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to make some memories at the places highlighted within these pages. Small businesses, local favorites, out-of-the-way secrets - they are all within reach, and we are here to guide you. Enjoy your summer!

Carrie Samis
Editor



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By Carrie Samis
Editor

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PIRATES AND WENCHES WEEKEND

Come as you ARRRR to Rock Hall, MD for the 18th annual Pirates and Wenchies Weekend! August 8-10, landlubbers and buccaneers, young and old, will once again set sail to Rock Hall, Md., for the town's 2024 "Best of the Bay" award-winning Pirates and Wenchies Weekend. Bring your boat, anchor out or raft up with your mates.

Whether you come by sea or come by land, you are sure to make lifelong memories in the Town of Rock Hall. The entire town will be in the pirate spirit as merchants, re-enactors, musicians and other performers evoke the Golden Age of Piracy on the high seas. Main Street will be alive with vendors, music, pirate performers and plenty of grub and grog.

Start the weekend on Friday with a rum tasting and sea shanty sing-a-long. Grab a bite to eat at any - or all - of the region's many award-winning restaurants, settle in and enjoy the night's live entertainment offered by some of the town's local watering holes and take time to relax under the stars.

On Saturday afternoon, visit Rock Hall Harbor for stunning views of the Chesapeake Bay and, if you

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Rock Hall's public beach will be home to the annual Beach Party featuring live music. And yes, you ARRRR encouraged to wear your best - or most raggedy - pirate attire. Before the party begins, kids are encouraged to come and plunder the treasures of Graybeard on Rock Hall's beach. Raffle tickets will also be available for chances to win lots of local treasure. Tickets can be purchased at the Beach Party, Sea Shanty Sing-A-Long, Buccaneer's Ball and on Main Street. Proceeds will support local non-profits.

Official Pirates and Wenches souvenir merchandise will be available for purchase during the weekend

at the sing-a-long, Beach Party and on Main Street. Lots of pirate performers offering up music and mayhem during the weekend. Little scallywags will find much to do with entertainment, games, treasure hunt, pirate encampment and more, all weekend long. Sunday offers more music and fun on Main Street.

There is plenty of anchorages, dockage, and raft-up space available – as well as plenty of parking for those arriving by land. Public parking and transportation will help make getting around safe and worry-free. For more information check out www.rock-hallpirates.com.

Rock Hall's Pirates and Wenches Weekend is a town-wide theme party. The weekend-long event features live entertainment and Pirate performers, costume contests, treasure hunts, kids' activities, merchants, and more fun for the whole family.

August 8-10, 2025

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Agritourism - growing food, economy, tourism

By Carrie Samis
Editor

Agritourism grows more than food - it generates jobs, boosts economic development and attracts tourists, providing guests with unique, authentic connections to the land, water, and local culture.

FARM STAY

For Dana Zucker, agritourism is a way of life. In 2019, Dana and David Zucker purchased a 68-acre estate located on the Manokin River in Westover, MD. When it became available, they purchased the adjacent farm, bringing the total acreage to 115, with a mile of waterfront. Central to the property is Clifton, a historic home built in 1804. Over the next couple years, the Zuckers transformed the property into a thriving agritourism



