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# HEADLINES



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# MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSES RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

BY TERRY ROGERS

At its regular June meeting, the Milford School District Board of Education discussed the return to school plans for the FY2021-22 school year. Dr. Kevin Dickerson, superintendent, stated that the goal is to prioritize in-person learning opportunities, offering virtual opportunities only for those students with medical requirements that make it unsafe for them to attend school in person.

“To give you an idea, we are looking at returning to a full return of a five-day a week schedule,” Dr. Bridget Amory, director of Student Learning, said. “All of our planning has been inclusive with our building leadership team as well as data we have been able to track and observe over this past school year. Remote learning will be available, but there will be a process and there will need to be medical documentation to support that.”

Dr. Amory explained that the district would continue to follow all recommendation from the Department of Health and the Delaware Department of Education. The district will build in flexibility should students need a break from instruction or even set instruction aside to discuss traumas they may have experienced or even discuss the COVID-19 pandemic itself. According to Dr. Amory, the goal is to make school a safe place to be and to talk about anything that may be concerning to a student.

“We will continue to provide social and emotional support through dedicated curriculum, time and support staff,” Dr. Amory said. “We want to pair students in smaller groups, and we are excited that we are now able to do that, so that we can better target instruction time. Technology has been important this year and we expect that to continue. What we have heard from staff is that they want clear and consistent communication. There are concerns that they may not be able to meet the needs of students in the time we have available. We also want to be sure we have the resources necessary for our own staff who may be struggling.”

Milford has been named one of the top users of Talking Points, an app that allows the district to text information to parents which can then be translated into a native language. The phone call system, conferences and meetings will also continue into the next school year.

“We have been running Building Bridges each month and it has been very successful,” Dr. Amory said. “We are looking forward to returning to in-person meetings for that. We are also looking forward to bringing back Open Houses, Curriculum Nights, Tech Tutorials, Transition Events and more that will allow people to return to our buildings.”

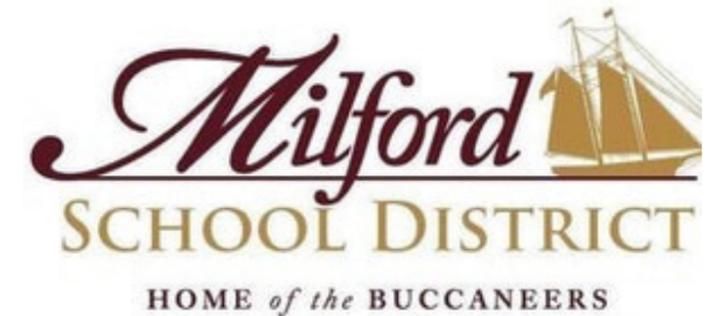
The plan presented to the board had already been updated that day, Dr. Amory explained. She stated that the

district would update the plan regularly on the website so that parents could remain informed about protocol changes as the district received them.

Board member David Vezmar pointed out that there may be some students, especially at the secondary level, who may have thrived with virtual learning and asked if there was any data that would support keeping virtual learning for those students.

“We do have some students who have done better in the remote learning environment,” Dr. Amory said. “We are still working toward a full, in-person learning environment. Remote does require another level of staffing but we will try to work with individual families on this.”

Board member Jean Wylie asked if there would still be transportation limits and Dr. Dickerson explained that more children were permitted on summer school buses. This indicates that by the time school starts, the protocols may be even more relaxed.



# CULTURE



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BY TERRY ROGERS

Delaware Hospice will hold the 11th Annual Eleanor Soltner Golf Outing on Friday, July 23 at Mulligan's Pointe. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

"After the wonderful care that Eleanor Soltner received from the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, her family and friends decided to organize a memorial golf outing," Jennifer Saienni, MBA, Marketing and Communications Manager at the center said. "In just a few short years, the golf outing has raised over \$220,000. This fun morning event welcomes the community to help raise awareness of the Delaware Hospice Center, which offers specialized, 24-hour acute care to hospice patients who require symptom management."

The event begins with breakfast and the opening of the driving range. The tournament ends at 1 p.m. with a Silent Auction and lunch. At 1:30 p.m., there is an award reception for contests that include Team Putting,

# ELEANOR SOLTNER GOLF OUTING PLANNED FOR JULY 23

Longest Drive, Ladies & Men, as well as Closest to the Pin Ladies & Men. There are also team prizes.

"Registration for the event is \$100 per person," Saienni said. "This includes greens fees, a cart, light breakfast, a refreshment cart, range balls and an awards reception with lunch."

In addition to golfers, Delaware Hospice is seeking sponsorships. Gold Sponsorships are \$3,000, Silver Sponsorships are \$2,000 and Bronze Sponsorships are \$1,500. Golfer Breakfast Sponsorships are \$500, Beverage Sponsorships are \$250 and Hole Sponsorships are \$100. Guests may be included at the awards reception for \$25.

