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'He saved my life that day'

Rotary honors local heroes

By Richard Caines
Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Dr. Eric Munoz was a brand-new community member last summer, choosing to eat dinner at the Green Hill Country Club in Quantico.

The TidalHealth physician did not realize that he would soon play a part in helping save a local man's life.

Munoz and the golf course's Head Professional, Rob McDonald, were honored by the Wicomico Rotary Club Feb. 4 for their efforts in reviving Larry Dernulc, who suffered a heart attack while playing in a golf match at the club on June 6, 2024.

Additionally, the club also honored Salisbury Police Detective Adeline Cyrus for her efforts in saving a child from the Wicomico River on Oct. 17, 2024.



From left, Larry Dernulc and ceremony emcee Don Hackett thank "Hero Award" recipients Dr. Eric Munoz and Rob McDonald, during a luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Wicomico Civic Center.
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That night in June, McDonald sprang into action, retrieving a defibrillator and rendering aid. Soon after, Munoz, ironically a cardiac surgeon, performed CPR on Dernulc until EMTs arrived on the scene.

"June 6 was quite a night," said Kevin Hayes, who was playing golf at

the time of the incident. "When you see a fellow friend come back in a cart and is slumped over ... luckily Rob knew where the defibrillator was. Dr. Eric Munoz was a member of only two weeks at Green Hill."

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AVIAN FLU

Poultry team offers resources to farmers

University of Maryland Extension

COLLEGE PARK — In the wake of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak on the Delmarva Peninsula, the University of Maryland Extension Poultry Team is helping chicken farmers combat the ongoing challenges posed by the outbreak.

The team is assisting farmers to deploy biosecurity measures through a coordinated approach that includes virtual education, timely updates and collaboration with regional partners. The team

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Heroes

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Built in 1927, Green Hill was a 9-hole facility until 1955, when another nine were added to create a 6,929-yard par 72 course. The club is on the Wicomico River, 6 miles southwest of Salisbury. McDonald was named the club's golf pro in 2015.

"Green Hill is a family and when you see a family member go down, you do what you can," McDonald said. "It was nothing heroic."

Dernulc was taken to TidalHealth in Salisbury, where another physician, Dr. Greg Treuth, placed critical stents in his coronary artery to improve his condition and help save his heart.

"I'd like to thank everybody for what they did for me," Dernulc said during the Feb. 4 ceremony. "But I'll tell you this. There is a God. He saved my life that day."

Munoz, who performed a successful triple bypass surgery on Dernulc two months later, said he didn't do what he did to be a hero, he was just doing what any doctor is trained to do. "You jump in and help your fellow man when they are in need," Munoz said. "So, that was my perspective on that day and of course, I was proud to be able to follow up and take care of Larry later by doing open heart surgery on him to fix everything that was wrong with his heart. So, you know, I appreciate the accolades I got today, but that's not why I did it. "I did it because I really



Salisbury Police Chief David Meienschein, center, accepts a "Hero Award" on behalf of Detective Adeline Cyrus during a luncheon at the Wicomico Civic Center. SALISBURY INDEPENDENT/RICHARD CAINES

truly wanted to save this man's life and I'm just happy that I had an opportunity to do that, (and) to get to know these fine people."

Munoz explained that it took a team effort June 6 to save Dernulc's life, which has resulted in him "embracing" the entire community since he moved to Wicomico County.

"It takes a whole team to make the system work," said Munoz, who also commended his TidalHealth staff. "You know, it started out by us doing CPR at the golf club, but then EMS was right there within four minutes. By that time, we got Larry back and they continued to resuscitate him and help him on his way to the hospital."

"And when we got to the hospital, Dr. Treuth was there, one of my colleagues that was able to do critical stents to continue to improve Larry's condition and help save his heart. And that gave me the opportunity two months later to operate on Larry and get him through."

The Rotary annually selects a hero to honor, but this was the second year the organization selected more than one individual.

"Rotarians enjoy giving back to the community both locally and internationally," ceremony emcee Don Hackett said. "The committee determined that there were two equally deserving heroic acts in the 2024 calendar year."

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

Salisbury Police Detective Adeline Cyrus and other officers responded to a call for service on Oct. 17, 2024, attempting to locate a child who was reported missing.

There was an immediate concern for the child's well-being, who suffered from "mental impairments," according to the award nomination form.

Cyrus was able to use her more than 10 years of experience as a police officer to help locate the child, who was partially submerged in the Wicomico River, clinging to a pier.

"Without Cyrus' knowledge, her

quick thinking and heroic actions, the juvenile would have likely perished," Hackett said during the ceremony. Cyrus was not able to attend due to an illness but the Rotary plans to honor her in person at an upcoming meeting.

Salisbury Police Chief David Meienschein and some of Cyrus' work peers attended the Feb. 4 meeting on her behalf. Meienschein said her training and experience paid off under the circumstances to be able to save the young child.

Cyrus is a member of the Air Force Reserve, with Meienschein — also an Air Force veteran — noting that it is hard to juggle both of those careers at the same time.

"She is dedicated," Meienschein said. "When she goes to work every day, she gives it 110 percent. She's out there taking that extra step. She is an asset to our department. We are very proud of her."

Each honoree received the Wicomico Rotary Club's Hero Award, which came with a plaque, a \$1,000 donation to a charity of their choice and citations from Wicomico County Council and the Maryland General Assembly, signed by Senators Mary Beth Carozza and Johnny Mautz.

"It's such a great blessing to be in a great community where these stories are very common," Wicomico County Councilman Josh Hastings said. "It's wonderful to continue to bring new people in our community who look out for each other."

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LOWER EASTERN SHORE

United Way raises more than \$204K at Holiday Ball

2025 event, set for Dec. 6, already in planning stages

Special to the Salisbury Independent

CAMBRIDGE — United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore recently hosted its 21st Annual Holiday Ball at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, raising more than \$204,000 to support the organization's direct programs and nonprofit partners serving Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

The evening featured Randy Scott of Froggy 99.9 and Ricky Pollitt as emcees, setting a lively tone for the celebration. Guests danced the night away to live music performed by Perfekt Blend. They enjoyed an elegant gourmet dinner, specialty drinks, desserts, and late-night fare provided by the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort culinary team.

The event also offered an online auction of exciting travel packages, specialty baskets representing all four counties, and more, along with other ways to support the fundraiser. Guests enjoyed interactive experiences and a new Fire & Ice Lounge with firepits and s'mores.

This year's Holiday Ball celebrated a remarkable milestone with UWLES's 80th anniversary, highlighting a critical community issue: ALICE, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

ALICE refers to individuals and families who work but struggle to meet basic financial needs. Over two in five local households face these challenges, even with steady employment.



The 2024 Holiday Ball Committee, led by chairs Diallo & Chalarra Sessoms. JAMES SEIP PHOTOGRAPHY



Guests were entertained by the vocals and performance of the Perfekt Blend band. PAIGE ELIZABETH PHOTOGRAPHY

UWLES President and CEO Pam Gregory and Perdue Farms CEO Kevin McAdams challenged guests to engage in UWLES' upcoming campaign, Over the Edge for AL-

ICE, with a fun video about the May rappelling event in partnership with The Ross.