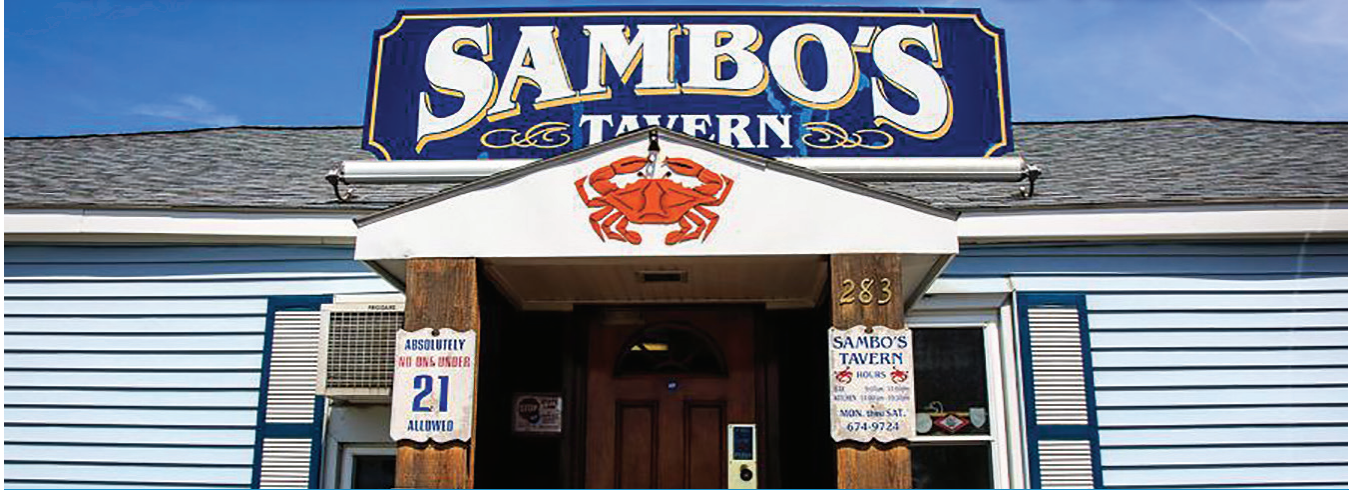
operation. They named it Sugar Water Manor, as their last name, Zucker, means sugar. Guest lodges - The Homestead, The Farmhouse, and The Loft - provide comfortable accommodations for a getaway weekend, weeklong vacations or an extended retreat. Sugar Water Manor offers bed and breakfast guests the unique opportunity to stay on a working farm. Each morning, a delicious homemade breakfast is delivered to guests, featuring farm-fresh eggs and fresh-baked treats. Herbs, vegetables and fruits grown on the farm are a staple and vary by season. Guests who choose to fully immerse in farm life have the opportunity take a barn tour, collect eggs, and meet the farm's full-time residents, which include chickens, ducks, geese, goats, donkeys, cats

and dogs. Those who wish to may also help in the gardens, which involve a variety of fields and farming methods, including raised beds, cold frames, and "Back to Eden" plots, a regenerative, no-till, organic garden practice.

With direct access to the Manokin River, guests may swim, kayak, fish and crab. Guests also have access to a beautiful pool, fire pit and grill, and trails through a dedicated monarch waystation, planted with hundreds of milkweed plants and other pollinator plant species. The area provides host plants for numerous butterfly species and important food sources for their larvae, other insects, and birds. For those who enjoy birdwatching, the variety of habitats

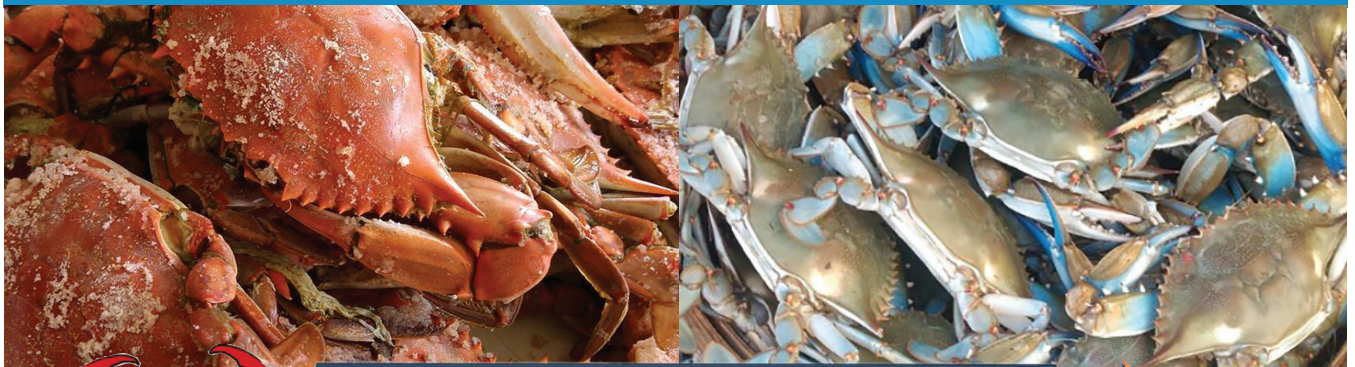
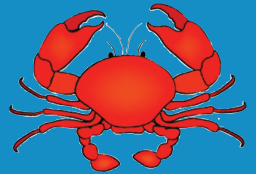
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on the property provide excellent opportunities to enjoy a diversity of birds, including marsh species, waterfowl, grassland birds, forest-interior dwellers, owls and other birds of prey, too. During the spring and fall migration, the property is bustling with bird activity. Red-headed woodpeckers nest on the property, as do warblers, nuthatches, flycatchers, and more. During the winter months, common loons, tundra swans and buffleheads can be seen from the river's edge. Throughout the year, resident bald eagles can be seen daily. Sugar Water Manor and Farm butts up to Raccoon Point, a county park, which offers more opportunities to watch wildlife and enjoy nature.