In addition to honoring the memory of Eleanor Soltner, the event also honors the memory of Donna Jean Jackson, Esther O. Smith, Don Tiedemann, Wanda Tiedemann, The Passwater Family, Bob Graham, Ethel Graham, Gardner Shugart, Ray Beck, Joe Cavanaugh, Marian Marshall, Pop Bailey, Roy Brown, Tom Mathis, Jerry Ann McLamb, Diane Fung and Jim Reilly. The Eleanor Soltner Golf Committee includes Frank Soltner, Robert Burd, Nancy Burd, Tina Rambo, Joan Beck and Peggy Dolby.

Mulligan's Pointe is located at 22426 Sussex Pines Road in Georgetown. To register or learn more about sponsorships, visit **Delaware Hospice** or contact Bob Burd at burdie08@comcast.net or 302-422-3501.





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- Milford High School – Wednesdays 3:30-5:15 p.m.
- Mispillion Apartments – Thursdays 11:00-11:10 a.m.

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- The Learning Center: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Morris Early Learning Center: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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# EDUCATION



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# MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT HEARS PRELIMINARY TAX RATE PROPOSAL

BY TERRY ROGERS

For the fifth year in a row, the Milford School District's preliminary tax rate proposal reflects a reduction in the school tax. Chief Financial Officer Sara Croce provided the district with a breakdown of the current tax as well as what she expects the proposed rate to be in FY2021-22 may be.

"Our current expense tax provides revenue to cover our operating costs and no changes can occur to this rate without referendum," Croce said. "Current funding structure requires districts to plan for and save to allow many years with no operational revenue increases. The state requires that we keep a reserve to ensure local obligations including payroll can be met should there be a financial downturn. Our current expense tax rate was set by referendum on October 6, 2015, and it will remain the same for FY2022." The current tax rate is \$3.2188 per \$100 in Sussex County and \$1.1390 per \$100 in Kent County.

Debt service is also set by referendum and provides revenue to pay principal and interest for bonds sold for major capital improvements. The rate fluctuates annually depending on bond payment schedule. The revenue to cover Milford School District's debt service for FY2022 is \$1.25 million. This year, the proposed rate is \$0.4580 per \$100 in Sussex County, down from \$0.4747 in FY2021. Kent County is \$0.1621 per \$100, down from

\$0.1680 in FY2021.

"The only Match Tax we collect in Milford School District is the Minor Cap Match Tax," Croce said. "We must assess this Match Tax for Minor Capital Improvement to receive the 60 percent state share for those improvements. We are still awaiting allocations through the State Bond Bill to determine what our district share will be." It is estimated that the Match Tax will be \$0.1001 per \$100 in Sussex County, up from \$0.0927 in FY2021 and \$0.0354 per \$100 in Kent County, up from \$0.0328.

Tuition Tax is paid for services to student with special needs, both within and outside the district. The district has continued to implement special programs within the district to try to reduce this tax burden. The proposed rate is \$1.0259 per \$100 in Sussex County, down from \$1.0644 last year. The Kent County rate is \$0.360 per \$100, down from \$0.3766 the previous year.

Milford does not assess Capitation Tax and Croce explained that because they are still waiting for the allocation for Minor Capital Improvements, the final tax rate is still pending. In addition, the proposed FY2022 operating budget from the state does not restore loss of funding from FY2018. In FY2021, the loss was \$736,676.13, a share that changes each year. The district will provide a budget reduction plan to the state to offset the loss of those funds.

"Because our district is split between Kent and Sussex, an assessment-to-sales-ratio study is used to equalize tax rates," Croce said. "A formula is applied so that an identical property in Kent or Sussex County is taxed the same. Assessed values in Kent are higher so even though the rate is lower, the tax is the same. It is also important to note that the value of your home has not correlation to the assessed value. If your home is on the market for \$300,000, you may have an assessed value of \$25,000. Assessed value can be found by searching your name on the county websites."

Once the state provides final information to the district, the total proposed tax will be presented to the board for approval.