"The Holiday Ball is more than just a night of celebration — it brings

our community together to make a lasting impact. Raising awareness about ALICE is central to our mission, and events like these allow UWLES and our partners to help more neighbors thrive. Thank you to our committee, sponsors, and guests for another successful Ball and for helping us celebrate 80 years of local impact," shared Pam Gregory.

The dedication of the Holiday Ball Committee, led by Diallo and Chalarra Sessoms, created a truly elevated experience for attendees. This year's ball was supported by a wide array of generous sponsors, including Presenting Sponsor Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort & Spa, and Gold Sponsors - Downton Bridal, Salisbury University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Silver Sponsors - BFG Financial Advisors, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Delmarva Power, Hebron Savings Bank, Holloway Funeral Home, M&T Bank, PB Packaging, Inc., and TidalHealth; Bronze Sponsors - Ocean Downs Casino, The Campbell Foundation, and Wor-Wic Community College; Titanium Sponsors - Atlantic General Hospital, Kuhn's Jewelers, and Wealthspire Advisors; Cobalt Sponsors - First Shore Federal, Mr. Mark Rudnick, and SFG Wealth Management; and Highlight sponsors Gregg & Jaci Uecker and PKS CPA.

Looking ahead, UWLES is already planning the 2025 Holiday Ball, which will be held Dec. 6, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort.

For more information or to inquire about early bird sponsorship opportunities, visit www.uwles.org or call 410-742-5143.

FINANCE

City of Salisbury welcomes back Shawanda Garrison

Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The City of Salisbury has announced the return of Shawanda Garrison as assistant director of finance – operations. Garrison previously spent 11 years with the city, first serving as an accountant for seven years before advancing to assistant director of finance for four years. She returns with extensive experience in municipal and higher education finance.

“I am excited to be returning to the City of Salisbury after leaving in 2017. First, I want to give thanks to my Lord and Savior — with Him, all things are possible. I believe my education, experience and personal skills will contribute to the city’s financial and customer service practices. The city will receive my utmost dedication and diligence in accomplishing all goals and tasks set before me,” Garrison said.

Since leaving the city in 2017, Garrison has held several key accounting roles, including executive director of financial services for Delaware State University, accountant for the city of

Harrington, and most recently, accountant for the town of Ocean View. Her breadth of experience brings valuable financial leadership back to Salisbury.

Garrison holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Delaware State University. Born and raised in Delaware, she has spent her entire life on the Eastern Shore and currently resides in Bridgeville, Delaware, with her three children.

Current finance director Sandy Green shared her anticipation for Garrison’s return: ‘I am looking forward to Shawanda rejoining the city of Salisbury with a fresh perspective and renewed eagerness. She is a seasoned professional with many years of accounting experience, and I am excited for her to contribute to the team once again.’

Mayor Randy Taylor also welcomed Garrison back, stating, “Shawanda’s return is a tremendous asset to the city of Salisbury. Her knowledge of municipal finance, coupled with her leadership experience, will help strengthen our financial operations and ensure continued excellence in service to our residents.”



Shawanda Garrison

SALISBURY

Biggest craft beer tasting event of year set to return

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The City of Salisbury is turning up the fun and flavor Saturday, April 12, with the return of Hops on the River Hops on the River.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (VIP early access starts at 1 p.m., general admission opens at 2 p.m.), attendees will gather along the scenic riverside between Unity Square and Riverwalk Games Park in Downtown Salisbury for a day of unlimited craft beer samples from over 30 local and regional breweries.

The King of Wings competition is back, with a chance to sample 10 wings from some of the area’s top restaurants and vote for the ultimate wing champion. A variety of food trucks will be also on hand, and craft vendors will be showcasing their handmade goods.

Tickets:

- Early bird general admission (available until March 30, 11:59 p.m.): \$35
- General admission: \$45
- VIP ticket: \$55
- King of Wings ticket: \$15 (This standalone ticket gives you access to the King of Wings competition)

VIP Experience includes:

- Early access to the event (1 p.m.)
- Exclusive Hops on the River tasting glass (sponsored by Brick City)
- Limited-edition Hops on the River T-shirt
- One Can Ticket (for your choice of an additional beverage)
- Access to indoor restrooms and a snack bar (while supplies last)
- Plus, VIPs can add on a King of Wings ticket to join the tasty wing competition.


General admission package includes:

- Access to unlimited beer tastings
- Exclusive Hops on the River tasting glass (sponsored by Brick City)
- The chance to add on a King of Wings ticket

Rain date: In the event of inclement weather, Hops on the River will be rescheduled to Sunday, April 13.

Visit salisbury.md/hops for more information and a link to purchase tickets.

The event is produced by the Arts, Business and Culture Department under the City of Salisbury.




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 **Be truthful.** Base your opinions/arguments on facts. Value honesty. Make only accurate statements when making your point and avoid exaggeration and stereotypes. When appropriate, cite your sources of information that others may question.

 **Don't misrepresent.** Always identify your opinions as opinions (not stating opinions as facts). Never misrepresent the views of others or falsely claim your opinions represent someone else. If quoting the words of others, identify and credit the source.

 **Listen & Learn.** It's both polite and respectful to listen to those we disagree with (as well as those we support) and be genuine in our attempts to understand their point of view. Expand your mind by thoughtfully seeking out views that don't agree with your own.

 **Look for common ground.** When disagreeing with others, look for even small areas of agreement — which can be the gateway to working together for the greater good.

 **Respect Privacy.** Keep private things private — whether it involves your own information or those with whom you disagree. Revealing private information about someone else is rude, unethical, potentially harmful and in many cases, illegal.

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OPINION

Reasoning behind mayor vetoing density increase

In an opinion written by Jared Schablein, recently published in the Salisbury Independent, Mr Schablein accused Mayor Taylor of a conflict of interest by opposing the increase in housing density in downtown Salisbury, and doing so to “appease influential campaign backers”. Since Mr Schablein mentioned my wife and I as one of those donors, I would like to address some of his allegations.

I have known Randy Taylor for over 25 years. When he decided to run for Mayor, we gave him our full support because we felt Salisbury needed a change in direction. The City had sold valuable City owned parking lots for pennies on the dollar, granted millions of dollars in water and sewer fee waivers to big developers under the Here Is Home program and gave million dollar property tax abatements under Horizons to those developers. While it makes sense to offer reasonable incentives to encourage home ownership or affordable housing, none of those incentive programs required they be owner occupied or affordable housing. Which

explains why most of these projects are high priced luxury rental apartments.

There is a campaign donation limit of \$250 per person for City elections. This cap was designed to prevent undue influence by special interests. This cap accomplishes that goal. \$250 doesn't go far in purchasing advertising, yard signs and related marketing. Of the hundreds of registered landlords in Salisbury, only a handful contributed to his campaign. The further insinuation that the Mayor accepted campaign donations from landlords after taking elected office is simply incorrect.