FARM-TO-TABLE

In 2024, the Zuckers expanded their operation, adding a restaurant and hotel to their agritourism portfolio. Located less than eight miles from Sugar Water Manor, Sugar Water 1744 restaurant, located inside the historic Washington Hotel, opened in May 2024. Located in historic downtown Princess Anne, the property has been an anchor in the town for nearly 280 years. The restaurant specializes in farm- and water-to-table dining, featuring locally-grown/raised and harvested produce and meat. Fresh eggs, herbs, honey and jams are supplied by Sugar Water Manor and Farm, supplemented by produce grown by other local farmers. Local waterman and waterwomen deliver fish, soft-shell crabs and oysters directly to the restaurant year-round. Recently, the Zuckers have expanded to include a market, too, offering Sugar Water Farm eggs, locally-grown flowers from Teacup Flower Company, lavender syrups and sachets from North of Eden Farm, beeswax candles, and other unique gifts.



Book an escape to Sugar Water Manor at sugarwatermanor.com. Dining reservations for Sugar Water 1744 and room reservations for the historic Washington Hotel are available at sugarwater1744.com.

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FARMERS MARKETS

Farmers markets are also an important part of the growing agritourism industry. Nothing says summertime like a farmers market chock full of fresh, locally-grown vegetables, fruit, flowers and more. Farmers markets offer people a wonderful opportunity to connect with and get to know their local farmers. They can also be an effective draw for tourists. The Berlin Farmers Market is the perfect example.

Recently recognized as the 'Best Event' by the Maryland Tourism Coalition, the Berlin Farmers Market is a producers only market features over 50 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, locally-harvested seafood, locally-raised meat, live music and more.

"We were so grateful to receive this recognition, which highlights our community and the hard work of so many who make the market possible," said Ivy Wells, Director of Economic and Community Development for Berlin. "The Berlin Farmers Market has grown to be more than just a market. The economic impact of the market is undeniable, and we are so appreciative of the support from our community," continued Wells.

The Berlin Farmers Market reflects Berlin's ongoing efforts to create unique experiences for both residents and visitors while promoting local art, food, and culture. The Berlin Farmers Market is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in downtown Berlin, MD. Learn more at theberlinfarmersmarket.com.

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Six things you can do to protect Monarch butterflies

By Carrie Samis
Editor

Monarch butterflies are an iconic species, easily recognized and identified by people of all ages. In 2022, the International Union of Nature Conservation officially added migratory monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*) to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change.

The Red List is a science-based worldwide authority on wildlife populations. If the U.S. follows suit and adds the monarch to our Federal Endangered

Species list, as proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), it will be afforded additional protections authorized by the Endangered Species Act. However, as individuals, we can all take action now.

School children learn about the monarch butterfly life cycle in school. Monarchs are often used to illustrate basic science concepts such as warning coloration, biomimicry, and the relationship between insects and their host plants. The natural history of the monarch is fascinating. Adults lay their eggs on the underside of milkweed. A hatchling caterpillar emerges from the egg, devours its nutritious eggshell and then begins to feed on the leaf of the milkweed, its host plant.

