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Top teachers recognized at Teacher of the Year celebration

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SALISBURY — Over the past few months, the 26 teachers who are 2024-2025 semifinalists participated in a series of scored activities, starting with a public speaking challenge called the Fishbowl. They then completed a written prompt packet, and interviewed with a blue-ribbon panel of judge who are all past Wicomico Teachers of the Year. Scores from these three activities were compiled to determine the four teachers with the highest scores. These teachers were announced April 10 as the finalists.

2025 Finalists for Wicomico Teacher of the Year:

Fruitland Primary: Kellie Harvey, NBCT, Music

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Wicomico High's Emma Cohn Matthews Named 2025-2026 Wicomico Teacher of the Year



Emma Cohn Matthews, center, reacts to the announcement that she is the Wicomico Teacher of the Year during an April 10 celebration. PROVIDED/TRACY SAHLER

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SALISBURY — Emma Cohn Matthews, an English teacher at Wicomico High School, was named the 2025-2026 Wicomico Teacher of the Year April 10 during the Teacher of the Year Celebration held at Venue 54 in Delmar, Md.

Cohn Matthews, 29, is in her seventh year as an English teacher at Wicomico High. She attended Salisbury University, receiving her bachelor's degree in English Secondary Education (2018) and master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction (2023). She is currently pursuing a doctoral de-

gree in Literacy Studies at SU, and is working toward National Board Certification.

"I hope that my students know that they always have a safe place in my classroom, and I hope that I can

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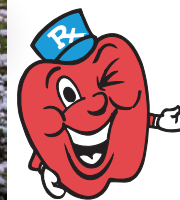
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provide them the skills to become successful and critical thinkers once they leave my classroom,” Cohn Matthews said in her semifinalist video interview. “I take a lot of time to maybe not learn all the languages, but try to learn a little bit of the languages of some of the students that I teach so that way I can, at a bare minimum, try to find ways to communicate with them. I take a lot of time to learn what their interests are so I can talk to them about their interests. I do whatever I can to hopefully allow them to have them have a space where they can be themselves.”

Cohn Matthews began teaching with Wicomico County Public Schools in August 2018, and has spent all seven years at Wicomico High. She is in her fifth year as the PBIS chair and her second year as the English

and World Language Department chair. Cohn Matthews is an advisor of WiHi’s GSA, an after-school tutor, a mentor teacher and an adjunct professor at Salisbury University. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, National Education Association and the Maryland Literacy Association.

“Education is not just about delivering content, it’s about empowering students to see themselves as capable, valued, and prepared for the future,” Cohn Matthews wrote in the written prompt packet that was part of the Teacher of the Year judging process. “Through my research and practice, I remain committed to ensuring that the curriculum serves as a bridge to student success, rather than a barrier. As I continue my research and teaching, I am committed to advocating for student-centered instruction and shaping learning environments that foster both

academic and personal growth.”

Following the announcement of her name on Thursday evening, the Board of Education presented her with the traditional engraved golden apple award that the Board gives only to the Wicomico Teacher of the Year.

Celebration at the New Teacher of the Year’s School Friday Morning

Cohn Matthews was celebrated at Wicomico High the morning of Friday, April 11, when she arrived in a classic 1949 Buick Super driven by Wicomico band teacher and auto enthusiast Buck Burton. Her school and her school system said they are proud to have Cohn Matthews represent all Wicomico teachers.

“We are thrilled that Emma Cohn Matthews of Wicomico High School now represents all of Wicomico’s more than 1,400 teachers as the 2025-2026 Wicomico Teacher of the Year,” Su-

perintendent of Schools Dr. Micah Stauffer said. “She is an excellent teacher who will represent her content area, school, Wicomico County Public Schools, and all WCPS students and teachers very well in the Maryland Teacher of the Year Recognition Program.”

The Maryland Teacher of the Year Recognition Program includes Maryland State Board of Education recognition in late May and the Maryland Teacher of the Year Gala in October, as well as a host of activities throughout the next year.

The school district said it is proud to have had three former Maryland Teachers of the Year working in the school system on behalf of students: Aaron Deal, April Todd and Bonnie Walston (now retired). Many of Wicomico’s Teachers of the Year have been finalists for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Finalist

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North Salisbury Elementary: Jessica Hanes, ESOL

Prince Street Elementary: Stephanie Mills, 4th Grade

Wicomico High: Emma Cohn Matthews, English

Emma Cohn Matthews (Wicomico High), the highest-scoring finalist, was named the 2025-2026 Wicomico Teacher of the Year.

Wicomico County Public Schools and the Wicomico County Board of Education thanked 2024-2025

Wicomico Teacher of the Year Debbie Reynolds (Wicomico Middle) for serving as such an excellent representative of all educators in Wicomico Schools. Ms. Reynolds delivered the keynote address at the Teacher of the Year Celebration.

2025 Rising Star Award

In connection with the Wicomico Teacher of the Year Recognition Program, Bill and Teresa McCain and the McCain Foundation recognized Kelly Hendra, who teaches 2nd Grade math, science and social studies at Prince Street Elementary School, as the winner of the 2025 Rising Star Award for outstanding second-year

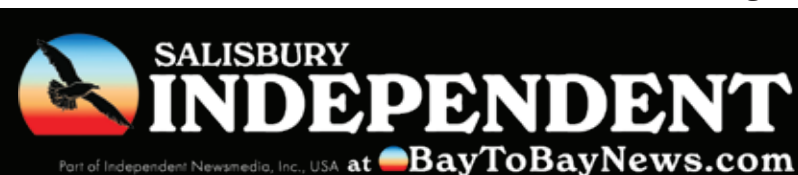
teachers. As the “Rookie of the Year” among teachers new to the profession, Hendra received a personalized baseball bat and a check for \$1,000 from the McCain Foundation.

Hendra joined Wicomico County Public Schools in August 2023 as a teacher at Prince Street Elementary. She earned her bachelor’s degree from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

“I believe I’m making a difference in my classroom and in this school by helping my students find their voice and passion, and what truly drives them to learn,” Hendra said in her Rising Star video. “I focus on bringing out

their creativity through the arts, role playing and of course mathematics. To keep students engaged I incorporate room transformations that bring our curriculum to life. For example, I turned my classroom into a jungle for our habitats lesson, creating an immersive learning experience.”

In addition to the winner, the finalists for the Rising Star Award were Rich Kaiser (Criminal Justice, Parkside High/CTE) and William Mills (Physical Education, Wicomico Middle).



