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“First Maryland” brigade at Gettysburg. Former Governor Thomas Holliday Hicks will be remembered at a 1 pm tribute at the Cambridge Cemetery.

The oldest of eight children, Anna was born in Somerset County at her family’s home, Kingston Hall. Her father, Thomas King Carroll, was a lawyer, tobacco farmer and one-time Maryland Governor. Anna was schooled in politics and business as his assistant for almost a decade. She is buried next to both of her parents at Dorchester’s Old Trinity Church near Church Creek Maryland. AEC Day includes a graveside tribute to Carroll at 2:00 pm at Old Trinity Church.

Anna Ella Carroll was recognized by the Maryland Society of Pennsylvania in a 1959 monument

inscribed: “Maryland’s most distinguished Lady. A great humanitarian and close friend of Abraham Lincoln. She conceived the Successful Tennessee Campaign and guided the President on his constitutional war powers.” According Bittner, “Some believe her presence with Lincoln’s Cabinet was signified by the empty chair in F. B. Carpenter’s famous painting “First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation”. The painting was recreated in 2010 by Dorchester native, award-winning portrait artist Laura Era, the ‘new painting’ includes Anna’s image seated in the once empty chair draped by a woman’s shawl.”

For information and schedule, visit [www.FriendsofAnnaEllaCarroll.org](http://www.FriendsofAnnaEllaCarroll.org).

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**Life of Political Pioneer Anna Ella Carroll Celebrated August 24**

Dorchester’s rich history as a home to extraordinary political, business and literary figures comes to life Saturday, August 24 when the



Friends of Anna Ella Carroll presents a daylong celebration of this civil war era political pundit, presidential

advisor and “pamphleteer”. Events kick-off at the Dorchester County Public Library with an 11 am ceremony and continue with afternoon tributes, a concert at Christ Episcopal Church, and 6 pm showing of the film, “Lost River – Lincoln’s Secret Weapon” at the Historical Society, 1003 Greenway

Drive in Cambridge. All events are free and open to the public.

“Anna Ella Carroll Day provides our citizens with a unique opportunity to connect the County’s past as a center of commerce, culture and conviction with Dorchester’s role shaping American history,” said Keasha Haythe, Economic Development Director. “Carroll’s life is a testament to the strong and smart women who worked tirelessly behind the scenes at pivotal moments in our country, and whose efforts would be unknown were it not for the unwavering commitment of county residents.”

One such group of citizens working to keep Anna’s story alive and introduce the world to this pioneering woman is event organizer the Friends of Anna Ella Carroll. Reviving the long held commemorations that originated with the Veterans of the Civil War, and continued in various forms until

Anna’s niece Nellie Carroll passed away in the 1960’s, the Friends resuscitated the annual tributes on Carroll’s birthday in 2010 with the world premiere of the Lost River film.

Frank Bittner, President of the Friends, learned Anna’s story when he moved to Church Creek in 1997. “Living near the cemetery where Anna was laid to rest by her parents at the Old Trinity Church, I met people who were taught about her in school, or who attended earlier tributes; they told me then that they hoped to live to see the day when the world would learn about her great influence and role.” Thanks to Bittner’s groups’ efforts, that day is closer.

AEC day ceremonies also include tributes to two of Carroll’s contemporaries, James Wallace and Thomas Hicks. Cambridge born lawyer Wallace, a Maryland state legislator and Civil War hero, led the

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**WHO’S HIRING?**  
**Dorchester Seeks Business Development Manager**

Dorchester County is hiring an experienced Business Development Manager to connect business owners and entrepreneurs with the sites, services and strategies they need to start, expand or locate a business in the county. Reporting to the Dorchester Economic Development Director, this full-time position is responsible for cultivating business expansion and attracting new businesses to the County.

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"The Dorchester County Council recognizes the important role our office provides to help our county deliver the programs and services necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in our recently approved strategic plan," said DCED Director Keasha Haythe, adding, "Dorchester is a county on the move and we are looking for the right person to capitalize on our momentum and continue to make this a place where people can start, expand or relocate a business."

Recent new business openings on Main Street, renovation of the former Regina plant by GKD, and the state's re-designation of the county as a State Enterprise Zone create opportunities for new and experienced business owners. The Business Development Manager is a key member of the county's economic development team by helping businesses access support and services here.

Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business administration, urban planning, community development or a related field, and five years increasingly responsible professional service in economic or community development, real estate or public administrations. A comprehensive position description and application is available at [www.docogonet.com](http://www.docogonet.com).

Interested candidates must submit a completed county application by August 27. If you are – or know of – a qualified candidate looking to move Dorchester's economy forward, visit [www.ChooseDorchester.org](http://www.ChooseDorchester.org) for more information.

**NEW BUSINESS****Reale Revival Cuts Ribbon to Cambridge Brewery**

The long awaited opening by Dorchester natives Chris Brohawn and JT Merryweather was realized Saturday August 10 when more than 100 friends, family members, dignitaries, and drop-ins descended on downtown Cambridge for the grand opening of Reale Revival Brewery. As a dozen local and state elected and business development officials lined up behind the Chamber's welcoming banner, Brohawn and Merryweather took a pair of ceremonial scissors and cut the ribbon to their new brewery.

Keasha Haythe, Dorchester's Economic Development Director, offered her congratulations to JT and Chris for having the vision and tenacity to convert the vacant pool hall into a community asset. Haythe helped the co-owners secure a \$200,000 UMES, Rural Development Center loan to renovate the one time pool hall and bowling alley into the City's hip new destination. Haythe took time to thank Dorchester's delegation – Senator Colburn and Delegates Eckhardt and Haddaway – for their support and extended her best wishes to Cambridge Mayor Jackson-Stanley and Main Street's Mari Stanley for their role bringing Reale Revival Brewery to life.