At this point, it is barely visible to the naked eye. As it develops, it molts, or sheds its skin, and continues to grow. Not until its third molt is the caterpillar able to eat through its entire leaf. As it grows, its distinctive stripe pattern is easy to spot, along with its filaments, which are sensory organs. Its smaller antennae are located near its mandibles, which are the mouthparts it uses to munch leaves.

The monarch progresses through five instar phases, during which time it grows by approximately 3,000 percent -- from less than 0.2 inches to more than an inch long. After about two weeks as a caterpillar, once

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full size and plump, it crawls -- with its undulating pedipalps -- to a safe place to pupate. While in its chrysalis, the monarch transforms and, after eight to 14 days, emerges as a butterfly.

In the fall, millions of monarchs migrate south for the winter, traveling as far as California and Mexico. During each migration, a new generation makes the 3,000-mile journey. Monarch migration may be witnessed along the Atlantic coast and throughout the Chesapeake Bay region.

Want to help monarchs?

Here are six actions you can take:

1. Plant native milkweed, the host plant of monarchs. Stick to these three species -- common milkweed, swamp milkweed, and butterfly weed. They are easy to grow and offer a nutritious food source at every stage of the monarch's development. Avoid planting exotic milkweed species that are not native to our area. They can upset the balance of local ecosystem. Learn more about monarchs at xerces.org.

2. Endeavor to create habitat -- in your yard and in your community -- that is beneficial to the monarch

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June 30 - July 4: Arts & Crafts
July 7-11: Under the Sea
July 14-18: Ready, Set & Game
July 21-25: Ooey Gooley
July 28 - Aug. 1: Campfire Snacks
Aug. 4-8: Anything Goes





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and other local species. Incorporate native plant species whenever possible. They offer the most benefit to native wildlife and they are adapted to our climate and growing conditions. Many other species -- not just the monarch -- will benefit from improved habitat. Check out inaturalist.org to learn more about the variety of plant and animal species found in your region.

3. If you have a lawn, reduce its size with some attractive native plant borders or planted beds. As much as we love lawns, they are not a great habitat for local wildlife. Lawn reduction also reduces the need for pesticides and herbicides, neither of which are good for monarchs. If you're looking for plants, look to organizations like the Lower Shore Land Trust and Delaware Nature Society. They offer native plant sales every spring. Visit lowershorelandtrust.org and delawarenaturesociety.org for more information.

4. If you or someone you know loves science, participate in wildlife monitoring programs, such as the Integrated Monarch Monarch Program. Collecting data helps scientists better understand wildlife populations and the threats they face. Learn more at monarchjointventure.org.

5. Climate change is the biggest threat to monarchs and other species, including humans. While individual actions do help, we need large-scale actions taken by corporations, industries and government to tackle the problem. Learn more about and advocate for climate legislation at the local, state, and federal level.

6. Follow a butterfly. Get outside and soak up some nature. It's good for your body, mind, and soul. Spending time in nature reduces stress, too. Find a patch of milkweed and check out all the species that thrive there. Follow a monarch as it flits from flower to flower. Then do something to help ensure their survival.

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By Mike Finney
Daily State News

DOVER — When it comes to the heavy hitters of Delaware tourism, the Sussex County beaches, the Delaware State Fair and the Dover Motor Speedway are among the top picks.

With that in mind, the Delaware Tourism Office has come up with a unique plan.

Between July 17-19 — when NASCAR's annual visit to Dover coincides with the state fair in Harrington — visitors can use shuttles provided by the office

to travel between the speedway, the fair and the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand. And back again.

"There is truly nothing like experiencing a summer day at Delaware's beaches or our state fair, and we are thrilled to partner with the speedway to make this unique experience available to the NASCAR fans visiting our state in July," said the agency's director, Jessica Welch.

"By providing this opportunity to these fans coming from around the world, we hope they will consider planning a future trip to Delaware to see all that our state has to offer."