The reason Mayor Taylor vetoed the proposed density increase in downtown was not due to a desire to “protect his interests and those of his donors” but to protect the viability and functioning of the central business district. Being a rural community without adequate public transit, sufficient public parking is necessary for businesses, the courts and governmental offices to provide the public with access to these facilities. With

almost all City surface parking lots having been sold, doubling density when new developments have no obligation to provide any of their own onsite parking will be disastrous for downtown. Having more people live downtown would be positive, but only if there is adequate parking for them as well as for all current users.

As for transparency, the Mayor has made clear why he is opposed to increasing density in downtown - because of the negative effect it will have on the parking situation. The City Council has not been as forthcoming. At this past City Council meeting, the President of the Council did not allow anyone, neither the Mayor nor the public, to speak before voting, 4 to 1, to override the Mayors veto of the density ordinance. And when the council members were asked why they were for or against this ordinance, only Sharon Dashiell gave a reason why she was against overriding the veto. The other four members never uttered a word.

Michael Weisner
Salisbury resident

The significance of Black History Month and DEI

The significance of Black history and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the United States cannot be overstated. Black history is not just a segment of American history; it is an integral part of the nation's narrative, shaping its culture, politics, and social structures.

Understanding this history is essential for recognizing the systemic inequalities that have persisted over centuries and for acknowledging the profound contributions that Black individuals and communities have

made to society. DEI initiatives work to address these disparities by promoting an environment where everyone, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or background, has an equitable opportunity to thrive.

The importance of these themes lies in their ability to foster understanding, empathy, and respect among diverse groups. They encourage dialogue about the injustices faced by marginalized communities and serve as a catalyst for positive change.

By embracing Black history and prioritizing DEI, we move towards a more inclusive society that honors the richness of its diversity and strives to dismantle barriers that perpetuate discrimination. Ultimately, the recognition and integration of these critical components are vital for building a just and equitable future for all Americans.

Dion Banks
Cambridge resident

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

DORCHESTER

Malone's Church restoration becoming a reality

By Debra R. Messick
Dorchester Banner

CAMBRIDGE — Representing the community that gave it life, Malone Methodist Episcopal Church still stands, a timeworn but venerable beacon, bookmarking a lesser-known chapter in Dorchester County's African American story.

Listed as stop #9 on the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway, it's tucked away on quiet White Marsh Road in Madison, off of Taylor's Island Road.

Though the Church itself has been vacant since the 1990s, descendants of the community have been dedicated to sharing that legacy with future generations. After years of persistent efforts to realize that goal, real progress is underway.

Local architect Tim Crosby of Crosby and Associates has worked with the church group since 2014 through his company's pro bono group dedicated to nonprofits, InVision, helping draw up plans needed to apply for grants.

Crosby's team is currently in the process of stabilizing the structure and stopping any further deterioration, applying protective wrapping to the exterior.

Next, the church will be raised and



Even on a frigid January day, Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Committee Vice President Candace Gils, left and President Renna McKinney, right, are warmed by the progress being made to preserve Malone's Church in Madison. DORCHESTER BANNER/DEBRA R. MESSICK

reset upon a newly built foundation, to stem the danger posed from ever rising waters.

"The biggest destroyer of wood structures is water," Crosby said.

Phase II of the project will focus on restoring the interior and replacing the roof and windows, in preparation for its new role as a historical education center.

A committee of community Trustees, working as the Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Committee, have worked steadily to raise awareness and funds, volunteering to tend the area, clear brush, and clean the oldest headstones, including those of five Civil War veterans and the family of Harriet Tubman's husband John.

Initially, with no money left over to restore the church building, some suggested taking it down. But group president Renna McKinney couldn't bring herself to remove the community's last physical vestige.

Instead, she made it her mission to find the funding and resources needed in order to not only restore the structure but preserve it as an educational center crucial to keeping the community's story alive.

After years of persistent efforts, that mission has gained recognition, assistance, and support at the county, state, and national level.

In 2023, a major breakthrough came when Harriet Tubman biographer Kate Clifford Larson, whose research uncovered information appearing to confirm the freedom fighter's birth in the area, successfully nominated Malone's Church for inclusion

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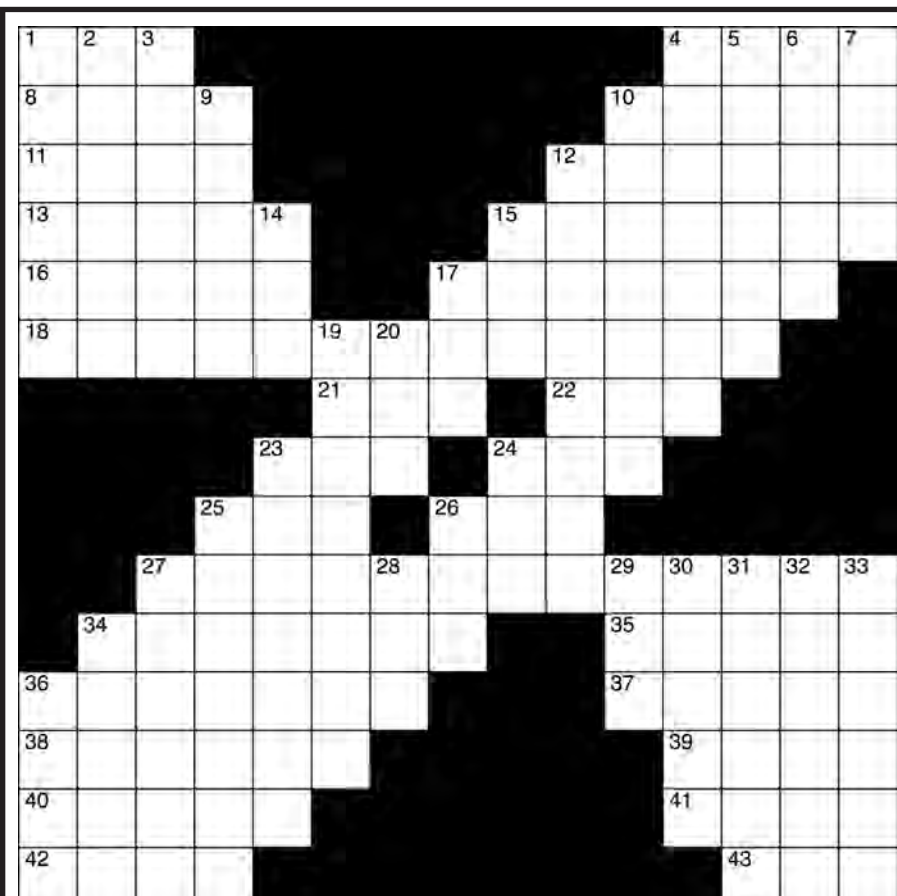
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- Burned with water
- Intestinal issue
- Take the lead
- Prove oneself worthy
- None
- Tax collector
- Swiss river
- Gymnast Raisman
- Baby's dining accessory
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- More expansive

CLUES DOWN

- Type of bomb
- Polynesian island country
- Heavenly body
- Hard workers
- Covered
- Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- Plant of the grass family
- Island person of the Bering Sea
- Storehouse
- Alert
- Popular boots Doc __
- Showings
- Conclusion
- Share a common boundary
- Shooting sport
- Popular side dish
- Global energy firm
- Chronicles (abbr.)

- Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- A pituitary hormone
- Female sibling
- Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- Empowering
- Space station
- Disorder
- State of fuss
- Footwear for babies
- Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- Droves
- Affirmative
- Male parent
- Utter obscenities
- Type of verse
- Unpleasant person
- One who settles down
- Founder of source-based history
- A way to snarl

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in the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, which stated the site's historical importance:

"While the church was founded in 1864 – years after Harriet Tubman had lived nearby — the area had been home to free and enslaved Black people since the 1790s. Harriet Tubman was born nearby. As soon as the Civil War ended, the community established its own African American church. Members of Tubman's family are interred at the church's cemetery."

In 2024, the Maryland Department of Transportation Cultural Resource Office, led by archeologist Julie Schablitzky, MDOT's Cultural Resources Division chief, who has been instrumental in locating definitive artifact evidence of a cabin linked to Tubman's father, Ben Ross, in Peter's Neck, conducted oral history interviews with Harrisville community descendants.

This past year McKinney was named Heart of Chesapeake Heritage Area Individual Achievement award winner, and in 2023, the organization awarded the group a mini grant of \$2500, enabling it to build a new website.

Additional incremental funding over the past decade from Preservation Maryland and The Maryland Historic Trust, assisting in drawing up restoration plans often required to apply for larger grants and stabilizing the church steeple.

Even more significant funding grant amounts have also come through, with \$250,000 from Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) in 2025, a second straight award, allowing the group to cross the threshold needed to actually begin the structural work needed.



Four or more generations of Harrisville community families are buried at the Malone's Church site, including five Civil War veterans and members of Harriet Tubman's husband John's family.
DORCHESTER BANNER/DEBRA R. MESSICK

For McKinney and Vice President Candice Giles, the project has personal as well as historic significance. Both have ancestors going back four generations buried at the site, their own childhood memories, and oral history lore that's been handed down.

McKinney took the helm of the group, previously led by her mother, who is buried there. She recalls being inspired by her leadership, as well as that another community mentor who recently passed, educator Herschel Johnson, who had persevered to restore the Stanely Institute, the Black community's schoolhouse in Christ Rock.

McKinney persistently applied for grants, and began accruing funds from Preservation Maryland, the Maryland Historic Trust, the Heart of Chesapeake Heritage Area to help stabilize the steeple, map the cemetery, and begin drawing up architectural plans, vital steps in the overall realization of a dream deferred but never abandoned.

Even more forward strides are on the horizon, some imminent.

In March, Ground Penetration Radar will be used to locate additional gravesites and the site of the original school once located on the property, McKinney and Giles said.

For more information, visit www.maloneschurch.com.

WICOMICO

Chess tournaments for youth and adults return

By Donnie Knaub
Recreation Superintendent

SALISBURY — Wicomico County Recreation & Parks is back with the Youth & Adult Chess Tournaments.

Chess clubs from the community, local schools and individual players come to compete in the chess tournaments held at the Wicomico Civic Center. Each player is guaranteed four matches. There will be awards for winners in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The youth tournament is set for Friday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. There will be multiple age divisions. Rated

youth players are welcome to play in the adult tournament. Registration for youth players is \$10 (before Feb. 21).

The adult tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8:30 a.m. There will be rated and unrated divisions. Registration is \$20 (before Feb. 22).

There will be an additional \$5 late fee per participant when signing up on the day of the respective tournament.

To learn more about our other upcoming programs and events, visit our website and find us on social media. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WicomicoRec and on Twitter and Instagram at [@funwicomico](https://www.instagram.com/funwicomico).

Poultry

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is committed to equipping poultry producers with the resources and knowledge they need to effectively protect their flocks. Resources for growers can be found on the University of Maryland Extension website at go.umd.edu/poultry

In response to the outbreak, the UME poultry team is:

• **Hosting Zoom Webinars:** Providing farmers with expert-led discussions on biosecurity measures, outbreak response strategies, and the latest updates on HPAI.

• **Sharing Timely Updates:** Keeping the farming community informed of the latest outbreak developments through email alerts and notifications.

• **Offering Online Resources:** Maintaining a dedicated website with a comprehensive library of biosecurity protocols, a biosecurity audit tool, HPAI-specific guidelines, factsheets,

hotlines, and training materials to empower farmers to safeguard their operations at go.umd.edu/HPAI-biosecurity

This initiative is a collaborative effort between UME, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Delaware Cooperative Extension, Delaware Department of Agriculture, and the Delmarva Chicken Association. Together, these organizations are leveraging their expertise to support the agricultural community during this critical time.

“Our role in Extension is to address the needs of our community, and the current threat of HPAI is one that deeply concerns poultry farmers, grain farmers and our allied businesses,” said Jenny Rhodes, Principal Agent spokesperson for the UME Poultry Team. “Through education, outreach, and collaboration, we aim to provide the tools and information necessary to help mitigate the impact of these outbreaks.”



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WOR-WIC

Hutmaker is new student affairs VP

Wor-Wic Community College

SALISBURY — Dr. Michael Hutmaker, dean of student affairs at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, part of the City University of New York system, was recently selected to fill the position of vice president of student affairs at Wor-Wic Community College.



Michael Hutmaker

Hutmaker received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., a master's degree from Clemson University in South Carolina and a doctorate of education from St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. Hutmaker has more than 30 years of experience in higher education. At BMCC, he worked to create partnerships with New York University, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, State Farm and various foundations to provide unique opportunities for students normally afforded to four-year schools.

"He has an outstanding record of significant accomplishments throughout his career," said Deborah Casey, Ph.D., president of Wor-Wic. "His background and experience will be an asset to Wor-Wic, and his ethos of putting students first makes him a natural fit to support Wor-Wic's mission. I'm excited to welcome Dr. Hutmaker to the dolphin family."

At Wor-Wic, Hutmaker will oversee a range of departments dedicated to student access and success.

MAC holding free Welcome to Medicare class

SALISBURY — Insurance can be confusing, and Medicare is no exception.

MAC's Welcome to Medicare class can provide the information you need.

The free class is packed with information designed to help the public have a better understanding of the parts of Medicare and how they work, including timelines, costs, coverages, fraud, Advantage plans, supplemental plans, and what your rights are as a Medicare recipient.

Welcome to Medicare is for individuals who are still working, are retired or who are on disability — for anyone who is getting ready to start Medicare.

The next class will be held Friday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Education Wing at MAC.

Classes are presented by MAC's State Health Insurance Program (SHIP). Class size is limited, and advance registration is required. No walk-ins please.

To register, call 410-742-0505 ext. 120.

MAC is a member agency of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore.

Meals on Wheels benefit offers 31 delicious days to win

SALISBURY — Tickets are now on sale for MAC's exciting March for Meals 31 Raffles in 31 Days.

