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A blood drive will be held Thursday, October 6 by appointment only from 1-6:30 p.m. at Warfordsburg Faith Center.


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Wed. 9/21 87/63 
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30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, winds 10-16 mph.

Fri. 9/23 66/43 
Sunny with a high around 66 and a low near 43.

Sat. 9/24 71/48 
Sunny with a high around 71 and a low near 48.

Sun. 9/25 79/55 
Sunny with a high around 79 and a low near 55.

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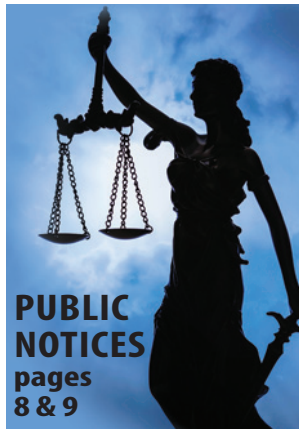
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Hancock Town Hall in the Park N Dine?

New owners propose leasing east end building to town

by Geoff Fox

Since Ben Lewis and Matt Goundry bought the shuttered Park N Dine restaurant earlier this year, people have been wondering what will become of the Hancock landmark.

After the September town meeting, Goundry told town officials he'd like to rent the restaurant building to the Town of Hancock and turn it into a new Town Hall and welcome center. Lewis attended the meeting, but stayed in the audience while Goundry made his presentation.

He proposed to renovate and lease the former restaurant as a town municipal center and welcome center in Hancock.

Goundry said the mindset he and Lewis had was that the location would make a lot of sense.

"We feel it's an opportunity for all," Goundry said. "So we'd like to talk to the council and ask how you guys feel about it and what it looks like."

Mayor Tim Smith agreed, saying he also looks at it as an opportunity not only for the owners but also the town.

"It definitely sets the tone that you guys are willing to be part of the community



and do whatever it takes to make things happen," Smith said about Goundry and Lewis bringing the idea to them.

Smith added he needed a little more information on the monthly and yearly costs of operating the current Town Hall building on High Street so he could compare the two buildings.

There had been discussions and talks about whether the town would want a municipal building in town as opposed to off Main Street.

"I think that's something we have to look at as well," Smith said.

Smith also said he'd need the numbers to see if a deal would be feasible.

Goundry didn't have those numbers available at the meeting but would be able to

get them to town officials at a later date.

Goundry said he didn't want to make the proposal unattainable, but wanted to make it workable for both parties involved.

As the building sits, Goundry said it doesn't necessarily have to be another restaurant, but it has been a focus of the town for over 75 years.

The square footage is in line with what the town would need to operate.

Goundry said the proximity and location of the building to everything are the pluses.

"It makes a welcome center that, in my opinion, would be bar none," Goundry said.

see **PARK N DINE PROPOSAL** page 6

The future of parking has arrived

Parking kiosks to replace meters downtown

by Geoff Fox

By now, you've probably seen a number of tall gray boxes spring up along Main Street and the parking lot by BuddyLou's. Those boxes are kiosks that will be replacing parking meters throughout town.

A company by the name of Pango installed the kiosks and has ownership over the kiosks.

Right now there are five kiosks already installed with a sixth planned for the municipal lot off Canal Street. These meters come at no cost to the town.

That parking lot will eventually have a pavilion, the guardrails replaced, and repaved.

Current parking meters will be removed, the poles will be capped off and remain for usage to hold flags and any decorating projects that come up through various groups.

The new kiosks will accept credit or debit cards as well as coins. There will be an app that will alert users if their parking meter time is about to expire.

Town Manager Mike Faith said if people came in and paid for two hour parking and were two miles down one of the trails, they can set it up to get an alert on a parking app and pay for extra time on their meter without coming back to their vehicle.

Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the parking kiosk in the Rail Trail parking lot by BuddyLou's would be set for free parking until a certain time on Sun-



Five kiosks were recently installed in Hancock where people would pay for their parking, be it along Main Street or in the Rail Trail parking lot. The kiosks, once operational, will accept credit/debit cards and coins only. The cost to park with the old meters will not be changing when the meter kiosks start working.

days as people park there to go to the Presbyterian church.

Parking in Hancock is usually free on Sundays anyway, Faith later said.

The kiosks can be turned on and off as the town sees fit. Two examples would be for the Halloween Parade next month, since people use the Rail Trail lot for parking during the parade, and possibly during the entire month of December.

"It will be up to mayor and council to decide," Faith said. "We want to make it as business friendly as possible."

The kiosks could also be set to give special messages on the receipt, which could help market events in Hancock or just give messages such as "Happy Holidays."

People who don't have smartphones can still use the kiosks by paying for parking with coins. The money earned from those coins goes directly to the town.

Faith said the parking rates on the kiosks would be the same rate as they are now on the regular meters. "Whatever it is, it's not going up," Faith said.

Any money brought in from the credit cards would be used as a way for Pango to recoup installation costs.

Lanehart said they would get a "pretty good portion" from the card use.

There will be a credit card fee for using the kiosk, Faith added.

see **PARKING** page 6

Hancock Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Main Street in Hancock.

Activities include a baby contest at noon on Saturday in front of the old Douglas building, kids games, vendor displays and food.

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Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Joseph Hancock Park.

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State adds jobs as unemployment rises

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released state jobs and unemployment data on September 16. According to the preliminary survey data, Maryland added 5,500 jobs and the unemployment rate increased to 4.3% in August.

An additional 13,400 individuals, many of whom left the labor force during the pandemic, began looking for work again.

The rise in individuals looking for work resulted in an increased unemployment rate—individuals are only considered unemployed if they do not have a job and are actively looking for work.

Compared with August 2021, Maryland jobs are up by 72,400, an over-the-year increase of 2.7%.

The Manufacturing sector continues to trend upward with full jobs recovery as of August. This sector now employs more workers than before the pandemic.

The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector experienced the most growth with an increase of 3,200 jobs from the Trade, Warehousing, and Utilities (1,900); Retail Trade (900); and Wholesale Trade sub-sectors (400).

Other sectors that experienced growth include: Professional and Business Services (1,700); Manufacturing (900); Education and Health Services Other Services (800); Financial Activities (800); Information (500); and Other Services (200). Total jobs in the Mining Logging, and Construction sector remained the same.

The Leisure and Hospitality sector decreased by 100 jobs.

July's preliminary jobs estimates were revised upwards by 2,000 jobs, from a gain of 12,000 jobs to a gain of 14,000 jobs. Since January 2022, Maryland has gained 51,900 jobs.

Town manager clarifies business grant specifics

by Geoff Fox

There has been some blowback on the town as they have approved \$10,000 grants to assist business owners to improve their building or business.

Town Manager Mike Faith said there had been consternation going around town regarding the grant program. He wanted to give people an idea of what it really does.

The money for each grant, which is up to \$10,000 per grant, comes from the town's interest in Trulieve. Trulieve was formerly known as Harvest.

There are two types of grants available – a business development grant, which is for the inside of the business; and a revitalization which is used for the outside of the business.

"As a town, we have to make sure we do it correctly," he said.

Faith said the town is stewards of the money and officials represent the taxpayers.

see **BUSINESS GRANTS** page 3


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History Matters

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The Grateful American Book Prize
by John Grimaldi & David Bruce Smith



September 16 through 30



On September 17, 1976, America’s inaugural space shuttle, the Constitution, was scheduled for lift off, but then according to the National Air and Space Museum—it was “rebranded” the USS Enterprise after “President Ford reportedly received thousands of petition signatures from avid Star Trek fans across the country.”

