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BUSINESS

Pennsylvania-based brewer to open first Md. spot in Salisbury

By Richard Caines
Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — A Pennsylvania brewer known for such beers as Good Vibes and Voodoo Love Child is bringing a franchise to Salisbury.

The upcoming taproom, located at 1315 Salisbury Blvd. in the same shopping center as PJ's Coffee, will be the first location in Maryland and is locally owned by Heather Wieland, her husband Rob Beckey, stepson William Beckey and a fourth partner.

Voodoo Brewing Co. Salisbury is slated to offer a variety of craft beers from the company's portfolio, ranging from West Coast IPAs, traditional American lagers, sour ales and hard seltzers. Although Voodoo was founded in Meadville, Pa., in 2005, it did not open a tap room until 2012. The company first expanded in Pennsylvania and now has 20 locations across the country, including in Virginia Beach.

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GROWTH



The former Salisbury Mall property sits vacant Jan. 23. There is a proposal to build a neighborhood on the land. SALISBURY INDEPENDENT/
RICHARD CAINES

Nonprofit continues to advocate for increasing housing stock

By Richard Caines
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SALISBURY — The Greater Salisbury Committee continues to visit local governments and regional home builders to advocate for increasing single-family housing stock within Wicomico County.

The nonprofit organization, founded in 1967, plans to meet with Delmar officials to discuss its 2024 housing report after presenting the plan for months to other city and county officials.

Chief Executive Officer and President Mike

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This home, located in the desirable neighborhood of Nithsdale, is on a beautiful wooded lot with lovely mature trees. The first floor boasts a very large living room, a formal dining room, and a kitchen with a large dining area perfect for family meals. The kitchen connects to a huge family room with a brick FP, flanked with built-in bookshelves and cabinets on either side. FR leads to a large screened porch, perfect for gatherings. The treed back yard is perfect for privacy. The second level features 4 large bedrooms, 2 with walk in closets, and one with extra storage space. The master bedroom has a vanity area, and a private bath with double sinks. The hall bath also has double sinks. **Come check it out.**

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Brewer

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There are also seasonal offerings, “spontaneous releases” and craft cocktails, according to Voodoo’s website.

Although the beer selection will mirror other Voodoo locations, Wieland said the company gives them regional flexibility, which will be evident in the franchise’s décor, food menu and events.

“We really like their whole vibe,” Wieland said. “It’s warm and friendly when you walk in and then the food is delicious. Even though it is a franchise, we can localize and make it personal.”

The Beckey family is putting the final touches on the property, which used to house Ski Nut. Voodoo Brewing Co. Salisbury is tentatively scheduled to open in late February.

“The lot sat empty for years,” Wieland said. “When I was a teenager, this is where I would come to and get my skis before I went skiing in Pennsylvania. It was a small building with a lot of empty land and a fence around it. This is definitely a much prettier spot.

“We have a fourth partner who lives in Pennsylvania, but he’s from Salisbury — born and raised. He’s really proud that he is financially able to buy properties that aren’t so appealing and can help beautify Salisbury.”

Wieland said the 48-foot bar will feature multiple flat-screen TVs and 24 beer taps, which are computerized and can measure and track the tem-

perature of the beer.

“We will offer Voodoo’s line of beer, but we can also add local craft beers,” Wieland said. “They are big on supporting the craft beer industry, not just their line.

“We are friends with Brian at Specific and I’ve been going to Evo and all the Evo restaurants forever. We didn’t want to take anything from the community, we just want to try and bring more business and add another culinary option, especially for the Fruitland end of town.”

The local franchise will also offer a variety of food including burgers, chicken wings, pizza and more. But Wieland said food is another aspect of the business that they can tailor to the local community.

“We are really proud of being Eastern Shore, so we’ve got a lot of produce and seafood that is unique to us,” Wieland said. “The franchise model is not rigid where we have to follow the same thing that they are doing. We can make it ours and really tune it here to what people really like and then support the other local industries.”

As soon as patrons step into the building, Wieland said they will notice the high ceilings with exposed rafters, unique paint schemes with murals scattered throughout and an expansive indoor/outdoor deck with views of the Donnie Williams Sea Gull Baseball Stadium and Sea Gull Stadium.

Although Voodoo is known for its colorful logos featuring skulls, Wieland said each franchise can make their own with a “local” flair.

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Voodoo Brewing Co. Salisbury's logo features a blue heron. SALISBURY INDEPENDENT/RICHARD CAINES

Housing

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Dunn said the Greater Salisbury Committee’s Housing Task Force spent much of 2024 looking at housing challenges within the combined Salisbury/Wicomico residential real estate market.

“The bottom line is we need people to start building neighborhoods in Salisbury and Wicomico,” Dunn said. “Right this second if pulled up the MLS, and I don’t know exact number, but it’s going to hover between 150 and 180 homes. A county

our size should have an existing inventory at any given time three times that much.

“When one good house comes on the market, we’re all putting in an offer, and only one of us is going to get it.”

Dunn said one of the biggest needs is for builders to come in and start building new single-family neighborhoods as the housing stock in the county is outdated.

“The national home builders are 30 miles away and one could argue that Sussex County has really gone a little bit too far, but the fact that they’re right there we just need to

try to get them to come here,” Dunn said.

The committee’s report said the bulk of the county’s housing inventory occurred from the 1980s through the early 2000s. Local builders and developers installed well and septic systems within the neighborhoods.

“Many of the neighborhoods that currently exist could literally could not be built today because of the state of Maryland’s regulations unless they were hooked up to municipal water and sewer,” Dunn said. “Our quandary is that the people who built and were responsible for our housing boom are not building

houses anymore. They are retired. They were not Ryan Homes. These were pre-national home builders.”

Wicomico County continues to move forward with plans to create a county-run water and sewer system. Dunn said the county has recently done more to address the water and sewer challenges than it has in the last 60 years.

“We’ve need to figure out how to work with our municipalities and our county to address getting pipes in the ground,” Dunn said, who noted that there are prohibitive costs of extend-

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ANNAPOLIS

2025 Maryland General Assembly week two update

Office of Sen. Mary Beth Carozza

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Wes Moore proposed \$67.3 billion for the Fiscal Year 2026 State Budget on January 15, 2025. Maryland is facing the worst budget crisis the State has seen in two decades with a \$3 billion structural deficit that is only expected to grow. The governor's proposed budget would only address \$2 billion of the deficit and includes substantial tax increases.

"Maryland is facing a budget crisis, and it's time to rein in expensive, unfunded education and climate change mandates," said Sen. Mary Beth Carozza who represents Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties. "We know this will be a tough budget year so we as members of the Eastern Shore Delegation will need to work extra hard for fairness in the budget process."

The proposed budget includes an administrative fee for paying your vehicle registration costs through installments, expedites the implementation of last year's increases in vehicle registration fees, and establishes a 0.15 percent unemployment insurance administrative fee. These fees would directly target rural areas like the Eastern Shore which rely heavily on personal vehicles and businesses that hire seasonal workers like in Ocean City. "This approach disincentivizes small businesses and targets our rural communities," said Senator Carozza.

Moore has suggested reintroducing a millionaire's tax to Maryland with new tax rates at \$500,000 (6.25 percent) and \$1 million (6.5 percent). In 2008, Governor O'Malley introduced a millionaire's tax that resulted in Maryland losing \$1 billion of its net tax base to other states. "That is money Maryland could have used to



Governor Moore's FY2026 State Budget Books. PROVIDED

jumpstart the economy following the 2008 recession," said Carozza. "The same could happen now."

Additionally, Moore's budget proposal also requires a \$200 million reduction in the budget of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, which would negatively impact the DDA Self-Directed Services that so many constituents rely on across the State of Maryland.

Former Governor Larry Hogan left his successor with a \$5 billion surplus, but two years into Governor Moore's administration, he is proposing \$987 million in new taxes. "We should not tax our way out of Maryland's budget crisis and should not put the burden on our constituents who already are struggling to make ends meet," said Carozza.

ENERGY

The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee, of which Senator Carozza is a member, heard briefings from the Public Service Commission and the Maryland

Energy Administration.

The Maryland Energy Administration reported that Maryland imports roughly 40 percent of its electricity, which is only expected to increase with the forced retirement of the Brandon Shores and Wagner power plants. "Many plants are going offline and not being replaced, and with the increased demand with data centers and the burdensome policies of the Climate Solutions Now Act, Maryland needs to drastically change its energy policy to protect our constituents from future price hikes," said Carozza.

Carozza questioned the Maryland Energy Administration on the limitations of its report.

