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Arline Arnold, a co-founder of Ladles of Love soup kitchen at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, socializes with senior citizens as they eat the meal she helped prepare.

## Local soup kitchen serves food with ladles of love

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Every Wednesday in Indian Head, people in need of a free hot meal will find a soup kitchen where the food is cooked with love and will keep their stomachs warm.

Arline Arnold is a co-founder of Ladles of Love soup kitchen at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, along with six other women who decided to have an eat one/take one theme. She and her husband, Clarence Arnold, are also the founders of The Arnold House, a soup kitchen which originated out of their home in Waldorf.

"What the name represents for us is that as cooks, the ladle is

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Louis Bassett, 12, a Rachel's Challenge anti-bullying club member at Matthew Henson Middle School, serves soup to Bryans Road resident Aria McClean, 2, at Ladles of Love soup kitchen on Dec. 14.

## Legislators take questions from education union

Topics include budget, cyberbullying, violence against teachers

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Elected leaders met with educators Thursday night for a question-and-answer session on the future of education in Charles County.

Members of the Charles County Delegation to the General Assembly, the Charles County Board of Commissioners, the Charles County Board of Education and Charles County Sheriff Troy Berry (D) took questions

from members of the Education Association of Charles County, or EACC, during a dinner held at Milton M. Somers Middle School.

The EACC is the union that represents certified staff: teachers, administrators, counselors, some therapists, librarians, instructional specialists and others, said EACC president Linda McLaughlin.

Veronica McFadden, art teacher at Gale-Bailey Elementary School and EACC government relations committee chairwoman, moderated the event and asked questions which had been prepared

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## Waldorf man wanted after allegedly setting home on fire with wife, children inside

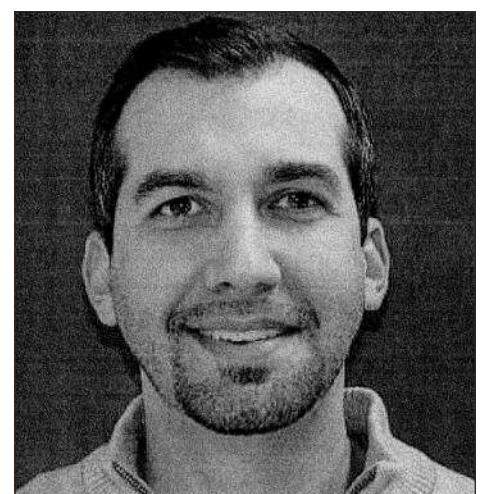
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Police are actively searching for a Waldorf man after he reportedly set fire to his home while his wife and children were inside, according to a news release from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Eric White, 40, has been charged with attempted murder and arson for reportedly setting the fire intentionally Thursday morning after a domestic dispute, authorities say.

Around 6:57 a.m., firefighters from the Waldorf volunteer fire department and the surrounding area responded to the two-story house located in the 6700 block of Coati Court after the occupants heard loud noises coming from the first floor, the release states. Fire marshals estimate that the fire caused \$35,000 in damages. The occupants have been displaced and are being assisted by family and friends.

Anyone with any information in reference to this fire or the whereabouts of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eric White, 40, has been charged with attempted murder and arson for reportedly setting the fire intentionally Thursday morning after a domestic dispute, authorities say.

Eric White are asked to call the State Fire Marshal's Office at 443-550-6820 or the Maryland State Police at 301-392-1200.

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## Conway found guilty, criminally responsible for murder, shooting

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After deliberating for about 15 hours over the span of three days, the jury found Caroline Conway guilty and criminally responsible Tuesday morning for shooting two, killing one, during what was supposed to be a custody exchange outside a Waldorf McDonald's last year.

Conway, 52, of Waldorf was found guilty of first-degree murder and attempted murder for shooting Robert Mange, 25, and Krystal Mange, 25, the mother of her son's two children, in May 2015. Robert Mange died soon after at a nearby hospital while Krystal survived.

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## Two killed in Newburg car accident

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Police say two men were killed in a three-vehicle accident on Friday night in Newburg.

Curtis Bell Jr., 46, of Galveston, Texas, and his passenger, Xavier Hayes of Houston, were both pronounced dead on the scene by emergency medical personnel, authorities reported.

Around 7:58 p.m. on Friday, Maryland State Police troopers responded to the crash at the

intersection of U.S. 301 and Orland Park Drive, a news release states. Preliminary investigation showed that Bell, driving a Honda Civic, reportedly failed to yield the right of way when turning left onto Orland Park Drive from northbound U.S. 301, causing the car to enter the path of a Mercedes Benz van heading south on U.S. 301. The Honda was struck on the

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