Subsequently, regular exploration of the heavens did not resume until the USS Columbia took off in April of 1981 from Cape Canaveral, FL. Its two solid-rocket boosters put the capsule into orbit for a two-day shakedown mission, and a “glider-like” return to Edwards Air Force in California.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The History of the American Space Shuttle* by Dennis R. Jenkins.

When the Revolutionary War started in 1775, the British navy was believed to be—unbeatable—until John Paul Jones, a bold, young, senior lieutenant in the newly established Continental Navy, “distinguished himself in actions against British ships in the Bahamas, the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel,” according to History.com.

Then, on September 23, 1779, Commander Jones—while aboard his vessel, the Bonhomme Richard—sighted two British warships on the eastern coast of England: the HMS Serapis, and the HMS Countess of Scarborough:

“After inflicting considerable damage to the Bonhomme Richard, Richard Pearson, the captain of the Serapis, asked Jones [to strike] his colors, the naval signal indicating surrender. From his disabled ship, Jones replied, “I have not yet begun to fight.” After three more hours of frenetic fighting, the Serapis and the Countess of Scarborough surrendered.

The Grateful American Book Prize suggests *Evan Thomas’ John Paul Jones: Sailor, Hero, Father of the American Navy*.



During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress dispatched John Adams to France “as minister plenipotentiary in charge of negotiating treaties of peace and commerce with Great Britain,” according to History.com.

By late in 1782, “The tide of the war was turning in America’s favor” and Adams returned to Paris in October of that year along with John Jay and Benjamin Franklin. Their mission was to negotiate a peace treaty between the American colonies and Great Britain and to put an end to the rebellion. It took almost a year but eventually, in early September of 1783 both sides signed the Treaty of Paris ending the American Revolution and formally recognizing the United States as an independent nation.

Adams was a Founding Father, America’s first vice president under George Washington, and the country’s second president.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Treaty of Paris: The Precursor to a New Nation* by Edward J. Renehan Jr.

EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
What’s new in food packaging to make it more sustainable?

— E.C., Bern, NC

Along with food waste, food packaging is a significant source of pollution, generating approximately half of the packaging waste in the United States. In the wake of growing concerns about climate change and food product packaging’s role in it, companies are taking action to make packaging more sustainable.

There are many changes in progress. Corn and cane sugar plants are being increasingly used as materials for packaging food. However, this system puts pressure on already-stressed agricultural land and can jeopardize food security, since crops that could be used for food itself are being used for other purposes. One solution is to use agro-food residue, the byproduct of agricultural production—cornstarch, rice husks, etc. that would otherwise be discarded—for food packaging. In this way, packaging can reduce agricultural material waste without threatening agriculture or food resources.

Companies have begun taking the whole life cycle of a product’s packaging, beyond just use and disposal, into consideration. In doing so, they have prompted designs of products made from and transported using sustainable materials, not just ones that can be recycled by customers. For example, Heinz is working with Pulpex to prototype a food-grade bottle made from sustainably-sourced wood pulp that can be recycled and biodegrades if it is thrown away. It has a 90 percent lower carbon footprint than glass and a 30 percent lower footprint than PET, a very common type of plastic in food packaging.

Other examples abound. Alter Eco worked with Natureflex to create truffle wrappers that are made from eucalyptus and birch and then lined with aluminum. The material reportedly composts in industrial settings and biodegrades in the ocean. Boxed Water is Better sells water in recyclable boxes, made of 75 percent paper that is flattened so efficient for shipping, allowing one truck to carry as many boxes to filling centers as 26 trucks carrying plastic bottles. The company also ensures that the paper comes from well-managed forests, that the material is free of BPA’s and other chemicals, and that part of the profit is invested in planting trees in deforested and fire-prone areas. Mondelez, which produces snacks like Oreos, and Wheat Thins, Ritz and Belvita crackers, has almost reached its goal of reducing its use of virgin plastic by 25 percent for rigid packaging and by five percent overall by 2025.

Such technologies are creating more effective food packaging that reduce waste, but these solutions face obstacles. Investing in sustainable materials and partnering to develop new ideas, combined with the supply chain and inflation disruptions associated with the pandemic, come with potentially-prohibitive financial costs that have impeded some planned transitions. Also, demonstrating the benefits of these changes has proven to be difficult, and “greenwashing”—marketing that overstates companies’ products’ environmental pluses—has made investors wary. However, the chances of success are significant as growing numbers of customers demand sustainable packaging. For example, 24 percent of young adults have indicated a willingness to pay five percent more for sustainably packaged food.

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Calendar of Events SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 26
– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha’s House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?
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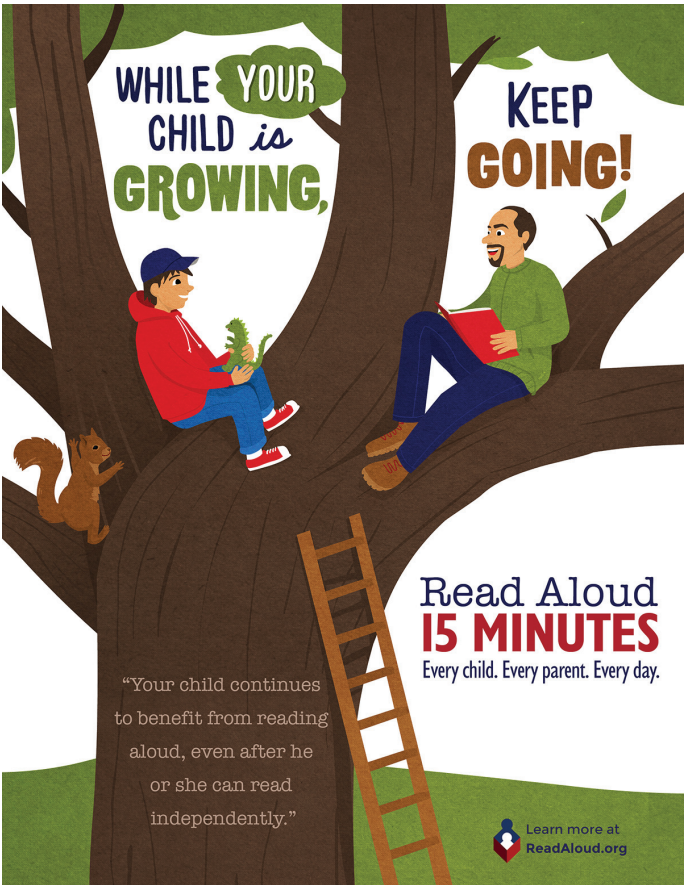
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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of September 12-18:

September 12
Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with one stop.
Assault in the 100 block of Franklin Street. Report to follow.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 13,000 block of Millstone Circle.

Trespassing in the 500 block East Main Street. Subjects issued trespass notice and removed.

Assist Maryland State Police at the four-mile marker of westbound I-70.

September 13
Assist Meritus Medical in the 200 block of Resley Street in locating a subject.

September 14
Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with six stops.
Disorderly conduct in the 200 block of High Street. Subjects advised.

Service to advise in the Hancock area. Subject advised.

Check well being at East Main Street/I-70. Subject gone on arrival and unable to locate.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office with a domestic in the 4000 block of Creek Road.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office with a check well being in the 100 block of Ford Drive. Subject found and safely taken home.

September 15
Disabled vehicle on West Main Street.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with five stops.
Animal complaint in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subjects advised.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 200 block of West High Street. Warrant served on Eddrick D'andra Fitzgerald, 40, of Hancock.

