberi will share time at quarterback. Smyrna is very young at the running back and wide receiver positions, however Mackey and Tim Yancey looked very good against Elkton. Kearney is the only returning starter at wide-out since Josh Gueh moved to Florida.

On the defensive side of the ball, Brandon West, Caleb Blane, C-J Kearney, Cole Moyer and Corey Williams all return. Young talent will be expected to fill the three linebackers and three secondary positions from the championship unit that was most impressive from "front-to-back." In my opinion one of the best all-around defenses I've seen in over 40 years of broadcasting.

The Eagles opened the season Friday, Sept. 1, at Abessinio Stadium against Manheim Central (PA) with kickoff at 3:30 p.m. This game is part of the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Pigskin Classic featuring eight games over three days in Wilmington, sponsored by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia.



HOWARD VS DMA FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE VIDEO RECAP

BY NICK HALLIDAY

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