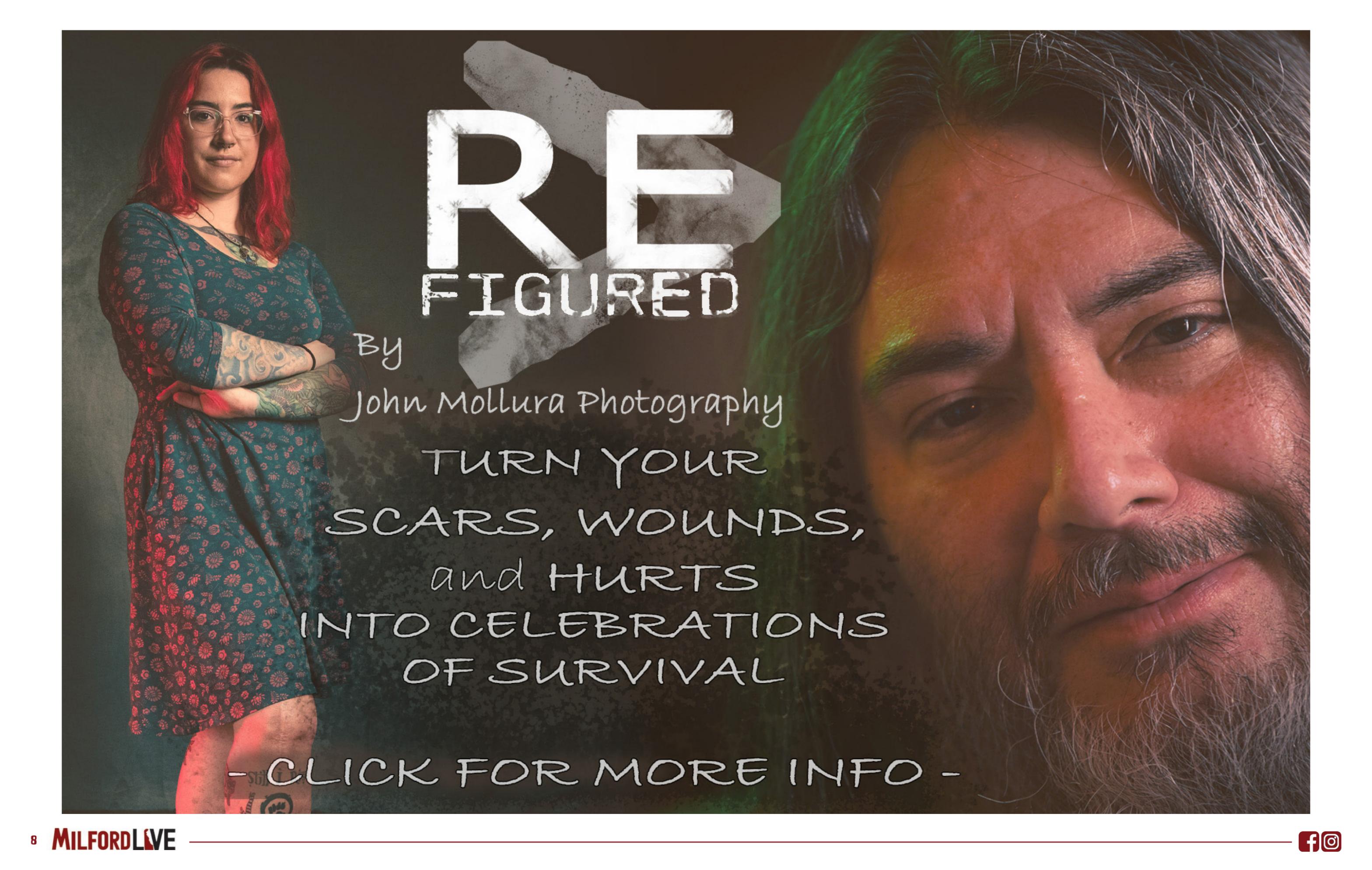



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# MINIMUM WAGE HIKE BILL HEADS TO CARNEY FOR SIGNATURE



BY BETSY PRICE

A bill that will raise Delaware’s minimum wage to \$15 by Jan. 1, 2025, passed the House of Representatives Thursday, and its next stop will be Gov. John Carney’s desk.

A last-minute flurry of amendments to Senate Bill 15 that would have allowed some groups to pay less or take longer to reach the full \$15 failed. Mostly, Republicans set ‘em up and Democrats knocked ‘em down as House sponsor Rep. Gerald Brady, D-Wilmington, declared every amendment “unfriendly.”

The hotly contested bill, originated in the Senate by Sen. Jack Walsh, D-Stanton, will raise minimum wage from \$9.25 an hour to \$10.50 on Jan. 1, 2022, then add

another \$1.25 raise in 2023, a \$1.50 raise in 2024 and a \$1.75 raise in 2025.

Senate Bill 15 came to the floor at the end of the House’s five-hour session, which started with technical issues before really getting going.

In comments before the final House vote, Republicans revisited many of the issues they had before. This time, they added that there was little information to consult about the effect of raising minimum wage, and none of it was from Delaware. Two of the failed amendments would have the controller general track results and report them.

With Democrats having a supermajority in the Senate and a majority in the House, the bill was always expected



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to pass. Dems argued that raising minimum wage would give people a better life, particularly women and minorities who traditionally have been paid lower wages than others.