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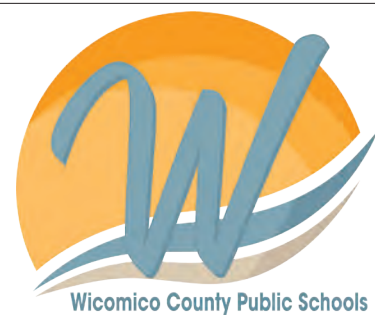
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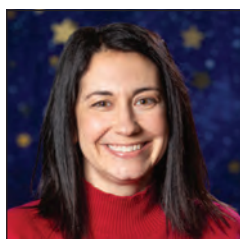


Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists

SALISBURY — In addition to the Wicomico County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, 25 semifinalists were celebrated during an April 10 ceremony in Salisbury. The educators took part in several scored activities by the school district to determine the final winner. Photos by Jen Seay Campbell.



Beaver Run Elementary:
Cierra Elzey
Prekindergarten



Bennett Middle:
Candice Bailey, 6th
Grade English Language
Arts (ELA)



Charles H. Chipman Elementary:
Shelley Smith,
ESOL



Delmar Elementary:
Ashley Mallory,
2nd Grade



East Salisbury Elementary:
Christina Osterwalder,
5th Grade



Fruitland Intermediate:
Andrea Urban,
4th Grade



Fruitland Primary:
Kellie Harvey,
NBCT, Music



Glen Avenue Elementary:
Jennifer Fitzgerald,
Lead Math Intervention



James M. Bennett High:
Jamie Eakin,
Biology/AP Biology



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



North Salisbury Elementary:
Jessica Hanes,
ESOL



Northwestern Elementary:
Charlie Echard,
4th Grade



Parkside High/CTE:
Mollie Schoenfelder,
Health Education and
Teacher Academy of
Maryland



Pemberton Elementary:
Erin Lukas,
Special Education



Pinehurst Elementary:
Robert Nevrlly,
5th Grade



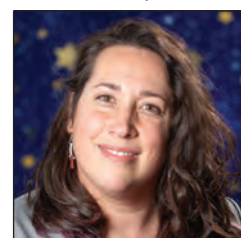
Pittsville Elementary & Middle:
Lindsay Smack, NBCT,
Physical Education & Health



Prince Street Elementary:
Stephanie Mills,
4th Grade



Salisbury Middle:
Lisa Blagus,
NBCT, Math



West Salisbury Elementary:
Lauren Gilmore,
NBCT, 1st Grade



Westside Intermediate:
Kara Watson,
2nd Grade



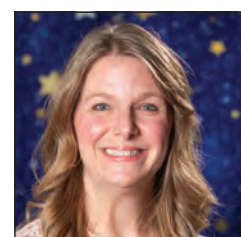
Westside Primary:
Mary Hammond,
Prekindergarten



Wicomico High:
Emma Cohn Matthews,
English



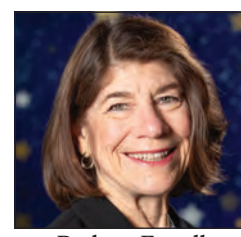
Wicomico Middle:
Bettina Postles, NBCT,
Ph.D., 7th Grade Science



Willards Elementary:
Jamie Spears,
Prekindergarten



Andrew Jung, Social
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for the English Language
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Barbara Farrell,
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 **Be truthful.** Base your opinions/arguments on facts. Value honesty. Make only accurate statements when making your point and avoid exaggeration and stereotypes. When appropriate, cite your sources of information that others may question.

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

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

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

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

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OPINION

News flash — Free trade is a good thing

President Donald Trump, by his own declaration, loves tariffs. In fact, “tariff” is his “favorite word.” Tariffs purportedly produce funds — “billions and billions, more than anybody has ever seen before” — which can be used for essential spending or to reduce taxes and, meanwhile, will “bring back jobs.”

The president is all in on his enthusiasm. As matters now stand, he is imposing both universal baseline, as well as country-specific, tariffs, affecting more than \$1 trillion of imports. This compares to the mere \$380 billion in tariffs passed in 2018 and 2019 by the first Trump administration but will rise to \$1.4 trillion when/if the temporary exemptions for Mexico and Canada expire in April.

There is a logic to tariffs that appeals to those with a protectionist bent. If foreign producers are selling in your country and taking profits that could otherwise be earned by domestic enterprises, why not make the cost of doing business higher for them and keep the profits at home?

Yet the history of tariffs is, to put it kindly, dismal. The 1930 Smoot-Hawley tariff is America's best known and most instructive experience with protectionism. In 1929, the League of Nations passed a resolution declaring that tariffs were destructive and should be ended by all. When Smoot-Hawley was introduced, Franklin Roosevelt campaigned against it. After the bill passed, 1,028 economists — and even some business leaders, like Henry Ford — urged a veto.

President Herbert Hoover termed the measure “vicious, extortionate and obnoxious.” He signed it anyway

at the urging of his advisers. Americans, especially the agricultural sector, were facing a perceived problem with overproduction, mainly due to electrification and other labor-saving innovations. Republicans generally agreed that prices were too low and that it would help pull us out of our economic slump if American producers were shielded from foreign competition.

Big mistake. Trading partners had warned of retaliation, and indeed boycotts and reciprocal trading restrictions soon broke out. Canada, our most loyal trading partner, imposed tariffs on 30% of our products and formed closer economic ties to the British empire. France, Britain and Germany all formed new trading alliances.

Yet, initially, the medicine seemed to be working. Factory payrolls, construction contracts and industrial production all profited from the reduced market competition.

But the loss of the inherent advantages of trading soon became clear. From 1929-33, U.S. imports fell 66%, and exports decreased 61%. World trade nearly ground to a halt, falling by two-thirds from 1929-34.

Unemployment was about 8% when Smoot-Hawley was enacted, but the promises to lower it further never panned out. The rate jumped to 16% in 1931 and 25% in 1932-33, falling back to pre-Depression levels only during World War II.

Tariffs didn't cause the Great Depression, but they clearly deepened and prolonged it. Without Smoot-Hawley, it might have just been another temporary recession, not much worse than many other economic downturns in our history.

The take-home message is that free trade is a voluntary interaction that reliably promotes prosperity, both in theory and in practice. It is a classic win-win for participants, in contrast to protectionism, which is based on the principle that the stronger party wins by defeating the weaker one.