"This report did not cover reliability, nor did it cover the true cost of energy generation. Given the situation with the current budget crisis, as well as with my constituents asking serious questions about the true costs and benefits of offshore wind energy generation, ... your report is even

more of a reason for the need to really understand the true costs involved with offshore wind energy generation compared to other energy sources."

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION

Carozza introduced Senate Bill 325 - Income Tax - Credit for Employers of Eligible Apprentices - Alterations, which would reform the Maryland apprenticeship tax credit.

Currently, Maryland has a tax credit of \$1,000 per Registered Apprentice and \$3,000 per youth apprentice with an annual cap of five apprentices per year and a total budget cap of \$1,000,000 per year. The current tax credit is set to expire on June 30, 2025 and it also requires a minimum starting wage of 50 percent of the state-set prevailing wage.

SB 325 extends the current tax credit through Fiscal Year 2030, and repeals the current wage requirement as the 50 percent provision is inconsistent with wages in both union and nonunion occupations.

"The apprenticeship tax credit is one of the incentivizing tools to encourage more employers to bring on and boost the number of registered apprentices, especially in those industries facing acute workforce shortages, and to give more young people access to well-paid careers in Maryland," said Carozza, who is a member of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

SB 325 has strong bipartisan support and has been cosponsored by Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Vice Chair Jim Rosapepe and Senate Pro Tem Senator Malcolm Augustine. Both Senators Augustine and Rosapepe are members of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission.

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Brewer

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“The skulls are a Voodoo staple, but each store does have a unique logo, and we’ve put a lot of time into it,” Wieland said. “We had a lot of talk about how we were going to use colors, but we ended up with the heron because it’s such an icon to the Eastern Shore and we will also do a huge mural of a crab. What we think is cool is that local people are painting them.”

Wieland said the deck will allow them to host events, either live music or for local organizations like the Humane Society of Wicomico County.

“Voodoo prides itself on being very community-centered with philanthropic activities, we really want to give back to the community,” Wieland said.

Wieland said she hopes the taproom becomes a social hub for the community, where people can come in and meet new people. The franchise is also a retirement plan. She is a special education teacher at Stephen Decatur High School but plans to retire in two years after 30 years in education.

“I love a beer and a cheeseburger,” Wieland said. “So, this is going to be where I come after work and then when I retire, hopefully it will keep thriving.”

Housing

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ing sewer and water services which make it financially challenging for investors.

Additionally, the report said the Salisbury/Wicomico real estate market has yet to recover following the housing crash of 2008-2010.

“The state of Maryland is not the easiest place to do business,” Dunn said. “During our Housing Task Force meetings, we interviewed one of the regional home builders and they said quite literally when they come across the state line, red flags go up.

“We have sprinkler regulations that they don’t have in Delaware. The permitting process is slower and the impact fees and things like that.”

The nonprofit’s housing report said offering incentives, support and expedited regulatory processes will encourage builders to invest locally in residential and affordable housing construction.

“Consequently, investors will prioritize these projects, increasing the overall housing supply,” the report said.

Dunn said one project that could help ease the local housing challenges is the vacant land on Civic and Glen Avenues in Salisbury. That

is the former home of the Salisbury Mall, which closed in 2004.

“The old mall property was held up under litigation for a long time,” Dunn said. “It is now cleared the courts. I personally have attended two meetings with a person who plans to purchase and develop it for residential in four phases.”

Dunn said the unnamed regional developer, with ties to a national home builder, is planning to build a combination of single-family homes and townhomes that will be listed for sale. He said he is optimistic that dirt could be turned on the property sometime this year.

“In the first phase, there will approximately 250 homes,” Dunn said. “It’s a combination of single-family homes that will be priced in that \$300,000-\$350,000 range and then about 60 townhouses, which will be priced in that \$250,000-\$280,000 range.

“We need a first mover in the community. We need someone to come in and recognize that there is a market here and so if the old mall property is the first mover, I think that is going to be tremendous. It will also show other developers and home builders that if this sells and it moves that the market is right for it.”

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The bill hearing on Senate Bill 325 was held by the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on January 22nd.

AVIAN FLU UPDATE

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently held a briefing on the latest avian influenza outbreaks in Maryland with members of the Eastern Shore Delegation and other key committee members of the Maryland General Assembly.

“It’s imperative that our government agencies update and give real-time information to our poultry growers and constituents on the avian flu outbreak so they know all the

necessary steps to protect their flocks and their livelihoods,” said Senator Carozza who participated in the briefing.

Maryland Agriculture Secretary Kevin Atticks reported that the Salisbury Animal Health Laboratory has detected three cases of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI) in Caroline and Queen Anne counties. State officials have quarantined all affected premises, and birds on the properties are being or have been depopulated to prevent spread of the disease. Birds from affected flocks will not enter the food system.

MDA continues to urge growers and backyard flock owners to enhance biosecurity practices and become familiar with the steps involved if HPAI is suspected in a flock.

In addition to the MDA briefing,

Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz reported that DNR has expanded its long-term contract with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to provide more wildlife technicians in the state to dispose of dead waterfowl, raptors and other birds that could be carrying avian influenza.

Laboratory testing provided preliminary confirmation of HPAI in seven dead snow geese found in Worcester and Dorchester counties. Hunting wild birds remains safe, according to DNR, but safe guidelines should be followed.

LOCALS IN ANNAPOLIS

Several local officials and community leaders recently visited Annapolis including Taylor Swanson, Asst. Coastkeeper; Herb Geary

of Ocean City and Stacey Milbourne of Crisfield for CPA Day; Ryan Kilgough, the Director of Nursing Operations for TidalHealth; Sharon Jones and Brittanie Turner of Shore Transit; Bo McAllister, Clerk of the Courts for Wicomico County; Karen Lemon, Register of Wills for Wicomico County; Susan Braniecki, Clerk of the Court for Worcester County; Terri Westcott, Register of Wills for Worcester County; and Matthew St. Pierre of Snow Hill High School who is serving as a Maryland General Assembly Page.

In addition, Maryland National Guard Assistant Adjutant General William Collins of Crisfield briefed the Maryland General Assembly’s Veterans Caucus. Senator Carozza is a member of the Veterans Caucus and participated in the briefing.

OPINION

An open letter to City Council

I hope that you will vote with the mayor, and against the density issue that has been 'front and center' for the last few months. You have heard a lot of testimony, including the City's own Department of Infrastructure and Development, as to why this project is not a good fit for the City of Salisbury. As one citizen said at one of your Council meetings, once you build something like this, there is no going back. At the very least, you should wait until the parking study has been completed, to learn if there are other alternatives that could be considered. Parking is a huge issue, and needs serious consideration. Again, once lost....it can't be recovered.

I believe, that in your 'heart of hearts' you know that this project is NOT good for Salisbury. Your conscience should be your guide.....and I do believe that you KNOW that this project should NOT go forward.

What with the hospital building a housing project right across the river, and the University building a Performing Arts Center, if the density project goes through, it will be 'Building-henge' downtown....all buildings, but no reason for people to visit Salisbury. And Salisbury will certainly lose it's 'small town' feel. What Salisbury needs, and you should be advocating for, is more businesses, shopping, museums, and galleries, to name a few of the things this town needs to thrive, and attract those 'boots on the ground' that the current shop owners are so hoping to attract. Unless there is parking, those 'boots' can't very well be walking around town.

Listen to your conscience, and vote AGAINST this project. It is NOT a good fit for Salisbury.

Mary Huebner
Salisbury resident

Reader reactions, pro or con, are welcomed at civiltalk@intusa.org.

Mayor Taylor's veto is a conflict of interest

In 1976, the late Jimmy Carter set an example of ethical governance by placing his family-owned peanut farm into a blind trust before taking office. This gesture underscored Carter's commitment to avoiding conflicts of interest and maintaining public trust. Unfortunately, here in Salisbury, Mayor Randy Taylor disregards these principles of transparency and public service.

Despite being in office for over a year, Mayor Taylor has failed to take measures to separate his personal business interests from his responsibilities as a public servant. Not only did he choose not to sell his multiple properties in City limits or place them in a blind trust, but he recently vetoed the Density Amendment,

a measure designed to address Salisbury's critical housing crisis despite a glaring conflict of interest. As a landlord and property owner in Downtown Salisbury, Mayor Taylor stands to directly benefit from stifling competition that the amendment's increased housing density would create.

