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Washington HC Quinn to serve as SU's 100th spring commencement speaker

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SALISBURY — Washington Commanders Head Coach Dan Quinn '94, one of Salisbury University's most notable alumni will serve as this spring's commencement speaker, celebrating his alma mater's 100th graduating class.

In January, Quinn led the Commanders to its first National Football Conference championship game since 1991 — back when he was a junior at SU. He will now offer words of encouragement to SU's Class of 2025 during the undergraduate ceremony, slated for Thursday, May 22, at Sea Gull Stadium.

A prelude to the SU Centennial celebration, beginning in September, the event will mark the return of multiple traditions: Spring Commencement will be held on campus for the first time since the 1970s, and Quinn will serve as the University's first non-student Commencement speaker since 2001.

As a student, Quinn was a two-sport athlete, excelling in track and

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Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County proposes two housing actions for council



A Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County house under construction. PROVIDED

By **Richard Gaines**
Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County is drumming up support for two proposals that it says could help address a shortage of housing stock and affordability in the area.

President/CEO Molly Hilligoss estimates there is currently a shortage of 10,714 affordable units within the county. Before the 2008 housing market crash, she said there was an annual average of 800 homes built, with recent figures showing the num-

ber has dwindled to 150 homes built per year, pointing to a white paper published last year by the Greater Salisbury Housing Committee.

"When you do the math, part of the reason that we've got such a shortage of housing people can afford is because it just hasn't been built," Hilligoss said.

Hilligoss would like to have a work session with Wicomico County Council after sending a letter to county officials proposing two housing actions — a Wicomico County property tax credit for non-profit housing

agencies and a first-time homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance for low-income homebuyers.

Tax credit for non-profit housing agencies

Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County would like for the county to extend property tax credits for non-profit home builders such as Habitat and Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. for a period up to five years to offset the period from acquisition to the sale of the home.

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Dan Quinn. PROVIDED

Quinn

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field and football. He was inducted into the SU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. While at SU, he met Stacey, an athletic trainer. The two have been supporters of SU ever since, creating three endowments, benefiting football, track and field, and athletic training.

On the gridiron, he was a feared defensive lineman, recording 145

total tackles. A regular in the lineup during his final three years, Quinn played in all 28 games, with 135 tackles, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and one interception, which he returned for a touchdown. As a thrower on the track and field team, Quinn set the school record in the hammer throw (168' 8"), which stood for nearly 20 years, until 2012.

Quinn rose through the coaching ranks following his graduation from

SU, in assistant coaching roles with the San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins and New York Jets. As a defensive coordinator with the Seattle Seahawks, he went to the Super Bowl twice, winning in 2014 as his defense put on an incredible show against Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos in a 43-8 victory.

After a six-year stint as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, including another Super Bowl appearance in

2017, Quinn spent the three seasons leading the Dallas Cowboys' defense, one of the best in the NFL in that time, before getting the call to head to Northwest Stadium.

Off the field, Quinn has received some of the league's most prestigious honors, including the Associated Press NFL Assistant Coach of the Year award in 2021.

Admission to the commencement is by ticket only.



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Habitat

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“From the time we acquire a property to then selling it, we’re writing grants. We’re raising money,” Hilligoss said. “It’s not like we have buckets of money ready to rehab it.”

The tax credit would end when the home gets transferred from the non-profit agency to a homebuyer, who earns under 120 percent of the area median income.

First-time homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance

The local Habitat suggests creating a down payment and closing cost assistance program that would provide up to \$40,000 for first-time homebuyers who also earn under 120 percent of the area median income.

The homeowner would be required to own the property and occupy it for five years. The down payment/closing cost assistance would be provided in the form of a silent second mortgage and lien against the property for five years, after which the grant is forgiven.

If the homeowner sells or deeds the property to someone else within five years, the lien would be payable in full to Wicomico County.

The program would be on a first-come, first-serve basis, with income qualifying determinations verified by the county’s planning and zoning director.

According to a United Way ALICE report, 38 percent of households in Wicomico County are cost-burdened, which means they spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Hilligoss said Wicomico County has 40,577 households, so that equates to 15,419 households.

Hilligoss said Wicomico County also has a 10.6 percent vacancy rate, with roughly 4,705 vacant units, but most of them are not habitable and beyond the point of rehabbing.



City, county and state officials attended a Sept. 5 Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County groundbreaking ceremony in Salisbury for the two homes. SALISBURY INDEPENDENT/RICHARD CAINES

“A lot of these vacant homes really just need to be torn down and start over,” said Hilligoss.

Hilligoss said the down payment assistance program would not have to be just for properties that Habitat or other non-profit housing agencies owns.

“Anyone that’s a first-time home buyer buying a house that’s earns under the 120 percent area median income would be eligible, including if they are building a house on family land like let’s say in a rural area,” said Hilligoss, pointing out that a lot of counties across Maryland have similar programs in place, including Montgomery County. “Maybe their grandparents gave them the land or whatnot and so they after they get their construction loan and they’re closing out the construction loan for permanent financing, at that point the down payment assistance could come in.”

Hilligoss, who has led the local Habitat organization for ten years, said they have felt the crunch of the local housing issues, with a first-time

home buyer waiting list of roughly 29 families and 175 families waiting to sign up for its critical home repair program.

“We’re on track to sell five homes for this fiscal year that goes from July 1 to June 30th,” Hilligoss said. “And then we’ll probably serve anywhere somewhere between 30 and 40 families with critical home repair programs. And that’s a record.”

But with any government program it comes down to funding and Wicomico County is no different.

“Funding the property tax credit is easy because that’s just waiving a little property tax while we are developing a property short term,” Hilligoss said. “It’s not like the Horizon (program), it is very short term.”

Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano said Hilligoss has been working “diligently” with the planning and zoning department, trying to figure out exactly what the county can do to assist, even a potential use of cannabis funds.

For the down payment/closing cost assistance, Hilligoss has sug-

gested using the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, which is funded by a percentage of cannabis revenue. The funding is for local jurisdictions to support community-based initiatives that benefit low-income communities “disproportionately” impacted the enforcement of cannabis prohibition to support community-based initiatives.

Hilligoss said the cannabis money can only be used for programs and projects located in Tier’s four and five of Wicomico County’s map.

“It’s supposed to be helping those parts of the county that are high poverty and so, what a perfect opportunity to get real dollars back and to get homeowners back into these high poverty areas,” Hilligoss said. “Because when people own their home, they take pride in the landscaping and how the house looks.

They take an active part in their neighborhood. The kids do better in school because they’re stable and not moving every six months. Home ownership is a game changer for a lot of families.

COMMUNITY

Wicomico County Commission for Women to recognize women leaders

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Wicomico County Commission for Women is slated to host its annual Women of Wicomico Awards this month.

The awards aim to celebrate and honor the extraordinary contributions of women who have made a lasting impact on the county.

In anticipation of Women’s History Month in March, the commission said it is proud to shine a spotlight on the women of Wicomico who have gone above and beyond in their service and advocacy.

“This is an opportunity for us to

highlight the women in our community who have gone above and beyond,” says Megan Outten, Chair of the Commission. “We encourage anyone in our community to nominate residents working to keep our communities moving forward.”

This year’s Women of Wicomico Awards will be held in collaboration with Célébrez La Femme’s Empowerment Summit on March 22nd at Salisbury University. A partnership that aligns with both organizations’ commitments to celebrate and empower women.

“I couldn’t be more excited about our collaboration with the Wicom-

ico County Commission for Women,” says Ashlee Laughlin, Founder & President of Celebrez La Femme. “This partnership is a beautiful reminder of the magic that happens when women come together with purpose. Making space for the awards within our summit is a no brainer - we are honored to have such accomplished women in our circle.”

Several awardees will be selected and recognized publicly throughout Women’s History Month as well as at Célébrez La Femme’s Empowerment Summit.

For more about event details, please contact Megan Outten at out-

tenmegan@gmail.com.

The Wicomico Commission for Women was established in a mandate through the County Executive’s Office. The mandate of the Commission is to advise the County Executive, the County Council, the public, and agencies of the county on issues concerning women in Wicomico County. The Wicomico County Commission for Women meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in Room 301 of the Government Building. The meetings are open to the public.

Building self-belief: Connecting your vision to action

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — The Women’s Leadership Council has announced an upcoming workshop designed to help participants unlock their full potential, and turn their dreams into reality. Building Self-Belief: Connecting Your Vision to Action will be held March 21 at Salisbury University Perdue Hall, and will be led by Moira Kucaba, a renowned speaker, author, and thought leader in personal growth and leadership.

This interactive workshop offers a

unique opportunity for attendees to learn how to overcome limiting beliefs and build new beliefs to break through to the next level. Moira will guide participants in bridging the gap between their vision and actions, by mastering the art of execution and developing an action plan to get there. Through practical and proven strategies and powerful insights, attendees will gain the tools needed to execute their goals effectively, create a clear action plan, and start making strides toward achieving their aspirations with confidence.

“We believe in the power of women to make meaningful change in their lives and communities,” says Jessica Eisemann, Founder, WLC. “This workshop is a chance to break through self-doubt, build unwavering self-belief, and turn visions into tangible achievements. It’s a workshop you won’t want to miss!”