Traffic hazard in the 100 block of Fairview Drive. Subject advised.

Harassment in the 11,000 block of McKinley Drive. All subjects advised.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 13,000 block of Exline Road. Check well being.

Assist Morgan County Sheriff's Office at the Rt. 522 bridge. Vehicle chase.

September 16
Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 3000 block of Western Pike. Disturbance.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office on Bain Road with a 911 hang-up. Accidental.

Disturbance in the 100 block of West High Street. Advised of trespass order process.

Assist Maryland State Police at three-mile marker of I-70. Young female on bike on the interstate. Unable to locate.

Assist EMS in the 300 block of East Main Street. Female was unconscious in a vehicle. Transported by EMS.

Assault in the 100 block of West High Street. Under investigation.

Malicious destruction in the 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Broken window and report taken.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with six stops.

September 17
Accident on Blue Hill Road. Information exchanged.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office on Roberts Road. 911 hang-up. Area was checked and nothing found.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office on Tollgate Ridge Road. Project Live Saver Equipment.

Suspicious person in the 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. William Dailey, Jr., 37, of Hancock, was arrested on a warrant.

Suspicious person in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with seven stops.

September 18
Parking complaint in the first block of West Main Street. Owner contacted and moved vehicle.

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office with a suspicious vehicle on Hollow Road. Vehicle checked okay.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with six stops.

Big Pool man leads state police on high-speed chase

West Virginia State Police formed a rolling roadblock on Potomac Road early last Thursday, September 15, ending a high-speed chase that began at about 1 a.m. on Wilkes Street in Berkeley Springs.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Morgan County Magistrate Court by Trooper B.A. Meyers, police turned on their emergency lights and sirens after spotting a grey Mazda 3 with no registration turning left on Wilkes Street at Cacapon Road.

The Mazda reportedly kept going, with the marked cruiser close behind, heading north on Hancock Road, traveling through Jimstown at speeds of around 40 miles per hour, and crossing over into the opposite lane.

Police kept pace as the car turned right on Sand Mine Road, then started heading

north up Fairview Drive at speeds up to 80 MPH, passing three vehicles over blind rolling hills.

The driver of the Mazda, later identified as Michael L. Shrader, who turned 29 last Friday, of Big Pool, Md., allegedly reached speeds of 90 miles per hour after turning east on River Road past Pious Ridge Road.

Police officers safely brought the Mazda to a stop by forming a "rolling roadblock" in front of it on Potomac Road past Burnt Mill Road.

Shrader reportedly told police he thought they were "hit men" coming after him. According to the police report from Maryland, he has 75 prior convictions and three accidents.

Shrader is incarcerated at Eastern Regional Jail awaiting a hearing in the incident.

Head-on crash closes down 522

A two-vehicle collision along U.S. 522 near River Road on Monday shut down traffic movement for more than an hour in the morning.

According to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, a female driver operating a small passenger car was traveling south on U.S. 522 shortly before 6:30 a.m. when her vehicle went left of the center line and struck a work pickup truck head-on.

The female driver, who police said was from Berkeley

Spring, was seriously injured in the crash. Emergency responders established a landing zone in Clear Spring and flew her out for emergency medical care.

The driver of the pickup truck was checked over and released at the scene.

Deputy Bradley Knotts is the investigating officer in the incident. No further details about the cause of the accident were available at press time.

Business grants

(from front)

"We want the money to help the taxpayers, but we have a fiduciary responsibility to the rest of the taxpayers that aren't getting the money," he said, adding only a handful of town residents would be eligible for the \$10,000.

"We're trying to work with everyone," Faith said.

Fire and building inspections have raised some ire by those seeking the town grants.

"It's a government program," he said. "We just have to make sure to cross the T's and dot the I's."

All grant packets are public information if anyone wants to review them, he noted.

Faith said he wants the grant process and the grant itself to be transparent in case there is some scrutiny over it, even if he isn't in his position in 10 years or a new administration is voted in.

Faith said the town wants to be in a position where they can show what was done and

why, along with enough documentation to make sure everything in the grant was satisfied.

"People have concerns and I think they're legitimate concerns, but we just have to go about things a certain way and the wheels of government turn, but they turn slowly," he said.

When applying for a grant, Faith said the grant is first looked over by himself and Town Advisor Bill Valentine before going to the Grant Committee, which is made of three people – Dan Murphy, John Cohill, and Eric Exline. They make the recommendation to pass a grant onward to the mayor and council.

There have been some requests that have gotten to the committee and been passed back to be reworked.

The grants, Valentine said, are for businesses only and the business has to be in place already.

He said those guidelines are very specific.

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Stone Bridge Church of the Brethren, 14904 Orchard Ridge Road, Hancock, 301-582-4135 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:35 a.m. Rev. Harry E. Strite.

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Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church, Church and High Streets, Hancock, 301-678-6569 - Sundays 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Family Communion 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and adult education 5 p.m. youth fellowship. Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall. Rev. Magaret S. Brack, Priest-in-charge.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 Douglas Street, Hancock - Sacrament meeting 10 a.m. Sunday school 11 a.m. Bishop Christopher Hartman.

Buck Valley Zion Lutheran Church - Monthly church services will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Mother Marguerite Brack.

St. Peter's Catholic Church, 16 E. High Street, Hancock, 301-678-6339 - Weekend Mass schedule: Sunday morning: 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Weekday Mass schedule: Monday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Mission Church-St. Patrick's, Little Orleans: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Rev. John J. Lombardi.

Corner Independent Church, Corner Road, Big Cove Tannery, Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Richard Bernhard.

Sideling Hill Charge: Catalpa U.M. Church, Rt. 144 west of Hancock about two miles, turn left on Willow Road. Go about five miles, bear right at fork. Church about one mile on right. Sunday service 8:30 a.m.

Piney Plains U.M. Church, Exit 72 off I-68, left off exit, then right at stop sign, right on Mann Road, cross back over I-68 and then left on Faith Circle, follow to end, Little Orleans - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Barbara Suffecool.

Hancock United Methodist Church, 170 West Main Street, Hancock, 301-678-6440 - Sunday School all ages 8:30 a.m. Worship service 9:30 a.m. Pastor Becki Wessinger.

Hancock Grace Church of the Nazarene, 304-258-4412 - Sunday school 11 a.m., Sunday morning worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Pastor Rodney Truax 304-676-3306.

Non-Denominational Service, Seavolt Road, Hancock, 304-274-2353 - Campground ministry at Happy Hills Campground every Sunday 10 a.m. Pastor Tim Staubs.

Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 11 a.m. Senior soup and sandwich first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Church Social Room. Pastor Terry Martin-Minnich.

Grace Christian Fellowship, 130 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hancock, 301-678-6036 - Sunday services: Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting. Rev. Edward Guyer.

Hancock Church of God, 7528 Millstone Road - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services 7 p.m. Pastor James Touchton.

Tri-State Community Church, 326 E. Main St., Hancock, across from CNB Bank, 301-302-6412 - 6 p.m., Saturday, Adult truth, teen thrust sixth grade and up. Children blast fifth and under. Pastor Alan Myers.

Orchard Ridge First Church of God, 13642 Orchard Ridge Road, 301-678-7267 - Sunday morning worship 9 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Kids club and youth group 6 p.m. Rev. Jeffrey Hawbaker.

IST Evangelical Methodist Church, 11510 Price Road, Little Orleans, 240-609-6770 - Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible study 7 p.m. Darhl Trail, Jr.