Adding to the ethical concerns is the fact that Mayor Taylor's political decisions is also influenced by his campaign contributors. According to public records, Taylor has accepted over \$1,000 in campaign contributions from prominent opponents of the Density Amendment—many of whom are also landlords. These donors include:

Carolyn A. Wohlgemuth: \$200
John S. Wohlgemuth: \$200

Michael C. Weisner: \$250
(Max donation)

Stacey L. Weisner: \$250 (Max donation)

Lynne Pollitt Bratten: \$250
(Max donation)

By vetoing the Density Amendment, Mayor Taylor is protecting his interests and those of his donors rather than prioritizing the needs of Salisbury residents. Working families in our city have long advocated for more housing options and relief from skyrocketing rents. The Density Amendment represented a significant step toward addressing these demands. Still, Mayor Taylor's veto is a blatant misuse of public office to safeguard his financial

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In our democracy, we deserve what we vote for

One man's opinion today is that we are getting what we deserve with the inauguration of a man who is a convicted felon, a business failure proven by his many bankruptcies, a scam artist who never pumped a gallon of gas or shopped in a supermarket for his family but convinced his supporters that a phony billionaire could relate to their daily regimen of supporting a family with a working person's earnings while lying about his 2020 election loss and spreading lies about America's greatness.

This man is the perfect example of the failure and ignorance of his voters to know the truth about our greatness and the accomplishments

of the recent President because they followed the Republican lies on social media. Whining and crying seems to be the description of a Trump supporter. Ignoring climate change (see the Ocean City protests against wind farms while hurricanes worsen, and wildfires break out everywhere) and statistics that show immigrants help our economy, especially farmers and watermen. And his vindictiveness is a reflection of his supporters and their bias against people who don't fit the white evangelical image so coveted by these supporters.

How many of these same supporters will support billionaire buddies of Trump getting big tax breaks while attacks are made on

welfare, social security, health care for low earners (Obama care) and we are burdened with taxes and tariffs that raise all our purchases costs? Who knows what will happen to our national security with the incompetent appointees in positions of power?

It has often been said we get what we deserve. These next few years will demonstrate "if ignorance is bliss", we will ultimately pay for it. My many years of teaching government and history have led me to believe that Trump voters not only know how to whine and cry but fail to respect the teachings of most religions. Lying and liars are evil,

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OPINION

Is the issue in downtown Salisbury density or parking?

I am responding to a recent letter to the editor under the signature of a Jared Schablein in which he complains about the housing shortage plaguing the US and particularly Salisbury Maryland. We all agree there is a housing shortage. How could there not be when we have welcomed between 10 and 12 million immigrants in the last few years, none of whom brought housing with them. Of course they need housing and they have absorbed much of the housing, which would otherwise have been available to others, including most of those who are looking unsuccessfully to find housing for themselves today.

Mr. Schablein falsely alleges that “powerful landlords are fighting to block new housing while charging rents so high that many people can no longer afford to live here “. I and all the property owners that I know agree we need more housing and are pro-growth for downtown Salisbury.

As far as unwanted competition, I can't see how a new two bedroom apartment in downtown Salisbury renting for approximately \$2400 per month is going to be worrisome competition when I'm renting two bedroom houses for less than half that, where the occupants can park in front of their home or in the driveway rather than in a parking garage where

they can't even see their car from their apartment. Those new apartments don't hurt me, they help me. Ahh.... youth and inexperience...

My sole concern is PARKING, PARKING, PARKING!!! The fact is that the previous two mayors and councils have sold almost all the downtown parking lots to developers whose plans for building new apartments, hotels, etc. will demand huge new needs for parking while eliminating much if not most of the formerly available parking downtown. That's it! There is no other objection! Nobody yet, the City Council or the developers, have demonstrated where, not only the existing residents, employees, and customers of downtown businesses, restaurants, and government offices, but the new residents of all the new apartments, hotel, and performing arts center, are going to park. Further, where will the patrons of the proposed new Salisbury University performing arts center containing a 1000 seat auditorium park? Are they going to have to park at the Civic Center and walk or take a shuttle to downtown Salisbury? Are we going to lose existing downtown residents, businesses, and their employees as well as restaurants because none of them can dependably find parking? This is the question that must be answered, and

it has not been answered. If there's adequate parking, especially for the people who are already downtown, then I'm all for it.

Additionally, the former mayor and city Council have agreed to build a new parking garage at a cost of somewhere between 10 and \$15 million for the sole purpose of providing parking for the proposed 240 unit apartment project to be paid for, not by the developer but rather by all the citizens and taxpayers of Salisbury. How many Salisbury taxpayers do you think would vote for that? But that's the obligation the previous mayor and council have given us.

To their credit, Mrs. Dashiell was the lone vote on the City Council against this increase in density and Mayor Taylor has vetoed the legislation which increases the density to 80

units per acre downtown over the sole issue of parking. It is a virtual certainty the City Council will override his veto quickly.

If you think parking downtown is tough now just wait until the rest of these parking lots are developed and their occupants, visitors, customers, and patrons are competing for a parking space. By then surely someone will be saying “I told you so “, the developers will be long gone, and the citizens of Salisbury left to deal with it.

Does this sound like a good decision to you? Me either. Why do four of the five City Council members make decisions like this? Go figure.

Richard C. Insley Jr.
Salisbury resident

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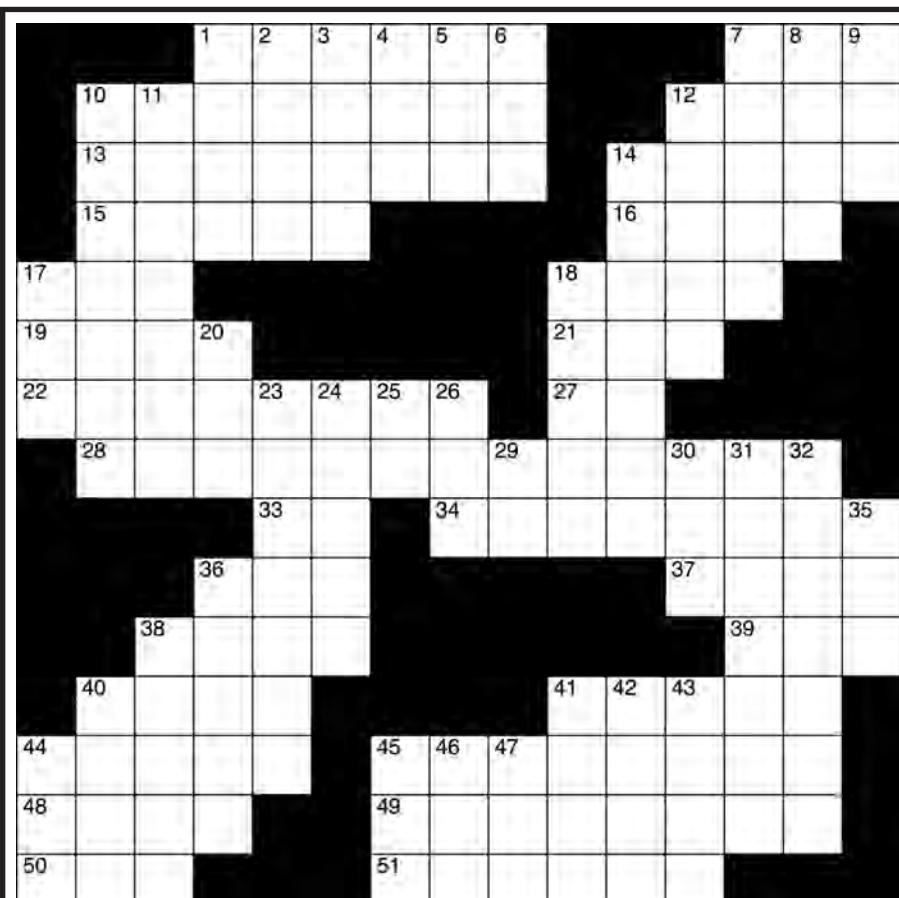
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 - It precedes two
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SPORTS

Instructional volleyball program for youth players returns Feb. 4

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The Eastern Shore Elite Volleyball Academy Instructional Program is back and open to young athletes grades K-12.

The program is for girls and boys who love the sport of volleyball. Cultivating a fun, non-competitive environment for youth, it is divided into sessions by school grades. Grades K-5 will take place 5-6 p.m. followed by grades 6-12, 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

The program runs Feb. 4 through March 11 at Bennett Middle School. Registration is open until Jan. 30 and fees are \$85 per player.

Coach Chris Emge will be directing the program. All participants will receive a free t-shirt.

Registration is available at the Wicomico Civic Center box office (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and online at www.WicomicoRecand-Parks.org. Contact program director Andrew Bugas at 410-548-4900 ext. 113 or abugas@wicomicocounty.org for additional questions.

Conflict

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interests and appease influential campaign backers.

Elected Officials have a duty to act in the best interests of their constituents, not their own wallets. Mayor Taylor's actions reflect a troubling lack of ethical leadership. Why didn't he take steps to eliminate potential conflicts of interest when he assumed office? Why did he continue to accept donations from individuals whose financial interests align with his own?