Event Details:


- Event Name: Building Self-Belief: Connecting Your Vision to Action
- Date: March 21, 2025
- Time: 9:00am-11:30am


- Location: Salisbury University Perdue Hall


- Admission: registration required, \$15 ticket includes light refreshments


For more information about the event or to register, visit the Women’s Leadership Council - Greater Salisbury Facebook page or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-self-belief-connecting-your-vision-to-action-tickets-1234946039849?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>


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 **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.

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OPINION

To Maryland lawmakers: Stop your legislative attempts to make Maryland less competitive

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 businesses across the eastern shore, has grave concerns regarding legislation (HB 1554/SB 1045) that would expand Maryland's sales and use tax to business-to-business (B2B) services.

This proposed legislation will tax transactions between businesses for services including accounting, landscaping, payroll and technology. If passed, it will create serious economic challenges for Maryland businesses, most of whom are small businesses. This legislation is a direct assault on

Maryland's small businesses.

HB 1554 and SB 1045 would isolate Maryland from its neighboring states. While this new tax may provide a short-term revenue boost, the long-term implications could outweigh the immediate benefits. Mandating that Maryland businesses absorb this new tax on essential services they rely on adds significant financial pressure on business owners. Moreover, if this legislation is passed and signed by the Governor, it raises concerns about the possibility of additional taxes on businesses in the future.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce will continue to collaborate with lawmakers in the General Assembly on initiatives that aim to grow Maryland's economy by promoting a competitive business environment. Unfortunately, this proposed legislation does not support those goals.

Bill Chambers
President/CEO
Salisbury Area Chamber
of Commerce

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

Is it government efficiency or 'voodoo' economics?

The headlines report that the Department of Government Efficiency could give out \$5,000 stimulus checks. As Mr. Elon Musk and Mr. Donald Trump dangle such treats before the American taxpayers like candy in front of children, they purchase our support with our own money. To those taxpayers in the \$30,000 or \$40,000 or \$50,000 bracket, this may sound enticing. To the \$200,000-and-up bracket, not so much. Mr. Musk touts these stimulus checks as being

the result of savings. To most of us, just as George H.W. Bush became a believer in "trickle-down economics," this is voodoo economics. If I were to save \$200 on a \$1,000 cellphone, does that add another \$200 to my checking account? Does that pay off my credit card debt? It could help if I pay \$200 toward that credit card debt. But that is not what our president and his co-president, Mr. Musk, propose.

What Mr. Musk is suggesting

would add another \$765 billion to the national debt by handing out bribes to all individual American taxpayers. But, instead of paying down my credit card debt with the \$200 savings on the cellphone purchase, I use the credit card to donate \$200 to my favorite charity, putting me deeper in debt.

And that, my fellow Americans, is voodoo economics.

Norma Calabro
Cecil County resident

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Maryland Veterans Trust Fund grants \$15K to Wicomico Habitat for Humanity

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY — Maryland Department of Veterans & Military Families Veterans Trust Fund recently granted \$15,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County. This grant funding will be used to complete critical home repairs and aging in place modifications for low-income veteran homeowners in Wicomico and Somerset Counties.

“Organizations such as Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County are committed to ensuring that no veteran in Maryland is left behind, particularly on the Eastern Shore,”



Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County officials accept a grant. PROVIDED

said Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families Secretary Anthony Woods. “The Maryland

Veterans Trust Fund is committed to supporting impactful initiatives statewide, bolstering efforts to make Maryland the premier state for members of the military-connected community.”

Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County joined the Habitat for Humanity International Veteran Build program in 2023, pledging to serve more veterans and veteran families with critical home repairs and affordable homeownership.

“The Maryland Veterans Trust Fund is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County

to support their Veteran critical home repair program,” Maryland Veterans Trust Fund Executive Director Heather Geraldes said. “This program ensures those who served our country have safe, stable housing and the dignity they deserve.”

Veterans in need of critical repairs to their homes or who are interested in Habitat homeownership are encouraged to apply by calling 410-546-1551 or email info@wicomico-habitat.org.

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore set to host 4,500 students

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY – Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore will welcome more than 4,500 students from 11 counties when it hosts JA Inspire at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13.

Eighth grade students from Kent, Queen Anne’s, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Sussex, Accomack and Northampton public schools are expected to be in attendance, while the event will also welcome some private and home school students.

JA Inspire, presented by the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, expects to feature over 120 local businesses, organizations and institutions, giving students a glimpse into career opportunities throughout the region.



The event will be held at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13. PROVIDED

“The more businesses we have, the better the representation for each industry,” said Ricky Pollitt, Sr. Development Manager for JAES. “This program allows students to take their first steps in career readiness, giving

them insight into the roles and jobs available once they enter the workforce.”

JA Inspire hosts several industry leaders, including officials from health services, skilled trades, hospitality,

agriculture, business, education, law, non-profit, construction, finance, energy and much more. Confirmed vendors include Whiting Turner, TidalHealth, Chesapeake Utilities, NASA, the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance and several more.

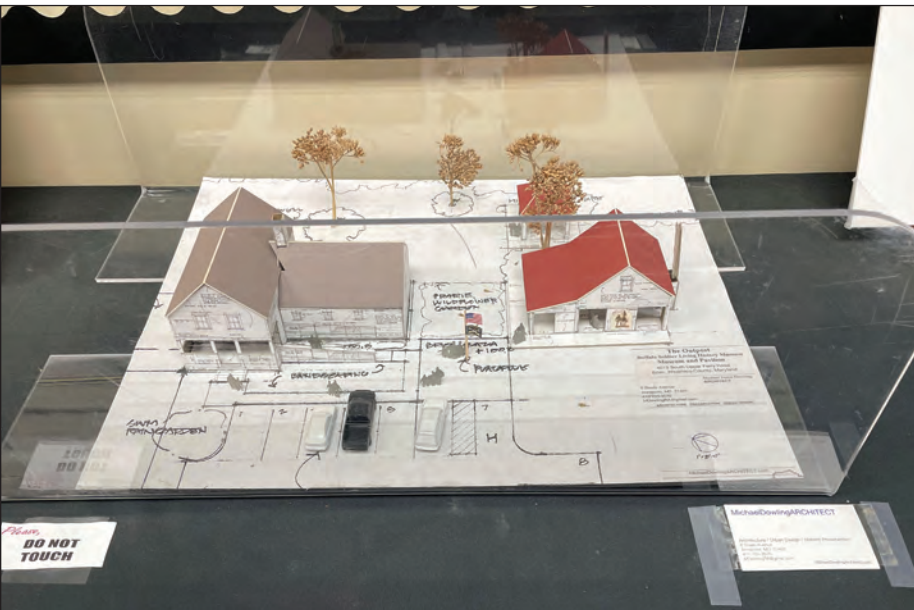
The event will also feature eastern shore colleges, universities, apprenticeship programs, trade schools, and internships so students can gather the information needed to achieve their goals from an educational aspect.

“This program not only impacts our students but will also have a lasting effect on our local businesses and economy,” Pollitt said. “By keeping our talent pool on the Shore, we are ensuring future success for our area.”

For more information on JA Inspire, visit easternshore.ja.org.



Stretch those legs! Nancy Hughes, left, and Linda Goldwire visit a fitness demo at Thrive Salisbury 2025, a 55+ senior lifestyle event hosted March 7 by the Salisbury Independent at Lakeside at Mallard Landing. Find more photos and event coverage at BayToBayNews.com and in next week's newspaper! SALISBURY INDEPENDENT / LAURA WALTER



A diorama at the Wicomico Free Library shows the proposed construction at the Buffalo Soldier Living History Site on South Upper Ferry Road in Eden, property settled on by Thomas E. Polk Sr. Polk was born a free man in Allen in 1860 when it was part of Somerset County. In 1882 while in Baltimore he enlisted in the U.S. Regular Army and served five years in Indian Territory with the 9th Cavalry, re-enlisting for another five years. The museum and education center are intended to educate the public about the service and sacrifices made by Buffalo Soldiers and lead to a greater understanding of their experiences while serving their country during a time of segregation. Accompanying this project and open since January 2024 is Hattie's Trail, a walking trail named for his second wife. Polk died in 1940 and his granddaughter Deborah Scott is leading the effort to establish what is known as The Outpost. It was one of 90 recipients statewide of to receive \$10,000 through the Hatza SHINE grant program for 2025 managed by Maryland Humanities. SALISBURY INDEPENDENT/RICHARD CAINES



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Black Excellence Community Fund awards grants during Black History Month

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SALISBURY — The Black Excellence Community Fund, which is a Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Giving Circle, awarded three grants in honor of Black History Month. The grants benefit local nonprofits which impact the quality of life for the local Black community.

Each organization received a \$750 grant for their work. Grantees were:

It Takes A Village to Help Our Children, Inc. provides afterschool, summer, and college and career ac-

cess programs to more than 200 at-risk youth each year. Program activities are designed to promote spiritual, social and educational wellbeing.

The Haitian Development Center assist, educate, and empower immigrant communities to better themselves and provides assistance for education, employment, housing, health, immigration, and other social concerns.