The 2018-19 tariffs imposed by Trump and expanded by the Biden administration proved the point once again, by reducing long-term gross domestic product by 0.2% and resulting in the loss of 142,000 full-time-equivalent jobs.

Still, Trump favors strength and domination, based on negotiations where he “holds the cards.” The lack of success last time has not dissuaded him from unleashing a barrage of tariffs with impositions, pauses, increases, suspensions and escalations that have left producers around the world desperately scrambling to protect their businesses by anticipating his next move.

Trump is playing with fire here. If he does ignite a trade war that results in another downturn, he may find that the American economy is not as resilient as it once was. Decades of uncontrolled deficit spending have left us deeply in debt and without the reserves necessary to withstand much more fiscal abuse.

The lessons of history and the laws of economics are clear. Tariffs don't work. Proceed with caution.

Tom Patterson is a retired physician and former Arizona state senator who lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

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

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180 nonprofit professionals attend the Lower Shore Nonprofit Summit

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SALISBURY — More than 180 professionals and students attended the 2025 Nonprofit Summit: Together, for Good, the region's largest professional development opportunity for nonprofit staff and volunteers.

Held March 28th, the event kicked off with a keynote address from Dr. Lili Leonard, Founder of Black Dog

Philanthropic Consulting who spoke on resilience, collective impact, and the power of perseverance. The sold-out conference is hosted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES), the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES), and Salisbury University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE).

A full day of breakout sessions covered nonprofit technology, ethics, fundraising, grant writing, and more. The event was sponsored by Avery Hall Insurance Group, Exelon, and Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children. Nonprofit professionals interested in attending should stay tuned for details from CFES and UWLES about next year's event.



Staff members from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, and Salisbury University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) helped make this Nonprofit Summit possible. PROVIDED

Bruce Rogers earns Perdue Executive Advisory Council Leadership Award

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SALISBURY — For more than 40 years, Salisbury University alumnus Bruce Rogers '78 has been a business and community leader on the Lower Eastern Shore.

The Executive Advisory Council of Salisbury University's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business recently recognized Rogers for his contributions to the region, presenting him with the Perdue Executive Advisory Council Leadership Award.

Rogers, retired president and CEO of the former Sherwood of Salisbury automotive group, earned SU's Alumni Leadership Award in 2023. The award recognizes alumni who participate in the life of SU through personal involvement on leadership committees, association with the student body and engaging with fellow alumni, augmented by their enhance-



From left: Perdue School Executive Advisory Council chair Wes Cox, senior advisor SVN Miller Commercial Real Estate; honoree Bruce Rogers; Dr. Christy Weer, dean of SU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business; and Perdue School Executive Advisory Council member Doug Wilson, managing principal Private Wealth Partners, LLC. PROVIDED

ment to the University's financial welfare.

A past chair of the Perdue School Executive Advisory Committee, he has been instrumental in the success of the school's annual student Entrepreneurship Competitions and Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation

Shore Hatchery entrepreneurship competition. He also has served on the SU Foundation, Inc., board of directors and has spent countless hours connecting students and alumni to influential business leaders throughout the Eastern Shore.

In addition to his dedication to

SU, Rogers has served on a number of local boards of directors, including those for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore; Calvin B. Taylor Bank; Wilmington Trust Company; Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD; and The Gunston School in Centreville, MD.

"Bruce's connection to SU and our students has never wavered," said Dr. Christy Weer, dean of the Perdue School. "His reputation as a lifelong alumni leader and commitment to supporting organizations on the Eastern Shore makes him incredibly deserving of this honor."

The name of each year's Perdue Executive Advisory Council Leadership Award winner is engraved on a plaque in the Perdue School. Each honoree also receives a commemorative award.

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Rotary Club of Wicomico County to host golf tourney

Rotary Club of Wicomico County

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The sponsorship deadline is May 28th. For more information, email us at WiRotaryDiscGolf@gmail.com. Visit wicomicorotary.com for Registration and Sponsorship information.

Annually, The Rotary Club of Wicomico County contributes over \$50,000 back into our community through the support of agencies and causes including: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Habitat for Humani-

ty, Life Crisis Center, scholarships for local high school and college students, The Christian Shelter, RYLA, Easter Seals Camp Fairlee, Polio Eradication (Global), Fruitland Community Center, HALO, Wicomico County Library, Field 7 ½, the construction of wheel chair ramps and much more.

The Rotary Club of Wicomico County meets every Tuesday at noon in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center at 500 Glen Avenue in Salisbury. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Wicomico County or to obtain membership information, please contact us at RotaryWicomico@gmail.com or visit the club's website at www.wicomicorotary.com.

Lower Shore Autism Community to host annual fundraiser

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SALISBURY — The Lower Shore Autism Community is gathering on Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m. for the 2nd annual "Spectrum Superstars 5K Run/Walk Race." The event will take place at The Salisbury Bible Fellowship located at 1500 Court Plaza Lane.

Officials said last year was a huge success and they are looking to make this year even better. Participants have the option to compete in the 5K race which is 3.1 miles or participate in the fun 1 mile walk. Dogs are also invited on the 1 mile walk as long as they always remain on a leash.

Families can enjoy light snacks and refreshments as well as free Playa Bowls. There will also be prize giveaways at the end of the race. Everyone will receive a T-shirt with the

purchase of a race registration. After June 13th, the organization can no longer guarantee a shirt, so register early.

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall male and female finishers as well as age group awards! Awards will be for 5K participants only and special prizes will be given out to 1 mile participants. Everyone will receive their own BIB.

If you would like to register or donate for this event:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Salisbury/LSAC5K>

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For more info, email Jayme Del Vecchio at jayme@lsautism.org or visit www.lowershoreautism.org



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Jail and correctional officers graduate

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Graduation exercises, which were held in Guerrieri Hall on the college

campus, featured a commencement address by Don Satterfield, director of the Dorchester County Department of Corrections.

Donald Rollyson Jr., associate director of the ESCJA, and Rob Dell'Erba, ESCJA coordinator, presided at the ceremony. Eric Weaver of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center was the class speaker.

In addition to Weaver, graduates included Christine Collins, Daniel

Deleon-Ortiz, Tamya Stanford, Teirra Thomas and Chavez Watson-Henry of Wicomico County Department of Corrections; Lauren Lintz and Lucas Webster of the Ocean City Police Department; Alexander Bjork, Autumn Harris and Shanell Taylor of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center; Gawhar Abdelmagid Mohamed, Justin Byrd, Devin Coulbourn Sr., Timothy Donalds, Elmer Gamez-Alfonso, Markayla

Godwin, LaWayne Harris, Noelson Jean Pierre, Acantha Joseph, Keisha Miles, Shar'Nell Miles, Maria Teresa Pastor and Stanley Saint Jean of Eastern Correctional Institution; Alexander Fehsenfeld and Don Kinnamon Jr. of the Dorchester County Department of Corrections; Kendall Reed of the Caroline County Department of Corrections; and Bryan Lamontagne and Randy Scott of the Talbot County Department of Corrections.



