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SHOCK VINYL OPENS IN PENNY SQUARE

BY TERRY ROGERS

Businesses in the newly renovated Penny Square expanded recently with the opening of Shock Vinyl, a record store specializing in vinyl records, vintage instruments and the rock-themed photography of the store owner, Marc Clery. The new store also offers mint-in-box vintage toys and die-cast cars.

“Ever since I was younger, 12 years old or so, I’d go to record stores similar to this and buy records. As an adult, I continued to do that and I accumulated a nice collection and then when I decided to retire from being a photojournalist, I wanted to open my record store,” Clery said. “And also, over the years, I’ve collected musical instruments, guitars and bases, and amplifiers, so I wanted to include that and so that’s how it all came about. I retired in July of last year from the Delaware State News.”

One entire wall of the new store displays Clery’s collection of vintage guitars and amplifiers. Behind the counter are toys in boxes and the center shelving holds multiple metal cars, still in the boxes as well. Along the walls, there are bins of records as well as books on musicians and turntables designed to play albums.

“Milford was definitely the town that I wanted, because of the kindness. Dover’s bigger, but I’ve always liked Milford and then Penny Square,” Clery said. “At first, I saw the article that they were doing the fondue restaurant, and I didn’t think that there were going to be any shops available. And Sara (Bluhm) from the city of Milford who’s, she’s part of the business development in Milford, and she hooked me up with Zack and Marissa (King) and they showed me the space. It was

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION CITY OF MILFORD 2023 ANNUAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Milford Annual Election scheduled for April 22, 2023 has been canceled.

Prior to the filing deadline of February 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., the following individuals submitted nominating petitions for the offices as indicated below:

- Ward 1 Council---Daniel Marabello
- Ward 2 Council---F. Todd Culotta
- Ward 3 Council---Nirmala Samaroo
- Ward 4 Council---Jason L. James Sr.

There being only one candidate for the Office of Council in Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, and Ward 4, the above candidates are entitled to assume office without a formal election pursuant to 15Del.C. 7555(j).

Duly elected candidates will be sworn in at the Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 that begins at 6:00 p.m.

A friendly reminder that the City of Milford uses the State of Delaware’s Voter Registration system. Please ensure you are properly registered to be eligible to participate in future elections and referendums.

Qualified non-resident property owners must be registered through the City Clerk’s Office at Milford City Hall to be eligible to vote in future City of Milford Elections and Referendums. Please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 302-422-1111 Extension 1303 for additional clarification.

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perfect colors for my photography, the rock and roll photography that I've shot at concerts and the stuff I already had."

Clery explained that the photography of many globally recognized rock musicians is a secondary item in the store. The photos were accumulated through his years as a photographer attending various concerts.

"The store is primarily records, new mint and vintage, used in really good shape. And the price range, the new ones are a little pricey now, but that's what they go for," Clery said. "And then I have records in the vintage area range from an average of \$25. And then I have \$5 records and \$3 records and then dollar records, but those are primarily scratched for people who just want the covers, not necessarily to play the record."

The market for vinyl records is a wide one, Clery explained. Many people prefer vinyl because they think it offers a richer sound. Others enjoy simply collecting album covers and are not interested in ever playing the vinyl inside the cover. Album covers also provide a wealth of information, Clery stated.

"Album covers allow you to look at everything," Clery said. "You can read about the band, find out when the record was made, see the lyrics sometimes. It's nicer to actually hold something tangible."

His clientele age range is also fairly wide, Clery stated.

"A lot of kids know about vinyl now and a lot of my customers are young," Clery said. "A young gentleman who goes to the music school to learn how to play guitar. His parents bring him in here every week. I think it's on

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Tuesday, he comes in and they let him buy one record. The stuff that he's getting is, in my opinion, really nice because the first week I think he got an Allman Brothers double album. And then this past Tuesday, he picked out a Grateful Dead, an actual first pressing."

Although Clery does offer a few turntables, he does not think that is a market he is going to go into heavily because there are so many components that go into a good stereo system. The turntables he offers are less expensive and perfect for someone just starting out in the vinyl collection industry.

"The turntables I have can connect via Bluetooth or you can use it to stream through your device," Clery said. "They have USB capability so you can connect to your computer and actually download tracks so you can stream them on your phones. You can also connect a receiver. It's fairly easy for most people and a lot of my friends have done that, taken all their records and put them on CD."

Currently, Shock Vinyl is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. When fondue. opens, the shop will be open Thursday through Saturday from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.