Here's how it works: Raffle tickets cost \$31 each. Purchasing a ticket gives you one entry into each of the 31 daily raffle drawings in March. Multiple tickets can be purchased. The best part: even if you win, your name stays in the pool for the rest of the drawings!

Thanks to generous sponsors, donors and community supporters, every raffle prize is valued at a minimum

of \$50. Prizes include gift cards to some of the best local eateries, cash and more. A special thanks to March for Meals event sponsor Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

It isn't all fun and games, however. MAC's March for Meals campaign also focuses on raising awareness of the hundreds of seniors in our communities who depend on MAC senior nutrition programs, like Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels delivers more than a meal to local seniors in need of this most basic human necessity — food. The program also delivers a safety check, which is especially critical for seniors living alone, as well as a friendly visit to help combat social isolation and to help seniors feel less alone.

For tickets, details and a complete list of prizes, visit macinc.org/special-events-march-for-meals.

The following special fundraising events also are planned:

- On March 10, from 4-9 p.m. at Burnish Beer Company, 10% of all sales and 50% of special beer sales will be donated to MAC's Meals on Wheels program

- Monday, March 31 from 3-5 p.m., a Wrap-Up Party is planned for sponsors, community partners/supporters, and MAC staff at Burnish Beer Co. Tickets cost \$10 and get you a taco, pizza, and pretzel bite buffet. 10% of all special beer sales come back to MAC. Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance.

For more information, call 410-742-0505 or email crobinson@mac-inc.org.

'Aspire to Succeed & Lead' Women's Conference

SALISBURY — Maryland Capital Enterprises' Women's Business Center proudly announces its 10th Annual "Aspire to Succeed & Lead"

Women's Business Conference, an empowering event designed to inspire and equip women entrepreneurs and professionals.

Set for March 14, the conference offers a full day of motivational speakers, networking opportunities, and actionable business strategies. This year's key idea is, "Helping Women in Turbulent Times."

Event details:

- Date: Friday, March 14
- Time: Check-in: 8:30-9 a.m., Conference: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Location: Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (Midway Room), 500 Glen Ave, Salisbury, MD 21804

- Registration fee: \$65

Conference highlights:

This year's dynamic speaker lineup features accomplished women who are leading in their industries:

- Sandy Fitzgerald Angello – Vice President & Dealer Operator, Pohan-ka Automotive Group of Salisbury. A seasoned leader in the automotive industry, Sandy brings expertise in negotiation, operations, and sales, offering valuable insights for business growth.

- Lyndsae Peele, MBA, PMEC – Finance Coach, Speaker, and CEO of Kingdom Vision Consulting. An advocate for Black wealth and financial literacy, Lyndsae helps entrepreneurs access funding and build financial independence through strategic planning and real estate investment.

- Amy Thompson – Executive Director, Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. With a background spanning corporate and nonprofit sectors, Amy delivers engaging, practical training to help professionals streamline their work and find joy in what they do.

Attendees will also enjoy a panel discussion with local women entrepreneurs, exploring the power of sus-

SALISBURY

Gus Lebois assumes Rotary Club leadership position

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Chicken industry veteran and community leader



Gus Lebois

Gus Lebois has been selected by members of the 105-year old Rotary Club of Salisbury to be the club's President-Elect nominee, meaning he is in line to become President of the 90-member club in the 2026-2027 Rotary year.

Lebois retired in July 2016 after 39 years of service at Perdue Farms, where he held the position of Vice President of Wholesale Industrial Sales. His responsibilities included overseeing sales to all wholesale and industrial accounts with annual sales of around \$500 million. He attributes his long tenure there to Frank Perdue's influence, stating that he made the company his sole employer throughout his career. He joined Perdue Farms after earning a bachelor's degree and master's degree in poultry science in 1978 from the Pennsylvania State University.

Active in civic organizations, Lebois has volunteered with the

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., the Bethesda United Methodist Church Boy Scout troop, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore including a 24 year tenure as board president, a member of the Board of Directors of the Christian Shelter, parish council member for the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and several positions within the Rotary Club of Salisbury.

The Rotary Club of Salisbury is a member organization whose product is service. Fun, fellowship, and community volunteer work are hallmarks of the club. Club members, People of Action, assist in many leadership roles in the community and provide countless hours of service to dozens of organizations.

The Rotary Club of Salisbury always is seeking new members. The club meets weekly on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:10 for fellowship, dinner, and a short program that ends the meeting by 7:30 p.m. Contact BJ Summers at bjsummers072481@gmail.com or 1-443-880-4296 to learn more.

cluding breakfast, lunch and snacks.

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For more details, to register or to inquire about sponsorship and vendor opportunities, visit the conference website or contact Lisa Twilley, director of MCE Women's Business Center, at 410-546-1900 ext. 108 or ltwilley@marylandcapital.org.

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\$100K donated to 'Drive For Mobile Mammography'

TidalHealth

SALISBURY — The TidalHealth Foundation is proud to announce a generous \$100,000 donation from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation in support of the “Drive For Mobile Mammography” campaign.

This contribution is one of the largest donations to the campaign and plays a critical role in helping the TidalHealth Foundation reach its ambitious \$1 million goal in support of a mobile breast clinic, which is planned for an October launch.

As part of the donation, the Perdue Foundation will be honored with the naming of the virtual scanning room in the new mobile mammography unit. It will provide life-saving breast cancer screenings to all Delmarva communities across the region, ensuring that women have access to vital healthcare regardless of their location or other determinants of health.

“The Perdue Foundation has long been committed to supporting the health and well-being of the communities we serve, and we are thrilled



The TidalHealth Foundation is proud to announce a \$100,000 donation from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation in support of the “Drive For Mobile Mammography” campaign. PROVIDED

to contribute to such a meaningful cause,” said Kim Nechay, executive director of the Perdue Foundation. “By naming the mobile mammography unit’s virtual scanning room after Perdue, we hope to raise awareness for

this important initiative and encourage others to join us in supporting the health of women across our region.”

The “Drive For Mobile Mammography” campaign is vital in ensuring that every woman, no matter where she

lives, has access to potentially life-saving breast cancer screenings. The \$1 million goal will fund the mobile mammography unit’s operation, along with the necessary equipment and resources to reach women who may not otherwise have access to these screenings.

“We are incredibly grateful for the Perdue Foundation’s generous contribution. This donation brings us one huge step closer to our goal and is an important milestone in this campaign,” said TidalHealth Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer and Foundation President Jessica Hales. “Women have a 1 in 8 chance they will develop breast cancer in their lifetime according to the American Cancer Society. With the support of Perdue, its philanthropic efforts, and others in the community, we will make a significant impact in the fight against this disease.”

Those interested in supporting the “Drive For Mobile Mammography” campaign can donate by visiting the TidalHealth Foundation’s website at tidalhealth.org/ways-to-give or by calling 410-543-7140.

Sinclair, Collins named November Team Members of Month

TidalHealth

SALISBURY — TidalHealth Primary and Specialty Care is pleased to announce Natalie Sinclair and Eltonio “Tim” Collins are its Team Members of the Month for November 2024.