The Garland Hayward Youth Center aims to help youth achieve the necessary skills to make a safe and healthy transition into adulthood.

Programming provides a safe place for youth to belong and interact with supportive adults to develop pro-social attitudes and healthy behaviors that will translate into better school performance.

“Each of these nonprofits serves critical needs in our community and their work creates a positive impact for our fellow Lower Shore neighbors,” says BECF Founding Member Lori Carter. “Charitable giving plays a valuable role in our community, and we hope these grants inspire others to give back to worthwhile causes.”

The fund was created in 2022 at the Community Foundation to preserve cultural awareness and pride by expanding the benefits of education, health, and welfare in the Black Community, while teaching the values of philanthropy. Members work together through the power of collective philanthropy to create a positive impact in the community.

To get involved or learn more visit CFES.org/becf.

BUSINESS

Telewire, Inc. certified as a Microsoft Solutions Partner

Telewire, Inc.

SALISBURY — Telewire, Inc., a managed technology services provider, has officially earned the designation of Microsoft Solutions Partner, a certification placing the company in the top 5% of all Microsoft providers worldwide. Company officials said the accolade underscores its expertise, experience and commitment to helping customers leverage Microsoft technologies to their fullest potential.

This prestigious certification is not easily attained. There are various criteria including performance (revenue and usage growth), customer success (deployments and certifications), and skilled certifications (number of certified professionals on staff), in addition to various other factors. Howev-



Bryan Murfree,
President at
Telewire

er, the most important factor is a proven track record of high customer satisfaction rates. Achieving this certification required Telewire to meet rigorous benchmarks, showcasing advanced knowledge and capabilities in cloud services, data management, and infrastructure solutions. Microsoft awards the designation to providers that demonstrate this significant level of expertise, but also monitors them to ensure they consistently keep up to date with the latest technological developments in order to retain their status.

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Businesses considering a move to the cloud or looking to improve their use of Microsoft tools can rely on Telewire for guidance. The company’s Microsoft Solutions Partner designation signifies not only expertise but also a proven ability to deliver results that align with customers’ strategic goals.

City of Salisbury announces Free Bulk Pickup Week

City of Salisbury

SALISBURY — The City of Salisbury is pleased to announce its Free Bulk Pickup Week, taking place from Monday, March 17, through Friday, March 21. Residents must call Field Operations at 410-548-3177 starting Monday, March 10, to schedule a free pickup.

To participate, residents must specify that they are requesting **FREE** bulk pickup during the designated week. The deadline to schedule a pickup is Friday, March 14, at 12 p.m. Requests made after this time may not be accommodated.

Important Guidelines for Free Bulk Pickup:

- Pickup will occur on residents' normal trash/recycling day. Items must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.
- To schedule a pickup: If calling

410-548-3177 and reaching voice-mail, please leave a detailed message including your name, phone number, address, and a list of items for pickup.

- Limit of three (3) bulk items per residence.

- Mattresses and fabric-covered furniture must be wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape before being placed curbside.

- Appliances are **NOT** included in the free bulk pickup.

- Do not place bulk items inside trash cans or recycling bins.

- Residents of multi-unit complexes that use 300-gallon trash containers are not eligible for free bulk pickup.

This initiative aims to help residents dispose of bulk waste responsibly and keep Salisbury's neighborhoods clean. For questions or to schedule a pickup, please contact Field Operations at 410-548-3177.

Maryland permanently preserves 4 additional working farms

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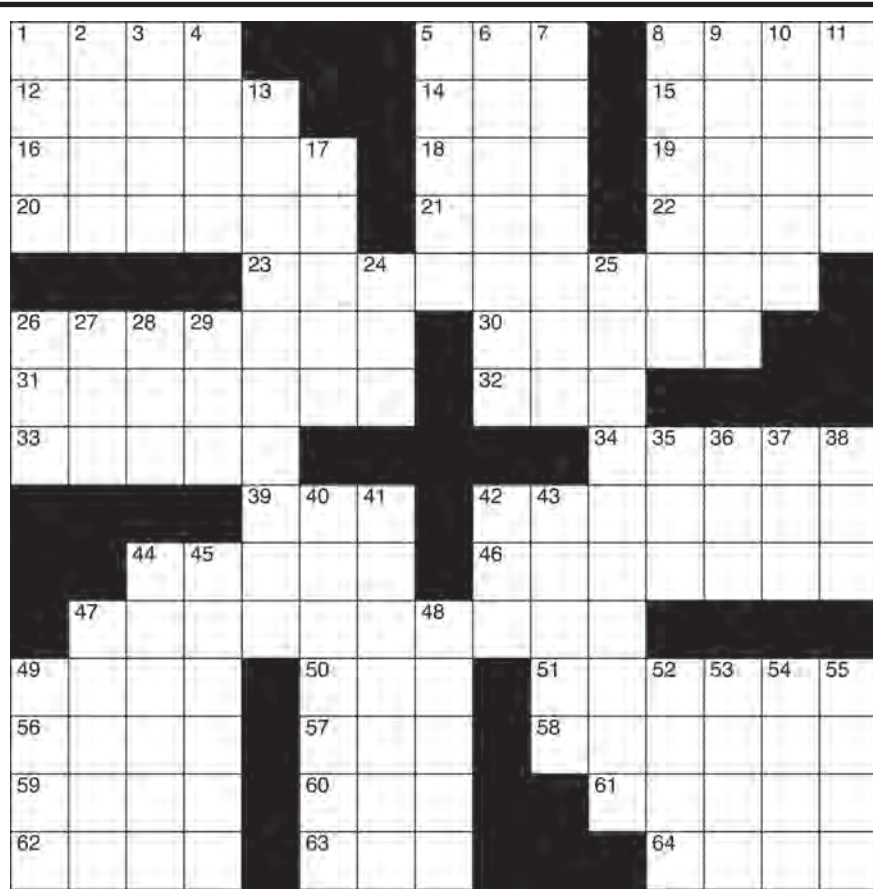
ANNAPOLIS — In a continued effort to protect Maryland's agricultural heritage, the Maryland Board of Public Works recently approved four new easements through the Maryland Agricultural Preservation Foundation adding approximately 516 acres of preserved prime farmland across Somerset, Washington, Kent and Wicomico counties.

Of the 516 acres, an additional 154 acres were preserved in Wicomico.

"Preserving our farmland is crucial for Maryland's future," said Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Kevin Atticks. "Farmers who choose to protect their land are

ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the agricultural resources we value so much. This investment not only boosts our local economy but also enhances food security and promotes sustainability in our communities."

Established in 1977 as part of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Agricultural Preservation Foundation works to purchase agricultural preservation easements from willing farmers. This commitment helps to protect prime farmland and woodland indefinitely. The newly approved easements will help maintain the state's agricultural landscape, support local food production, and sustain rural livelihoods.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Expression of recognition
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. An iPad is one
18. Adult beverage
19. Manning and Wallach are two
20. Makes a petty verbal attack
21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Wristwatches
26. Body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. Turkish honorific title
33. Yell
34. Historic Alabama city
39. Cub
42. Type of sea bass dish
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Former OSS

51. Open spaces in a forest
56. Innermost brain membranes
57. Fortune
58. Hunting expedition
59. Doomed queen Boleyn
60. Peyton's little brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Scottish tax
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. An increase in price or value

CLUES DOWN

1. Works of body art
2. Abba __, Israeli politician
3. A desert in Asia
4. Eat greedily
5. Doomed French queen
6. Beat
7. One who survives on blood
8. As a consequence
9. Counted on
10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
11. Unclean
13. One who does not drink
17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
24. __ student, learns healing
25. Bacterial skin infection

26. Expresses surprise
27. What one says on a wedding day
28. Crony
29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
35. Unit of length
36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
41. Statements that something is untrue
42. Greek alphabet letter
43. Suspends from above
44. Popular types of cigars
45. Girls
47. U.S. philosopher and logician
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian
54. Amounts of time
55. Trigonometric function

Wor-Wic to host reverse trade show

SALISBURY — Wor-Wic Community College will host a reverse trade show for local suppliers and vendors to meet procurement officers from public agencies. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 12, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Patricia and Alan Guerrieri Technology Center on the Wor-Wic campus, located at the intersection of Walston Switch Road and Route 50.

The reverse trade show will provide opportunities to learn how to do business with local government agencies, see current and upcoming bid solicitations and learn the required steps to submit bids and proposals. Participants can also network with other contractors and learn about workforce training and education offered by Wor-Wic to support professional development. There is no fee to attend and no registration required. Participants can stop by any time during the event.

Along with Wor-Wic, agencies represented will include Salisbury University, Wicomico County Public Schools, Wicomico and Worcester county governments, the city of Salisbury, the town of Ocean City, Caroline County Public Schools and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Upcoming food fundraiser at the Delmar VFW

DELMAR — The public is invited to a drive thru steamed shrimp and/or crab balls event Friday, March 14th, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Delmar VFW Post, 200 W. State St. in Delmar.

Steamed shrimp, crab balls, or a combination of both will be available. Homemade Hush Puppies are served with all choices. The cost is determined by the single or combination option selected.

Proceeds benefit the many local charities and organizations supported by the Delmar VFW.