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TERRY ROGERS

Although there have been no significant snowfalls in Milford this year, with the 135th anniversary of one of the worst snowstorms in Delaware history coming up on March 11, it is important to remember the Blizzard of 1888. The storm began innocently enough on a mild and pleasant March day, but by Sunday afternoon, the weather took a drastic turn.

“On Sunday, the wind blew from the southeast and rain began to fall in the afternoon, continuing until about 11:20 p.m., when the wind jumped to the northwest and at once blew a hurricane,” a statement from “A History of Milford,” compiled by the Milford Historical Society, said. “Houses rocked and trembled, trees were blown down, roofs taken off and everything loose was swept before the wind. In about an hour, the rain changed to a fine snow and the mercury sank rapidly, going down to 10 degrees by morning.”

The account continues, explaining that snow stopped by daylight and the sun appeared, but the wind blew at about 65 miles an hour, filling the air with snow as “fine as flour.”

REMEMBERING THE BLIZZARD OF 1888

“In places it drifted into high banks and filled every crevice,” the account, which was taken from a local newspaper, continued. “It blew again on Tuesday as fierce as the day before and the snow again fell from the northwest. Railroad and highways were blocked and stopped. Small buildings and fences were blown down and the tin roof was stripped from Marshall’s Mills. The train from Lewes got stuck and it did not reach here until Tuesday and for three days, two engines were used to pull two cars, and none came on time.”

According to the National Weather Service, snow totals reached as high as 40 to 50 inches across parts of New England. Over 400 people died in the storm. Most of them lost their lives as the economy was struggling, requiring many to try to get to work despite the weather conditions. In addition, more than 200 ships were destroyed along the East Coast.

Weather notifications were in their infancy in 1888 and this caught many people unprepared for the storm. Another factor that led people to ignore warnings was that it was 50 degrees during the day on March 11. The rain was heavy when it began, but many simply did not think snow was possible after having such warm weather earlier in the day. Once the rain began, there was localized flooding, and the temperature began to drop quickly. As it did, the rain on the ground froze so that when the snow began, described as “large flakes, falling close together” it began to stick quickly.

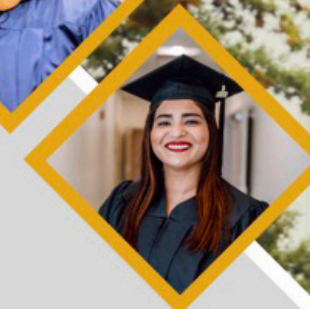
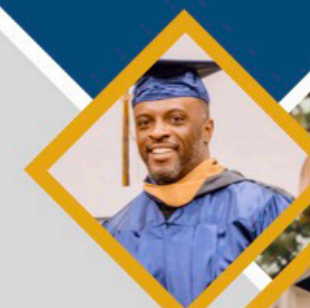
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The Eastern Seaboard was paralyzed by the storm. Telegraph communications were cut off and ships were running aground. In Lewes, 23 vessels were reported to have run aground and there were reports that 18 sailors were frozen to death in the rigging of the boats. In Milford, a tunnel was dug to allow passage across Walnut Street to various businesses and photos taken from the National Hotel show drifts above first floor windows.

A plaque created by the Delaware Public Archives and placed at Lewes Harbor calls the storm "The Great White Hurricane." It describes "salt spray that froze into a glassy coating the instant water touched decks, spars or rigging."

The storm finally ended on March 14 and shovel brigades were hired by railroads to clear tracks and get supplies where they needed to be. In some areas, since the most common transportation was horse and buggy, travel was stopped until a spring thaw melted the snow several days after the storm ended.



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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PLAYGROUND AND BALL COURTS

BY TERRY ROGERS

The city of Milford broke ground on a new playground and pickleball courts on Saturday, March 4. The city received support for the project from local legislators as well as grant funding.

“Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country,” Brad Dennehy, director of Public Works, said. “With these new courts, we will bring the number we have available to six.”

The new playground is designed to honor the ship-building heritage of Milford. The courts and playground will be free as well as open to the public. Other projects in the area include a new public restroom. Dennehy hopes the new amenities will be open for the summer season.

“Thank you to Rep. Bryan Shupe, Sen. Dave Wilson and Rep. Charlie Postles for supporting our capital projects,” Dennehy said. “



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ARBY'S FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVED BY PLANNING AND ZONING

BY TERRY ROGERS

At a recent Planning and Zoning meeting, the commission approved a final site plan for Arby's. The fast food restaurant is planned for the former Shore Distributors location on Route 113.