Natalie Sinclair, Surgical Scheduler, TidalHealth Gastroenterology

Sinclair was nominated by Nurse Practitioner Sarah Proffit. She was recognized for the values of Service, Accountability, Quality and Community.

“We recently had a patient (of mine) that was in the middle of a very difficult situation, and Natalie jumped up to help with an extremely sensitive situation, producing solutions on the fly, making this patient feel like she mattered and making a difficult situation feel less stressful than it already was. She really cares about our patients’ well-being. She really helps make the patient experience a 10 out of 10. No matter how



Natalie Sinclair

large or small the task is, she always says ‘I got you’ or ‘I’ll take care of it’ without hesitation. She also makes us all smile and laugh every day which really makes the workday that much more enjoyable.”

Eltonio “Tim” Collins, Medical Assistant TidalHealth Cardiology

Collins was nominated by Christine Rommel, Program Practice Manager. He was recognized for the values of Quality, Service, Accountability and Community.

“Tim has been a huge asset to our office since day one. He never hes-

itates to assist us with patient issues, always running to help regardless of where it is in the building. He is excellent at de-escalation of situations and almost always calms the situation without need of intervention. His background in EMS is extremely helpful with these situations. He is an outstanding individual and backs us all up without hesitation. He is a team player who picks up things very quickly.”



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Library could move if lease approved by County Council

By Sasha Allen and Jack Bowman
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Wes Moore called on lawmakers Feb. 5 to “confront crisis with courage” in the coming months as they try to close their massive budget gap and navigate an unpredictable new administration in the White House.

The state is being tested by unprecedented fiscal challenges, Moore said, while also by “a new administration in Washington that sows uncertainty, confusion and chaos.”

“While there are many opinions about how we ended up in this crisis,” Moore told lawmakers, “let’s work together to make sure there is never a question about who solved it.”

The remarks came as part of Moore’s third State of the State address, where he recounted the successes of the first half of his administration and laid out the challenges to come. Those remarks were immediately met by critique from Republican colleagues dismayed by Moore’s budget plan — and by his words about President Donald Trump.

“I didn’t like the shots that he was taking at the new federal administration who’s been in office for a mere two weeks blaming, somehow, our financial crisis on potentially what could come out of the federal government,” Republican House Whip Jesse Pippy told reporters.

“I wish I would have heard some accountability from some of the policies coming out of Annapolis and the policies coming out of the second floor, and we didn’t hear any of that,” Pippy said. “And that was disappointing.”

It’s not yet clear how much Trump policies will trickle down into Maryland and affect the state’s budget



Gov. Wes Moore delivers his State of the State address before a joint session of the Maryland General Assembly on Feb. 5. GIUSEPPE LOPICCOLO/CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

crisis. Moore is intent on bridging an almost \$3 billion budget deficit through program cuts and tax hikes, but the gap could grow much larger if the federal government suddenly decides to drastically cut Medicaid funding to Maryland, for example.

Moore warned of tough decisions ahead, acknowledging the state’s “distinct reliance” on D.C. and the need to break it.

In his address, Moore made a case to the legislature for tax code reforms and changes to state programs like the Blueprint for Maryland’s future, measures that could pull the state out of the current budget crisis.

The Blueprint, passed in 2021, called for costly improvements to public education to be phased in over the coming years. As it turns out, those ambitious standards are set to cost the state more than it is taking in in revenue, and Moore urged to lawmakers adjust for that.

“Working together to make the Blueprint more successful and sustainable doesn’t mean we’re backing down,” Moore said. “It means we’re stepping up.”

To supplement the cuts, Moore would also raise taxes on wealthy Marylanders. Under the current Maryland tax code, someone mak-

ing \$30 million a year is in the same tax bracket as someone making \$300,000, Moore said. Moore said the new tax code would require those in the top tax bracket to pay a quarter point more than others.

“As someone who will be affected by this change, I am okay with paying a little more if it means we don’t have to lay off firefighters or police officers,” Moore said.

Senate Budget and Tax Committee Vice Chair and Democrat Jim Rosapepe said these changes would help families in Maryland.

“Governor Moore’s State of the State showed he’s the unTrump,” said Rosapepe, who serves Prince George’s County and Anne Arundel County. “Wes focused on helping our working families.”

But Republicans are skeptical.

Republican Senate Leader Stephen Hershey Jr. said that Moore’s focus on eliminating this year’s \$3 billion dollar deficit is leaving larger issues unaddressed.

“I think everybody in Annapolis here is focused on the \$3 billion deficit that we have this year,” said Hershey, who represents Caroline, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties. “But it’s important to note, with the full implementation of the Blueprint, we’re looking at \$5 and \$6 billion deficits in the out years. And that’s something I think all of us Republicans believe we should be trying to address this year as well.”

House Republican Leader Jason Buckel said that there was more style than substance in Moore’s address.

“We’re happy to work with him on areas where we can but a lot of that was sort of smoke and mirrors,” said Buckel, who represents Allegany County. “A lot of puffery.”

BUSINESS

Avery Hall Insurance celebrates 100th anniversary

Avery Hall Insurance

SALISBURY — Avery Hall Insurance is proud to announce the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Since 1925, Avery Hall has been a trusted name in insurance. Beginning as a small business out of founder Avery W. Hall's farmhouse, the company now has five thriving locations and over a hundred employees. The company is excited to celebrate a century of success and looks forward to the next century of growth.

In 1981, Mr. Avery Hall retired at eighty-two, leaving the company in the hands of six trusted producers. The business has continued to grow, expanding to provide services for personal and business insurance and individual health and employee benefits. This trend of growth continues today; Avery Hall is moving into the next century with renewed energy, expansive resources, and the guidance of local leadership.



Avery Hall Insurance Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Avery Hall Insurance is celebrating 100 years as a company.
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2025 marks not only one hundred years of business for Avery Hall but a century as an integral part of the community. Quality service was of the

utmost importance to Mr. Avery W. Hall, not only through providing reliable insurance guidance but also through hands-on community involvement. Avery Hall Insurance is proud to continue his legacy today through charitable giving and cultivating a team of professionals passionate about volunteerism.

“Over the past century, we’ve grown and adapted, always putting our clients first. This anniversary isn’t just about looking back — it’s about looking ahead,” states Mary Mengason, Senior Vice President of Avery Hall, “We are excited to continue evolving and building on this legacy, continuing to be a trusted partner for our client’s insurance and benefits needs.”

Avery Hall Insurance looks forward to formally celebrating this milestone at its headquarters in Salisbury in June 2025.

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ANNAPOLIS

2025 Maryland General Assembly week four recap

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza's office

ANNAPOLIS — Senate Bill 25, a priority child protection bill that would help ensure the safety and well-being of children involved in child custody court proceedings involving child abuse or domestic violence allegations, was heard Jan. 28 by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-District 38) is the sponsor of this legislation.

“Courts follow the recommendations of the custody evaluator in over 90 percent of custody cases,” said Carozza, who represents Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties. “After hearing from parents, advocates, and legal child custody experts over the past five years, it has become clear that there is a distinct need for custody evaluators to have consistent qualifications and training before being appointed or approved to one of these most sensitive court cases. This bill is all about putting the child first.”