Bethel Community Church, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday night fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Rev. Joe Martin.

Berkeley Baptist Church, Route 522 and 13, 304-258-4101 - Youth Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service and children's church 10:45 a.m. Food pantry distribution site call for more infor. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Joey N. Giles, Jr.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 9 a.m.

Damascus Christian Church, Big Cove Tannery, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 a.m. Pastor Travis Mellott. Sunday services online.

Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-2212 - Sunday school and life groups 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Monday 8:45 a.m. ladies Bible study, Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Awana for children. Pastor Doug Poffenberger.

Love Assembly of God, 4 miles south of Berkeley Springs on Rt. 522 - Sunday praise & worship 10 a.m., children's church and youth services 11 a.m., Tuesday family night and kid's club 7 p.m. Pastor Dave Kidwell.

Gospel Light Tabernacle, 21 Gospel Lane on Williams Street, Berkeley Springs - Sunday school and worship/children's church 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Shane Boyer.

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, 14464 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-678-5340 - Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Warren Ensor and Deacon Emmanuel Ensor.

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Robert Burton.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church 12517 St. Patrick Road, SE, Little Orleans, 301-678-6339 - Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Rev. John Lombardi.

Needmore Full Gospel, six miles north of Hancock on Rt. 655, 717-294-3100 - Regular services: Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Evangelistic service 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. Rev. John Lewis.

Cedar Grove Christian Church, Rt. 522 at 643 near Dott, Pa. - Sunday school 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:30 a.m. Timothy B. Close.

Chapel of Praise - 14457 Buck Valley Road, Warfordsburg, Pa., 717-294-3184 - Worship services: Sunday morning 10 a.m. Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. Pastors Jack and Lola Hiles.

Whips Cove Church, Rt. 643, three miles east of Town Hill, Exit Rt. 156, 717-294-3229 - Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

Faith Assembly of God Church, Amaranth, Pa. - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday CA service 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Delmas F. Bard.

Buck Valley Christian Church, 717-294-3940 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:20 a.m. Primary church and junior church are held 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bill Creteau, Jr.

New Testament Church, Buck Valley, Pa., Warfordsburg exit on 484 west, six miles on right - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pastor R. Bobby Layman.

Calvary Bible Church, 2065 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, just south of Dairy Queen on top of hill, 304-258-1099 or 304-579-9389 - Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor B.J. Worley.

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-4581 or 814-392-3070 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Preston Monterrey.

Oasis Community Church, 1121 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, located in the South End shopping center across from South High, 301-745-6183 - Sunday worship 6:30 p.m. Rev. Bill Lynn.

Unity of Berkeley Springs, New Earth Granary, 143 N. Mercer St., Berkeley Springs, 304-268-4222 or 304-258-2954. Celebration service, 10 a.m. Rev. Anne Murphy-Oswald.

Mountain Top Church, one mile east of Rocky Gap State Park on Rt. 144, Flintstone, 301-777-0923 - Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m., evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 7:30 a.m.

Bethel Independent Church, Sleepy Creek - Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday worship 7 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study 7:30 p.m.

LifeHouse Church Bethel, 515 E. Wilson Blvd., Hagerstown, 301-739-1167 - Sunday life classes 8:30 a.m., worship gathering 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday family life 7 p.m.

Church of Christ, 290 South Green Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-5175 - Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. for all ages. Evangelist Van Sprague.

Parkhead United Methodist Church, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-842-3212 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Len Horst.

Hilltop Christian Fellowship, 12624 Trinity Church Drive, Clear Spring, 301-842-2225, Early Bible class 8:15-9 a.m. Sunday school 9:15-10:15 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7:15-8:15 p.m. Pastor John Miller.

Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, 717-294-3028 - Fellowship 9 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Bible basics class for children K through fourth grade. 12941 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg.

Unitarian Universalist, 626 Washington Avenue, Hagerstown, 301-745-6576 - Sunday service 10:45 a.m. youth religious education 10:45 a.m. Minister Valerie Wills.

Pleasant Grove Christian Church, four miles west of Needmore, Pa. - Sunday worship 10 a.m., Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Rev. Denver Pressinger.

Green Ridge Assembly of God, Green Ridge - Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 6 p.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

Blairs Valley First Church of God, Clear Spring, 301-842-2663 - Sunday school 10, worship 9 a.m. Bible study Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Pastor John Cook.

St. Catherine's Eastern Orthodox, 433 Liberty Street, Hagerstown, 301-739-5237 - Saturday 6:30 p.m. Vesper service Sunday 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Rev. Dennis Buck.

Rehoboth New Life, 8159 Great Cove Road, (U.S. 522), 717-496-7558 - Services Sunday, 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible based, spirit-filled church and discipleship center. Pastor Lowell Bard.

Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Exline Road, Hancock, 301-678-6038 - Church service 9:30 a.m.

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John 20:20 (KJV)

HOPE

Most of us have experienced times when all seemed lost, but with Christ in our lives, we can never lose hope. Just when all seemed lost, Christ rose again, giving hope to His disciples and all who believe in Him.

OBITUARIES

Joan Steen Kuiken

Joan Steen Kuiken, age 87, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle. Arrangements are being handled by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, WV.

Eleanor Jean Effland
1934-2022



Eleanor Jean Effland, age 88, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at War Memorial Hospital. She was born January 3, 1934 in Huntingdon, Pa., the only child of the late Alton Leroy and Hazel Elizabeth Wible Hooper.

She was a member of Trinity-Asbury United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday School Teacher and served on numerous committees within the church. Eleanor was also a lay leader. Her family moved to Berkeley Springs when she was in high school. She was a cheerleader for the Berkeley Springs High School Indians, graduated in 1951 and then earned a Bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1955.

Eleanor married Alonzo "Ted" Effland on December 26, 1955 and they had one daughter, Terri.

Eleanor taught in Morgan County for 34 years and taught at Berkeley Springs High School as an English teacher for 33 years. It has been said that students who graduated having had her for Senior English never had difficulty with college level English courses. She enjoyed bringing literature and grammar alive to her students. Eleanor handled high school graduation ceremonies and her students performed with precision and aplomb. Many of her students shared interesting stories about the preparation for graduation with her in charge.

Eleanor was a member of numerous organizations: Re Temple #118 Daughters of the Nile, Berkeley Chapter #77 Order of the Eastern Star, Morgan County Association of Retired School Employees, Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60 Ladies Auxiliary, AARP, Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Outstanding Women Educators, Lifetime Associate Member of Cacapon Resort State Park Foundation (past vice-president), Ye Towne of Bath Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (past Regent and recording secretary), Morgan County Community Education Outreach Services, Alpha Delta Pi Social Sorority, Morningside CEOS, and a volunteer for Morgan County Interfaith Emergency Care.

In addition to her organization activities, Eleanor loved to travel. She enjoyed many trips with her friends, both in the United States and abroad. Her favorite trips, however, were to Walmart with her friends and then having lunch afterwards.

Eleanor is survived by her niece, Lana Colleen Long and her husband John, of Williamsport, Md.; brother-in-law, Ron Barker and his wife Susie, of Coatesville, Pa., brother-in-law Alfred Howard and nephew Nicky Howard and his wife Mary, all of Hancock, Md. Also left to cherish her memory are the other Golden Girls, many dear friends and her little chickadees, Mabry and Mannix.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alonzo "Ted" Effland on August 19, 1992 and her daughter, Terri Lyn Effland on September 17, 2009.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Chuck Bergen officiating. Interment will be in Greenway Cemetery.