"We are here requesting final site plan approval," Timothy Metzner of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, said. "We have addressed all the comments and resubmitted as of last Monday, Feb. 14, addressing the three remaining items about site lighting, and that was the last couple remaining items there. So that has been addressed as well. So as stated we received all our approvals and just request final site plan approval."

The new restaurant will be approximately 3,000 square feet and will include a drive-thru as well as outdoor seating based on the plans. Entrances and exits into the parking area will be placed on both North Walnut Street and North Dupont Boulevard, allowing drivers to enter and exit from either side of the restaurant.

In August 2021, Masten Realty placed a small sign on a larger for sale sign that said, "Curly Fries?" stirring up excitement in Milford. Since Arby's is known for their spicy curly fries, it seemed clear that they were looking at that location to open a new restaurant. This was confirmed by DelDOT soon after the sign was put up and the larger sign marked as "Sold by Wes."

Shore Distributors, a plumbing, heating and electrical supply company, closed its Milford store in March 2021. It was initially founded in 1946 by John E. Morris, a mechanical contractor from Baltimore who struggled to find the supplies he needed for his business. The first Shore Distributors opened in downtown Salisbury and grew across the Eastern Shore.

This is not the first Arby's to open in Milford. A former location at 697 N. Dupont Boulevard, which is now Popeye's, closed several years ago. Arby's was founded in Boardman, Ohio, by Leroy and Forrest Raffel, broth-

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ers who named the restaurant based on their initials, "RB." Following in the footsteps of Ray Kroc who built the McDonald's dynasty, the Raffel brothers wanted to develop a similar franchise but needed to set themselves apart from McDonald's.

Their first restaurant opened in 1964 selling their signature slow-cooked roast beef sandwiches. The Raffel brothers called the restaurant "R-B's" and by 1967, they had over 100 R-B locations. Their signature roast beef sandwiches combined with extra-large iced tea were the main menu items. The day after the brothers took their company public, the stock market collapsed and, despite pulling stock options, were left without capital to expand. Banks took over, fired the employees at corporate headquarters and eliminated many franchisee services.

The Raffels regained control five months later and it took them another five years to show a profit. By 1975, there were more than 500 restaurants in the United States. After merging with Royal Crown Cola, the name became Arby's. After the retirement of the Raffels in 1980, the company fell into decline until Leonard Roberts took over as CEO. He scaled back the menu and returned to focusing on items that could not be purchased at other fast food restaurants, including the famous roast beef, while also adding deli-style sandwiches and roasted chicken.

Because this is a final site plan, it will not need to go before City Council. The unanimous vote from Planning and Zoning means that Arby's can now go forward with construction of its new location.



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PUB CRAWL RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN MILFORD

BY TERRY ROGERS

The popular Downtown Milford Inc. event, the annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl, this year known as "Toasting the Town", will return on March 18 from 5 p.m. to midnight. Shelby DiCostanzo, who is leading the committee, explained that the process would be a little different than previous years.

"Of course, we are working with the local bars and restaurants, encouraging people to come downtown that night, enjoy a few cocktails and grab some food," DiCostanzo said. "We are also having tastings at a few locations. Stone and Sage will have tastings. The Parker Group is featuring Thompson Island, DMI will offer Dogfish and we are still working out details with Feebs."

A shuttle, whose cost will be covered by DMI, will run from 5 to 9 p.m. Lanyards, called the "Paddy Pass", will be on sale at Eventbrite with a cost of \$20 per pass. The pass includes tickets for the shuttle that will run from Arena's to EasySpeak and Mispillion. Other stops may be added as details are finalized. Every pass also

includes one free tasting at the various businesses on the crawl.

"It is important to note that the shuttle will end around 9 p.m.," DiCostanzo said. "That means if you plan to stay until last call, you will need to figure out your ride."

Lanyards will be available for pick up at various locations in Milford including Stone and Sage as well as the Parker Group. DiCostanzo hopes that other downtown businesses will also agree to be a pick up location in order to encourage visitors to come in and check out their businesses. Those who purchase a pass can take their EventBrite confirmation information to one of the business to receive their lanyard.

The Paddy Pass can be purchased by visiting [Eventbrite](#). You must be 21 or older to purchase a pass and may be required to show ID in order to board the bus or receive a tasting. For more information, contact DMI at 302-839-1180.