Between 2008 and 2023, 21 Maryland children have been killed when divorce, separation, custody visitation, child support or court-involvement is a factor, including five of those children involved in a family court-related proceeding.



Senator Carozza (R-District 38) recognizes University of Maryland College Park student Charlie Kay on the Senate Floor for interning in her office for the 2025 legislative session. PROVIDED

Each year 58,000 children nationwide are estimated to be court-ordered into visitation or custody with a dangerous parent.

“Putting in statute that Mary-

land's child custody evaluators will be qualified and trained helps protect children in these most sensitive and potentially dangerous child custody cases involving allegations of child

abuse and domestic violence,” said Carozza.

This legislation is supported by

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Child Justice, the Cricket Center in Worcester County, family law firms such as the Law Firm of Sharon M. Donahue in Ocean City, the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland, the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, the Center for Hope, One Mom's Battle, the Maryland Chapter for the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement agencies across Maryland, the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office and State's Attorneys across Maryland, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus, the Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children, and protective parents from across the State.

Relief for Security Guards Working at Cannabis Businesses

Senator Carozza testified in strong support of SB 299, which would eliminate an unnecessary redundancy in statute which requires security guards to submit fingerprints and background checks to the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) although already certified by the Maryland State Police (MSP).

"This redundancy of both MSP and MCA regulating the security guard industry was originally brought to my attention by Evan Avnet, President of the Maryland Investigators and Security Association (MISA) who operates Tactical American Security Consulting in Salisbury," said Carozza.

MISA President Evan Avnet testified that "no other industry in Maryland is subjected to dual licensure by two separate agencies for performing the same function. This re-licensing requirement... imposes unnecessary costs on security agencies for services they are already licensed to perform. These redundant costs... create a prohibitive financial burden."

Under SB 299, the Maryland Cannabis Administration would use proof of MSP security guard certification to verify that the perspective agent is eligible to work on the premises of a cannabis licensee or registrant. The Maryland Cannabis Administration supports SB 299.

Blueprint Education Plan Update

The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment (EEE) Committee held a briefing Jan. 29 on the implementation of the Blueprint education plan with presentations from the Maryland State Board of Education, the Accountability and Implementation Board, and Maryland County Superintendents. Senator Carozza is a member of the EEE Committee and serves on the Education Subcommittee.

During the briefing, Senator Carozza highlighted the 30 plus "course correction" recommendations that the Public Schools Superintendents Association of Maryland (PSSAM) recently put forward for implementation of the Blueprint Education plan.

"These recommendations come from our local superintendents, those on the frontlines, who understand the challenges with the Blueprint, and their recommendations should be prioritized," said Carozza.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium, made up of the nine Eastern Shore school superintendents, presented the PSSAM recommendations at the January 31st Eastern Shore Delegation meeting.

"I want to commend the leadership and hard work of all our Shore superintendents, and encourage you to continue to prioritize your Blueprint recommendations as we begin legislative hearings and to continue to give us examples of the need to increase local flexibility in implementing the Blueprint," said Carozza. "One size does not fit all."

Republican Caucus Challenges Property Assessments Process

In a letter sent January 28, 2025 to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT), Republicans in the Senate of Maryland requested clarity on several aspects of the real property assessment process.

The Senate Republicans noted that recent increases in residential and commercial property valuations appear to greatly exceed normal year to year deviations.

"We need to know how the assessment process is currently being conducted and what factors have contributed to the significant increases in property valuations, some of which have increased by 35 percent," said Carozza. "Our constituents are already doing everything they can to live within their means, and this is an unfair, substantial increase that has taken so many local residents by surprise."

All homeowners receive a Notice of Assessment every three years from SDAT that shows the old market value and the new market value, which is the new appraisal estimate of both land and buildings. The new fair market value may be appealed to the SDAT supervisor in Worcester, Wicomico, or Somerset. The notice should include an appeal form and instructions that must be filed with the local assessment office or completed online within 45 days of the date of the notice. If your appeal is denied, you have the option and are encouraged to file an appeal with your local Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board.

Renewals of Handgun Permits for Retired Law Enforcement

Senate Bill 180, which would extend the expiration and renewal periods of handgun carry permits for law enforcement officers who retired in good standing, unanimously passed the Senate floor on Thursday. Sen-

ator Carozza is a primary cosponsor of SB 180.

"Retired officers have served Maryland with integrity, and many continue to serve their communities through volunteer work or by returning to the workforce in a different capacity. This reasonable extension of the renewal period is a straightforward way to show our appreciation for their past law enforcement service," said Carozza.

SB 292 Bill Limits Law Enforcement and Weakens Public Safety

Senate Bill 292 – Motor Vehicles – Secondary Enforcement and Admissibility of Evidence, was heard by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on January 28. This legislation would eliminate offenses that law enforcement can pull someone over for – offenses like driving without headlights, making illegal U-turns, etc.

"This legislation limits law enforcement and threatens public safety. Prohibiting police from making traffic stops on these grounds could lead to an increase in traffic incidents in Maryland," said Carozza.

On average, there are 41,717 traffic incidents in Maryland every year, with 572 proving fatal. Vision Zero recognizes that even one death on Maryland's roads is unacceptable and focuses on safe mobility for all road users to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public streets and highways.

Locals in Annapolis

Several local officials and community leaders visited Annapolis last week including Dr. Deb Casey, President of Wor-Wic Community College; Evan Todd, House Page, Stephen Decatur High School; Jessica Hamilton, Wendy Nargiz, Jessica Murray, and Berkleish Diaz of Worcester County and Samantha Petrowski of Somerset County with the Maryland Coalition of Families; and Kelly and Judy Kennan from Salisbury.

MARYLAND

Attorney general issues new immigration enforcement guidance

Special to the Salisbury Independent

BALTIMORE — Attorney General Anthony G. Brown recently released guidance for state and local law enforcement, outlining their role in federal immigration enforcement. Today's guidance updates 2017 guidance to address changes in Maryland law. The Jan. 27 guidance is designed

to help law enforcement agencies comply with federal and state laws while protecting individual constitutional rights and maintaining community trust.

While this guidance is for law enforcement use, Attorney General Brown wants Marylanders to have access to the document for infor-

mational purposes, in the interest of transparency and his commitment to upholding the rule of law.

The guidance applies to all state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and was shared with those agencies earlier today.

"Maryland law ensures police handle immigration enforcement in a way that builds trust with immigrant communities, helping them feel safe to report and prevent crime. The federal government cannot compel state and local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws," said Attorney General Brown. "This guidance ensures that law enforcement agencies understand the scope and limitations of their authority and makes clear that the rule of law does not change depending on the federal government's priorities."