Upcoming bingo fundraiser in Willards

SALISBURY — Soroptimist International of Salisbury will be sponsoring a Bingo - Featuring all cash prizes. The Bingo will be on April 5, 2025 (Saturday) at the Willards Lions Club in Willards MD. Doors Open at 4:30 Bingo begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. 20 Games plus 2 special games. We have over \$2500 in CASH prize money. Instant Bingo tickets are available. Homemade Soup, Various Food, Cakes, and Baked Goods are available for purchase. Benefiting Local Community Service Projects. Contact any Soroptimist of Salisbury Member, Donna Fischer at 443-614-4934, or Cathy Brinsfield (Hebron Savings Bank) at 410-749-1185. Eventbrite Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/43e8v44b> Must be sixteen or older to attend and at least eighteen to play.

Christian Shelter to host annual fundraising banquet

SALISBURY — The Christian Shelter, a non-profit providing safe harbor and nutritious meals to people in crisis, will hold its annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, April 5 at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury. The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. and dinner following at 6 p.m. The event will raise funds to support the Shelter's operational budget for 2025.

This year's "Sheltering Hearts Banquet" will feature a delicious dinner, live entertainment, fellowship and a keynote speech by Robert K. Gehman, President Emeritus of the Helping Up Mission in Baltimore. The homeless facility shelters nearly 500 men and women every night. His comments about the homeless problem – and how Maryland communities can respond to it – will inform and inspire everyone who is concerned about facing this crucial, societal problem locally.

Tickets must be purchased by

Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Individual tickets are \$75, and a selection of Sponsor packages are available at \$250 for a table for two guests through \$5,000 for a table for eight guests. To order yours, send an email to Shanika Manuel at ShanikaM@christianshelter.org or call 410-749-5673.

For more information about the Christian Shelter, Inc. or for details about how you can participate in its important mission, visit their website at www.christianshelter.org

TidalHealth's HealthFest partners with Salisbury's Fire Department on March 15

SALISBURY – TidalHealth is honored to partner with the Salisbury Fire Department to present HealthFest "Care for Generations" on Sat., March 15 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The event is designed to provide people of all ages the opportunity to learn how healthy they are and what they can do to ensure an even healthier, more productive and active lifestyle.

TidalHealth's annual health fair will be held at Salisbury Fire Department Headquarters Station 16 at 325 Cypress Street in Salisbury and will feature about 50 exhibitors, healthy living information booths, presentations and demonstrations, entertainment and more. TidalHealth clinical professionals will be on hand to provide a showcase of exhibits, community outreach information and free screenings.

A sample of the screenings offered at no cost include blood pressure testing, hearing tests, vision screenings, cholesterol screenings, general health assessments, nutrition advice, cancer prevention information, diabetes risk assessment and A1C blood draws for those scoring high on the risk test. Attendees will also be able to talk to a pharmacist at the Ask the Pharmacist booth, get help in finding a family physician, and learn more about kidney health from the National Kidney Foundation.

This year's event will feature special demonstrations:

- 9-9:30 a.m.: YMCA with Enhance Fitness Class – an evidence-based health program for seniors with arthritis
- 10-10:30 a.m.: Dancing on the Shore with USA Dance Eastern Shore offering a mini ballroom dance style lesson
- 11-11:30: Park's Martial Arts offering a Tai Chi demo

HealthFest's Kids Corner will give youngsters of all ages an opportunity to play games, juggle with Cascading Carlos, and enjoy airbrush face painting. They may also visit the Teddy Bear clinic where a nurse will help a child give a teddy bear a health check-up and then they may take the bear home.

To learn more about HealthFest, please visit TidalHealth's website at www.tidalhealth.org and search HealthFest for the latest information on updates on screenings, activities, and special events.

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!

- Monday, March 31 from 3 to 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@macinc.org.



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CHAMBER MONTHLY

Your Voice Matters: Advocate for Wicomico County Education Funding Wicomico County Schools rank LAST in local per-pupil funding. Our students deserve better. Join us in demanding change. #DoBetterWicomico

Over the past 15 years, Wicomico County Public Schools has consistently lagged behind other Maryland school systems in the per-pupil funding provided by our county government. As of this year, Wicomico has unfortunately reached the bottom, ranking 24th out of 24 school districts in Maryland in local per-pupil funding for education.

During the budget development process for the school system and the county, we call on our students, parents and guardians, staff and community to unite and advocate for better funding for education from Wicomico County.

Please help ensure that our students receive the local funding they deserve in next year's county budget.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Education Network, the Greater Salisbury Committee, and the Wicomico County Education Foundation encourage business leaders, community members, educators, parents, and students to attend and consider speaking in support of education funding at the County Executive's Budget Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center

DaNang Room, 500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Your voice is critical in ensuring our public schools receive the necessary funding to support students, educators, and our community.

Why This Matters

• Strong Schools = A Strong Economy
– A community's best investment is in its public schools.

• WCPS Needs Consistent & Fair Funding – We are advocating for MOE + inflation + a 2% investment – not a one-time ask, but a sustainable plan for the future.

• Wicomico Ranks Last in Local Per-Pupil Funding – Our students deserve better.

How You Can Help

• Attend & Speak – Comments are limited to 3 minutes, but a short, heartfelt message can significantly impact the discussion.

• Share WCPS Social Media Posts – Starting today, look for posts that you can share to spread awareness.

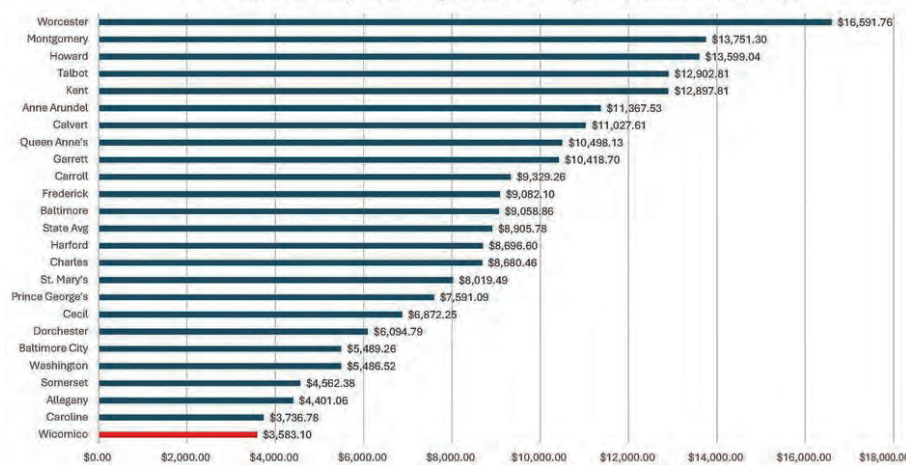
• Stay Engaged – There will be another opportunity later in the budget process to speak before the County Council (date TBD), but the County Executive and her team must hear from us now.

Key facts and talking points to help guide your remarks can be downloaded at www.salisburyarea.com/app/uploads/2025/03/DoBetterWicomico-WCPS-Budget-Talking-Points.pdf Please feel free to use them while also sharing your perspective.

Your voice matters. Let's stand together to advocate for the investment our students and schools need.

Questions? Contact Bill Chambers, SACC President/CEO, at 410-749-0144 x 101 or email bchambers@salisburyarea.com.

Per Pupil County Funding from County Government – FY 25



The 2025 Maryland General Assembly

POST LEGISLATIVE SESSION FORUM

Featuring The Lower Eastern Shore Delegation

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

11:30 AM

Wicomico Youth & Civic Center

Presented by

for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland

MORE INFO

Register at salisburyarea.com or call 410-749-0144

MAC, Inc. Celebrates Reopening of Richard A. Henson Wellness Center Gym

Recent renovation includes expanded space, new major equipment

Salisbury, Maryland – The MAC gym is back open for business, and is bigger and better than ever! MAC, Inc. and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a ribbon cutting on February 19th celebrating this fantastic new gym.

SACC members and a hearty group of gym members joined the celebration, and were welcomed by CEO, Paula Erdie, Board Chair Vivian Koroknay, and Gym Manager Mike Hedlesky, as they explained all that this new gym is offering.

Following a months-long expansion and renovation project, MAC's Richard A. Henson Wellness Center gym is once again bustling with activity as members engage in fitness classes, personal training and enjoy exercising on the various pieces of equipment.

New equipment includes four state-of-the-art treadmills, leg press, leg extension/leg curl machine and cable column. The main gym area and the yoga studio were both expanded.

The gym is a judgment-free zone, where older adults can comfortably exercise to improve their health. Research shows that there are significant benefits for older adults who exercise regularly, including:

- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Reduced risk of falls
- Increased likelihood to remain independent as they age
- Reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation, particularly in group exercise settings

The gym program offers a variety of fitness classes, including one designed especially to meet the special needs of individuals with Parkinson's Disease, such as balance and strength; their caregivers also are welcome. Other offerings: yoga, and classes that address flexibility, balance, strength, range of motion and cardiovascular fitness. Most classes also are available via Zoom.

On the business side, gym membership is pay-as-you-go – there are no contracts to sign. Gym hours are Monday through Friday, from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open to anyone age 50 or older, or any adult with a disability.