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BY TERRY ROGERS

After much discussion about pedestrian safety, the city of Milford recently passed an ordinance that would prohibit a pedestrian to approach vehicles within 200 feet of a traffic signal unless that vehicle is legally parked at the curb on the shoulder. Pedestrians may also not be in the median unless they are crossing the highway at a crosswalk. Anyone who stands in a median for more than two light changes is in violation of the ordinance.

“I see the rules, but what are the ramifications?” Councilman Andy Fulton asked. “I see the rules here saying you’ll want to do this. you don’t want to do that. But what penalties are there?”

City Manager Mark Whitfield explained that there was a fine of \$100 included in the ordinance but it was removed at the request of council. Councilman Jason James stated that he felt the fine should be removed because it was likely the city would never collect it.

CITY PASSES PEDESTRIAN ORDINANCE

“I just feel like this is a toothless wonder,” Councilman Fulton said. “Why even have it if it doesn’t matter? Why have it if you are not going to apply any grounds to say this is right or this is wrong. There’s the ordinance that says what is right. I’m not going to do it. Well, then you’re wrong, you are going against the ordinance. But now what?”

Councilman Todd Culotta pointed out that as a contractor, he has certain rules he has to follow such as not making too much noise on a weekend or after a certain hour. He explained that the police could show up and tell him to keep it down, but he could just ignore it. Councilman James asked if there was a fine and Councilman Culotta stated that he could probably lose his license to work in Milford if he continued to violate the ordinance.

“I remember we talked about this,” Councilwoman Katrina Wilson said. “The police needed something on our books to give them the authorization to coax or, I don’t know the right word, to go and say ‘hey, this is against our ordinance, can you move’? Now, as for what the penalties were, I don’t think it even mattered what the penalties were. We wanted to be sure the police were in the guidelines to ask the individual to move from the intersection. That was what was most important for us.”

Chief of Police Cecilia Ashe explained that it is within someone’s constitutional right to beg for money, but when they do it in an aggressive or disorderly manner, it is enforced through Delaware law. In her opinion, Milford Police were already covered under Delaware

law to approach someone who was acting in an unsafe manner in an intersection. She also agreed with Councilman Fulton that there needed to be some type of penalty.

“Chapter 1-11 of the city code states, “unless otherwise indicated, the code of the city of Milford or unless otherwise provided under Delaware code, violation of any chapter, article or ordinance of the city of Milford is punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or not more than \$500,” City Solicitor David Rutt said. “And it says unless otherwise provided so it would mean that a violation of this ordinance could be a fine of \$100.” Rutt suggested that the ordinance could be amended to issue one warning.

Councilman Fulton felt there had to be teeth to an ordinance for it to have any impact. He also felt it would be difficult for the police to know if they had already warned someone once.

“So, officers already have discretion in these enforcement efforts,” Chief Ashe said. “As Councilman James well knows, a lot of these people may be dealing with mental health or drug addictions. We already have components in place to recognize and identify when we’re coming across those type of individuals. So, with that, I would recommend that if it starts at \$100 and you’re trying to strike a balance, maybe stay at \$100 and not go to \$500. But the responsibility of law enforcement officers is to enforce a law that is put into place, but that we already have mechanisms built into the policing system

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STATE DETAILS PLANS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION IN COUNTY HEARINGS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Kent County farm owner Jane Warren is anxious to have internet service at her home, but there's no way to do that now.

"We cannot function because everything is done online," she said during a Delaware Department of Technology and Information public hearing Wednesday night about state efforts to expand broadband access.

The department has until August to develop a five-year plan to increase internet access in unserved and underserved areas of the state and the March 1 hearing was the first of three, one in each county, to hear what people want.

Warren said the only way she now can use the internet now is to drive to a nearby hotspot.

"And when I was still working...it was expensive and half a mile away in the middle of nowhere," she said.

Jason Clarke, Delaware's chief information officer, told the Joint Finance Committee last month that the department expects a budget of \$158 million to fund the installation of broadband technology in the state's internet deserts. Work to expand the network already has begun in all three counties, thanks to state American Rescue Plan Act money, he said.

While many in rural and underserved areas have complained for decades about the lack of internet access, schools going to a virtual mode during the pandemic threw the issue into a harsh spotlight. Many children didn't have access to broadband service or the devices they needed to attend classes and that one issue helped focus efforts to get them help.

The expansion's target will be unserved and underserved locations, low income and affordable housing

communities, and community anchor institutions like libraries, hospitals and community centers, said Tammy Shelton, broadband manager for the department.