This situation underscores the

urgent need for accountability and ethical governance in Salisbury. The City Council must act decisively to overturn Mayor Taylor's veto of the Density Amendment. Our leaders should stand with the struggling residents to find affordable housing, not with those who prioritize profit over public good. Overturning this veto would send a clear message: Salisbury values fairness, transparency, and the needs of its people over personal and political gain.

Jared Schablein
Salisbury resident

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Deserve

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and Trump's appointees seem to reek of that quality. What does that say about those who swallowed his lies and voted accordingly?

My hope is that the resilience we have shown as a Constitutional democracy will come to the fore and we

will be able to overcome this absurdity in the White House.

I hopefully will still be alive to say I told you so. I also hope I will be able to forgive them "for they knew not what they did".

Geoffrey Smoot
Hebron resident

Reader reactions, pro or con, are welcomed at civiltalk@iniusa.org.

SPORTS



Teams compete at the Wicomico Civic Center during the 2024 Governors Challenge. PROVIDED

Governors Challenge reports record-breaking attendance

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The Governors Challenge has brought top-notch high school basketball talent to Wicomico County for more than 40 years. This year, the tournament saw a record-breaking number of attendees.

Event attendance across the five tournament locations totaled more than 20,000, including two days of sell-outs at the Wicomico Civic Center.

“We’re thrilled with the success of this year’s tournament. The energy in the Civic Center arena was electric, and the turnout exceeded expectations,” said Tournament Director James Simmons. “The Governors Challenge is a celebration of high school basketball on the Eastern Shore and we hope to make sell-outs part of the tradition for years to come.”

More than one hundred and forty high school basketball teams traveled to the area from sixteen states and Canada, totaling more than 2,500 student athletes. The lineup included multiple top ten teams and nationally ranked players.

The tournament’s estimated economic impact was \$3.5 million.

Tournament staff raised the bar off the court as well, hosting food and toy drives in partnership with the Local Management Board of Wicomico County, M&T Bank, Power 101.7 and local basketball teams. These efforts resulted in hundreds of toys and meal boxes being distributed in the local community.

The Governors Challenge will return Dec. 26-30. To learn more, visit www.GovernorsChallenge.org.

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HEALTH

\$542K grant to combat opioid overdose and addiction

Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department have been awarded a \$542,000 grant from Maryland's Office of Overdose Response. This two-year grant is designated for the enhancement of opioid overdose and addiction response efforts, as well as community outreach and education initiatives.

The Salisbury Fire Department plans to utilize these funds to expand the availability of its buprenorphine program, a key resource in treating

opioid addiction. Additionally, the grant will strengthen the department's partnership with TidalHealth by improving coordination and access to treatment for individuals following opioid overdoses.

The grant will also bolster the activities of SWIFT (Salisbury Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team), a collaborative mobile integrated health program operated by the Salisbury Fire Department and TidalHealth. This innovative initiative is dedicated to reducing unnecessary strain on EMS and Emergency Department

systems. As part of the grant, SWIFT will expand its community outreach and education efforts, including providing educational sessions on the dangers of drug use to 7th through 10th graders and various adult groups in the community.

"This grant will hopefully improve the education, response, and treatment of opioid use and addiction that is currently being provided to our community," said Salisbury Fire Chief Rob Frampton.

Katherine Rodgers, TidalHealth Director of Community Health Ini-

tiatives, added, "We are so excited for the opportunity to continue to grow our partnership with the fire department. This funding will help us combat opioid misuse and overdoses through prevention, harm reduction, and increased access to treatment."

The funding will also be used to offset salary and educational costs associated with increasing the operational times of these critical programs.

For more information, please contact the Salisbury Fire Department at 410-548-3122.

NONPROFITS

Maryland Humanities awards Lower Shore \$70K in funding

Special to the Salisbury Independent

BERLIN — Maryland Humanities awarded grants to 90 nonprofits throughout Maryland through the Marilyn Hatza Memorial SHINE (Strengthening the Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity) grant program. Each grant awarded was for \$10,000.

Beach to Bay Heritage Area was awarded funding in addition to six other organizations on the lower shore, bringing \$70,000 to the BBHA for humanities programming.

"The humanities explore the human experience and help us think about who we are — our ideas, our histories, and our values — and how we relate to each other. It is through the humanities that we improve our understanding of one another, and this, we believe, will help build healthy and equita-

ble communities," according to the Maryland Humanities website.

Other nonprofits receiving funding include:

- ♦ Berlin Heritage Foundation
- ♦ Buffalo Soldier Living History Site
- ♦ Epoch Dream Center
- ♦ Furnace Town
- ♦ Lower Shore Cemetery Preservation Organization
- ♦ Westside Historical Society

The Beach to Bay Heritage Area is one of 13 Maryland-certified heritage areas whose mission is to promote, preserve and protect the cultural heritage, historical linkages and natural assets of the lower Eastern Shore.

For more information on the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, visit BeachesBaysWaterways.org.



Pictured, from left, Beach to Bay Heritage Area staff, Andre Nieto Jaime, program specialist; Lisa Challenger, executive director; and board member Ivy Wells. PROVIDED

Wicomico Teacher of Year semifinalists announced

Wicomico County Public Schools

SALISBURY — Twenty-six educators from Wicomico County Public Schools have been named semifinalists for Wicomico Teacher of the Year. They now begin the extensive judging process that will lead to the naming of the next Wicomico Teacher of the Year in April.

Semifinalists will participate in a scored Fishbowl public speaking event on Monday, Feb. 3, with judges from the school system and community. Later in February, the semifinalists will submit a written prompt packet and will sit for an interview with a blue ribbon panel of judges who are all former Wicomico Teachers of the Year. Scores from these three activities will determine who will become the next Wicomico Teacher of the Year.

The annual Wicomico Teacher of the Year Celebration, with more than

200 guests including dozens of outstanding teachers, school administrators, and other supporters from the school system, Board of Education and the community, will be April 10. That night, all 26 semifinalists will be celebrated and four finalists — the semifinalists with the four highest total scores — will be announced. One of those finalists will then be named the next Wicomico Teacher of the Year.

Semifinalists for 2025-2026 Wicomico Teacher of the Year:

Beaver Run Elementary: Cierra Elzey, Prekindergarten
Bennett Middle: Candice Bailey, English Language Arts (ELA)
Charles H. Chipman Elementary: Shelley Smith, ESOL
Delmar Elementary: Ashley Malloory, 2nd Grade
East Salisbury Elementary: Christina Osterwalder, 5th Grade

Fruitland Intermediate: Andrea Urban, 4th Grade

Fruitland Primary: Kellie Harvey, Music

Glen Avenue Elementary: Jennifer Fitzgerald, Math Intervention

James M. Bennett High: Jamie Eakin, Science

Mardela Middle & High: Brooke Lohr, Physical Education & Health

North Salisbury Elementary: Jessica Hanes, ESOL

Northwestern Elementary: Charlie Echard, 4th Grade

Parkside High: Mollie Schoenfelder, Health Education

Pemberton Elementary: Erin Lukas, Special Education

Pinehurst Elementary: Robert Nevrlly, 5th Grade

Pittsville Elementary & Middle: Lindsay Smack, Physical Education & Health

Prince Street Elementary: Stephanie Mills, 4th Grade

Salisbury Middle: Lisa Blagus, Math

West Salisbury Elementary: Lauren Gilmore, 1st Grade

Westside Intermediate: Kara Watson, 2nd Grade

Westside Primary: Mary Hammond, Prekindergarten posting by 3:30 p.m.

Wicomico High: Emma Cohn Matthews, English

Wicomico Middle: Dr. Bettina Postles, Science

Willards Elementary: Jamie Spears, Prekindergarten

Special Programs (two semifinalists due to a tie):

Andrew Jung, Social Studies. He is the Teacher of the Year for the English Language Support Center.

Barbara Farrell, Math. She is the Teacher of the Year for Virtual Learning.

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The Somerset County (MD) Commissioners are seeking proposals from qualified firms for the replacement of the Ewell Recreation and Community Center HVAC System. The center is located at:

1. 3990 Smith Island Road, Ewell Maryland 21824

Sealed bids from qualified firms will be accepted by the Somerset County Commissioners, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, Princess Anne, MD 21853, until **4pm on Friday, February 7, 2025**, after which they will be opened and read aloud at the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Request for Proposal documents may be obtained in-person or by mail, from the Department of Technical & Community Services, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 211, Princess Anne, MD 21853, or by calling (410) 651-1424. The documents are also available on the County's Website at www.somersetmd.us on the "Bids/Proposals" page. Please note that an **Optional Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2025 at 10 a.m.** in the DTCS Conference Room in Room 211 at the Somerset County Office Complex 11916 Somerset Ave, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853.