For more information, visit macinc.org or call 410-742-0505.

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

About MAC Incorporated, the Area Agency

on Aging

MAC Incorporated, the Area Agency on Aging, is a private, nonprofit organization, that provides seniors in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties with services that promote dignity, health and independence.



Envisions Group of Keller Williams Celebrates New Office

The SACC, its members, and the community at large were delighted to join Envisions Group of Keller Williams on February 25, 2025, in a ribbon cutting celebrating their beautiful and modern new office located at 540 Riverside Drive, Salisbury, MD.

Guests were welcomed by Team Leader Harold Cyr and Team Administrator Bonni Burris, while they toured the new office, networked, enjoy some libations and delicious food prepared by Amazing Creations.

Harold shared with us "Thank you for being here tonight to celebrate with us this important milestone. As we cut this ribbon today, we celebrate not just the launch of a business but the strength and potential of our community of agents. This venture is built on the belief that every agent regardless

of experience deserves the tools and support to succeed. Our passion for housing and community development drives us to foster an environment where mentorship thrives."

Whether it's finding a new home, finding the best loan, or helping get the most out of selling your home, Envisions Group of KW is there to guide you every step of the way.

Door prizes included a food gift basket by Amazing Creations, a spices organizer, and a \$50 gift card to any of the Southern Boys Concepts restaurants (Evolution Craft Brewing Company, Sobo's Wine Beerstro, The Red Roost or Boonies Burgers, Beer & Bait). And all guests received a goody gift bag!

For more information on Envisions Group visit www.envisionsgroup.net or call 410-505-8512.



HEARD for Life Celebrates Grand Opening at Rommel Center

The SACC and its members were delighted to join Kayla Thompson-Riviere on February 6 in the ribbon cutting for her business HEARD for Life at Salisbury University's Rommel Center in Downtown Salisbury.

Kayla, whose office is now located in one of the cool "garage" spaces at the Rommel Center, welcomed guests and shared with them a short but very detailed presentation of what Heard for Life offers to its clients.

Very passionate of what she does, Kayla shared "Your healthcare is usually dictated by your insurance reimbursement. Providers get paid by appointments, prescriptions, surgeries and tests. The appointments that you typically get are focused on treating the symptoms and not finding the root cause, and your care gets fragmented amongst specialists. At HEARD for Life, we provide independent patient advocacy, where we treat the issue that is going on with you, but we don't stop there. We help you get to the root core of what is really going on, treat it and get you out of the cycle of chronic illness".

HEARD for Life provides independent patient advocacy that helps those navigating the healthcare system so they can get the care they deserve with fewer complications and achieve their best healthcare outcomes. Their 5-Step systematic approach focuses on:

- Assessing – understanding the full health picture
- Discovering – identifying the root cause of concern
- Planning – creating a customized, evolving care plan
- Implementing – coordinating with providers, treatments, resources, hospitalizations, etc.
- Evaluating – ensuring care is on track and adapting or making changes when needed

Guests enjoyed beverages and homemade appetizers that included Mexican coleslaw, street corn pasta salad, cowboy caviar, and sweets included dark chocolate pecan, white chocolate cranberry and vanilla marshmallow bites.

For more information on Heard for Life call 443-373-1610 or visit www.heardforlife.com



Upcoming Chamber Events March/April

For more information or to register for upcoming events, visit www.salisburyarea.com.



Real HVAC Services hosted a Salisbury Area Young Professionals Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, February 19. The YP's made new connections, breaking into small groups to share career advice and help each other grow professionally. A SACCYP Happy Hour is planned at Hopper's Tap House on Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 PM. Interested in attending? RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Yq5345GzVkyo8zD4A>. For more information on how to become a Member of SACC Young Professionals visit salisburyarea.com or email the YPs at salisburyareayps@gmail.com

Business After Hours - Salisbury University Sea Gull Stadium

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Salisbury University Sea Gull Stadium
1301 Wayne Street, Salisbury, MD 21804

SACC Young Professionals Happy Hour

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Hopper's Tap House | 1400 S Salisbury Blvd #6,
Salisbury, MD 21801
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/Yq5345GzVkyo8zD4A>

2025 Ireland Vacation Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

General Membership Luncheon

Featuring Eric Morgan, Piedmont Airlines
President and CEO
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Black Diamond Lodge | 219 S Fruitland Blvd,
Fruitland, MD 21826

Ribbon Cutting – Griswold Home Care

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM
224 E Main Street, Suite A, Salisbury, MD 21801

Marketing & Media Workshop: Amplify Your Reach: YouTube, Google Tours, and Case Studies

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | Noon – 1:00 PM
Dave & Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship
212 W Main St Suite 205, Salisbury, MD 21801

2025 SACC Ladies & Mixed Team Golf Challenge

Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 3:30 – 6:30 PM
Green Hill Country Club | 5471 Whitehaven
Road, Quantico, MD 21856

Chamber 101

Monday, March 31, 2025 | Noon – 1:00 PM
Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce
200 E Church Street, Salisbury, MD 21801

Ribbon Cutting – Voodoo Brewing Company

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM
1315 S Salisbury Blvd. Unit 6, Salisbury, MD 21801

Generational Selling Lunch & Learn

Presented by Yuloff Creative Marketing
Solutions
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:30 – 1:00 PM
Location TBD
Members - FREE | Non-Members - \$20

Ribbon Cutting – Magnolia West

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM
241 W Main Street, Salisbury, MD 21801

MD General Assembly Post Legislative Session Forum & Luncheon

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Wicomico Civic Center | DaNang Room
500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21804
Members - \$35 | Non-Members - \$45
Sponsor Table of 8 - \$500

To Maryland Lawmakers: Stop Your Legislative Attempts to Make Maryland Less Competitive!

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 businesses across the eastern shore, has grave concerns regarding legislation (HB 1554/SB 1045) that would expand Maryland's sales and use tax to business-to-business (B2B) services.

This proposed legislation will tax transactions between businesses for services including accounting, landscaping, payroll and technology. If passed, it will

create serious economic challenges for Maryland businesses, most of whom are small businesses. This legislation is a direct assault on Maryland's small businesses.

HB 1554 and SB 1045 would isolate Maryland from its neighboring states. While this new tax may provide a short-term revenue boost, the long-term implications could outweigh the immediate benefits. Mandating that Maryland businesses

absorb this new tax on essential services they rely on adds significant financial pressure on business owners. Moreover, if this legislation is passed and signed by the Governor, it raises concerns about the possibility of additional taxes on businesses in the future.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce will continue to collaborate with lawmakers in the General Assembly on initiatives

that aim to grow Maryland's economy by promoting a competitive business environment. Unfortunately, this proposed legislation does not support those goals.

For more information on the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce visit www.salisburyarea.com or contact William R. Chambers, President/CEO at 410-749-0144 x 101 or bchambers@salisburyarea.com.

The Small Business Services Tax (SB 1045/HB 1554) House hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, at 1:00 PM, with testimony sign-ups being accepted Monday, March 10, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. TAKE ACTION NOW! Visit www.mdchamber.org/2025/03/05/2025-small-business-services-tax-impacts/

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore and Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Hosts Business After Hours Event

Salisbury, MD – United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES) and Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) were pleased to co-host Business After Hours on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Guests enjoyed lite fare by Dinner Express and Modern Graze, won door prizes, and supported a 50/50 raffle to benefit the SACC Foundation's Wor-Wic Scholarship Fund.

While networking with SACC members and UWLES staff, board, and advisory council members, attendees learned how UWLES mobilizes the community into action to create lasting change. "We're proud to celebrate 80 years of local impact," shared UWLES President/CEO Pam Gregory. "We and our partners focus on improving health & wellbeing, helping youth realize their full potential, and creating a stronger financial future for every generation. Our donors and volunteers make it possible for our direct programs, partnerships and collaborations to lift up more than 1 in 3 neighbors annually," stated Gregory, noting that more resources and funding are needed to help our community thrive.

In addition to sharing ways for businesses of any size to empower employees through workplace campaigns, volunteering and sponsorships, UWLES shared about Over the Edge for ALICE® - a new, exciting fundraiser where thrill-seekers of all ages can raise

funds to rappel down The Ross on May 2nd in downtown Salisbury. Guests learned about the needs and challenges over 43% of local households face as ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), the Lower Shore neighbors who are working hard but struggling monthly to make ends meet. Guests were assured that all dollars UWLES raises throughout the year help neighbors across Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

For more information about UWLES' local impact and partnerships, ways to volunteer or get involved, and the Over the Edge event, follow them on socials, visit uwles.org, or call 410-742-5143.

About United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore:

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES), celebrating 80 years of local service, harnesses the power of our community to advance health, education, and financial stability for all neighbors in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. UWLES and their community partners help empower Lower Shore residents by addressing barriers for better health, supporting educational success for learners of all ages, and strengthening economic security for local households. UWLES provides direct services, collaborates with stakeholders,

and supports dozens of local nonprofits to strengthen the entire community, impacting 1 in every 3 neighbors annually. Through the Get Connected Volunteer Center, UWLES connects over 200 nonprofits with community members who want to get involved. For more information on United

Way or to help make a difference visit: www.uwles.org, www.ShoreGetConnected.org, Facebook@uwles, Instagram@unitedwayles, LinkedIn@uwles or X@UNITEDWAY_LES.