The speed of internet service will be one way the state determines who is and who is not receiving adequate access. The Department considers those who cannot get internet speeds of at least 25/3 megabytes per second (mbps)—a measure of how much information can be moved in that time—to be unserved, and those that get speeds between 25/3 mbps and 100 mbps to be underserved. They'll focus on community anchor institutions that have internet speeds below 1 gigabyte/second (gbps).

Delaware's state threshold for what it considered adequate broadband is 100/100 mbps. That is said to be adequate for a family of four who are streaming movies on their own devices, participating in video meetings, and playing multiyear online games.

Two Kent County residents said that they were spoiled in other states because they had multiple internet providers, and when they moved into rural Delaware, they realized they had limited options.

The Department will prioritize expanding internet access for:

- Rural residents
- Low-income individuals
- Veterans
- Individuals over the age of 60
- Individuals with disabilities
- English learners and individuals with low levels of literacy
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Incarcerated individuals

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EDUCATION



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MSD EXPANDS WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

BY TERRY ROGERS

Kate Lynch became the career counselor at Milford High School in August and, since taking over the position, has worked to revamp the Work-Based Learning Program at MHS. The program is designed to take students out of the classroom and place them in opportunities where they learn real-world lessons about the careers they are considering.

“Our goal is to work with community members to find a good fit for students to match their interests and their career goals as they graduate,” Lynch said. “The process of career-based learning is really not just a senior year of high school thing. It starts in the elementary school with a kind of career exploration and introducing students to what is out there. We develop it through middle school doing some strength and weakness exploration and looking at what kind of careers would be good fits for people’s interest. By the time they get to high school, they’re actually kind of choosing a path through a pathway and then honing their skills so that when they get out of high school or become seniors, we can put them into a job where they’ve already got the background knowledge but maybe need to develop the professional skills associated with it.”

Lynch explained that in order for a student to graduate from a high school in Delaware, they must follow a specific pathway which are concentrations of classes geared toward specific job skills. The pathways are



general at the start of high school and then hone into specific areas, so students gain knowledge of the career they hope to enter. Currently, Milford offers 11 Career and Technical Education pathways that range from Allied Health to Education as well as digital communication and more. In addition, the school offers Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTE) that provide extra-curricular activities to add to a student’s knowledge base.

“As I’m having more and more conversations with students about what they’ve spent the last three years learning, increasing the likelihood that they could gain employment after high school is motivating to them,” Lynch said. “They’re finding that okay, now I’ve done all this. What do I do with it? And being able to get an opportunity to experience what they think they want to do is motivating them to carry on and go on to post-secondary planning, to start making some career goals and that sort of thing for you guys. It’s allowing you guys to kind of develop the type of employee that you want, so if you have a student who comes to work with you at the beginning of their 12th grade year, and you know that they’re then going to go on to do an associ-

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The program can also improve a company's recruitment and retention rates as they are able to keep people on staff from entry level into management.

"This program allows students to work during the school day or outside of the school day. So, the nature of our schedule at Milford High School allows most of our seniors, if they've done what they need to do all the way along, a lot of flexibility in when they have to do their academics and what extra time they have," Lynch said. "So, our goal now is to create an opportunity for students to come to the high school for a couple of periods, and then get out of school and go do something meaningful with their time."

The Work-Based Learning program at Milford is not new, Lynch explained. The district has always worked with employers to try to place students in career-related jobs, but, like all other things, COVID had a huge impact on the program. Lynch stated that since students were not in the building, there was no way for them to place them in jobs. Although this did have a negative impact on the program, it allowed the district to re-evaluate how it worked and make a few changes that would make it more appealing to both students and employers.

"We have now got permission to offer the program to our students as a weighted credit. What that means is that students who are going out, going above and beyond the bare minimum and getting these internships and going out to the community and doing a wonderful job working, are actually getting the same credit that they would if they were taking an honors level or AP or dual enrollment courses," Lynch said. "This increases our ability to work kids into the program. Because they're now getting compensated, maybe not monetarily but in their transcript, and it's helping them in their college application process."

Right now, Lynch stated, she has far more employers looking for interns than she has students. The enrollment in the program is at 37 students and she has a waiting list of over 100 employers. The district has students working at UNITED Church, in several day centers and even students working on hospital floors as nurses' aides at Bayhealth Sussex Campus. Lynch explained that the district can get somewhat creative in matching what the employer needs with the pathway a student is following.