The shuttles are complimentary, but advance registration is required at dovermotorspeedway.com/fans/shuttle.

There will be a pair of buses July 17, 18 and 19 to ensure that NA-

SCAR fans don't miss a minute of action on the "Monster Mile."

On July 17, a shuttle will leave Dover for Rehoboth Beach at 11 a.m. and leave the beach at 3 p.m. One will also depart the speedway for the state fair at noon and will return from Harrington at 4 p.m.

The schedules will be similar, but an hour earlier, on July 18 and 19. Passengers will be back at the track before the green flag waves at 5 on July 18 for the General Tire 150 ARCA Menards Series race and at 4:30 on July 19 for the BetRivers 200 NASCAR Xfinity Series race.

Mike Tatoian, president and general manager of Dover Motor Speedway, is on board with the idea.

"We are incredibly proud of the top summer destinations the First State has to offer visitors from all





The “Monster” soaks in the sun in Rehoboth Beach, like NASCAR fans will do when Delaware Tourism Office shuttles take fans to the beach during Dover’s race weekend this summer. PHOTO COURTESY OF DOVER MOTOR SPEEDWAY

over the world,” Mr. Tatoian said. “Our team is making it very simple for Monster Mile fans to experience some of Delaware’s most popular summer attractions without missing any of the action in our Fan Zone and on the track during our race weekend.”

Record numbers for state tourism

The Delaware Tourism Office announced in early March that the state attracted 29.3 million visitors in 2023, including day, overnight, business and leisure travelers.

That marked a 2.4% increase from 2022 levels, according to

reports from Rockport Analytics and Longwoods International.

“Tourism is a cornerstone of our economy, bringing growth and opportunity to communities across the state,” Gov. Matt Meyer said in a release.

“People visit Delaware for the best beaches in the country, scenic landscapes, and vibrant cultural destinations — but what keeps them coming back is the experience of a welcoming and inclusive state of neighbors that has something for everyone.”

He added, “As more visitors discover all that Delaware has to

offer, our state’s future becomes even brighter.”

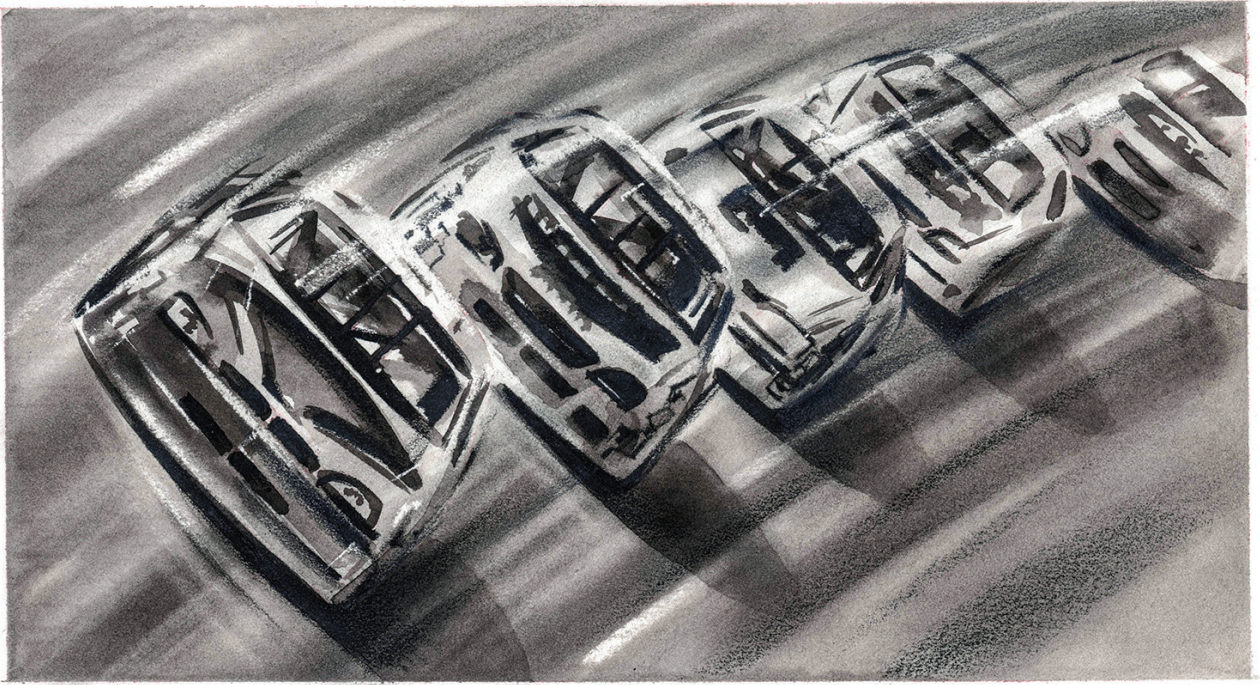
The Delaware Tourism Office also announced that visitor spending topped \$7 billion in 2023, a 7% increase from 2022.