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2025 Maryland General Assembly week eight update

By Sen. Mary Beth Carozza's office

Special to the Salisbury Independent

ANNAPOLIS — The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee held a Feb. 28 joint hearing on three energy bills sponsored by Democratic leadership in the Maryland General Assembly.

The first bill heard, Senate Bill 937/House Bill 1035, the Next Generation Energy Act, broadly establishes that it is the policy of the State to encourage the development of nuclear power; requires the Maryland Energy Administration to pursue regional nuclear cost-sharing agreements with neighboring states and agreements with federal agencies regarding the siting of small modular reactors; establishes a procurement process for a minimum of 3,100 megawatts of dispatchable energy generation capacity and a related temporary Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) process; and establishes the Maryland General Assembly's support of the extension or renewal of the federal license for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Calvert County.

Senate Bill 931/House Bill 1036, the Renewable Energy Certainty Act, as drafted would prohibit local jurisdictions from restricting solar energy projects and require expedited site development approvals. In essence, this bill undermines the ability of county governments to act in the best interest of their local communities regarding the regulation of renewable energy.

The Maryland Association of Counties, including all three counties in District 38 – Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico, opposes the bill as drafted and provided opposition tes-



Senator Carozza attended the Maryland Aviation Council's Annapolis meeting on February 25 and is pictured with (l to r) Heather Melson, Docksider OC; Dave Ryan, SWED (Salisbury Wicomico Economic Development) Director; Keith Graffius, representative of Congressman Andy Harris; Allison Swint, Maryland Aviation Council President, and Tony Rudy, SBY (Salisbury Ocean City Wicomico) Regional Airport. PROVIDED

timony. Written testimony from the Somerset County Commissioners noted the Somerset County Planning Commission and Department of Technical and Community Services has performed extensive research and conducted numerous meetings over the past 5 years for the siting and regulation of renewable energy in Somerset County, including a solar acreage limit of 1,800 acres, of which approximately 1,300 acres are already utilized by solar energy facilities.

“Under SB 931, Somerset County’s input would have been severely weakened in siting these solar projects. Limiting the voice and involvement of our local elected officials and residents is unacceptable,” said Senator Mary Beth Carozza (District 38). “Local governments, not the State, know best what projects would work in their home communities, and are in the best position to find the balance of bringing on new energy proj-

ects and protecting farmland in their own counties.”

SB 931 in its current form also is opposed by the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Delmarva Chicken Association, the Maryland Grain Producers Association, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Eastern Shore Heritage.

The third Senate/House leadership energy bill, Senate Bill 909/House Bill 1037, establishes an independent Integrated Resource Planning Office in the Public Service Commission. “While I agree that we should develop a State comprehensive energy forecast, I am not convinced that we need a separate office that would create more bureaucracy and cost more money as Maryland faces a budget crisis along with the State’s energy crisis,” said Senator Carozza.

In addition to the Democrat leadership energy bills, the Joint Republican Caucus this week also presented

two bills to address the energy crisis to the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee on February 27.

Senate Bill 479 would exempt public safety, emergency, and public utility buildings from Building Energy Performance Standards passed in the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022. Senator Carozza is a cosponsor of SB 479, and Delegate Wayne Hartman is the House sponsor.

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino testified in strong support of SB 479. “With Worcester County’s vulnerable position as a coastal county, prone to hurricanes and flooding, we must consider the impact of Best Energy Performance Standards on public safety buildings and emergency shelters. While the majority of the large buildings in the county will still be required to meet energy performance standards, the bill would create an exemption for buildings like our government center, which houses the Sheriff’s Office and the Emergency Operations Center.”

Senate Bill 779, cosponsored by Senator Carozza, would put a pause on all the various elements within the Climate Solutions Now Act until that element became “economically practicable.” Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino also testified in strong support of SB 779.

Senator Carozza questioned Commissioner Bertino during the hearing on SB 779, “In your testimony, you specifically tie your support to a practical way to balance environmental goals with the need to ensure local jurisdictions can provide essential public safety services. Can you expand on the public safety aspect?”

“From our position as a small rural

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county, we need to ensure our emergency services are operating fully. To put all our eggs in one energy basket would place a tremendous strain on our system and would create an unpredictable and unreliable service that would be provided to our residents,” said Commissioner Bertino. “We recognize that we need to balance our energy needs, and in this particular narrow instance we believe emergency operations should be exempt to ensure we can provide the services our people rely on.”

Senator Carozza turned to Yuripyzy Morgan, an attorney and frequent WBAL Radio host, when questioning began on SB 779. “You have a unique ability to take very complex issues and crystalize them. Taking the different issues, the business climate, the expectations of our constituents, what we are trying to do here today, how would you as an attorney and member of the media summarize where we are and the next step forward?”

“I would characterize where we are now as death by a thousand cuts. The people that come into my office are ordinary people who have ordinary jobs who are just trying to raise a family and they are feeling the pinch from everywhere. The taxes, the regulations, the fees, the property tax assessment, the school issues that are going on, and then they are hearing about the proposed taxes that are coming, and especially energy,” said Morgan. “Folks everywhere opened their electric bills in January and were absolutely astounded. And when I talk to these folks about these issues, they are even more stunned that we didn’t see this coming. Marylanders have started connecting the dots, they say how could our legislators not have taken into account the direct impact it would have on the ratepayers.”

The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 has been cited as one of the main drivers of higher energy costs across Maryland and is estimated to cost taxpayers \$1 billion per year for implementation unless adjustments are made. The Senate Republican Caucus offered sixteen amendments on the Senate Floor to address ratepayer concerns, but only two amendments moved forward. The final vote for the Climate Solutions Now Act was along party lines, with all 32 Democrats voting for and all 15 Republicans voting against Senate Bill 528.

In addition to the Republican Caucus bills, Senator Carozza is sponsoring Senate Bill 675, which would require the Public Service Commission to analyze the full costs and benefits of sources of electricity in the State of Maryland. “We as policymakers must put our constituents first, and that means understanding how the development of various energy sources could impact the ratepayers,” said Carozza. “This bipartisan bill is a commonsense approach to ensure the full costs and benefits in developing energy are calculated and policy recommendations should be based on the lowest cost and greatest benefit to the ratepayers.” The hearing for SB 675 is schedule for Thursday, March 6.

Carozza Local Bill Hearings

Senator Carozza testified in strong support of two Somerset County bills, Senate Bill 717 and Senate Bill 718. SB 717 would provide updated salaries for local officials to stay competitive with surrounding counties. SB 718 is a simple bookkeeping matter to legalize the actions that Somerset County had taken since the last printing of the Somerset County Code of Public Laws in 2016. Senator Carozza sponsored both SB 717 and SB 718 at the request of the Somerset County Commissioners.

Additionally, Senator Carozza testified in strong support of SB 680,

which updates the Continuing Education requirements for real estate licensees to reflect current best practices in the industry. This legislation would remove provisions that have outlived their usefulness and any contradictions that cause confusion among licensees as to their continuing education requirements.

CAROZZA BILL MOVING THROUGH THE SENATE

Senate Bill 719, which would ensure long-term, stable funding for a reliably emergency services system that meets the needs of Somerset County, passed the Senate on Thursday (43-2). “It is imperative that we enable our local governments to increase resources to support our firefighters and EMS personnel now and into the future,” said Carozza.

Earlier this year, the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company announced that it will not offer ambulance services to the community beginning July 1, 2025. The Somerset County Commissioners secured an extension of the services provided by the Princess Anne Volunteer Company until December 31, 2025, and is actively working on implementing a new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) plan for all residents.

SPECIAL GUEST INTRODUCTION ON SENATE FLOOR

Senator Carozza introduced Dr. Kalilah Camacho-Ali, A.K.A. Mama Ali, as her guest on the Senate Floor on February 26. Mama Ali, former wife of “The Greatest” Muhammad Ali, has visited well over 100 countries in her lifetime and met with over 50 Heads of State, as well as visiting schools across Maryland to discuss important topics such as bullying prevention.

“I am honored to be joined here today by Mama Ali, who has dedicated her life to faith, etiquette, kindness, and respect. I have seen her in action delivering her anti-bullying message at schools in my district,” said Carozza. “I am also honored to

introduce her bodyguard, Adriano “Bubba” Almony, who now serves as the U.S. Chairman for Bodyguards Against Bullying. Bubba grew up in Ocean City and is a fellow alumni of my alma matter Stephen Decatur High School.”

“Bubba” Almony is a recipient of a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and member of the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has organized multiple community events on the Lower Shore, including an annual toy drive in Salisbury during the Christmas holiday.

SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE KILLS CONDOMS IN SCHOOLS BILL

On February 28, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee voted down House Bill 380, which would have allowed condoms to be sold in vending machines in nursery schools, preschools, and elementary schools.

“I have heard from many parents across my district in strong opposition to this bill, and I join with my constituents in thanking the members of the Senate JPR for stopping this harmful legislation,” said Carozza.