Officers from the Wicomico County Department of Corrections who graduated in the 120th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are, from left, Teirra Thomas, Tamya Stanford, Chavez Watson-Henry, Christine Collins and Daniel Deleon-Ortiz of the Wicomico County Department of Corrections. PROVIDED



Officers who graduated in the 120th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, from left, Lucas Webster and Lauren Lintz of the Ocean City Police Department; and Shanell Taylor, Autumn Harris, Eric Weaver and Alexander Bjork of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center. PROVIDED



Officers from the Eastern Correctional Institution who graduated in the 120th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, in front, from left, Gawhar Abdelmagid Mohamed, Keisha Miles, Shar'Nell Miles, Markayla Godwin, Acantha Joseph, Elmer Gamez-Alfonso and Maria Teresa Pastor. In the back row, from left, are LaWayne Harris, Noelson Jean Pierre, Stanley Saint Jean, Justin Byrd, Devin Coulbourn Sr. and Timothy Donalds. PROVIDED



Upper Shore jail and correctional officers who graduated in the 120th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, from left, Randy Scott and Bryan Lamontagne of the Talbot County Department of Corrections; Kendall Reed of the Caroline County Department of Corrections; and Don Kinnamon Jr. and Alexander Fehsenfeld of the Dorchester County Department of Corrections. PROVIDED

BUSINESS

Shore Legal Access welcomes Arthur as program fellow

Special to the Salisbury Independent
WICOMICO COUNTY — Shore Legal Access, a nonprofit organization that uses the legal system to protect and advance the economic stability of limited-income individuals and households on Maryland's Eastern Shore, welcomes attorney Matt Arthur, Esq. as its new Equal Justice Works Housing Justice Program Fellow.

Arthur, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, will join Shore Legal Access' housing team, which provides free representation to tenants facing eviction in the eight counties the organization serves: Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.

"We are honored to continue our

partnership with Equal Justice Works and excited to welcome Matt to our team," Shore Legal Access Executive Director Meredith Girard, Esq. said. "He brings experience working with tenants facing eviction and a passion for advancing access to justice for Eastern Shore residents who need it most. Matt will help us ensure that more tenants remain in their homes."

Equal Justice Works' mission is to create opportunities for lawyers to transform their passion for equal justice into a lifelong commitment to public service. The prestigious Housing Justice Program Fellowship, which places attorneys for a two-year period with organizations working at the front lines to advance access to justice, was created to provide representation for limited-means individuals who are currently, or at risk

of, experiencing housing instability and involuntary displacement, particularly due to eviction. Since 2022, Shore Legal Access has hosted four Fellows, including Arthur. Three former Fellows, Bibi Barnes, Esq., Elliott Earhart, and Pete Rolph, Esq., were hired to Shore Legal Access' staff in 2024 to continue their important housing work.

Arthur, a Maryland-native who completed his undergraduate studies at Washington College in Kent County, embodies Equal Justice Works' mission. He is passionate about using the law to help limited-income tenants remain in or achieve stable and safe living situations because he believes that everyone deserves a place to live, no matter their socioeconomic status. The consequences of losing one's home, Arthur notes, are often

financially disastrous and psychologically traumatizing. Arthur's role as a housing attorney at Shore Legal Access, as he sees it, is to be an advocate for people who too often don't have one.

Arthur's goals for the Fellowship, he says, are to "grow both as a lawyer and a person, while providing for the community in whatever way I can." Besides his passion for the law, Arthur is an avid reader, animal lover, and aspiring birdwatcher.

Shore Legal Access connects individuals and families with volunteer attorneys to ensure justice is for all. Focus areas include criminal record expungement, economic stability, family law, housing, and life planning. For more information or to support Shore Legal Access, call 410-690-8128 or visit shorelegal.org.

Meet Our New Provider

Victoria Carlino, PA-C

Chesapeake Health Care is pleased to introduce Victoria Carlino, PA-C, who joins our team as a Certified Physician Assistant.

Ms. Carlino earned both her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biology with Magna Cum Laude and Research Honors from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. She completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) at Wingate University in Wingate, NC. Before joining Chesapeake Health Care, Ms. Carlino worked as an Instructional Designer and Medical Scribe Training Specialist at Robin Healthcare, where she trained scribes in medical documentation and coding to support healthcare providers nationwide. She also has hands-on patient care experience as a Home Health Aide, assisting clients with personal care and medical needs.

Ms. Carlino will be a valuable addition to our team of providers in our Berlin office at 9958 N. Main Street. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 410-973-2820.

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HEALTH

Sonnier named TidalHealth's Marc McDonald Awardee

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY – TidalHealth has announced that physical therapist Angela Sonnier is the January 2025 recipient of the Marc McDonald Award.

Sonnier was recognized for her professionalism, compassion, and commitment to the healing and well-being of TidalHealth's patients:

"I would like to nominate Angela Sonnier for her outstanding contributions to the well-being of her patients and the daily motivation of her team members. Angela goes above and beyond in providing exceptional care, consistently creating a positive, supportive and motivating environment for everyone she works with.



Angela Sonnier is TidalHealth's January 2025 recipient of the Marc McDonald Award. PROVIDED

What sets Angela apart is her unwavering positivity and commitment to helping each patient not only meet their physical rehabilitation goals but also feel empowered throughout the process. Her genuine compassion, patience, and personalized approach make every session something to look forward to, and her ability to bring out the best in each individual is truly remarkable.

Whether it's a challenging recovery or a more routine therapy session, all the patients enjoy working with Angela because she always approaches every situation with a smile and an infectious enthusiasm, fostering both physical progress and emotional well-being. Her professionalism, skill,

and dedication inspire confidence and make her an irreplaceable asset to her patients and the team as a whole.

For all these reasons and more, Angela deserves to be recognized for the incredible difference she makes in the lives of those she treats and those who work with her."

The Marc McDonald Award is given to TidalHealth team members in the fields of physical, occupational and speech therapy in recognition and memory of Marc McDonald, an outstanding lead physical therapist at TidalHealth Nanticoke in Seaford, Del. He passed unexpectedly in 2022, but not before leaving a legacy of exceptional patient care.