As business owners from adjacent shops stopped in to offer their congratulations, and wayfaring visitors found themselves in the middle of the opening revelry, City Commissioners Robbie Hanson and Gage Thomas took a minute to enjoy Reale's debut brews: Nanticoke Nectar, an India Pale Ale, and Bucktown Brown, coffee-flavored brown ale.

In keeping with their motto, "Reale brew. Reale local.", the team also

debuted their partnerships with fellow Dorchester county residents and former high school classmates BJ Wheatley and Ian Campbell. Wheatley's original art – mural and collages – adorn the brewery's walls. And Campbell, Bistro Poplar's award-winning chef, unveiled "Bistro Eats", a pub menu for patrons featuring gourmet fries, hummus, curry roasted pistachios, naan pizza, a Cuban pork sandwich, and chicken salad wrap.

Visit [www.realerevival.com](http://www.realerevival.com), follow them on Twitter, or Like them on Facebook for news, information and special events.

**INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT****Dorchester's Food Processing Industry Profiled in International Article**

*The following excerpt appeared in "The Infinite Potential of Food and Feedstocks" in the January edition of Global Corporate Xpansion by Editor in Chief Rachel Duran. See the complete article at [www.GCXmag.com](http://www.GCXmag.com).*

Food processing companies and their suppliers also require acreage to support expansion plans, at favorable rates for real estate development.

Agriculture-related industries are also attracted to a regional technology industrial park opened in the winter of 2012 in Cambridge and Dorchester County, Md. The industrial park features complete infrastructure development, with available lots of 4 acres to 5 acres. The park is located adjacent to the Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport, and is one mile from U.S. Route 50.

"I believe the tech park is an opportunity for more food processing and agribusiness companies to locate here to Dorchester County," says Keasha Haythe, director, Dorchester

County Economic Development Department.

Haythe says Dorchester County, located on the eastern shore of Maryland, 75 miles from Baltimore and 80 miles from Washington, D.C., has a history in food processing activities. Its niche is in aquaculture, with companies processing tilapia, shrimp and oysters. "We used to have canneries, including Bumble Bee tuna," Haythe says. "We continue to be an ideal location for food processing and advanced manufacturing."

Haythe says the county's food processing cluster has begun to capitalize on the integration of science, technology and research to create clusters of innovation. For example, Interstate Container LLC has created a biodegradable wax-free food container, particularly well suited for the poultry industry.

A recent food industry expansion announcement in Dorchester County came from Protenergy Natural Foods, a Canadian company, which purchased the 200,000-square-foot building it had been leasing in the county, as well as a 67-acre site. The company expects to invest \$20.3 million, and plans to create 100 additional jobs, employing 200 people within the year, Haythe says. The company, a manufacturer of natural food and beverage products, has commissioned two additional production lines to meet demand, supplying to 17 of the largest U.S. grocery retailers.

"Protenergy demonstrates the importance of public and private partnerships to build a strong economy and create private sector jobs," Haythe says. The company was awarded a state-backed loan guarantee on a \$36 million bank loan, and was approved for a \$250,000 conditional loan.

**BUSINESS BRIEF****Gootee's Marine Goes the Distance for Dorchester Anglers**

When Phillip Gootee opened his boat dealership in the 1950's to serve the waterman who plied their trade on the waters in and around Dorchester, he hoped to help fisherman like himself secure the equipment, supplies, and services they needed to make a living. Little could he imagine half a century later, Gootee would become synonymous with Chesapeake Bay fishing and one of the largest boat dealer in the mid-Atlantic.

Serving professional and recreational anglers alike, and still owned and operated by the Gootee family, the flagship sales and service center is located in Church Creek. As their motto – Fishing Boats from Fishing Folks – indicates, Gootee specializes in fishing boats, motors and trailer packages.

According to Sales Manager – and third generation family member – Nick Gootee, who's 'worked here since before I was paid,' the company sold approximately 100 new boats in 2012. "Some of our most popular boats are Maycraft, G-3, and Sailfish."

The company employs 12 people in all of their divisions, including a charter fishing operation run by third generation family member Phillip Gootee from mid-April through November. Open year-round, this 'seasonal' business is just as busy in the off-season, participating in regional boat shows, performing maintenance on hundreds of boats, and preparing for the next seasons sales and charters.

To learn about Gootees, visit their website [www.Gootees.com](http://www.Gootees.com) or call 800-792-0082.

**REAL ESTATE NEWS****GKD Expands Cambridge Operations**

Dorchester-based GKD Metal Fabrics continues to expand its Cambridge operations to accommodate the company's growing business. They recently began final work on a \$900,000 renovation to the former Regina plant they purchased in 2011.

Scheduled for completion in September, GKD will move approximately 15 employees of their Industrial Business Unit to the 'new' space across the street from their Chesapeake Drive headquarters. Interior renovations – including new offices and air conditioning – and exterior work will be finished next month.

In addition to renovated manufacturing space, the newly outfitted building includes a product showroom, conference rooms, visitor amenities and offices for GKD's industrial unit. Project manager Sandra Hummer is confident the expansion will support and enhance the unit's success.

According to Hummer, GKD was committed to hiring local businesses to renovate the 64,000 square foot space. Dorchester's Crosby & Associates served as the project architect and Hill & Kimmel Contracting managed construction. The company plans to hold an event to mark the expansion by the end of the year.

After purchasing the building from Regina in 2011, GKD leased office space back to them for two years before launching the renovation. Regina continues to maintain a Dorchester location and moved into a 2,000 sq. ft. office suite in the former Sensata plant on Woods Road earlier this year.