Republicans and business advocates have said the bills will cost jobs because companies will lay off people, automate instead of hire and no longer hire teens. They also said the pandemic has undermined many businesses and they can't afford yet-another expense.

After the bill passed, Rep. John Kowalko, D-Newark, asked to speak.

"If there are 1,000 businesses that will lose some money," he said, "there are tens of thousands of workers enjoying the dignity of a fairer reach where they are."

The House also passed a bill that would require law enforcement officers and certain employees of both the Department of Correction and Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families to wear a body-worn camera and to use it to record their interactions with members of the public.

House Bill 195 also would instruct the Council on Police Training to create regulations and standards for the use of body-worn cameras by all law enforcement officers in Delaware.

"Body-worn cameras have the ability to be a game-changer in police-community relations. They greatly improve transparency and accountability while providing increased protection for both the police and the community," said Rep. Sherry Dorsey Walker, D-Wilmington, who sponsored the bill. "



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# CITY COUNCIL APPROVES INSPECTION SERVICE CONTRACT



Photo by Ann Lebengood

**BY TERRY ROGERS**

At its regular meeting on June 14, the Milford City Council approved an inspection contract with First State Inspection Services. This was a renewal of an annual contract with the company.

“This is for inspections of residential and commercial building plan and inspection services,” city planner Rob Pierce said. “We first signed a contract with them in 2017 with the construction of the new hospital and the departure of our in-house building official. We have renewed it annually to supplement our in-house building officials to cover leave of absence or when permit activity increases. Staff is asking to extend the contract.”

The contract included a slight increase from \$45 per trip to \$50 per trip, an increase that Pierce stated was in line with a different contract the city entered into with First State for rental inspections. According to the memo

provided, First State will charge \$0.045 per square foot to inspect new construction and \$0.03 per square foot for those over 10,000 square feet. The company will charge 1.5 percent of the estimated cost of construction up to \$20,000 and 0.5 percent of cost of \$20,000 for alterations.

New construction inspection fees will be \$145 per dwelling unit and includes building, plumbing and mechanical, depending on what inspections are needed. Alterations and additions will cost one percent of the estimated cost of the construction. Garages, porches, sheds, pole buildings and pool houses will cost \$50 while swimming pools, decks, minor fit-outs and basements will cost \$30. Solar, fences, roof replacements and other minor projects will be \$20 with a minimum fee charged of \$20.

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Councilman Jason James asked if Planning used the inspection service often or whether its use was unpredictable. Pierce stated that the city was currently using First State quite often because there was an in-house building official vacancy. Before the vacancy, the city used First State when the building official wanted to take time off.

“We have not used them in conjunction,” Pierce said. “We only use them when someone needed time off to keep the inspection process moving. However, with the increase in permitting, we may need to use them more often to take some of the burden from in-house officials.”

Mayor Archie Campbell stated that, since 2017, First State has been a major asset to the city. He commented that since they have been on board, many changes have occurred in Milford related to run-down properties.

“We had two contracts with them, one of which has since terminated,” Pierce said. “When we ramped up the rental inspection program, we entered into a contract with First State to help us with those inspections. We have not renewed that contract because we have that down to a manageable level. The only contract we are looking to renew is related to new construction.”

City Council approved the contract with First State unanimously.



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# CITY COUNCIL APPROVES KENT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



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**BY TERRY ROGERS**

On June 14, the Milford City Council approved the March 2021 Update of the 2015 Kent County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The update was the culmination of recommendations by a consultant hired by the Emergency Management Division of Kent County.

“There was no cost to the city for this update,” Mike Svaby, director of Public Works, said. “Our only responsibility was committing to a focus group. The purpose of the plan is to enable the county and its towns to respond to hazards as they occur in order to reduce potential risks to health, safety and welfare of residents. The adoption of this plan is necessary for a range of financial benefits in the event of a hazard. If we have some sort of disastrous event, being a member participant of this plan would entitle us to whatever FEMA or other financial supplements are available.”

The 2020 Plan Update consists of a thorough review of the 2015 Plan which was used as a base document and each chapter was updated as necessary. The update involves review of data on potential hazardous and reprioritization of those hazards in terms of frequency, severity and the impacts that could occur. The update includes a review of the county profile, the capabilities of the county and its municipalities as well as mitigation actions available at the municipality level. Each area was revised, deleted or modified to address high priority hazards and a Plan Maintenance and Monitoring section was added.

Councilman Andy Fulton asked if this would provide assistance from other areas when one location suffers a hazardous event. Svaby explained that there is information regarding cross-utilization of personnel, but that

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each entity had their own federal assistance that may not directly impact other entities.

Mayor Archie Campbell questioned whether Sussex County also used such a plan and City Solicitor David Rutt had stated that there was a similar plan for Sussex County as well.