Funding for this activity is made available through the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Somerset County is an equal opportunity employer, and strongly encourages submissions by minority and women business enterprises and Section 3 businesses.

For more information, please contact the Somerset County Department of Technical & Community Services at 410-651-1424 or email jdrewer@somersetmd.us

SU

Brohawn to be enshrined in MSABC Hall of Fame

Suseagulls.com

SALISBURY — Salisbury University head baseball coach Troy Brohawn is set to join the very best to ever play the sport within the Old Line State. Brohawn has been selected for induction into the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches (MSABC) Hall of Fame, as confirmed by the organization this week.

Brohawn, along with the rest of the Class of 2025, will be enshrined during the 29th annual MSABC Preseason All-State Team and Awards Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 3-6 p.m. at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased at this link no later than Friday, Jan. 24.

A legendary ballplayer at the Eastern Shore's Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, Brohawn represented the Vikings on the 1990 U.S. Junior Olympic team, which earned a bronze medal at the Junior World Championship in Cuba. In 1991, he was recognized as USA Baseball Maryland Amateur Player of the Year and made



Salisbury University head baseball coach Troy Brohawn has been selected for induction into the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches (MSABC) Hall of Fame. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSEAGULLS.COM

appearances on Team Maryland and in the Crown All-Star Game.

Following an All-America baseball career at the University of Nebraska, Brohawn was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the fourth round of the 1994 MLB Draft. He played professionally for 11 seasons across three major league organizations, pitching in 82 games in the majors from 2001-03 with the Arizona Diamondbacks, San

Francisco Giants, and Los Angeles Dodgers. A World Series champion with the D-backs in 2001, Brohawn posted elite numbers against MLB home run king Barry Bonds, who went 0-for-10 with one walk and four strikeouts in 11 career plate appearances against Brohawn.

Brohawn first served as pitching coach at SU under 2013 MSABC Hall-of-Fame Doug Fleetwood from

2006-09 before returning to lead Cambridge-South Dorchester from 2010-14, winning a 1A state championship in 2013. During his time he also played six seasons for the Perdue Chicks in the semi-pro Eastern Shore Baseball League from 2008-13.

Brohawn returned to Salisbury as head coach in 2015 and is entering his 11th season leading the program in 2025. In 10 seasons under his watch, the Sea Gulls have won 312 games and six conference championships, made nine consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, qualified for four Division III World Series and two championship series, and captured the 2021 national title.

Brohawn was named American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) National Coach of the Year in 2021 and ABCA Regional Coach of the Year in 2021 and 2024, as well as Conference Coach of the Year on three occasions. He was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame as a player in 2008.

This article originally appeared on suseagulls.com.

EDUCATION

'U.S. News' names SU online grad programs among best

Salisbury University

SALISBURY — U.S. News & World Report again has ranked two of Salisbury University's online graduate programs among the nation's best.

For the eighth year, the publication rated SU's online M.B.A. Program one of the top in the U.S. (No. 150 out of 366). SU's online M.S. in Nursing Program also was ranked among the country's best (No. 93 out of 211).

Selections for both programs were

based on criteria including student engagement and excellence, faculty credentials and training, technology and peer assessment.

"At Salisbury University, we understand that today's learners need flexible options to balance education with their personal and professional lives," said SU President Carolyn Ringer Lepre. "We firmly believe that everyone should have access to high-quality education, no matter where they are or what their schedule looks like."

"Our dedicated faculty and staff ensure that every online student has access to the same world-class education and opportunities for success as those studying on campus. It's incredibly rewarding to see U.S. News & World Report continue to recognize our commitment to excellence by ranking our online programs among the nation's best."

Last fall, U.S. News announced additional rankings for SU, placing it at No. 49 out of 175 public and private U.S. institutions in the "Best Re-

gional Universities – North" category, No. 37 among the nation's "Best Value Schools" and No. 17 among public institutions in the region.

The University also was recognized as one of the "Top Performers on Social Mobility" and for having one of the "Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs."

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Proposed budget features tax reform and massive cuts

By Emma Tufo and Jack Bowman
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Wes Moore proposed a budget Jan. 15 that would raise income taxes for Maryland's highest earners and advance a broader plan he calls his "growth agenda" for the state. Administration officials say that Moore's budget plan is balanced and over time would reduce the state's structural \$3 billion deficit, in part by adjusting implementation of the ambitious education spending plan known as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

"None of these things are easy. All of them are necessary," Moore said in a news conference unveiling his plan.

As the state grapples with the growing fiscal challenge of a ballooning deficit, Moore's budget is his attempt to make some tough choices and bring things back in line. The plan would impose tax hikes for the state's top 18% of earners. It would also make difficult cuts to education and other programs, including some for people with developmental disabilities.

House Republican Leader Jason Buckel, who represents Allegany County, commended Moore for diagnosing the state's financial woes, but he expressed concern about the proposed tax increases.

"It is encouraging to see that Governor Moore has made closing the deficit and growing Maryland's economy a

priority," Buckel said in a Joint Republican Caucus statement sent to Capital News Service following the budget announcement. "However, parts of his budget plan may be giving with one hand while taking with the other. I am concerned that the tax increases in his budget may hinder our economic growth and not result in the revenues he anticipates."

Senate Republican Leader Stephen Hershey Jr., who represents Caroline, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, said he is specifically concerned about personal income tax hikes.

"The reduction in the corporate tax rate is something we've long advocated for," Hershey said, "however the increase in the personal income tax will be a direct hit to Maryland's small business community that file as pass-through entities on personal returns."

Despite the increase in taxes for the wealthiest households, Moore's proposal leaves taxes unchanged or reduced for 82% of taxpayers, according to administration officials. One official told reporters the average savings are estimated to be around \$173 a year, while earners in lower- to middle-income brackets may see closer to \$300.

According to Moore, the brunt of the tax increases will be shouldered by Marylanders with a household income north of \$700,000 a year. In 2023, more than 18% of Maryland households were estimated to earn \$200,000

or more a year, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

In another attempt to balance the tax model, Moore also proposed the elimination of the inheritance tax. The plan would eliminate the inheritance tax "in a way that is revenue-neutral, by also changing the exemption on our estate tax," said Helene Grady, secretary of the Department of Budget and Management.

To attract businesses to the state, Moore presented a plan to lower the corporate tax rate over a two-year period starting in fiscal year 2028.

"Economic growth is our North Star," Moore said.

Moore's proposal is just the beginning of a long conversation that lawmakers in the Maryland General Assembly will now begin. Democratic leaders will consider Moore's choices, along with their own priorities, which may include protecting their sweeping education goals.

"The House will have a high bar for any cuts to the Blueprint," House Speaker Adrienne Jones, a Democrat representing Baltimore County, said at an event hosted by The Baltimore Banner earlier this week.

Senate President Bill Ferguson, a Democrat representing Baltimore City, echoed the sentiment, saying, "We're not going to back down on our commitment to public education in the state of Maryland." But he also said

they will review the effectiveness of every state program.

Moore aides say he wants to adjust implementation of the Blueprint in ways that would save \$2.5 billion over five years.

"The governor will propose legislation to temporarily suspend the Blueprint's requirement that teachers spend no more than 60% of their time teaching," a senior administration official said, "and the funding increases are tied to this requirement."

Moore aides say this would ultimately increase the Blueprint's effectiveness and improve schools.

The budget proposal also features a series of "cost containment measures" at the state's Developmental Disabilities Administration, according to another official.

"This is among one of the hardest proposals that we are bringing to the General Assembly, given the vulnerability of this population," that official said. The cuts are meant to "sustain the progress we've made since fiscal '23, without continuing to grow unsustainably going forward."

In a live-streamed news conference with reporters, Moore said it will be important to make "difficult cuts when necessary."

"We need to rein in spending," he said. "We need to tighten our belts. We need to spend wisely. We need to spend for the future."



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HISTORY

Families salute Maryland women of the 'Six Triple Eight'

By Robert Stewart
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS — After decades of hearing their stories only as family lore, if they heard them at all, the families of 19 Maryland women who served in the 6888th Battalion are watching those stories come alive — and enjoying the long-awaited recognition.

The 6888th is the predominantly Black postal unit that served in World War II and is the subject of Tyler Perry's blockbuster movie, "The Six Triple Eight," released last month.

"I have wanted my mother and my aunt to be honored and to be appreciated for a long time," said Catonsville resident Karen Taylor, "and now because of the Tyler Perry movie the world knows what they accomplished."