The average amount spent per traveler was \$238 in 2023. For every \$1 spent, the state’s economy retained about 66 cents.

Meantime, tourism contributed \$4.7 billion to the state’s gross domestic product in 2023, accounting for more than 5% of the GDP overall.

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In addition, there was \$724 million in tax revenue generated by the tourism industry here. Without tourism, each Delaware household would pay an additional \$1,826 in state and local taxes.

“From the front desk managers of our hotels and the servers in our restaurants to the tour guides at our museums, Delaware offers tourists a memorable visit unlike any other,” said Delaware secretary of state Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez. “We are grateful to

all of our tourism industry workers for their commitment to providing a first-class experience to visitors.”

As the fourth-largest private employer, tourism supported 55,240 industry jobs in Delaware in 2023. In addition, the field accounted for 14% of all jobs created in the state that year.

When surveyed, 71% of overnighters were “very satisfied” with their trip, favoring Delaware’s cleanliness, friendliness of people, safety and quality of accommodations. And 85% of overnight trav-

elers to the First State were repeat visitors.

“These numbers are important to our office and speak volumes about the significant contribution the tourism industry makes to our state’s economy and overall quality of life,” Ms. Welch said. “It comes as no surprise that our hotels, restaurants, attractions and small businesses continue to provide a memorable and unique experience for our visitors.”

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Spazmatics, Mike Hines set to rock race weekend

Multiple other acts also to perform July 18-20

Daily State News

DOVER — The Spazmatics and Mike Hines and the Look, two musical favorites who have rocked regional and national venues for decades, will perform free concerts at Dover Motor Speedway during the upcoming July 18-20 NASCAR tripleheader weekend.

Track officials announced that the Monster Mile's Fan Zone will have dozens of free entertainment offerings this summer as the world's fastest one-mile oval hosts three national events, including the Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, July 20.

The Spazmatics, known as "The Ultimate '80s New Wave Tribute," dazzle audiences around the country with their distinctive stage attire, sounds, dance steps and performances.

The Spazmatics will play Sunday, July 20, at the Grove Stage.

Mike Hines and the Look, a 2022 inductee into the Delaware Rock & Roll Society Hall of Fame, is a high-energy, six-member dance band that has performed up and down the Delaware Valley for almost four decades with their mix of pop, hip-hop, funk, Motown and disco favorites.

They will be performing Saturday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at the Miles Beach Stage in the Fan Zone following the BetRivers 200 NASCAR Xfinity Series race.

Presented by Visit Delaware, Miles Beach hours will be 3-9 p.m. Thursday, July 17; noon to 9 p.m.

Friday, July 18; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 19; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 20.

Miles Beach will also be the location for the Monster Mile Bash, presented by THOR, Saturday, July 19.

It will include the Mike Hines and the Look concert; Saturday night fireworks, presented by Kent County Tourism (9 p.m.); Miles Beach attractions; and the White Lightning bar/arcade.