Key provisions of the guidance include, but are not limited to, the following. Law enforcement officers:

- Cannot inquire about immigration

status during routine police work unless relevant to a criminal investigation;

- Must not extend detentions to investigate immigration status;

- May share citizenship/immigration status with federal officials but are not required to do so;

- Cannot share personal information (names, addresses) with federal immigration authorities without a judicial warrant;

- Risk civil liability if they hold individuals on immigration detainers without probable cause; and

- Are prohibited from contracting with private immigration detention facilities.

The guidance emphasizes that effective law enforcement requires community trust, particularly from immigrant populations. It notes that federal law cannot compel state and local officials to enforce immigration laws, and Maryland law specifically limits such enforcement activities.

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COMMUNITY

Prepare for Random Acts of Kindness Week

Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — KindSBY, the nonprofit, Salisbury-based Kindness initiative, will be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week, from Feb. 14-20, with many activities intended to better the community.

"To spread kindness locally, people can join and support KindSBY," said Heather Brooks, Salisbury's official Secretary of Kindness. "Kind SBY is a community initiative that works to effect positive change in schools, governments, businesses and neighborhoods."

KindSBY's plans for the week include:

- Donating toys to Brooke's Toy Closet, a toy donation project at TidalHealth;

- Donating bags of necessities to the Anne Street Village, Salisbury's transitional housing community for unhoused residents;

- Bringing doughnuts to local first responders;

- Donating kindness-themed game posters to 53 second-grade classrooms across Wicomico County.

"We encourage people to incorporate kindness into their daily lives," Brooks said. "If they can support KindSBY through volunteering or sponsorship, it will make our city a kinder place to live."

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Chap-
ter 22 of the Wicomico County Code and Local Govern-
ment 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 Build-
ing, 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 Nat-
ural 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](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-24-000517**

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. Maciarelo
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. Maciarelo
Judge Wicomico County
Circuit Court

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Public Notice

**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
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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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Public Notice

**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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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. Maciarelo
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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
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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
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WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Applications have been filed with the Wicomico County Board of Appeals, and;

PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON

February 27, 2025, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers, Room 301, Third Floor, Government Office Building, Route 50 and North Division Street, Salisbury, Maryland. **The Board reserves the right to close a part of this meeting as authorized by Section 10-508(a) of the Maryland Annotated Code.**

Tenisha Ennis, in accordance with Section 225-67 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception – Doublewide Manufactured Home on property located south of Hebron, at 26718 Wood Avenue in the Town Transition Zoning District. M-27, G-6, P-71

Goddard Parkway, LLC, in accordance with Section 225-67 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception – Minor Solar on property owned by Phyllis J. Christian and located south of Delmar binding upon the westerly side of Goddard Parkway, about 3/10 of a mile north of its intersection with Naylor Mill Road in the I-2 Zoning District. M-29, G-3, P-41

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club, Inc., in accordance with Section 225-136 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception to allow a deviation from the parking requirements set forth in 225-135-C on property located east of Salisbury and binding upon the southerly side of Winterplace Parkway, about 6/10 of a mile east of its intersection with Hobbs Road in the LB-1 Zoning District. M-39, G-10, P-720, L-4A

Salisbury Riverside West Solar, LLC, in accordance with Section 225-67 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception – Minor Solar on property owned by Bierman Family, LLC, and located northwest of Fruitland, binding upon the southerly side of Riverside Drive, about 3/10 of a mile west of its intersection with Sharps Point Road in the Town Transition Zoning District. M-47, G-16, P-65

Salisbury Cross West Solar, LLC, in accordance with Section 225-67 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception – Minor Solar on property owned by TWD, LLC, and located east of Fruitland binding upon the southeasterly side of Nutters Cross Road, about 3/10 of a mile northwest of its intersection with Coulbourn Mill Road in the A-1 Zoning District and the A-2 Airport Overlay District. M-58, G-6, P-95

(FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL (410-548-4860)

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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27906

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **JAMES ARTHUR KING**

Notice is given that Kristin Bussell, 1001 Shore View Cir., Crownsville, MD21032-1250 was on January 27, 2025 appointed personal representative of the small estate of James Arthur King who died on August 5, 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 shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this Notice.

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representative or file them 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) Thirty days 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 claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

Kristin Bussell
Personal Representative

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Register of Wills for
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Notice to Creditors

David W. Simpson, Jr., Esquire
PO Box 3496
Ocean City, MD 21843-3496

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27913

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **MILLIE WILLIAMS**

Notice is given that Valencia Williams, 1300 Aspen Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-2065 was on January 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Millie Williams who died on December 28, 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 31st 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.

Valencia Williams
Personal Representative

True Test Copy
Register of Wills for
Wicomico County
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Notice to Creditors

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27910

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **H. LANIER HICKMAN JR.**

Notice is given that David W. Simpson, Jr., PO Box 3496, Ocean City, MD 21843-3496 was on January 29, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of H. Lanier Hickman Jr. who died on July 21, 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 29th 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.

David W. Simpson, Jr.
Personal Representative

True Test Copy
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27901

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **BOBBY RAY ALLEN SR.**

Notice is given that Barbara A. Webster, 26429 California Inn Rd., Princess Anne, MD 21853-3567 was on January 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Bobby Ray Allen Sr. who died on January 20, 2025 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 31st 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.

Barbara A. Webster
Personal Representative

True Test Copy
Register of Wills for
Wicomico County
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Nathan K. Long, Esq.
Laws, Insley & Benson, PA
209 East Main Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27907

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **KATHLEEN F. PUSEY**

Notice is given that Lori A. Lambden, 27867 Chesterfield Ln., Salisbury, MD 21801-1784 was on January 29, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kathleen F. Pusey who died on January 3, 2025 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 29th 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.

Lori A. Lambden
Personal Representative

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Wicomico County
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Notice to Creditors

Kathryn A. Whitehead, Esquire
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27905

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **ELLEN MAE WELCH**

Notice is given that Gary D. Welch, 509 King St., Laurel, DE 19956-1510 and David P. Welch, 7346 Forest Plains Ln., Salisbury, MD 21804-1880 were on January 27, 2025, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ellen Mae Welch who died on December 31, 2024 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 27th 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.

Gary D. Welch
David P. Welch
Personal Representatives

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

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Notice to Creditors

MICHAEL B. MATHERS
Webb, Cornbrooks, Wilber, Vorhis,
Douse & Leslie
115 Broad Street, P.O. BOX 910,
Salisbury, MD 21803-0910

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 27896

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **MILDRED B. PALMER**

Notice is given that Jane P. Carmean, 6350 Snow Hill Rd., Snow Hill, MD 21863-3408 and Judith P. owe, 8717 Burnt Mill Rd., Willards, MD 21874-1339 were on January 21, 2025 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Mildred B. Palmer who died on January 10, 2025 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 representatives 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 21st day of July, 2025.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representatives 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 representatives mail or otherwise deliver 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.

Jane P. Carmean
Judith P. Lowe
Personal Representatives

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The FAFSA and Promise scholarship have no age limitation, so high school seniors can apply, as well as anyone who has put off working on a degree for financial reasons. Filling out the FAFSA has been streamlined over the past year and should take less than an hour to complete. Maryland scholarships use FAFSA data to award Maryland state funds.

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