City Council approved adoption of the updates unanimously.



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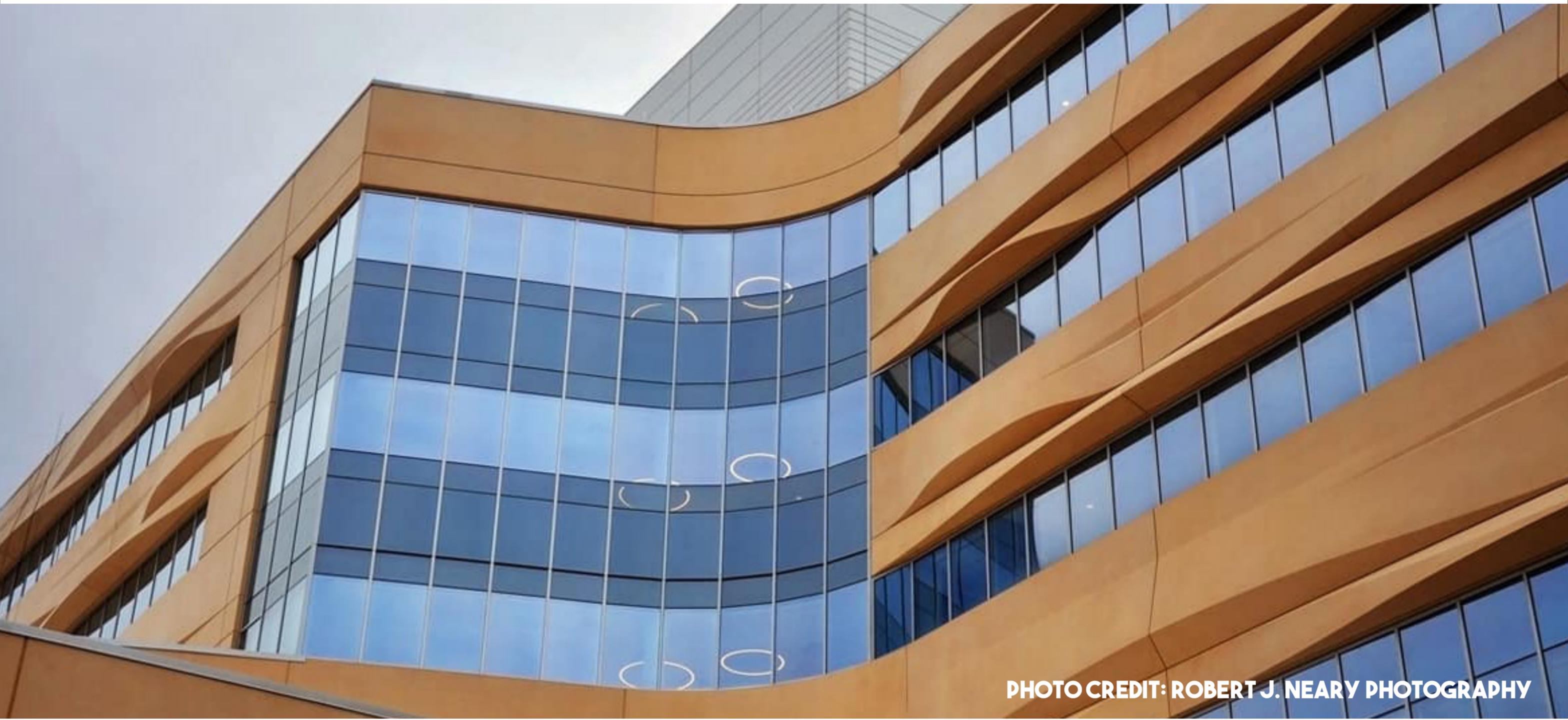


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# MILFORD WELLNESS VILLAGE CONFERENCE ROOMS AVAILABLE



BY TERRY ROGERS

When Milford Wellness Village took over the former Milford Memorial Hospital location on Clarke Avenue, Nationwide Healthcare, who owns and operates the facility, committed to being a part of the community. Recently, they announced the opening of the Village Café, a breakfast and lunch location that is open to the public. In addition, Executive Director Daphne Bumbrey recently announced that the facility has five conference rooms available for rent.

“We understand that there may be small businesses in the area who may occasionally need additional space

for training, meetings or other functions,” Brumbrey said. “Our five conference rooms are designed specifically for that purpose. Rentals are available through the week and on Saturday with many amenities available as well.”

Brumbrey explained that the Board Room, the largest of the conference rooms has a large, flat screen television and a reception area where arrivals can gather prior to the meeting. Conference Room A is 13 by 17 feet and has an 80-inch flat screen television while Conference Room B is 13 by 18 feet and has a 52-inch flat screen television. Conference Room C is 13 by 10 feet and

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Conference Room D is 13 by 15 feet.