HEALTH

TidalHealth Peninsula Regional announces 2024 Physician and APP of the Year

Special to the Salisbury Independent

SALISBURY – TidalHealth Peninsula Regional has announced that John Hamilton, MD, has been named its 2024 Physician of the Year, and Georgia Kousoulis, PA-C, has been named its 2024 Advanced Practice Provider (APP) of the Year.

Dr. Hamilton was selected for his dedication, selflessness, professionalism, and strong ethical and moral standards. As the chief of anesthesiology, he leads the team from the frontline. He works hard, takes challenges positively, and shows fairness and equitability to his fellow physicians and other team members. He



John Hamilton, MD.

is always professional whether it is resolving conflicts among team members, negotiating staffing, or allocating resources to meet the needs of the



Georgia Kousoulis, PA-C.

hospital and community. He plays a pivotal role in keeping things together and getting things done smoothly and quietly.

Kousoulis, a physician assistant in the neurology department, was selected for her compassionate care and hard work. She is loved by patients and their families and is frequently praised for her bedside manner and positive attitude. Nurses on 5 Layfield and 2 Layfield love working with her. She puts her heart into everything she does and keeps the neurology team running smoothly.

The medical staff of TidalHealth Peninsula Regional congratulates Dr. Hamilton and Ms. Kousoulis on their selection as Physician and APP of the Year.

2025 Maryland General Assembly final session update

By Sen. Mary Beth Carozza's office

Special to the Salisbury Independent
ANNAPOLIS — On the final day of session, the Maryland General Assembly approved a \$67 billion budget for fiscal 2026 including \$1.6 billion in new fees, including a new 3% sales tax on IT and data services. Passing a balanced budget is the only constitutionally-mandated duty of the Maryland General Assembly.

Budget and Taxes

“This budget hurts Marylanders at every level, from low to middle to high-income families,” said Senator Mary Beth Carozza, who voted against the operating budget and tax increases. “The biggest losers in this year’s budget are individual taxpayers and Maryland businesses as well as local governments as the State continues to pass along costly unfunded mandates to the locals.”

“With a \$3 billion budget deficit predicted to grow to \$7 billion in the next three years, we knew going into this session that we were facing extremely difficult budget challenges,” said Senator Carozza. “But it was wrong for the Democrat leadership to push these huge tax hikes and put the burden of Maryland’s budget crisis on the back of Marylanders.”

During the Senate vote on the budget reconciliation bill, Senator Mary Beth Carozza stated “I represent a district that borders two other states, so I’m especially sensitive to businesses, retirees, and other constituents who have already left or are planning to leave Maryland. Our constituents were hit with a \$3.3 billion budget deficit and were hit again with skyrocketing energy costs. They expected us to bring forward proposals that balanced



State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza addresses business owners, elected officials and members of the public during an April 2024 forum in Salisbury. Richard Caines Salisbury Independent

the budget without harming them further, and given all the challenges our constituents are facing, I strongly reject and voted against this year’s budget and historic tax increases.”

Senator Carozza joined with her Senate Republican colleagues in offering an alternative budget proposal that would have cut \$1.8 billion and did not include tax increases. The proposal included:

- A 5% across the board spending cut for state agencies;
- A state employee hiring freeze

and pause in planned cost-of-living salary increases;

- Pausing spending increases for the Blueprint education plan; and
- Rolling back Medicaid eligibility that has been significantly expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently a family of four making \$100,000 is eligible for Medicaid.

During the Senate budget debate, Senator Carozza offered an amendment which would have paused fund increases to the Blueprint for the next two fiscal years.

This pause in incremental fund increases would save Maryland taxpayers \$88 million. Additionally, the pause would have allowed state and local education authorities and stakeholders, including parents and teachers, time to address existing concerns with the Blueprint so that Maryland can maximize its potential benefits.

“I believe this pause is the time we need to take a hard look at the recommendations of the local superintendents to work with all of our education partners, to guarantee

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Assembly

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the success of the Blueprint at the local level, therefore benefiting our state's most important resource: our students," Senator Carozza said on the Senate floor. The amendment was rejected by a 13-30 vote.

Capital Budget Highlights

The Maryland General Assembly also approved the Capital Budget in the final days of the 2025 legislative session, which includes funding for several local projects in Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties. Senator Carozza voted for the capital budget. Here are District 38 highlights:

Worcester County:

\$2 million, Ocean City Beach Replacement and Hurricane Protection Program

\$250,000, Worcester County Fire Training Tower

\$79,000 Atlantic General Hospital

\$20,000, Worcester County Humane Society (secured by Senator Mary Beth Carozza)

Wicomico County:

\$35 million, Salisbury University Blackwell Hall Renovation

\$2.2 million, TidalHealth Peninsula Regional

\$1.5 million, Salisbury Regional Airport

\$361,000, Salisbury University Blackwell Hall Student Services Center

\$200,000, Mason Dixon Complex – Phase II (secured by Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Delegate Barry Beauchamp)

\$150,000, Parsonsburg Fire Company Community Center (secured by Delegate Wayne Hartman)

\$75,000, Wicomico Nursing Home (secured by Senator Johnny Mautz)

\$20,000, Wicomico County Humane Society Shelter Construction (secured by Senator Mary Beth Carozza)

Note: Wor-Wic Community College will receive an unspecified amount for their Maintenance Building Expansion through the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program. 14 Community Colleges will receive in total \$3,011,000.

Somerset County:

\$8.7 million, Somers Cove Marina Bulkhead Replacement and Facility

Improvements

\$5.8 million, ECI High Temperature Distribution and Perimeter Security Improvements

\$1 million, UMES New Residence Hall

\$100,000, Walter Polk American Legion (secured by Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Delegate Charles Otto)

Energy Legislation

The Maryland General Assembly approved Senate Bill 909 (Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act) amended, and Senate Bill 931 (Renewable Energy Certainty Act) amended, and Senate Bill 937 (Next Generation Energy Act) amended to address Maryland's energy crisis.

Senate Bill 937 would expedite the approval process for up to 10 energy projects in Maryland that meet the definition of "dispatchable energy." Four non-emission-generating projects must be approved for every one project that generates emissions. The bill also creates a separate procurement process of new nuclear projects and battery storage projects.