The family received friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday where there was an Eastern Star memorial service at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Trinity-Asbury United Methodist Church, 108 Wilkes Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or the Morgan County Student Aid Fund, % Becky Stotler, CNB, P.O. Box 130, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com.

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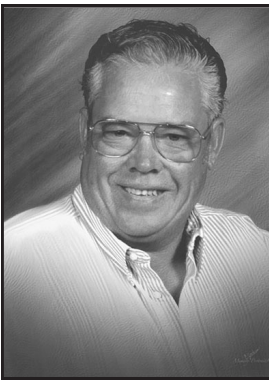
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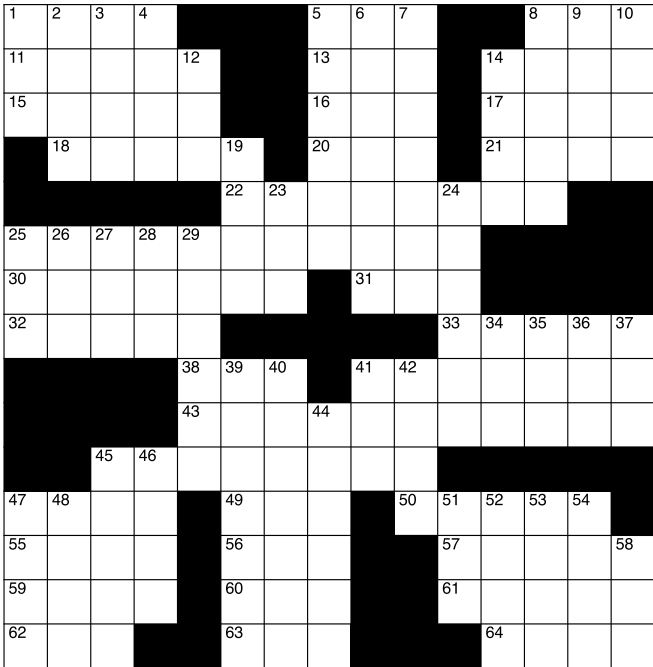
What we'd give if we could say
Hello to you in the same old
way.

To hear your voice, see your
smile,
To sit with you and chat a while.
So you who have your Father,
Cherish him with care,
For you will never know
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Until you see his vacant chair.

Forever In Our Hearts,
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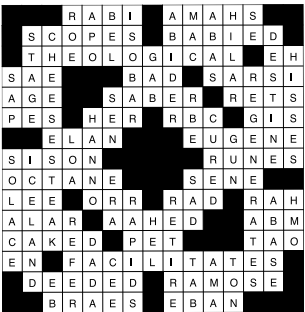
ACROSS

1. Fall down
5. Gas usage measurement
8. Golf score
11. A superior grade of black tea
13. Wrath
14. Eating house
15. Delay leaving a place
16. People now inhabiting Myanmar
17. Canadian flyers
18. Walks back and forth
20. Frequently
21. Humans have two
22. Surrounds with armed forces
25. Made proper
30. Medical buildings
31. Patty Hearst's captors
32. Hits with a drop shot
33. Italy's PM 1919-20
38. Promotions
41. En __: incidentally
43. Queens baseball team
45. Commoner
47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
49. Payroll firm
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. Skipper butterflies
56. Hint
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. English children's author Blyton
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Patriotic women's group
63. The woman
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

9. From a distance

10. Officials
12. It helps you see
14. Central Canadian indigenous person
19. Invests in little enterprises
23. They help in tough situations
24. Industrial port in Poland
25. Type of screen
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Alcoholic beverage
28. Newspapers need it
29. Herbal tea
34. Distinctive practice
35. Exercise system __-bo
36. Explosive
37. Belonging to a thing
39. Presidential candidates engage in them
40. Of the Swedes
41. Meadow-grass
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
44. Hooray!
45. Greek city
46. One way to do it by example
47. Imitated
48. "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
51. Swiss river
52. Drought-resistant plant
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of north-east
58. Get free of

Answers for September 14, 2022



DOWN

1. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
2. Jump
3. Eaten as a vegetable
4. Residual paresis after anesthesia
5. Brunchtime staple
6. Makes money off of
7. Refined
8. Nocturnal S. American rodents

NOTE OF THANKS

The Family of

LARRY A. SHOEMAKER

would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone that visited, called, sent a card, dropped off food and prayed. Your outpouring of love and support was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much to the Damascus Church Family, Needmore Bible Church, Grove Funeral Home, Chris Hill, Dottie Barton, Reverend Russell Hoffman, Jeremy and Michele Hann and Sam, UPMC and the pallbearers.

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116 W. High Street, Hancock
301-678-6605

- Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Food bank
- Assistance with food stamp applications
- Loaves and Fishes Thrift Store
- Good Samaritan House – transitional housing for those in need
- Information and referrals for individual and family services

Hancock Activity Nutrition Site
126 W. High Street, Hancock
301-573-6295

- Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with our usual activities.
- Meals at 11:30. Meals need to be ordered on Monday for the following week.
- Masks are optional.

Washington County Commission on Aging
301-790-0275

- Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors in Hancock and surrounding areas

Life or Drugs Tri-state Support
106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 7, Berkeley Springs
301-331-2916

- Substance use and mental health disorders group meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m.
- Presentations to schools and local organizations on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous
1-800-333-5051

- Weekly meetings at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock – 301-678-6569

Narcotics Anonymous
1-888-773-9999

Washington County Health Department
240-313-3200

- Vaccines and immunizations
- Cancer screenings
- Diabetes management
- Child hearing tests and dental care
- Family planning
- Substance abuse and mental health services

Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)
240-313-3330

- Health insurance for children up to age 19, pregnant women of all ages; extended family members may be eligible for services

Washington County Public Schools

301-766-2800

- Free and reduced meals for students
- Student support services

Hagerstown Community College

240-500-2313

- Help with GED prep classes
- English language classes

Washington County Department of Social Services

240-420-2100

- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Emergency temporary help
- Food stamps and cash assistance
- Prescriptions and medical assistance
- Utility and transportation assistance
- Eligibility determined during office visit

Washington County Women,
Infant & Children (WIC) Program
240-313-3335

- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Financial assistance for healthy foods
- Breastfeeding support
- Nutrition counseling and education
- Health screenings, immunizations and referrals
- Income eligibility guidelines

National Suicide Prevention Life Line
1-800-273-8255

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Park N Dine proposal

(from front)
Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. pointed toward grant money as a possible source of funding for renovations.

Lanehart said it would be easier for the town to get grants for any renovations for the current building the town uses.

The building at 126 West Main Street was formerly Hancock Elementary and is an historic building. The town also owns the building.

Goundry went back to the location aspect of the Park n Dine building.

Councilman Josh McCusker raised the question of taking care of those groups who use the town hall building for gatherings and performances.

The main room, which is where meetings are held, has an elevated stage where the Hancock Arts Council has staged plays and concerts.

Christmas For Others also uses the room for their distribution of food, clothing, and toys for those who signed up for the program.

If the town were to keep the building after moving municipal offices, McCusker added they'd still have to heat the building.

The Girl Scouts and Senior Center also use the building, Lanehart pointed out.

"We can't throw them

out," Lanehart said. "There's a lot that goes in here."

Goundry said there are a lot of opportunities of growth at the other location and he sees it daily.

Goundry and Lewis own Potomac River Grill above Hancock on the U.S. 522 Bridge. They also own Maryland Pipe.

"We're invested in this town. So we see the same opportunities as everybody else does," Goundry said.

He added it takes a community to build a town and if it doesn't do so, it won't grow and flourish.