Although not main characters in Perry's movie, Taylor's mother and aunt were both members of the postal unit featured in the film.

The Six Triple Eight, officially the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, deployed to Europe for roughly a year during World War II. Some 855 women came from across the U.S. to process mail in the European theater of war.

They were a twice-segregated unit, as women served separately from men at the time, and women of color served separately from white women.

The film release prior to Christmas has reanimated discussion of the unit, bringing their accomplishments into public consciousness. For descendants and family members, it's a culmination of a multiyear effort to bring awareness to their family's military service.

Taylor, a 78-year-old retired dental hygienist, points to her living room wall lined with pictures of family members in her apartment. Several items, including pictures, a U.S. flag, a cer-



Catonsville resident Karen Taylor shows a portrait of her mother, Vivian Elzie Taylor, who served with the 6888th Battalion — the "Six Triple-Eight" — during World War II. PHOTO BY ROBERT STEWART/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

tificate and a movie poster indicate a connection to the 6888th.

"These women were fighting for us," Taylor said, "Even if someone tells you you can't do something, you don't let it go at that. You keep on going and prove that you can."

Taylor says that's how her mother raised her.

Taylor's mother, Vivian Elzie Taylor, was one of 19 women who enlisted in Maryland and deployed with the 6888th. After serving in Europe and meeting and marrying her husband, Elyseo J. Taylor, in Paris, she settled in Salisbury.

She and her husband, a tanker in the first Black tank battalion, eventually divorced. Elzie Taylor went to teach art at the all-Black Salisbury High School in Maryland's then-segregated school system.

From a segregated army to a segregated school system, Elzie Taylor's mid-century career was emblematic of the challenges Black women faced in Maryland and around the country.

She passed a lesson on to her daughter about persevering in the face of obstacles.

"My mom pushed me," Taylor said. "She made me."

After her mom died, Taylor began exploring the military oral history her mother had shared with her. It wasn't just her mother who served. Taylor's aunt, Marian Elzie Wilson, enlisted in Pennsylvania and also deployed with the 6888th.

The more she learned, she said, the more she understood the groundbreaking territory the group charted.

And she wasn't the only one.

Vashti Murphy Matthews, from

Baltimore's multigenerational publishing family of the Afro-American Newspapers, also served overseas with the 6888th. She was a taciturn woman who — despite a drill-sergeant-like leadership style — never spoke about her time in the Army, according to her daughter, Betty Schuler.

"Had it not been for me finding some pictures, we would never have known that she served at all," Schuler said. "Not one word did she speak."

Schuler and her cousin first learned about the 6888th when a monument was being erected in honor of the unit. Researchers and fundraisers were reaching out to descendants and media organizations, which led them to Schuler and her cousin, Frances Murphy Draper, CEO and publisher of the Afro-American.

The Buffalo Soldier Educational and Historical Committee created a monument for the 6888th in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, outside of Kansas City, in 2018.

A few years later, Congress passed legislation awarding the unit the Congressional Gold Medal. Maryland Gov. Wes Moore even designated March 9 as a day honoring the 6888th in Maryland.

But it wasn't until the movie that the unit really caught people's attention. Draper compares "The Six Triple Eight" to other overlooked stories about people of color.

"I think it also speaks to the 'argument' about the need to really teach African American history," Draper said. "There's a whole history of people, and the more we understand about people ... the more we understand that we have more in common than we have different."

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Big Sisters' Cameron Drew with her Little enjoyed time in a library. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BBBSES

Big Brothers Big Sisters closes out National Mentoring Month

Special to the Salisbury Independent

DENTON — January was National Mentoring Month. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore (BBBSES) proudly honors the transformative power of mentorship and the profound impact of relationships between Bigs and Littles in the community.

"National Mentoring Month is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact a mentor can have on a young person's life. At Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, we see firsthand how guidance, support, and encouragement can open doors to brighter futures. We invite our community to join us in this mission—become a mentor, inspire potential, and make a difference that lasts a lifetime," said Executive Director, Jessica Mimms about National Mentoring Month.

"Being a mentor is about sharing experiences with a little and opening their mind to exceeding their potential, finding new visions, and experiencing things they never have before....it is very rewarding to me" said Cameron Drew, a Wicomico County Mentor.

Throughout January, BBBSES em-

phasizes the role of mentors, known as "Bigs," in fostering positive change. In recognition of this, county proclamations have been issued in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties.

In celebration of National Mentoring Month, BBBSES hosted a mixer in partnership with the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 23. This event, which also coincided with International Pie Day, featured contributions from The Ugly Pie in Salisbury and refreshments provided by Red Light Liquors in Denton.

Following National Mentoring Month, BBBSES, in collaboration with the Queen Anne's Chamber of Commerce, will organize a Business After Hours event at Ten Eyck Brewing Company in Queenstown on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees can enjoy food, drinks, and various activities.

Adult mentors are needed to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people throughout Maryland's Eastern Shore. To learn more about becoming a mentor, visit www.shorebiglittle.org or call 410-543-2447.

BUSINESS

Real estate advisors complete SVN International Corp. Advisor X Program

Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — SVN | Miller Commercial Real Estate Advisors, Kelly Jeter, Lindsay Mooney, Nick DeLoriers, and Dave Lawson recently completed the SVN International Corp. Advisor X program.

Advisor X is a three-month comprehensive training program for both new and experienced SVN Advisors. Throughout the three months, Advisors learn SVN Essentials, CRE Basics, Specialization and Market Analytics, and much more. This program also offers the opportunity to connect with other SVN Advisors and learn from SVN leaders.

The Advisor X program will allow for an increased level of advisory services, which then allows these SVN Advisors to better serve their clients.

“SVN Advisor X gave me a vast amount of knowledge in such a short period of time. The course introduced me to more effective tools to organize and market my business to be successful for 2025. As 2024 was my first year as an Advisor with SVN, one of the main takeaways for me was the exposure to many successful Advisors within the SVN community,” said Lindsay Mooney.

“Advisor X has been an invaluable experience in my journey as a commercial real estate broker. The program’s guidance on best practices, coupled with the opportunity to connect with experienced brokers across the SVN platform, has equipped me with the tools and insights needed to excel in my career. The collaborative network and practical knowledge gained have been instrumental in building my confidence and refining my approach to brokerage,” said Nick DeLoriers.

If you would like to speak with Kelly Jeter, Lindsay Mooney, Nick DeLoriers, or Dave Lawson, their emails are below, or you can call 410-543-2440.

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TIDALHEALTH

Peninsula Regional names December 2024 DAISY honorees

TidalHealth

SALISBURY – Beth Buckingham, RN, and Tracy Vazquez, RN, of TidalHealth Peninsula Regional's Intensive Care Unit (ICU), have been selected as the December 2024 recipients of the DAISY Award for their compassionate care and special attention provided to a recent patient and family during an extremely emotional and traumatic time.

In her nomination, a coworker wrote:

"Recently, a young trauma patient was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Team members worked diligently to care for him and to support his parents. Unfortunately, the patient did not show signs of a meaningful neurological recovery.

The patient's parents and grandparents were faced with the difficult decision whether to proceed with our res-

cue efforts or allow the patient to pass comfortably given his poor prognosis. The family opted to let him pass, but they were then presented with another option of their son becoming an organ donor, potentially saving another life.

Heroically and very honorably, the parents saw the value in this, and wanted their son's death to mean something, opted to pursue organ donation. Not only is the nurse caring for this patient focused on caring for the family during this difficult time, the way they care for the patient completely shifts.

It is a delicate process, in many ways, and it takes time. This patient's family had established a strong rapport with both Beth and Tracy and trusted them immensely in caring for their son. At times, they were faced with discussions and decisions that were not making sense to them given the com-



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plicated situation to the point where they were not allowing diagnostic tests that were necessary for the donation process. Beth took it upon herself to sit with the mother and connect on her level to explain what was happening. Because Beth took the time to connect with her as a mother, she then agreed to the tests.

The day before the patient was scheduled to go to the operating room and do this honorable deed of saving another's life, the family again had some reservations about the process. Tracy eased some of these reservations by rearranging her schedule so she would be caring for the patient on the day he was to go to the OR. When the family knew Tracy would be with him and them, the family felt more at ease.

However, their remaining reservations presented a significant barrier to

proceeding with organ donation. Beth was assigned to the patient on this day. Knowing that she and Tracy had developed this rapport with the patient's mother, she asked Tracy to accompany her to talk with the mother. Because these two took the time to truly hear her questions and concerns and thoroughly explain all aspects of the process, and because they had gained the mother's trust, the family agreed to proceed with organ donation.