LOCALS IN ANNAPOLIS

Several local officials and community leaders visited Annapolis this week including Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino; Adriano “Bubba” Almony, celebrity anti-bullying bodyguard and graduate of Stephen Decatur High School; members of Secure the Vote including Vince Gisriel and Dennis Evans from Worcester County; and representatives from Maryland Aviation Council including Jamie Giandomeico, Ocean City Airport Director; Heather Melson, Dockside OC; Dave Ryan, SWED (Salisbury-Wicomico Economic Development) Director; Keith Graffius, representative of Congressman Andy Harris; and Tony Rudy, SBY Regional Airport – Salisbury-Ocean City-Wicomico County.

HEALTH

Valet parking returns to TidalHealth Peninsula Regional

TidalHealth

SALISBURY –TidalHealth Peninsula Regional recently announced the return of complimentary valet parking services at the Salisbury hospital, ensuring a smoother, more accessible experience for patients and visitors into and out of the facility.

The TidalHealth valet service enhances the overall patient experience by offering a hassle-free parking option, allowing patients and visitors to focus on their health and well-being rather than worrying about parking.

Complementary Monday through Friday valet parking is offered at the following entrances:

Frank B. Hanna Main Entrance 6

a.m. to 3 p.m.

Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Entrance 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteer/Cardiac Rehab Entrance 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“We are excited to bring back valet services to make the experience more convenient for our patients and visitors,” said Scott Phillips, TidalHealth Vice President of Supply chain and Support Services. “Valet parking removes the stress of finding a parking spot and helps those who may be experiencing health challenges or mobility issues get to their appointments quickly, safely and with ease.”

Free chronic kidney disease classes

TidalHealth

SALISBURY — TidalHealth is offering free Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) classes to help individuals manage and slow the progression of kidney disease. These classes are held from 2 to 4 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every other month at 800 S. Salisbury Boulevard in Salisbury.

The upcoming sessions are scheduled for:

March 26, 2025

May 28, 2025

July 23, 2025

Sept. 24, 2025

Nov. 19, 2025

During these sessions, Tidal-

Health’s chronic disease professionals will provide valuable information on:

- Slowing disease progression
- Monitoring kidney health
- Dietary considerations
- Dialysis and transplant options
- Financial aspects of kidney care

These classes are open to individuals with CKD, as well as their family members and caregivers. Space is limited. RSVP by contacting Valencia Harper at 410-912-5824 or via email at valencia.harper@tidalhealth.org.



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Dr. Ahmed brings with her a wealth of experience, having served the eastern shore community for over a decade as both a hospitalist and primary care physician, most recently as an Internal Medicine Physician at Menocal Family Practice in Salisbury.

Dr. Ahmed received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Bangladesh Medical College and Hospital and completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Yale New Haven Hospital St. Raphael Campus. Dr. Ahmed is board certified in Internal Medicine and board certified in Lifestyle Medicine by the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine (ABLM), showcasing her dedication to comprehensive patient care.

Dr. Ahmed is now accepting new patients and will be practicing at our adult medicine location at 1340 S. Division Street in Salisbury. For more information and appointments, please call 410-543-2060.

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WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON: February 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.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 presented for consideration at a Legislative Session of said County for the year 2025.

Legislative Bill No. 2025-02: An Act to Amend Chapter 37, Titled "Ethics Law", Article II, Titled "Ethics Commission, Section 37-5, Titled "Ethics Commission" to Require Special Legal Counsel for the Ethics Commission to Avoid a Conflict of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest.

Bill Number No. 2025-02 was adopted by the County Council for Wicomico County, Maryland in Legislative Session and will take effect 60 days from the date it becomes law, subject to the referendum provisions of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY
IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION
BY: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator
18581 SI 3/11 CT 3/12/2025

Public Notice

COMMISSIONERS OF HEBRON HEBRON, MARYLAND 21830 410-742-5555

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF HEBRON ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, TO ELECT THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS

In a concerted effort of the Commissioners of Hebron, we urge you to Vote!
If you are interested in being a candidate for Commissioner – file a Certificate of Candidacy with the Town Administrator/Town Clerk, which may be obtained from the Clerk of the Town of Hebron.

Candidates for Commissioner must file a Certificate of Candidacy showing their intention to run with the Town Administrator/Town Clerk no later than ten (10) days prior to the election. Each Candidate at the time of filing must also file the form required by the Ethics Ordinance of the Town of Hebron. The last day on which the Certificate can be filed is March 26, 2025. Each Commissioner shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) years on the day of election, shall have resided within the corporate limits of Hebron for not less than six (6) months prior to the date of his or her election and shall have been a qualified registered voter of the town for six (6) months next preceding his election. The Commissioners must continue to reside within the Town for the entire term of his or her office.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY – Any person who is properly registered to vote in any special or general election in the State of Maryland, or who is on the voter registration rolls of the Town of Hebron, and who shall have resided in the Town of Hebron for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding any town election shall be a qualified voter of the town. Every qualified voter shall be entitled to vote in all town elections. Contact Town Hall for absentee ballots after March 27, 2025.

CANDIDATE FILING---CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY TO BE FILED BY MARCH 26, 2025
GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
AT THE TOWN HALL 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

18590 SI 3/11,18; CT 3/12,19/2025

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WICOMICO COUNTY
STATE OF MARYLAND
CASE NO. C-22-CV-25-000067**

LOUISSAINT FRANCOIS
1008 Fairground Drive, Apt. 1, Salisbury, MD 21801

Plaintiffs

vs.
EVANS FAMILY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.
c/o Leath Property Management
P.O. Box 3500, Salisbury, MD 21802-3500,

Serve: Clayton Evans, Resident Agent
530 Riverside Drive, Ste. 207
Salisbury, MD 21801,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND
125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21801,

Serve: Paul D. Wilbur, County Attorney
115 Broad Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

and

All persons that have or claim to have any interest in property described as
204 Poplar Street, Fruitland, MD 21826, Tax Account No. 16-025100

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property sold by the Collector of Taxes for Wicomico County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:

204 Poplar Street, Fruitland, MD 21826
Tax Account No. 16-025100

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has expired.

It is thereupon by the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Wicomico County, Maryland, once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 5th of May, 2025, and redeem the property 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

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Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WICOMICO COUNTY
STATE OF MARYLAND
CASE NO. C-22-CV-25-000058**

TIRORO ARISTIL
C/O: MICHAEL CROWSON, ESQ.
913-B SNOW HILL ROAD, SALISBURY, MD 21804

Plaintiff

v.

ALICE HEMMEIAN MINISTRIES, INC.
ALICE M. HEMMEIAN, R.A.
5 MYSTIC HARBOR, BERLIN, MD 21811

and

ALICE HEMMEIAN MINISTRIES, INC.
ATTN: OWNER/PRESIDENT
PO BOX 1702, BERLIN, MD 21811

and

WICOMICO COUNTY, MD
C/o: PAUL D. WILBER, ESQ.
115 BROAD STREET, SALISBURY, MARYLAND 21801

and

**ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS that have a claim to have an interest
in that certain real property described as:**

**2,500 Sq. Ft; SS Lincoln Ave
City of Salisbury
TAX MAP: 0112-0019-3309
TAX ACCOUNT NO. 13-068380**

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

2,500 Sq. Ft; SS Lincoln Ave; City of Salisbury
Tax Map: 0112-0019-3309; Tax Account No. 13-068380

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

It is thereupon this date of 21st of February, 2025, by the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland,

ORDERED. That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order of Publication in the Salisbury Independent, a newspaper having a general circulation in Wicomico County, Maryland, once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by this date of 25th day of April, 2025, and redeem the property 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, of the Circuit Court
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**WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON: February 4, 2025 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 presented for consideration at a Legislative Session of said County for the year 2025.

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.

Bill Number No. 2025-01 was adopted by the County Council for Wicomico County, Maryland in Legislative Session and will take effect 60 days from the date it becomes law, subject to the referendum provisions of the Charter of Wicomico County, Maryland.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY
IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BY: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator
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**This Week's
Crossword Answers**



Public Notice

**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

March 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.**

DMV Exclusives, LLC, in accordance with Section 225-67 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, requests a Special Exception – Cannabis Business (dispensary) on property owned by Larger Properties 2, LLC and located north of Salisbury, at 9156 North Ocean Highway in the C-2 General Commercial Zoning District. M-20, G-6, P-362, L-6A

Kathuria Farms, LLC and International BioRefineries LLC, in accordance with Section 225-154 of the Wicomico County Zoning Code, appeals the Enforcing Officer's (Zoning Administrator) decision that the processing of poultry litter generated on the property through the operation of a biorefinery facility is not an allowable accessory use in the A-1 Zoning District. M-19, G-16, P-74

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

J. Phillips Wright, Jr. – Chairman
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Notice to Creditors

Arlette K. Bright, Esquire
1002 Eastern Shore Dr., Unit B
Salisbury, MD 21804-6462

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27970**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **DIANE MARIE NALTY**

Notice is given that Elizabeth Nalty Griffin, 111 Canal St., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-2724 was one February 25, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Diane Marie Nalty who died on January 23, 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 25th day of August, 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.