With a growth pattern for the town, Goundry said officials would have to look five to 10 years down the road and wonder what that would end up looking like.

He agreed owning a building is easy, but keeping them maintained and fixed up isn't easy and takes work. Goundry noted a discussion held during a public hearing prior to the town meeting regarding the Urban Renewal and Abandoned Building Ordinance.

Smith had to question what the overall cost would be if the town were to enter a 25 to 30-year lease versus entering into a purchase or lease to own contract.

That would tell the town what kind of funding would



come from the state for a complete rehab of a brand-new facility.

Eventually, the mayor added, the town would have to look at the type of lease should they agree to move the municipal building to the Park n Dine building, be it a lease option or a lease to purchase.

Goundry said he'd prefer it be a long-term lease set in place, but he wouldn't say no to a sale.

"I won't say no to either one, but I certainly would like to go down the road of a long-term lease put together on the building," Goundry said. "That would be my goal."

The building, he said, could be rented to the Town of Hancock which would then be able to decide if they would want to sublease to another individual.

Goundry said he would try to keep it as clean as possible.

"We're throwing ideas to try to see if there's any continuity towards it," he said.

Councilman David Kerns said he thinks the idea is good, it's just trying to make the numbers work. A lot of work needs to be done in the current Town Hall, he said.

"It would all be dependent on whether we could afford working on two buildings," he said.

Lanehart said the town's biggest priority is the water and sewer lines throughout the town.

Goundry said he understands the town's infrastructure is important.

Goundry told town officials his strongest hand in the

deal is the location at 189 East Main Street.

If the deal doesn't suit the town, Goundry said he has other options he could explore.

Goundry said he would try to make something that would fit for the town should they want to make the deal.

"I'm not going to force a foot in a size 12 shoe and it's a 14 foot," he said. "It won't work. I get that."

He added this proposal was to kick start the idea and how it benefits the town with the new developments on the horizon.

Town officials didn't make a decision on the deal at the meeting but Smith said he and Town Manager Mike Faith would meet with Goundry, get numbers, and hold workshops to see if it would work.

"We have to start somewhere," he said.

Parking

by Geoff Fox

Faith said there would be revenue sharing, with Pango getting a higher percentage, for the credit card payments until the kiosk equipment and installation is paid off. Each kiosk costs about \$22,000, Faith added.

Faith said the company would take care of and maintain the kiosks as well. Even if the kiosk is vandalized or backed into, the company would take care of repairing it.

Faith said police would be equipped with a tablet that would help with parking enforcement.

Because people have to enter their license plate number into the kiosk and have a ticket on their dashboard, officers would just have to punch in the license plate into the tablet, which would then print a parking ticket for the vehicle.

Town Advisor Bill Valentine said the tablet would tell the officer if the vehicle is supposed to be parked in a spot legally or illegally.

Because the license plate number is entered into the kiosk, along with a credit card, Valentine said that would be how the officers know what car is supposed to be parked in a location.


Kiosks are solar powered. Faith said they could also have a dual energy source as a backup.

With credit card safety a big issue now days, Faith said the town was reassured the kiosks do not store information from credit card users. So if the kiosks were to get hacked, there would be no credit information that could be stolen.

Faith said Pango would hire two local people to serve as ambassadors to help people with the kiosks, such as explaining the kiosk and helping with payments.


Pango will pay the salary for those people, Faith said.

No date has been set for the kiosks to go live, Faith said.



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Hancock Panthers come out strong for 2022-23 JV, varsity volleyball teams

by Lisa Schauer

“We’ve got a good group of girls, and we’re getting better each year,” said head coach Shawnda Wills, HHS class of 2009, now in her fourth year of coaching JV and varsity volleyball at Hancock High School.

“I’ve been where they are, juggling school, and sports, and family. We don’t deal with drama. We all work together to pull out wins,” said Coach Wills.

Her assistant coach is dad Rocky Wills, who also coaches baseball at Hancock High.

“It’s nice to have dad along for the ride,” said Shawnda Wills.

With 19 girls total, eight on junior varsity (1-2), and 11 on varsity (1-3), Panthers volleyball teams each have a win under their belt, and they’re fired up for the season.

The Panthers’ next home volleyball games will be against Paw Paw on Friday night, September 23 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Jeffrey Spielman Memorial Gym.



Hancock High School JV volleyball team, 2022-23, left to right, front row: Keelyn Seal, Alexis Conrad and Jenna Wells. Middle row: Brooklyn McCusker, Greenleigh Howes, Haylee Penwell and Abigail Sexton. Back row: assistant coach Rocky Wills, Cadence Sipes and head coach Shawnda Wills.



Hancock High School varsity volleyball team, 2022-23, left to right, front row: Amy Davis, Brianna Buskirk, Vivian Mitlacher, Peyton McCoy, Sarah Mellon and Alyssa Morris. Back row: assistant coach Rocky Wills, Hannah Stouffer, Payton Mosier, Kaydence Gaither, Joslyn Foltz. Alyssa Keefer and head coach Shawnda Wills.

Local student graduates from Hood College

Hannah Levi, of Berkeley Springs, graduated from Hood College in Septmeber with a Bachelor of Arts in Art & Archaeology.

Hood College is an independent, liberal arts college, offering more than 25 bachelor’s degrees, four pre-professional programs, 19 master’s

degree programs, two doctorates and 10 post-baccalaureate certificates. Located in historic Frederick, near Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 technology corridor, Hood gives students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

HCC to host college fair on October 12

The 2022 Washington County College Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Athletic, Recreation and Community Center at Hagerstown Community College.

Representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, and technical schools in

the Mid-Atlantic region will be there to meet with prospective students.

The fair is sponsored by Washington County Public Schools and HCC. Admission is free. For more information, contact HCC at 240-500-2238.

Ice House adds outdoor sculpture garden to arts center

by Kate Evans

A series of captivating metal sculptures created by local artist Mark Schwenk now adorns the Morgan Arts Council’s Ice House outdoor event space for all to enjoy.

A yellow star that Schwenk made to honor Morgan Arts Council founder and visionary Jeanne Mozier also greets visitors to the Ice House entrance landing by the sculpture garden.

Retiring Morgan Arts Council (MAC) executive director Thom Rubel said that Schwenk created the four metalwork pieces along with Jeanne’s star. The sculptures in Ice House sculpture garden are a permanent installation. Schwenk came to the Arts Council with the option of using some of his art works for the garden space.

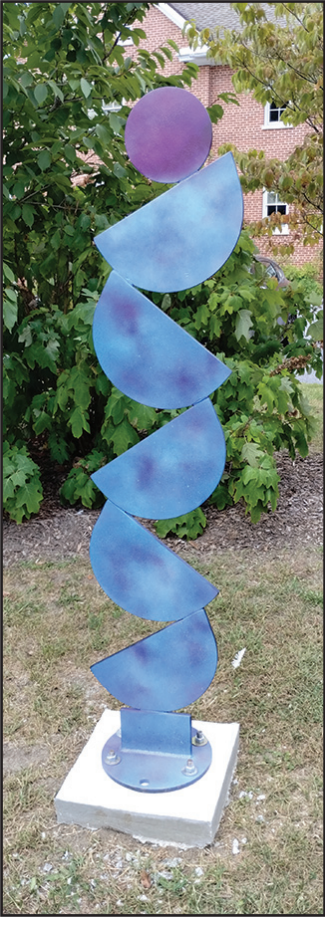
The Morgan Arts Council owns the Jeanne star sculpture and one other sculpture, Rubel said. Three of the pieces are on loan from Schwenk and Schwenk will maintain ownership of them.