“The rooms are available to rent in any format, whether you just need one room or all five,” Brumbrey said. “You can have food brought in or arrange catering through the Village Café. We can arrange a full meal or provide you with coffee, tea, water and sodas. The rental includes WiFi as well. When the room is booked, I provide the contact for any IT issues and my information if there is an issue with a room. There is a small kitchenette as well. When we sit down to talk about the rental, I can fill people in on what is included.”

Brumbrey explained that this was just one more way that Milford Wellness Village hoped to give back to the local community. Anyone interested in renting the facility can contact Brumbrey via email at [dbrumbrey@milfordwellnessvillage.com](mailto:dbrumbrey@milfordwellnessvillage.com) or give her a call at 302-300-5563.



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# NO DEATHS FROM COVID-19 REPORTED IN LAST WEEK; WHERE TO BE TESTED, VACCINATED

BY BETSY PRICE

Delaware's COVID-19 new cases, percentage of cases testing positive and hospitalizations all continue to fall, as the state widens ways to get vaccines near your home.

Of note: No additional deaths were reported in the last week, with 1,679 Delawareans having died from the virus.

As of Thursday, the state has had a total of 109,501 positive cases of COVID-19 among residents, but the seven-day average of new positive cases decreased to 30.6. The percentage of all tests that were positive is down to 1%, a drop from last week's 1.7.

In addition, only 26 people are hospitalized because of COVID, down 25 from last week. Four are critically ill, down nine from last week.

The spread of variants continues low, with most of the mutant cases being the British strain. The Delaware Public Health Laboratory has sequenced 3,127 specimens for COVID-19 variant strains to date, including 75 within the past week.

The Indian strain, which health officials fear because

is it more infectious, decimated India and has spread quickly in England, still is showing only 11 cases. More, however, are likely to be circulating, because not all positive cases are sequenced to find the origin of the infection.

## DE Wins!

Prize winners in the state DE Wins! contest have claimed a lot of prizes. While not all have agreed to be publicly identified, two more \$5,000 prize winners, two winners of an Annual Park Pass from Delaware State Parks, and the winner of a Funland Prize Package have claimed their prizes.

Also, Logan Crotty of Lewes won the Shorebirds Prize Package and Theresa Preston of Millsboro won the Kent County Vacation package.

Ten winners will be drawn for next week's drawings. Prizes offered include another Funland and Shorebirds Prize Package, more state park passes, \$5,000 to two winners, free tolls for a year and a Sussex County vacation package.



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The only thing Delawareans need to do to be entered is to have been vaccinated in Delaware on or after May 25 if you are 18+.

### Vaccination update

As of Friday morning, 975,511 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given, according to the state's immunization information system, DelVAX.

Among Delawareans ages 12+, 495,985 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 423,804 Delawareans are fully vaccinated.

Of those, there have been 383 breakthrough cases of COVID-19, less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

### Where to be vaccinated

#### DMV sites

The state's Community Health Services section will offer Pfizer vaccine to all ages 12 and older at:

- Dover DMV: Mondays, 9 a.m.–noon.
- Georgetown DMV: Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–noon.
- Delaware City DMV: Fridays, 9 a.m.–noon.

#### Mobile Vaccine Units in underserved areas

The Delaware National Guard will use medically trained staff to offer Pfizer vaccine for ages 12+ and the J&J vaccine for persons 18+ in these communities:

- Tuesday, June 22: Manchester Square, Dover, 10 a.m.–noon.
- Wednesday June 23: Southbridge: Elbert Park, Wilmington, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; Adams Street basketball courts, Wilmington, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 24: Kirkwood Park, Wilmington, noon–4 p.m.; Seaford Marketplace, Seaford, 10 a.m.–noon and 1:30–3:30 p.m.

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• Friday, June 25: Autumn Arch Beer Project, Newark, 2–7 p.m.; Glasgow Farmers Market, Newark, 3–7 p.m.  
**New Castle County**

In addition to pharmacies, health centers and hospitals, vaccines can be found at these places.

• Delaware Tech Wilmington (300 N. Orange St., Wilmington 19801) Pfizer available. Click here to choose your date and time.

• Wednesday, June 23 from 4–9 p.m.: Main Street Alfresco on Main Street Newark (Main Street, Newark) Pfizer available. Click here to choose your date and time.

• Thursday, June 24 from 12–4 p.m.: Community Youth Resource Fair—Kirkwood Park (11th & Spruce Streets, Wilmington) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. No Appointment Required.

• Friday, June 25 from 3–7 p.m.: Glasgow Park, New Castle County Farmers Market (2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. No Appointment Required.