The patient was able to donate his liver to a patient in their 60's, his right kidney to a patient in their 30's and his left kidney and pancreas to a patient in their 30's. He gave the gift of life to three individuals and he and his family should be considered heroes for this act. The other heroes in this story are these two nurses who were patient, thorough, and kind in their care of this patient and his family.

The patient's mother recognized both Beth and Tracy saying, 'they called him by his name and talked to him even though they didn't know if he could hear them, and they treated him like their own'."

Buckingham and Vazquez were recently honored with the DAISY Award in a ceremony before their colleagues. They received certificates commending them for being extraordinary nurses, and a sculpture called A Healer's Touch.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



The Wicomico County Council will hold a public hearing to consider Resolution No. 23-2025 regarding the adoption of a Consent Judgment and Decree and Settlement Agreement in Civil Action No. 1:23-CV-03325-MLM (Wicomico County Branch of N.A.A.C.P., et al vs. Wicomico County, Maryland, et al) related to Wicomico County's election system at their regular meeting in the County Council Chambers, Government Office Building in Salisbury, Maryland on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The **FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENT AND DECREE and SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**, addresses claims brought under the **Voting Rights Act of 1965**, alleging that the County's current 5/2 election system for the County Council and Board of Education is racially discriminatory and violates federal law. The Decree and Settlement Agreement include:

- Elimination of the 5/2 election system for County Council Elections.
- Adoption of a new district-based election system with **seven single-member** districts for County Council elections.
- Alignment of Board of Education election districts with the new district map.
- Establishment of mechanisms to support minority representation and community engagement.
- Provisions for the enforcement of the Decree and Settlement Agreement through the 2030 General Election.

A map showing the proposed seven single-member districts is available for public review at <https://www.wicomicocounty.org/councilmanic-map>.

Public Notice

WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Chapter 22 of the Wicomico County Code and Local Government Article, Section 10-312, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting in the County Council Chambers, Government Office Building, in Salisbury, Maryland on:

February 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The County Council proposes to enter into a Natural Gas Franchise Renewal Agreement with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake) for a period of twenty-five years commencing in February 2025. A copy of the proposed Natural Gas Franchise Agreement is available for review in the County Council Office during normal business hours and is available online at <https://www.wicomicocounty.org/676/County-Council-Public-Notices>.

Wicomico County Council requests that all interested persons appear at said time and place for the purpose of expressing their views and opinions concerning the matter.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WICOMICO COUNTY Case No. C-22-CV-24-000518

COLUMBIA LIENS LLC
Plaintiff,
v.

OSCAR LOPEZ VALLE, A MARRIED PERSON
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners

ALL OTHER PERSONS THAT HAVE OR
CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST
IN THE PROPERTY 416 ROSE ST.,
SALISBURY, MD 21801
Parcel No. 09-041958

And

ANY UNKNOWN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
416 ROSE ST., SALISBURY, MD 21801
Parcel No. 09-041958, the unknown owner's
heirs, devisees, and personal representatives
and their or any of their heirs, devisees,
executors, administrators, grantees, assigns,
or successors in right title and interest.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property Parcel Identification Number 09-041958 in Wicomico County, sold by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico County and the State of Maryland to the plaintiff in this proceeding:

**BL 8 L 23-8280 SQFT 416 ROSE ST,
CITY OF SALIS**

The complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 13th of January, 2025, by the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Wicomico County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 10th of March, 2025, and redeem the property with Parcel Identification Number 09-041958 and answer the complaint or thereafter a final judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Matthew A. Maciarelo
Judge Wicomico County
Circuit Court

15302 SBY 1/28; 2/4,11; CT 1/29; 2/5,12/2025

WICOMICO

Habitat announces tax credits for donors

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County (HFHWC) has been awarded an additional \$25,000 in tax credits from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Investment Tax Credit Program (CITC) for their 2025 award year.

This program gives donors seeking to make a change in their community an opportunity to also benefit financially. A qualifying donor contributing at least \$500 through this program will receive 50% of their donation in the form of a Mary-

land Tax credit, in addition to other Federal and State deductions.

All contributions through the CITC program support HFHWC's Critical Home Repair program, which helps low-income homeowners stay safely in their homes through repairs such as roof replacement, mold remediation, and window replacement, as well as safety modifications such as installing walk-in showers, handrails, and raised toilets.

Since this program's inception in 2013, HFHWC has completed 152 critical repairs and modifications, with 26 of these projects finished in fiscal year 2024.

Donors wishing to take advantage of the tax credit program are encouraged to contact Director of Development Christina Williams, at 410-546-1551 in advance of a donation to obtain the proper forms. Tax credits are claimed on a first come, first served basis.

Donors should consult their tax professional for information about their specific tax benefits, based on their situation.

Since its creation, the Community Investment Tax Credit program has leveraged nearly \$27 million in charitable contributions to approximately 700 nonprofit projects and activities across the state.

Public Notice

WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON:

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Commencing at 6:00 P.M.

in the Council Chambers of the Government Office Building, Salisbury, Maryland, in conformity with Section 311(d) of the Charter of Wicomico County, on the following Bill, which was introduced for consideration at a Legislative Session of said County for the year 2025. The following Bill may be called for final reading and consideration commencing immediately after the aforesaid public hearing.

Legislative Bill No. 2025-01: AN ACT to amend Chapter 225 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Zoning" Part 3, titled "Basic Definitions and Interpretations," Article VI, titled "Terms Defined," Section §225-25 titled "Definitions of Basic Terms"; and Part 6, titled "Accessory and Principal Uses," Article XVIII, titled "Principal Uses," Section 225-67, titled "Table of Permitted Uses-Designations" and Part 8, titled "Special Standards for Particular Uses," Article XX, titled "Uses and Standards Enumerated," Section §225-99 titled "Kennels, Commercial" to amend the zoning requirements for the operation of a kennel.

If the foregoing Bill No. 2025-01 is enacted, it will take effect sixty (60) days from the date it becomes law, subject to the referendum provisions of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland.

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BY: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WICOMICO COUNTY Case No. C-22-CV-24-000517

COLUMBIA LIENS LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
ALEX VOLKONSKY
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners

ALL OTHER PERSONS THAT HAVE OR
CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST
IN THE PROPERTY 105 E PINE ST.,
DELMAR, MD 21875
Parcel No. 11-005381

And

ANY UNKNOWN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
105 E PINE ST., DELMAR, MD 21875,
Parcel No. 11-005381, the unknown owner's
heirs, devisees, and personal representatives
and their or any of their heirs, devisees,
executors, administrators, grantees, assigns,
or successors in right title and interest.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the
foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the
following property Parcel Identification
Number 11-005381 in Wicomico County, sold
by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico
County and the State of Maryland to the
plaintiff in this proceeding:

**L-62 8120 SQFT 105 E PINE ST
EDGEVIEW #2 PLAT**

The complaint states, among other things,
that the amounts necessary for redemption
have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 13th of January, 2025, by
the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, That
notice be given by the insertion of a copy of
this order in some newspaper having a
general circulation in Wicomico County once a
week for 3 successive weeks, warning all
persons interested in the property to appear
in this Court by the 20th of March, 2025, and
redeem the property with Parcel Identification
Number 11-005381 and answer the complaint
or thereafter a final judgment will be entered
foreclosing all rights of redemption in the
property, and vesting in the plaintiff a title,
free and clear of all encumbrances.

Matthew A. Maciarello
Judge Wicomico County
Circuit Court

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WICOMICO COUNTY Case No. C-22-CV-24-000516

COLUMBIA LIENS LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
NANCY J WILKINSON
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners
ALEXANDER CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners

ALL OTHER PERSONS THAT HAVE OR
CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST
IN THE PROPERTY 700 MAIN ST.,
SHARPTOWN, MD 21861

Parcel No. 10-0008034

And

ANY UNKNOWN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
700 MAIN ST., SHARPTOWN, MD 21861,
Parcel No. 10-008034, the unknown owner's
heirs, devisees, and personal representatives
and their or any of their heirs, devisees,
executors, administrators, grantees, assigns,
or successors in right title and interest.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the
foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the
following property Parcel Identification
Number 10-008034 in Wicomico County, sold
by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico
County and the State of Maryland to the
plaintiff in this proceeding:

**L-1.12 AC 700 MAIN STREET,
SHARPTOWN**

The complaint states, among other things,
that the amounts necessary for redemption
have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 13th of January, 2025, by
the Circuit Court for Wicomico County,
That notice be given by the insertion of a
copy of this order in some newspaper having
a general circulation in Wicomico County once
a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all
persons interested in the property to appear
in this Court by the 20th of March, 2025, and
redeem the property with Parcel Identification
Number 07-004796 and answer the complaint
or thereafter a final judgment will be entered
foreclosing all rights of redemption in the
property, and vesting in the plaintiff a title,
free and clear of all encumbrances.