"Along with an unseasonably cold winter, the long-time push for renewable energy and climate change mandates to electrify Maryland's energy grid, the premature retirement of coal and oil generation facilities without an adequate replacement, and the growing reliance on energy from outside of the state have led to Maryland's energy crisis and skyrocketing rates for ratepayers," said Carozza.

"Our constituents expected us to take action on ratepayer relief and to incentivize in-state generation of electricity, and these energy bills simply did not go far enough to ensuring the lowest cost and greatest benefit to Maryland ratepayers." Senator Carozza voted for SB 937, noting the legislation takes small steps in increasing nuclear energy and natural gas energy generation, and provides minimal ratepayer relief.

Senator Carozza voted against Senate Bill 931, the Renewable Energy Certainty Act. "This bill was problematic from the start as it makes it easier for the Public Service Commission to approve large-scale solar projects across the state and override local zoning decisions, putting agricultural land and greenspace at risk," said Senator Carozza. "This would be especially hurtful to our farm community on the Eastern Shore."

Senate Bill 931 would place a five percent cap on solar development in each county's priority protection area, after

which zoning authority would revert from the Public Service Commission back to the county. In essence, this undermines the ability of county governments to act in the best interest of their local communities regarding the regulation of renewable energy.

Senate Bill 909 requires long-term comprehensive energy planning and policy options for meeting the State's energy needs while ensuring electric system reliability and cost-effectiveness.

"We should have been doing long-term energy development planning all along, and then we would have known the true and full costs of alternative energy development like offshore wind before spending millions of dollars on costly State subsidies benefitting foreign offshore wind energy developers," said Senator Carozza. "I will continue to push the Public Service Commission and my colleagues to utilize methods of calculation that factor in that wind and solar are intermittent sources of energy that are supplemented by other energy sources which ends up costing the ratepayers."

Senators Carozza and Steve Hershey (District 36 – Upper Shore) introduced Senate Bill 675, legislation requiring a full cost analysis of energy generation including offshore wind. Senator Mary Beth Carozza voted for SB 909.

Second Look

The Maryland Second Look Act (House Bill 853) will allow individuals serving life sentences who committed their crimes when they were between the ages of 18-25 to petition for an early release after serving at least 20 years. This includes those convicted of the most violent crimes including rape and murder. These individuals can make repeat petitions every three years, retraumatizing the family and loved ones of their victims over and over again. These "look backs" are in addition to 17 other opportunities for reduced sentences that already exist in Maryland law.

"This is a pro criminal bill that would retraumatize victim's families," said Carozza. "This legislation would allow someone convicted of murdering a pregnant woman to have a second look, it would allow someone convicted of murdering a victim under the age of six to have a second look, it would allow someone who was convicted of being involved with heroin or fentanyl to have a second look, it would allow someone convicted of murder involving a victim 65 years or older or with a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability

to have a second look, and it would allow someone convicted of murder involving more than one victim to have a second look. The families of the victims will never have a second look," said Senator Carozza when casting her "no" vote in opposition to House Bill 853.

Senate Republicans attempted to amend the bill to exclude the worst offenders, and were successful on one account. An amendment by Senator Jack Bailey (District 29 – St. Mary's) received bipartisan support to remove the early release option for those convicted of murdering first responders in the line of duty.

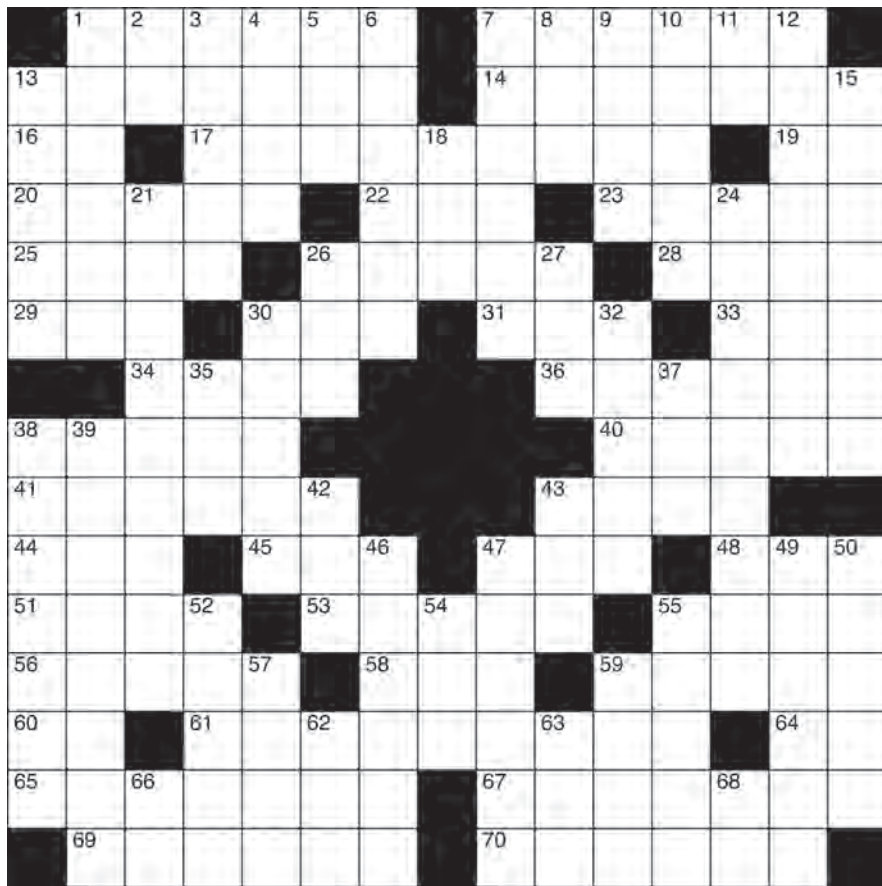
"As I cast my vote in support of this pro first responders amendment, I thought of Corporal Glenn Hilliard, Corporal Keith Heacock, and Correctional Officer Gregory Collins, and how they were killed in the line of duty and how their families are living with the devastation of losing their loved one," said Carozza. "These families don't get a second look at their loved one, and this amendment ensures that those convicted of killing our first responders will not get a second look and early release from prison."

The pro first responders amendment passed on a close 24-23 vote. Fortunately, the amendment survived and was part of the final bill. Senator Carozza voted for the Bailey amendment and voted against the final bill.

Law Enforcement Win on House Bill 1222

Sheriffs and law enforcement from across the State of Maryland gathered in Annapolis on March 27 to keep the pressure on in strong opposition to House Bill 1222, which would end the 287g programs in Maryland, a program that allows local law enforcement to work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to remove violent offenders from our local communities.