The outside garden area has been at the Ice House since around 1997, Rubel said. They always wanted it as an open green space so they could hold open events outdoors. The Morgan Arts Council also allows other organizations to use the space for their events. It’s part of their mission of “getting art out there,” he noted.

People are always out there in the garden whether they’re crossing from the Morgan County Public Library parking lot to the Ice House or to Mercer Street. This way they can enjoy art as they walk through, Rubel said.



Mark Schwenk’s creation “Impermanence” is a 59-inch tall steel and rebar sculpture.



“Cup and Ball” is a colorful six-foot steel sculpture by Mark Schwenk.



A plaque beside her yellow star sculpture honors founder Jeanne Mozier and her vision for the Morgan Arts Council. photos by Kate Shunney



This “Jeanne” star sculpture was created by Mark Schwenk to honor Morgan Arts Club founder and visionary Jeanne Mozier.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79502
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donna K. Webster.
Notice is given that James Oliver Webster III, 1131 Hamilton Blvd., Apt. 1 1st Floor, South, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on September 9, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Donna K. Webster who died on July 30, 2022 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 shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representative or file them with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or

(2) Thirty days after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claims will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

James Oliver Webster III
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-21-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79473
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Judy Lee Gaylor.
Notice is given that Kelly Likely, 10914 Bower Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on August 26, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judy Lee Gaylor who died on June 30, 2022 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th day of February, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the 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.

Kelly Likely
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79513
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Sharon Lynn Kline.
Notice is given that Karen Bowman, 23606 Foxville Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on September 14, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Sharon Lynn Kline who died on August 22, 2022 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of June, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the 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, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or

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Estate No. 78835
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Todd Frederic Walters.

Notice is given that Joseph Koehler, 105 White Ibis Way, Sebastian, FL 32958 and Terri Walters Koehler, 105 White Ibis Way, Sebastian, FL 32958 were on September 16, 2022 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Todd Frederic Walters who died on December 28, 2021 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 representatives or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 16th day of March, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the 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, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine 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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pd9-21-3th

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79501
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Beatrice Virginia Andrews.

Notice is given that Barbara Jean Hamilton, 208 Winding Oak Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on September 9, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Beatrice Virginia Andrews who died on August 6, 2022 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 9th day of March, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the 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, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF James Orville Cason AKA: James Orville Cason, Sr.
Notice is given that Brian L. Cason, 17700 Carter Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on September 6, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of James Orville Cason who died on July 14, 2022 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 6th day of March, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the 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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A turn toward fall can also bring severe weather

by Kate Evans

Fall is an enjoyable season but it can also bring severe thunderstorms, deadly tornadoes and dangerous hurricanes.

Hurricanes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and extremely high winds can knock out power, air conditioning and heating and communications to homes and businesses for days at a time.

In May the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted a busier than usual hurricane season for 2022, with 14-20 named storms, 6-10 hurricanes and 3-6 major hurricanes.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season is June 1-November 30. However, there had been no hurricanes so far in the Atlantic this year until Tropical Storms Danielle and Earl recently became hurricanes.

But in an August 18 article, AccuWeather meteorologists also expected an active hurricane season with 16 named storms, 6-8 hurricanes and 3-5 major hurricanes. Their main concern is a high chance of high-impact hurricanes this year.

Hurricanes

Hurricanes can cause devastating property damage from rain, storm surges, high winds, accompanying tornadoes and flooding along with considerable loss of life.

Coastal regions and areas far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall can receive destructive damage. Hurricane winds can reach 200 miles an hour and heavy rains can damage homes and roads.

The deadliest hurricane to ever hit the United States was in Galveston, Texas in 1900. Some 8,000-12,000 people were killed by the Category 4 hurricane.

Have two weeks of supplies on hand if you need to shelter in place in the aftermath of a hurricane. Be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

FTC urged to strengthen car rules to prevent consumer harm, misrepresentations

Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh joined a coalition of 18 attorneys general calling on the Federal Trade Commission to adopt and strengthen guidance on automobile sales.

The comment letter, led by Maryland, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, expresses approval of the FTC's proposed updates to the Motor Vehicle Dealers Trade Regulation Rule related to the sale, financing, and leasing of motor vehicles by motor vehicle dealers. The proposed rule, published in the Federal Register on July 13, would provide a critical tool to address misrepresentations in sales, leasing and financing transactions, and increase pricing transparency in advertising.

"It's not news to anyone that unscrupulous car dealers prey on uninformed consumers," said Attorney General Frosh. "The FTC's proposed rule will provide consumers the information they need to make wise purchasing decisions."

Attorneys general frequently hear from consumers with complaints about vehicle sales. Complaints regard-

ing automobiles, new and used, historically have been one of the top ten consumer complaints received by our office. In 2021, the Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division received 868 auto-related complaints.

The FTC's proposed rule is a necessary step in combating unfair and deceptive acts in the vehicle marketplace. It aligns with existing guidance from industry trade groups, as well as state laws and regulations.

The proposed rule would:

- Prohibit motor vehicle dealers from making certain misrepresentations in the course of selling, leasing, or arranging financing for motor vehicles;

- Require accurate pricing disclosures in dealers' advertising and sales discussions;

- Require dealers to obtain consumers' express, informed consent for certain charges;

- Require transparency about add-on products and their pricing;

- Prohibit the sale of any add-on product or service that confers no benefit to the consumer; and

- Require dealers to keep records of advertisements and customer transactions.

While the coalition believes these updates will enhance the ability to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices, it also offers the following suggestions to further strengthen the rule:

- Require price disclosures in writing regardless of the form of the inquiry;

- Require that price disclosures provide complete information on the cost to purchase or finance the sale or use of a vehicle;

- Require written disclosures and obtain written consumer consent before the purchase of any optional add-ons;

- Require auto dealers to retain records on all contracts for the duration of the contract;

- Set a time limit for dealers to pay off the lien on any traded-in vehicle to protect consumers and ensure a fair marketplace; and

- Regulate the use of starter-interrupt devices to encourage safety and transparency.



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What to do

The National Weather Service urges people to take shelter inside a sturdy building or shelter until the severe thunderstorm or tornado is over. This will protect you from large hail, deadly lightning, damaging winds, flooding rains and tornadoes. Usually a thunderstorm will pass your area within an hour.

Stay away from windows and doors and avoid electrical equipment and plumbing. Bring pets inside. If you can, secure loose outside objects outdoors so they don't become flying projectiles in high winds.

If you're caught outdoors in a severe thunderstorm, take shelter in a sturdy enclosed building or hard top vehicle immediately. Avoid open spaces, isolated objects, high ground and metallic objects.

If a tornado is sighted, move quickly to the lowest level or basement of your home or shelter. Being in a vehicle during a tornado is not safe. Drive to the nearest shelter if you can. If you can't make it to safe shelter, get down in your car and cover your head or leave your car and seek shelter in a low-lying area like a ditch or ravine.

Lightning

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Move immediately to a

safe shelter. Never stand under an isolated tree or lay flat on the ground.

If indoors, avoid corded telephones, plumbing, computers and other electrical equipment that could put you in direct contact with electricity.

Get out of boats and away from lakes, ponds and bodies of water. Immediately get off mountain ridges, hills, peaks and elevated areas.

Have a battery-powered or hand-cranked portable radio to listen for emergency broadcasts and a NOAA weather radio to stay abreast of approaching severe weather conditions. Sign up for local emergency alerts. Keep your cell phone charged.