Matthew A. Maciarello
Judge Wicomico County
Circuit Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
WICOMICO COUNTY
Case No. C-22-CV-24-000515

COLUMBIA LIENS LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
MARY H PURNELL
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners

ALL OTHER PERSONS THAT HAVE OR
CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST IN
THE PROPERTY 112 CATHERINE ST.,
SALISBURY, MD 21801
Parcel No. 09-046984

And

ANY UNKNOWN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
112 CATHERINE ST., SALISBURY, MD 21801
Parcel No. 09-046984, the unknown owner's
heirs, devisees, and personal representatives
and their or any of their heirs, devisees,
executors, administrators, grantees, assigns,
or successors in right title and interest.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the
foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the
following property Parcel Identification
Number 09-046984 in Wicomico County, sold
by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico
County and the State of Maryland to the
plaintiff in this proceeding:

**BL-1B BL-8 112 CATHERINE ST CITY
OF SALI**

The complaint states, among other things,
that the amounts necessary for redemption
have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 13th of January, 2025, by
the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, That
notice be given by the insertion of a copy of
this order in some newspaper having a
general circulation in Wicomico County once a
week for 3 successive weeks, warning all
persons interested in the property to appear
in this Court by the 20th of March, 2025, and
redeem the property with Parcel Identification
Number 09-046984 and answer the complaint
or thereafter a final judgment will be entered
foreclosing all rights of redemption in the
property, and vesting in the plaintiff a title,
free and clear of all encumbrances.

Matthew A. Maciarelo
Judge Wicomico County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
WICOMICO COUNTY
Case No. C-22-CV-24-000513

COLUMBIA LIENS LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
JACK D POLK & JACOB I POLK JR
Wicomico County, Maryland
Occupant
Unknown Owners

ALL OTHER PERSONS THAT HAVE OR
CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST
IN THE PROPERTY 3691 S UPPER
FERRY RD, EDEN, MD 21822
Parcel No. 07-004796

And

ANY UNKNOWN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
3691 S UPPER FERRY RD, EDEN, MD 21822
Parcel No. 07-004796, the unknown owner's
heirs, devisees, and personal representatives
and their or any of their heirs, devisees,
executors, administrators, grantees, assigns,
or successors in right title and interest.

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the
foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the
following property Parcel Identification
Number 07-004796 in Wicomico County, sold
by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico
County and the State of Maryland to the
plaintiff in this proceeding:

**1.97 AC 3691 S UPPER FERRY RD
N OF ALLEN**

The complaint states, among other things,
that the amounts necessary for redemption
have not been paid.

It is thereupon this 13th of January, 2025, by
the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, That
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Number 07-004796 and answer the complaint
or thereafter a final judgment will be entered
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property, and vesting in the plaintiff a title,
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Matthew A. Maciarelo
Judge Wicomico County
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ASSIGNEES' SALE

UNIMPROVED LOTS W/S WETIPQUIN CREEK
4781 HATCROWN POINT DRIVE, TYASKIN, MD 21865

Pursuant to power of sale contained in a Mortgage filed for foreclosure in Case No. C-22-CV-24-000522 in the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, the undersigned Assignees will offer the following described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction to be held at the front steps of the Wicomico County Circuit Courthouse, North Division Street Entrance, 101 North Division Street, Salisbury, Maryland, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025, at the HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

ALL those tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Tyaskin Election District of Wicomico County and State of Maryland, and located northerly of, but not binding upon Tyaskin Wharf Road and on the westerly side of and binding upon Wetipquin Creek and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Parcels 65 and 20 as more particularly set forth and designated on a plat entitled "Resubdivision for Charles J. Cipolla, II", prepared by Parker & Associates, Inc., dated March 26, 2007 and recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland in Plat Cabinet M.S.B. No. 15, Folio 887.

AND BEING the same land conveyed to James G. Insley and Linda G. Insley, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, by Deed from Charles J. Cipolla, II and Kimmarie Cipolla, dated November 13, 2018, and recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland in Book No. 4404, Page 242.

Tax Account Number: 03-011836 [Tax Map 43, Parcel 65]
Tax Account Number: 03-008533 [Tax Map 43, Parcel 20]

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold as a single unit to the highest bidder at public auction. The purchaser will be required to tender on account of the bid price at the time and place of sale cash, certified funds, or check acceptable to the undersigned, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). If the party secured by the Mortgage is the successful bidder, no deposit will be required, and the cash deposit or price shall be credited against the obligation. The deferred portion of the bid price shall be evidenced by the Promissory Note of the Buyer, bearing no interest provided settlement is made and the full price tendered on or before fifteen days after the date of ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland; otherwise the deferred portion of the bid price shall bear interest from the date of sale at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum. Neither the Assignees nor the auctioneer make any representation or warranty concerning the property, the same being sold "as is"; and, if for any reason the Assignees are unable to deliver good and marketable title to the real estate, subject only to easements, rights of way and use restrictions of record, the sole and exclusive remedy of the Buyer shall be a refund of the deposit money. The property is sold subject to the right of the Internal Revenue Service to exercise its right of redemption by virtue of a subordinate federal tax lien. Neither the Assignees, auctioneer or note holder are aware of any violation of any federal, state or municipal environmental law or regulation; however, in the event any such violations exist, they are not responsible for same. All settlement costs, including, but not limited to, document preparation, recordation and transfer taxes, including agricultural transfer tax, if any, recording costs, and title examination, if any, shall be the obligation of the Buyer. State, County, and municipal property taxes and assessments, shall be adjusted as of the date of sale. Buyer shall be entitled to possession upon final settlement and payment of the purchase price in full, which shall occur not later than fifteen days after final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, in Case No. C-22-CV-24-000522, time being of the essence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact the undersigned Assignees or Auctioneer.

John B. Robins, IV
Christopher S. Robins
Assignees
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Notice to Creditors

David Harty
8843 Greenbelt Rd., Unit 125
Greenbelt, MD 20770-2451

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27875

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **EDITH NAOMI NUTTER**

Notice is given that Jerry Johnson Jr., 2611 Spring Ln., Nanticoke, MD 21840 was on January 3, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Edith Naomi Nutter who died on October 11, 2024 without a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of July, 2025.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present their claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Jerry Johnson Jr.
Personal Representative

True Test Copy
Register of Wills for
Wicomico County
Karen A. Lemon
PO Box 787
Salisbury, MD 21803-0787

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Notice to Creditors

David A. Hall
King Hall, LLC
5300 Dorsey Hall Dr., Ste. 107
Ellicott City, MD 21042-7819

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 26427

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **ROBERT DWAYNE BREM**

Notice is given that Marissa Brem, 3874 Wilcoxson Dr., Fairfax, VA 22031-3709 was on December 26, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert Dwayne Brem who died on September 21, 2022 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th day of June, 2025.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present their claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Marissa Brem
Personal Representative

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Karen A. Lemon
PO Box 787
Salisbury, MD 21803-0787

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Notice to Creditors

Richard Duvall, Esquire
Richard M. Duvall, LLC
112 W Main St.
Salisbury, MD 21804-4905

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27878

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **TIFFANY RENEE CAMPBELL**

Notice is given that Kayla Maron, 100 Lakewood Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-7281 was on January 8, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Tiffany Renee Campbell who died on October 31, 2024 without a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 6th day of July, 2025.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present their claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Kayla Maron
Personal Representative

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THE ARTS

Registration for Maryland Arts Day 25 is open

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council has announced that registration for Maryland Arts Day 2025 is open.

The event will be held Feb. 13 in Annapolis from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Francis Scott Key Auditorium at St. John's College.

Registration is open through Feb. 11, but you can register by Jan. 31 for \$10.

To register, visit mdarts.salsalabs.org/mad25/index.html?page=register.

SWAC said the registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and a shuttle ride to St. John's College.

The non-profit said Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in the state. There will be more than 400 participants in the event which connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers.

Community Players to feature 'A Few Good Men'

SALISBURY — The Community Players of Salisbury is set to perform the play "A Few Good Men" at its new performing arts space.

Show dates are Jan. 31-Feb. 9 inside the theater located at 5109 Nutters Cross Road in Salisbury. The director is Pete Cuesta.

Tickets are available at sbyplayers.org.

The play by Aaron Sorkin tells the story of a group of military lawyers assigned to defend two Marines in Guantanamo Bay. During the course of the trial, they uncover a high-level conspiracy designed to eliminate weaker soldiers in the name of patriotism.

The play is rated PG.

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