The final version of HB 1222 approved by the Maryland General Assembly on Sine Die did NOT eliminate the 287g programs in Maryland. "This program has allowed for a strong partnership between local law enforcement and federal ICE officials in keeping our communities safe from violent criminals," said Senator Carozza. "I especially am grateful to Sheriff Lewis, Sheriff Crisafulli, and Sheriff Howard for the extra effort they made to be in Annapolis to oppose the elimination of the 287g program in Maryland."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks
7. Construct a wall to confine
13. Most inappropriate
14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. __ Ladd, actor
36. A medium oversees it
38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong
41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians

51. As fast as can be done

53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French coin
59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound
67. Weathers
69. Denouncements
70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut
2. It cools a home
3. Kisses (French)
4. Oxford political economist
5. Keyboard key
6. Leaf pores
7. Agrees with publicly
8. Not around
9. Czech city
10. Muscle cell protein
11. Greek letter
12. Movements
13. Ned __, composer
15. Popular series Game of __
18. Exclamation that

- denodisgust

21. Helper
24. Gift
26. Up in the air (abbr.)
27. Treat without respect
30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely
35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
38. Island nation
39. Delivered in installments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
54. Married Marilyn
55. An ancient Assyrian city
57. Congressmen (abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
63. Between northeast and east
66. Atomic #71
68. Email designation



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Plaintiff

VS.

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And

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND
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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 the County of Wicomico and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:
"Sale No. 182 Account #14004521 Property in the 14 Election District of Wicomico County described as follows: 38.73 AC WS Bent Pine Rd S of Willards"
IT IS thereupon this 7th of April, 2025 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 once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 13th day of June, 2025 and redeem the property "Sale No. 182 Account No:14004521 Property in the 14 Election District of Wicomico County described as follows: 38.73 AC WS Bent Pine Rd S of Willards" 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.
Failure to answer or redeem this property within the time allowed may result in a Judgment foreclosing the right of redemption.

Matthew A. Maciarelllo
Judge

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Public Notice

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

IN THE MATTER OF WICOMICO WILBER SOLAR 1, LLC, WICOMICO WILBER SOLAR 2, LLC, AND WICOMICO WILBER SOLAR PROJECT 3, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT 3 CO-LOCATED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITIES TOTALING 15 MW IN WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO. 9771

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

A public comment hearing in the above-entitled matter is scheduled for **Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**, via virtual meeting, concerning Wicomico Wilber Solar 1, LLC, Wicomico Wilber Solar 2, LLC and Wicomico Wilber Solar Project 3, LLC's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Maryland Public Service Commission.

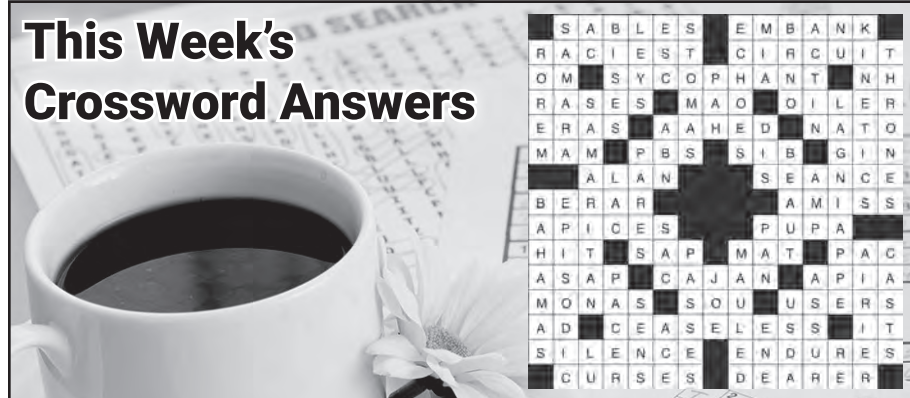
The hearing will include a presentation by the Applicant, followed by an opportunity for the public to provide comment.

If any member of the public would like to participate in the hearing, you may sign up through the Public Service Commission of Maryland's website <https://www.psc.state.md.us/> by **Friday, May 2, 2025**. Under the "Featured Topics" section on the right side of the website, take the following steps: click on Public Comment Hearing Sign Up; click on Case No. 9771; click on May 5, 2025; select 7:00 PM and click on "next"; and enter your name and email address and click "Schedule Event." You will receive a zoom link once you have completed the sign-up process.

If a member of the public does not wish to speak, the public hearing may be viewed only on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube Channel, <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>. Please direct any questions about the public hearing to psc.pulj@gmail.com and **include a reference to Case No. 9771** in the email.

Written comments on the proposed Project may be submitted electronically through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us, or by first-class mail with the Commission's Chief Clerk, Jamie Bergin, Maryland Public Service Commission, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, and must reference Case No. 9771. Pursuant to the Commission's March 13, 2020 Notice of Waiver and Relaxed Filing Requirements, no paper copies need be submitted if the filing is public in nature and no more than 25 pages in length. The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing. Instructions for e-filing are found under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>.
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WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

The County Council proposes to enter into a Tower Lease Agreement with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a tower structure and parcel of land located at 21083 Cedar Hill Parkway, Bivalve, MD (Tax Map 53, Parcel 1113). The purpose of the lease agreement is to extend the tower structure twenty feet and provide land space to install, maintain, upgrade, replace and operate communication equipment. The proposed Tower Lease Agreement is for a term of 5 years, commencing May 2025, with four renewal terms of five years each. The annual base rent for the initial term is \$24,400 per year, adjusted thereafter each year by two percent.

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

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator
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ESTATE OF **PATRICIA ANN SMITH MALONE**

Notice is given that Nelson E. Malone Sr., 427 Parkwood Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-2803 was on March 14, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Patricia Ann Smith Malone who died on January 17, 2025 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of September, 2025.

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

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or

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

Nelson E. Malone Sr.
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **HELEN RUTH SENKBEIL**

Notice is given that Peggy Walette Webster, 26675 Nanticoke Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801-1657 was on March 14, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen Ruth Senkbeil who died on February 14, 2025 with a will.

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

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

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Peggy Walette Webster
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **MICHAEL L. TINDALL**

Notice is given that Victor C. Tindall, 315 N Park Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-5117 was on March 20, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Michael L. Tindall who died on March 13, 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 20th day of September, 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:

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(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.