Have a safety plan for your family for severe weather and review it periodically with family members.

Flooding, high water

Flooding from rain, hurricanes, coastal storms, storm surges and dams and water systems overflowing can also develop slowly or quickly, along with flash floods.

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Food Network star to judge Apple Butter Festival baking contest

Do you love the smell of apples cooking filling your house? Have a recipe passed down through generations or like to experiment and make up your own? Enter your baking at the 47th Annual Apple Butter Festival Baking Contest. Any recipe that features apples can be entered in the contest.

This year the baking contest will be judged by Netflix “Is it Cake?” and “Halloween Wars” Food Network star Steven Weiss, Associate Dean of Culinary Arts and Hospitality at Blue Ridge Community And Technical College.

Judging will be done in the following seven categories: (1) breads, muffins, rolls; (2) cakes; (3) cookies; (4) pies, pastries, apple dumplings; (5)

miscellaneous; (6) sugar free; and (7) youth (grade 8 and below). Contestants can enter as many times as they like. All entries must be at Morgan County Courthouse, Berkeley Springs, between 8 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 8. Judging at 12:15 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 11:30 a.m. The entries will be donated to The Boys & Girls Club for sale after judging has been completed.

More details can be found on the entry form at berkeley-springschamber.com/apple-butter-festival, at Blue Ridge Community & Technical College, or the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce office. The baking contest is sponsored by RWR Insurance.



Steven Weiss will judge this year's Apple Butter Festival baking contest.

The 47th annual Apple Butter Festival will happen Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9. For more information call the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County

Chamber of Commerce at 304-258-3738, go to berkeley-springschamber.com/apple-butter-festival or see the page on Facebook.

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CAPRICORN

December 22-
January 19

It may be challenging to figure out where you stand with someone this week. You thought you had it all figured out, but the tides have changed dramatically.



ARIES

March 21-
April 19

Don't push yourself too far this week, Aries. That is a surefire way to be overcome by stress and deplete your energy, which you need to get things done. Pace yourself.



CANCER

June 22-
July 22

Cancer, you may have some exciting plans brewing but you might not know how to put them in motion. A friend may offer to help get the ball rolling.



LIBRA

September 23-
October 22

Libra, focus on your personal relationships this week, as you may need to modify a few things and do some housekeeping in your social relationships.



AQUARIUS

January 20-
February 18

You'll continue to face the difficult decision of whether to tend to your own needs or help someone close to you, Aquarius. It's a time line to walk with no easy answer.



TAURUS

April 20-
May 20

Hold your tongue and try not to get into any heated arguments with people either at work or in your social circles, Taurus. Avoid controversial subjects.



LEO

July 23-
August 22

The planets are trying to tell you to slow down and take a day off, Leo. You just have to listen more closely or you could run the risk of burnout in the days to come.



SCORPIO

October 23-
November 21

Focus on the finer details of life this week, Scorpio. If you have been waiting to have a gourmet dinner or to take a luxurious trip, now is the time to do so.



PISCES

February 19-
March 20

There's a positive drive guiding you along, Pisces. If you've been putting off your to-do list, now you will have the energy to get things done.



GEMINI

May 21-
June 21

There's a strong pull toward wanting to play as well as getting work done, Gemini. Is there a way to delegate some work so you can focus on recreation? Figure things out.



VIRGO

August 23-
September 22

Virgo, this week things may get a bit more intense than you anticipated. Intensity doesn't necessarily mean you will have a bad time. Everything will be exciting and fast-paced.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22-
December 21

There's conflicting energy in the cosmos this week, Sagittarius. All of what you think was right may be turned on its head. Some new decisions may need to be made.

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DEADLINE

All correspondents and advertisers are reminded the deadline for submitting copy to this publication is noon on Monday.

Mountains of Bluegrass & Praise event set at Coolfont on October 1

by Kate Evans

The Morgan County Homeless Coalition and the Morgan County Clergy Association are sponsoring a Mountains of Bluegrass and Praise event on Saturday, October 1 from 1-5 p.m. at Coolfont Resort at the pavilion. The event is free.

The Homeless Coalition, which provides services in Morgan County and the Hancock area, will accept offerings to help cover their costs for the concert and finish construction of their nine-room homeless shelter, the Morgan County Hope House.

The idea behind the event is to bring individuals and families together for an afternoon of music and to give back to the community, its generosity and its support, said Terri Bliziotis. Morgan County Homeless Coalition development coordinator who organized the event.

Bliziotis said it's been a crazy couple of years since

COVID emerged. The community has had a lot of losses but "we have much to be grateful for."

Performers

Musical performers are Liberty University Bluegrass Ensemble, Stage Left Ministries, and Anissa Stewart, a powerful singer and celebrated praise leader.

Stage Left Ministries is a local praise and worship band. They perform a diverse variety of musical genres including bluegrass gospel, contemporary Christian and traditional hymns with instrumentation and vocal harmonies.

The Liberty University Bluegrass Ensemble is a six to eight-member group that travels nationally to sing, play and spread the gospel. The ensemble blends traditional bluegrass, modern folk and more and features three-part harmony.

Anissa Stewart is a gospel recording artist, actress,

songwriter, evangelist, praise and worship leader and teacher from Columbia, Maryland. She has two CDs, "Anissa's 42nd Chapter" and "Restoration," and three singles available on major digital outlets.

All three performers/bands had donated their time for the concert. The Homeless Coalition is covering their transportation costs.

Giving back

Organizers are encouraging families to bring pop top canopies and picnic baskets and come play by the lake at Coolfont by the pavilion. There is a playground near the pavilion for children and it's a beautiful picnic area that is wheelchair accessible, she noted.

"It will be a nice afternoon for all ages," Bliziotis said.

Coolfont and the Morgan County Homeless Coalition will have food and refreshments for sale.

"We want people to have a



Local favorite Stage Left Ministries, a praise and worship band, will be performing at the Mountains of Bluegrass and Praise event which takes place from 1-5 p.m. at the Coolfont Resort pavilion on Saturday, October 1.



Anissa Stewart, celebrated praise leader and gospel recording artist from Columbia, Maryland, is headlining the October 1 Mountains of Bluegrass and Praise event at the Coolfont pavilion.

good time and enjoy the day," Bliziotis said.

Lots of people were separated from their church and God from COVID. The concert is a way to find their way back to that fellowship, Bliziotis said.

The Hope House shelter

The new year-round homeless shelter is expected to be operational by December 1, said Morgan County Homeless Coalition Pastor Dick Voorhaar.

The building renovation is going well and is coming down to the wire. They're planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony in November.

Voorhaar said they've come a long way with the shelter project. The coalition is grateful to the people of Morgan County who have reached out and helped them in so many ways.

The shelter will offer a place for homeless to stay

and will make them safe and warm, Bliziotis said. It will also bring them services to get them to the next step to a more sustainable life.

Services and assistance include access to temporary housing, substance abuse and health care services, food, transportation, job applications, helping them to find family to stay with and preparing for the work force.

Sheltering help has been available for three months from December 1 through March 1, but this year they want to be open until the end of March. The group is moving toward a 24-hour, 365 days a year homeless shelter.

Bliziotis said that all Homeless Coalition members are volunteers. All monies they raise beyond paying for postage and some ads go directly toward taking care of individuals who need housing.



The Liberty University Bluegrass Ensemble features traditional bluegrass, modern folk and three-part harmony with their gospel music.

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—Plant your hyacinths now. It's also a good time to report your houseplants.

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