Elizabeth Nalty Griffin
Personal Representative

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

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Notice to Creditors

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Salisbury, MD 21801

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27931**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **DAVID MACK PAOLONE**

Notice is given that David Michael Paolone, 5677 Mount Hermon Church Rd., Salisbury, MD 21804-2751 was on February 10, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Mack Paolone who died on September 19, 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 10th day of August, 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 Michael Paolone
Personal Representative

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Register of Wills for
Wicomico County
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Notice to Creditors

**Susan Seidel Tilghman, Esquire
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110 N. Division St.
Salisbury, MD 21801**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27971**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **JUNE GILLESPIE**

Notice is given that Patti Griffin, 12899 Whitesville Rd., Delmar, DE 19940-4206 and Tammi Hudson, 17161 Arvey Rd., Laurel, DE 19956-3053 were on February 26, 2025, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of June Gillespie who died on December 13, 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 26th day of August, 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.

Patti Griffin
Tammi Hudson
Personal Representatives

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Notice to Creditors

**Dale E. Watson, Esquire
906 Eastern Shore Dr.
Salisbury, MD 21804**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27874**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **LAWRENCE JOSEPH BRINSON**

Notice is given that Lisa Anne Brinson Parsons, 501 Hayward Ave., Fruitland, MD 21826-1420 was on February 10, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Lawrence Joseph Brinson who died on December 20, 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 10th day of August, 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.

Lisa Anne Brinson Parsons
Personal Representative

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Register of Wills for
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Notice to Creditors

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27962**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MADELINE M QUINLEY**

Notice is given that Amy Carter, 34774 Legacy Ln., Pittsville, MD 21850-2256 was on February 24, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Madeline M Quinley who died on May 24, 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 24th day of August, 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.

Amy Carter
Personal Representative

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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.: 27930**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **FOSTER REID MORROW JR.**

Notice is given that Laura J Degeorge, 3374 Redden Ferry Rd., Eden, MD 21822-2230 was on February 24, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Foster Reid Morrow Jr. who died on January 3, 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 24th day of August, 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.

Laura J Degeorge
Personal Representative

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Notice to Creditors of a Settlor of a Revocable Trust

To all persons interested in the trust of Lynne S. Skiles:

This is to give notice that Lynne S. Skiles died on or about January 7, 2025. Before the decedent's death, the decedent created a revocable trust for which the undersigned, Michael E. Lehr, whose address is 181 Harry S. Truman Pkwy #150, Annapolis, MD 21401, is now a trustee.

To have a claim satisfied from the property of this trust, a person who has a claim against the decedent must present the claim on or before the date that is 6 months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the undersigned trustee at the address stated above. The claim must include the following information:

- A verified written statement of the claim indicating its basis;
- The name and address of the claimant;
- If the claim is not yet due, the date on which it will become due;
- If the claim is contingent, the nature of the contingency;
- If the claim is secured, a description of the security; and
- The specific amount claimed.

Any claim not presented to the trustee on or before that date or any extension provided by law is unenforceable.

Trustee: Michael E. Lehr

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27960**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARGARET O PALMER**

Notice is given that Deborah P. Wessels, 26235 High Banks Dr., Salisbury, MD 21801-2309 was on February 24, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Margaret O Palmer who died on January 22, 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 24th day of August, 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.

Deborah P. Wessels
Personal Representative

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27929**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **THOMAS DOUGLAS FOXWELL JR.**

Notice is given that Tracey Dawn Powell, 6017 Rockawalkin Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801-2253 was on February 7, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Thomas Douglas Foxwell Jr. who died on January 9, 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 7th day of August, 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.

Tracey Dawn Powell
Personal Representative

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27932**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **RAYMOND D. WEISS**

Notice is given that Clifton Krieg Jr, 6698 Grays Mill Rd., Warrenton, VA 20187-9280 was on February 10, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Raymond D. Weiss who died on December 9, 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 10th day of August, 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.

Clifton Krieg Jr
Personal Representative

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 26965**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **ASSADE AMISIAL**

Notice is given that Finese Amisial, 1604 Liam Dr., Salisbury, MD 21801-2589 was on February 21, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Assade Amisial who died on May 12, 2022 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 21st day of August, 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.

Finese Amisial
Personal Representative

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**Rachel B. Harris
PO Box 62
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27936**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **EDWARD WILLIAM TATTERSALL SR.**

Notice is given that Randolph Dorsey Tattersall, 294 Orchard Grove Way, Camden Wyoming, DE 19934-4932 was on February 11, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Edward William Tattersall Sr. who died on December 19, 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 11th day of August, 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.

Randolph Dorsey Tattersall
Personal Representative

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**Robert A. Eaton, Esquire
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Estate No. 27956**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Chancery court of Sussex county, Delaware appointed Hannah E. L. Phillips, 803 E Grove St., Delmar, DE 19940-1307 as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald A. Phillips Sr. who died on October 8, 2024 domiciled in Delaware, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for service of process is Robert A. Eaton whose address is 121 E Market St., Salisbury, MD 21801-4926.

At the time of death, the decedent owned real or leasehold property in the following Maryland counties: Wicomico County, Maryland.

All person having claims against the decedent must file their claims with the Register of Wills for Wicomico County with a copy to the foreign personal representative 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 foreign personal representative mails or 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 two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

Hannah E. L. Phillips
Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27933**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **CHRISTINE RENEE HATTON**

Notice is given that Jessica Amber Brown, 26778 Porter Mill Rd., Hebron, MD 21830-1029 was on February 26, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Christine Renee Hatton who died on January 5, 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 26th day of August, 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.

Jessica Amber Brown
Personal Representative

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27769**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **SANDRA BETH HIBBLE**

Notice is given that Debra Reynolds, 12796 Oak Rd., Greenwood, DE 19950-5501 was on February 27, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sandra Beth Hibble who died on October 17, 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 27th day of August, 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.

Debra Reynolds
Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27969**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARY ROSE BUTLER**

Notice is given that Donald F. Adwell, 15 Willow Spring Dr., Edgewater, MD 21037-1007 was on February 25, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Mary Rose Butler who died on February 6, 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 25th day of August, 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.

Donald F. Adwell
Personal Representative

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Notice to Creditors

**Victor H. Laws, III, Esq.
Laws, Insley & Benson, PA
PO Box 75
Salisbury, MD 21803-0075**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 27964**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARLENE LOUISE PULHAMUS**

Notice is given that Thomas E. Pulhamus, 957 Alexandria Dr., Newark, DE 19711-7711 was on February 25, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Marlene Louise Pulhamus who died on February 15, 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 25th day of August, 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.

Thomas E. Pulhamus
Personal Representative

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“Your investment in our community will make a difference now and for generations to come, addressing our region’s most pressing needs,” said Erica Joseph, CFES President. “Since Endow Maryland tax credits are limited, we urge you to call the Foundation about this opportunity or speak with your financial advisor,” she added.

The Community Foundation’s Lower Shore Scholarship Fund is another unique opportunity which qualifies donors for the Endow Maryland Tax Credit. Donors can support scholarships which help students at local colleges. Each year Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore will receive equal grants from the Community Foundation to support students who are residents of the tri-county region. Each school will be empowered to prioritize recipient selection to meet emerging student and workforce needs. To learn more about how you can make gifts to the Community Foundation that qualify for an Endow Maryland tax credit, visit CFES.org/endowmd or call 410-742-9911.

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EDUCATION

Four from Salisbury University among Leadership Maryland Class of 2024 Graduates

Salisbury University

SALISBURY — Four Salisbury University professionals recently graduated from Leadership Maryland Class of 2024 programs.

“On behalf of our staff, board, and membership, I congratulate the Emerging Leader first class and Executive Program Class of 2024 on completing the programs and joining our alumni family,” said David Fike ‘16 (LM), president and CEO of Leadership Maryland.

Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of SU’s Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts, was among the 52-member Executive

Program’s 31st graduating class.

“Each class year brings its own unique lessons, and I am proud to have witnessed the ways the Class of 2024 embraced each one on their journey to become a force for positive change in their organizations, communities, and state,” said Fike.

Dr. Deirdra Johnson, associate vice president of student affairs; Lauren McDermott, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) practice manager, and Jessica Iacona Jahnke, Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) associate director, were among the 39-member inaugural cohort of the Emerging Leader Program.

“When we decided to launch this new program, our goal was to enhance the opportunity to meet incredible community leaders and rising stars from around the state, and I am honored to have spent the last six months with them on this journey,” said Fike. “I know they will use this experience to be more adaptive and impactful leaders in their careers and communities.”

The 2024 graduates join Leadership Maryland’s alumni network, consisting of more than 1,500 esteemed leaders from all over the state.

Leadership Maryland’s Emerging Leader Program is open to individuals who are advancing in their ca-

reers, are actively involved in their communities, and desire to become stronger leaders in both areas. Members have a desire to learn more about Maryland’s most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities and their state.

Founded in 1992, Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational, non-profit organization designed to inform top-level executives, from the public and private sectors, about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing Maryland and its regions.



ABOVE: Jessica Iacona Jahnke, BEACON assistant director; Dr. Deirdra Johnson, SU associate vice president of student affairs; Lauren McDermott, ESRGC practice manager. PROVIDED



RIGHT: Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of SU’s Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts. PROVIDED

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