"A student in a marketing pathway may be a good fit for DMI or a student who is in a business pathway might fit well with the museum," Lynch said. "We just have to be sure that something they are doing fits with the curriculum of their pathway. We have students who want to be social media managers, so they could help with an

organization's social media accounts. We are hoping next year to place some of our plant science students with DNREC working on invasive species removal. We have a student working with Delaware Electric Co-Op in their cybersecurity program. We have students who are working in accounting offices."

Some of the myths that Lynch wants to dispel include the fact that some employers believe they cannot work with anyone younger than 18. She stated that labor laws allow students to participate in the program at 16 and that programs like this one are especially designed for high school students. She can work with any employer to be sure high school students are legally able to work in particular settings. Employers who are concerned about hiring minors or whose company have policies against hiring minors can reach out to Lynch via email at klynch@msd.k12.de.us or call her at 302-424-7013.



HEALTH



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BY NOAH ZUCKER

TidalHealth Nanticoke purchased mobile medical vans to take healthcare services to hard-to-reach communities. Beebe Healthcare started a monkeypox vaccination program for the LGBTQ+ community at the beach. ChristianaCare created a new wellness and psychotherapy center for transgender patients.

These are just a few of the initiatives highlighted in the Delaware Healthcare Association's "Health Equity Report," which details ways state hospitals are working to improve healthcare access and outcomes for underserved groups. The association is a hospital trade and member services organization for Delaware's hospitals.

Aiding underserved

CEO Wayne Smith said the definition of health equity is still evolving. He described it as an approach to medicine that acknowledges "life circumstances and the complexities of history can have a negative impact" on healthcare and outcomes for some demographic groups. These inequities are often most pronounced among those living in poverty, the LGBTQ+ community and people of color.

Smith said the concept of health equity is only about five years old, but healthcare providers in Delaware have been working to break down these disparities for much longer than that.

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The association report highlighted the racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality rates across Delaware. The statewide infant mortality rate dropped 20% between 2009 and 2019, but between 2017 and 2019 the rate among Black mothers was still four times higher than the rate among white mothers, said [March of Dimes](#), an organization that compiles birth statistics. The rate for Hispanic mothers was about half the rate among Black mothers over the same period.

The healthcare association also noted its support for the "[momnibus](#)" legislative package, a slate of bills focused on improving maternal and infant care statewide. It was passed into law in July. Mostly, though, the report focuses on hospital programs. Here's a summary.

TidalHealth Nanticoke

This year, TidalHealth Nanticoke purchased two mobile medical vans that go into hard-to-reach, underserved communities to provide screenings such as diabetes risk assessments and blood pressure checks. The new team hired to work the vans includes a nurse practitioner, a registered nurse and three community health workers.

TidalHealth also helps patients pay for home repairs that could improve health outcomes. For example, the initiative could help a patient at risk for falls outfit his or her home with a new wheelchair ramp.

Beebe Healthcare

Beebe Healthcare started a program providing monkeypox vaccinations to certain members of the LGBTQ+ community and those who've contracted HIV. Those groups are at a greater risk of contracting the virus than the general public.

The hospital also held a virtual town hall for the LGBTQ+ community following a state outbreak of cases in partnership with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services.

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POLICE & FIRE



DELAWARE STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING ANONYMOUS THREATS TO SCHOOLS

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Delaware police and schools apparently are among the targets of nationwide calls of false active shooters at the schools. Delaware State Police issued a statement later in the afternoon that said the calls have been determined to be a hoax and a form of “swatting.”

Swatting occurs when a prank call is made to emergency services in an attempt to generate a large police response at a particular address, the statement said.

Red Clay Consolidated School System posted on its Facebook page that its schools had not received any direct calls.

“Please be advised that law enforcement agencies across the state and nation are receiving false threats of active shooters at various schools,” its post said.

About 11:30 a.m., the Delaware Department of Education said officers were still at multiple schools throughout the state conducting patrols to ensure everyone’s safety. “Again, no threat has been identified,” the DOE post said.

The Newark Police Department announced at mid-morning that it was increasing police presence at West Park Place Elementary school and others because of an anonymous threat received by the department. It announced about 3 p.m. that an investigation had shown that the threat was not credible, but the department would maintain increased police presence for the rest of the day. Red Clay said the safety and well-being of its students and staff was its highest priority and that classes, activities and dismissal will follow standard protocol.

“The threat may not be real, but the panic and fear certainly is,” wrote Traci M. Murphy, a mom who is executive director of the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence.

The University of Delaware repeated the police release and told its students and staff to remain vigilant and to call 911 if they saw anything suspicious.

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