**Kent County**

• Delaware State University (1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. Click here to choose your date and time.

• Saturday, June 26 from 11 a.m.–5 p.m.: African American Festival (Legislative Mall, 410 Legislative Ave., Dover) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. No Appointment Required.

**Sussex County**

• Delaware Tech Georgetown (21179 College Drive, Georgetown) Pfizer Available. Click here to choose your date and time.

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• Thursday, June 24 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.: Rehoboth City Hall (229 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. Click here to choose your date and time.

• Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.: Riverwalk Farmers Market (5 S. Walnut St., Milford) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. Click here to choose your date and time.

• Saturday, June 26 from 3–9 p.m.: Hudson Fields Beer Garden (29763 Eagle Crest Road, Milton) Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson Available. Click here to choose your date and time.

### Pop-up COVID-19 testing New Castle County

• Tuesday, June 22 from 11 a.m.–7 p.m.: University of Delaware Hollingsworth Lot (61 North College Ave., Newark) Register: [www.delaware.curativeinc.com](http://www.delaware.curativeinc.com)

• Wednesday, June 23 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 5–7 p.m.: Henrietta Johnson Medical Center (601 New Castle Ave., Wilmington) Register by calling 302-655-6187

• Wednesday, June 23 from 12–4 p.m.: ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital, 601 Parking Lot (601 Delaware Ave., Wilmington) Register: [www.delaware.curativeinc.com](http://www.delaware.curativeinc.com)

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• Wednesday, June 23 from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.: Caesar Rodney High School (239 Old North Road, Camden) Register: [www.delaware.curativeinc.com](http://www.delaware.curativeinc.com)



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• Friday, June 25 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Rehoboth City Hall (229 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach) Register: [www.delaware.curativeinc.com](http://www.delaware.curativeinc.com)

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# POLICE & FIRE



# CARLISLE FIRE COMPANY PUTS NEW AMBULANCE, LADDER TRUCK IN SERVICE



BY TERRY ROGERS

Carlisle Fire Company recently purchased a new ambulance and a new ladder truck, replacing equipment that had aged out of service. Both pieces of equipment have new technology that will benefit not only the firefighters and EMTs, but also the citizens of Milford.

“Our old ladder was purchased in 1992,” Fire Chief Ryan Knowles said. “It was a rear-mount aerial truck and it served us well for 29 years. It started to get a few problems, mostly minor, so we decided it was time to replace it before the issues became major. The life expectancy of any fire truck is about 20 years.”

The old ladder truck was a Simon Duplex LTI 110’ truck known as Ladder 42. It had a six-man cab and a specialized aerial breathing system, Stokes basket and Whelen emergency light system. When someone was using the ladder and bucket, there needed to be someone on the ground directing them, making the old truck more of a two-man operation. The new truck allows for one firefighter to direct the ladder from the bucket.

“With building construction in the area and infrastructure like the new hospital, we felt we needed to upgrade the ladder truck,” Knowles said. “We feel that this one will serve us a lot better.”

With the new hospital now located south of Milford, Carlisle Fire Company ambulances are running about six additional miles for each ambulance run. In January, the company reported to City Council that it was averaging between 4,000 and 7,000 ambulance runs each year, a number that is expected to rise as the population ages. In addition, the new assisted living facility located at Milford Wellness Village where the former Milford Memorial Hospital stood has increased ambulance runs as well.

The new ladder truck, which will be known as Tower 42, cost the company \$1.4 million. The company has listed the former ladder truck for sale.