Music will be prominent all weekend long, including performances on the stage and across the property by the Mariachi Arrieros Band, Trinidad North Steel Drum Band, The Red Hot Ramblers and the Homestead Bluegrass Band.

Fans can find a full schedule of announced Fan Zone attractions and shows as it is updated at www.dovermotorspeedway.com/fans/fan-zone/.

Showtime for Schwartz Center for the Arts

Fears Promotions
reviving long-idle
DSU-owned facility

By Mike Finney
Daily State News

DOVER — Whenever Donnell Fears sees an opportunity, he says

he always seizes the moment.

That was exactly the case for downtown's Schwartz Center for the Arts, which the businessman witnessed being mostly inactive the past several years.

The Delaware State University Foundation has solely owned the facility since 2021, and Mr. Fears, a Dover native, said he wanted to

bolster the solid relationship he has with the institution.

"Those great relationships with DSU have carried me for well over 30 years," he said. "I've built a great relationship with the DSU family, and they're excited to continue to work with me."

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Donnell Fears, right, founder of Fears Promotions, is bringing a variety of acts to Dover's Schwartz Center for the Arts. He has teamed with Jordy Veal, who he calls "Bebop the Hip Hop Shortstop." DAILY STATE NEWS/MIKE FINNEY

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To that end, his Fears Promotions is bringing live entertainment to the 121-year-old Schwartz Center.

On June 20, Mr. Fears' group will bring popular Elvis impersonator Jim Barone to the Schwartz Center for a 7 p.m. "Jailhouse Roc" concert.

General admission tickets are \$25, while VIP admission is \$35, which provides food, drinks and a meet-and-greet.

"I've been following Jim Barone for a long time, and when I reached out to him, he automatically embraced me, like he knew me for years," Mr. Fears said. "He gave me an opportunity, and I'm excited to work with Jim Barone."

The two shows promise a little bit of Las Vegas flair, since that's one of the producer's favorite places.

"If you love Las Vegas, then you have to give back, and I'm always in Vegas networking and working," he explained.

"So, I wanted to bring some of that Las Vegas attraction to our city. I think that's a lost art here in Dover, Delaware — there's no excitement, no attraction."

Tickets can be purchased at fearspromotions.com.

While his productions are taking off, Mr. Fears continues to own Donnell's: The Salon for Men and Women, at 32 W. Loockerman St., and opened the Fears Boxing and Fitness Club in the same building last year.

He said he found his latest niche by surrounding himself with the right people and spreading the news.

"I've always had a great love and attraction to being a promoter," Mr. Fears said. "I'm a people person, so I wanted to give the people what they want."



He has teamed up with Jordy Veal for Fears Promotions.

"(Mr. Fears) showed up at my job one day, and he saw me and was like 'I have to have him,'" Mr. Veal said. "I was working at the Main Events (promotion company) in New Castle 10 years ago, and it's just been history from there."

Mr. Veal is also known as "Be-bop the Hip Hop Shortstop," which enhances his ability to promote.

"He's a world-class dance entertainer," Mr. Fears said. "He was formerly with the Micro Wrestling Federation, and now, he just signed a two-year management deal with Fears Promotions, so we're going to be doing a lot with him."

It was 2007 when Delaware State University became a co-owner of the Schwartz Center for the Arts, entering a joint agreement with then-Wesley College and the Friends of the Capitol Theater.

However, with DSU's acquisition of Wesley in 2021, the school

became the entertainment venue's sole owner.

"There hasn't been anything here in eight years (except The Children's Theatre of Dover), and (the university) reached out to me, and I did a follow-up, and here we are," Mr. Fears said. "We're going to be doing something every quarter for Fears Promotions."

He hopes to continue his collaboration with Delaware State and bring even more talent, including shows for children, to the Schwartz. He did note that it still needs some repairs and upgrades.

"I've always had a passion for doing theater, and I'm a diverse, universal promoter," he said. "I'm here to give all walks of life a chance to excel and explore and experience greatness."

"I've seen a lot of promoters come and go, but I'm born and raised here, and I'm here to stay, whether people like it or not. I'm giving the people what they want."

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