Victor C. Tindall
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **MARGARET M. PARKER**

Notice is given that Carol Meister, 504 Cleveland Ave., Salisbury, MD 21801-6102 was on March 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Margaret M. Parker who died on July 31, 2020 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 30th day of September, 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

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Carol Meister
Personal Representatives

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **DONALD HARRY LEKITES**

Notice is given that Daniel P. Lekites, 11032 Grays Corner Rd., Berlin, MD 21811-3160 was on March 17, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Donald Harry Lekites who died on February 27, 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 17th day of September, 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.

Daniel P. Lekites
Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 28022

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **DIANE DOREEN MCNUSS**

Notice is given that Clarissa Alice Barnes, 8343 Capel Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122-4827 was on March 14, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Diane Doreen McNuss who died on December 29, 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 14th day of September, 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.

Clarissa Alice Barnes
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Steven J. Einhorn, Esq.
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 28047

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **TERESA MARSHALL**

Notice is given that Brian C. Marshall, 5285 Fuss Ln., Lothian, MD 20711-2503 was on March 21, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Teresa Marshall who died on January 19, 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 21st day of September, 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:

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(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.

Brian C. Marshall
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **DAVID JAMES HARKINS**

Notice is given that Audrey H. Harkins, 30705 Foxchase Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804-2542 was on March 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David James Harkins who died on March 25, 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 30th day of September, 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.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **PATRICIA J. TONEY**

Notice is given that Cathleen Schaber, 62 Jacobstown Arneytown Rd., Wrightstown, NJ 08562-2016 and Peter Frantzen, 700 Darley Green Dr., Apt. 712, Claymont, DE 19703-3120 were on March 18, 2025, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Patricia J. Toney who died on January 10, 2025 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal 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 18th day of September, 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:

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(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.

Cathleen Schaber
Peter Frantzen
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 28031

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **DENISE T. HARDEN**

Notice is given that William H. Harden Sr., 29600 Stillwood Dr., Delmar, MD 21875-2563 was on March 18, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Denise T. Harden 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 representatives or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th day of September, 2025.

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

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death; or

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William H. Harden Sr.
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **WILLIAM L. SCHIAVO**

Notice is given that Stephanie Schiavo Chance, 2247 Yardarm Dr., Greenbackville, VA 23356-3015 was on March 20, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of William L. Schiavo who died on March 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 20th day of September, 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.

Stephanie Schiavo Chance
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **DAVID DUANE LANTZ**

Notice is given that Linda Christine Jackson, 411 Slab Bridge Rd., Fruitland, MD 21826-2219 was on March 17, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Duane Lantz who died on May 26, 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 17th day of September, 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.

Linda Christine Jackson
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **JANIE PITTMAN MELVIN**

Notice is given that Charles H. Melvin, 8526 Northumberland Dr., Delmar, MD 21875-2209 was on March 5, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Janie Pittman Melvin who died on February 24, 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 5th day of September, 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.

Charles H. Melvin
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **GEORGE RANSOM REYNOLDS**

Notice is given that Julian A. Hurley Jr., 3536 Navigator Dr., Greenbackville, VA 23356-2508 was on March 14, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of George Ransom Reynolds who died on February 24, 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 14th day of September, 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:

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Julian A. Hurley Jr.
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **VIVIAN L. HOPRICH**

Notice is given that Jeffrey S. Hoprich, 137 Shore Dr., Roanoke, VA 24012-9060 was on March 14, 2025 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Vivian L. Hoprich who died on May 21, 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 representatives or the attorney.

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Jeffrey S. Hoprich
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **EDWARD MARSHALL PERDUE**

Notice is given that David Perdue, 34689 Wango Rd., Parsonsburg, MD 21849-2146 and Connie Wood, 7601 Holt Rd., Parsonsburg, MD 21849-2555 were on March 21, 2025, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Edward Marshall Perdue who died on February 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 21st day of September, 2025.

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David Perdue
Connie Wood
Personal Representatives

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **SHIRLEY MAE RITTENHOUSE**

Notice is given that Teresa Gale Rittenhouse, 410 Patriot St., Seaford, DE 19973-1553 was on April 3, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Shirley Mae Rittenhouse who died on November 14, 2019 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 3rd day of October, 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

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Teresa Gale Rittenhouse
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ESTATE NO.: 28043**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **JOAN MAXFIELD**

Notice is given that Jerrona Truitt-Smith, 26807 Robert Burns Ln., Salisbury, MD 21801-2303 was on March 20, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joan Maxfield who died on February 2, 2025 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 20th day of September, 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.

Jerrona Truitt-Smith
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
ESTATE NO.: 28039**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE
ESTATE OF **JOSEPH THOMAS SCHMIDT**
AKA: JOSEPH SCHMIDT

Notice is given that Margaret M. Kubicki, 3819 E Amelia Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85018-5207 was on March 19, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joseph Thomas Schmidt AKA: Joseph Schmidt who died on December 10, 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 19th day of September, 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.

Margaret M. Kubicki
Personal Representative

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Estate No. 28026**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Orphans court of Sussex county, Delaware appointed Julie D. Johnson, 5197 Summiit Bridge Road, Middletown, DE 19709 as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Victoria Elizabeth Martina who died on September 12, 2024 domiciled in Delaware, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for service of process is Heather R. Konyar, Esquire whose address is 313 Lemmon Hill Lane, Salisbury, MD 21801.

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

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.

Julie D. Johnson
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARJORIE MARIAN O'DELL**

Notice is given that Kerica Contreras, 31810 Melson Rd., Delmar, MD 21875-2065 was on March 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Marjorie Marian O'Dell who died on March 25, 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 30th day of September, 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.

Kerica Contreras
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **GAIL A. MOORE**

Notice is given that Erika G. Lecates, 7534 Gumboro Rd., Pittsville, MD 21850-2017 was on March 18, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gail A. Moore who died on March 8, 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 18th day of September, 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.

Erika G. Lecates
Personal Representative

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **GERALD BENJAMIN LONG**

Notice is given that Tyrone Mills, 8166 Memory Gardens Ln., Hebron, MD 21830-1055 was on March 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gerald Benjamin Long 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 30th day of September, 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.

Tyrone Mills
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS ESTATE NO.: 28066

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **RANDY W. FAUST SR.**

Notice is given that Sherrie R. Mishico, 13 Junction Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3457 was on March 31, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Randy W. Faust Sr. who died on February 16, 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 30th day of September, 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.

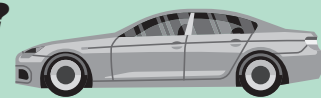
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