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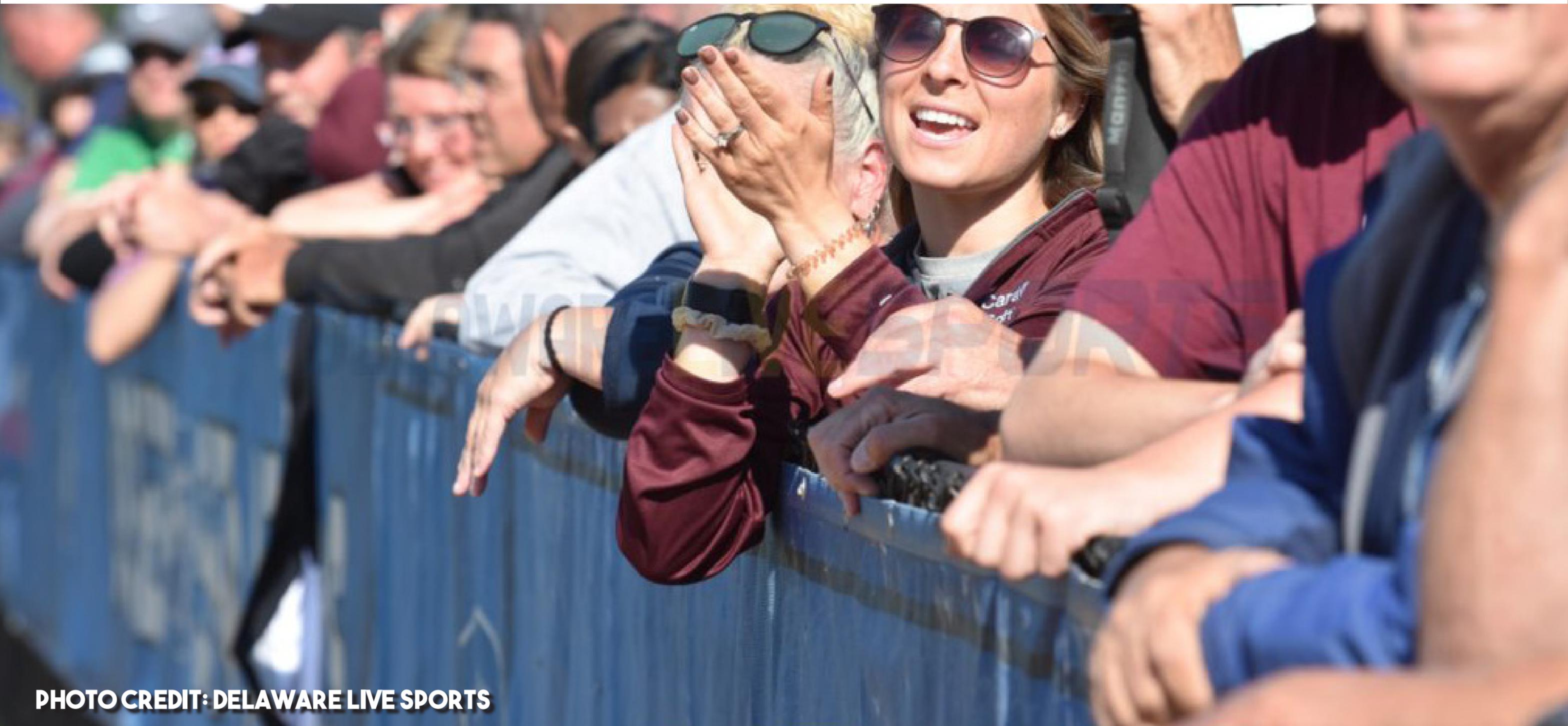


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# GOLD CONTROLS GAME IN 21-13 WIN OVER BLUE IN 65TH DFRC ALL-STAR GAME

BY NICK HALLIDAY

It was a beautiful night for football at Delaware Stadium Friday for the return of the DFRC Blue-Gold All-Star game after an absence due to the pandemic in 2020. Eighty seniors from across the state would get together for one final game in Delaware and it would live up to the hype. A fourth down 17-yard touchdown pass from Gold Quarterback Aidan Sanchez to his Smyrna teammate Jeremiah Earl would prove to be the difference in the 21-13 win.

The Gold team controlled time of possession throughout the game but the Blue team would come up with some big stops deep in its own territory, including two fourth down stops from inside the two-yard line. The

Gold would get on the board first in the opening quarter as Dover's Qualeak Bumbry would punch it in from one yard out on fourth and goal (Vickers PAT). In the second quarter, the Blue team would answer. 2019 Delaware Player of the Year and Hodgson Quarterback CJ Henry, would find the talented wide receiver from Howard, Tyaire Spencer, for a 27-yard touchdown down the right sideline (Spsychalski PAT) to tie the game at seven. Another Blue team defensive stop on fourth and goal would keep the score 7-7 at the half.

It was all Gold in the second half as the scoring would begin with the Smyrna teammates. On fourth down, the Sanchez to Earl 17-yard fade touchdown (Vickers



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PAT) would give the Gold team the lead back late in the third. The Gold team would also possess the next scoring play as Blue team quarterback Miles Harding rolled right and fired late across the middle and into the hands of Gold team DB Sean McGee. The Sussex Central Golden Knight would take it 16 yards into the end zone for a defensive score (Vickers PAT).

After trailing 21-7 the Blue team would try and find some rhythm late in the fourth. Henry would find his longtime receiver at Hodgson Ny'Ghee Lolley for a 58-yard TD pass with two minutes to play—that might have been the best play of the night. Lolley took the jump ball away from the defender and broke a tackle as he walked into the end zone to cut the Gold lead 21-13 (PAT Failed). The ensuing onside kick would be unsuccessful for the Blue squad as Gold would recover and go on to win the game for the fourth straight year and for the eighth time in the last 10 years. The Blue team still leads the series 32-30 (3 ties).

Sanchez was voted Most Outstanding Player, while Sussex Central Center Caden Collins earned Most Outstanding lineman honors.



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