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## Hancock at a Glance

### Weather

**Wed. 5/20** 70/47  
80% chance of showers with west winds 5-9 mph, gusts 20 mph.

**Thurs. 5/21** 65/51  
60% chance of showers with north winds around 5 mph.

**Fri. 5/22** 59/50  
90% chance of showers with a high near 59 and a low around 50.

**Sat. 5/23** 66/57  
80% chance of showers with a high near 66 and low around 57.

**Sun. 5/24** 75/59  
70% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms.

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## MDE issues drought warning for Washington County, meteorologist says no immediate relief in forecast

by Geoff Fox

It's rained in Washington County and promises of rain are in forecasts, but the Maryland Department of the Environment has issued a drought warning for much of the state, including Washington County.

The announcement came on Thursday, May 14.

The warning is due to persistent rainfall deficits and ongoing dry conditions across the state.

Right now, there currently aren't statewide water shortages or restrictions. The MDE said three consecutive years of dry weather and recent lower-than-average precipitation amounts means voluntary water conservation by homeowners and businesses is encouraged.

"Every drop counts when it comes to the smart use of water," said MDE Secretary Serena McIlwain. "We play a role in protecting our water supply, our ecosystems, and our economy."

McIlwain added that by conserving water today, stricter mandates in the future can be avoided.

Baltimore City has issued voluntary restrictions for areas served by its water system, which also serves areas of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford,

and Howard counties.

Middletown in Frederick County has prohibited lawn watering and called for voluntary water conservation citing groundwater conditions.

Droughts aren't unprecedented in the state's history, as major events occurred in the 1930s and 1960s. A statewide drought emergency with mandatory water use restrictions was declared in 1999.

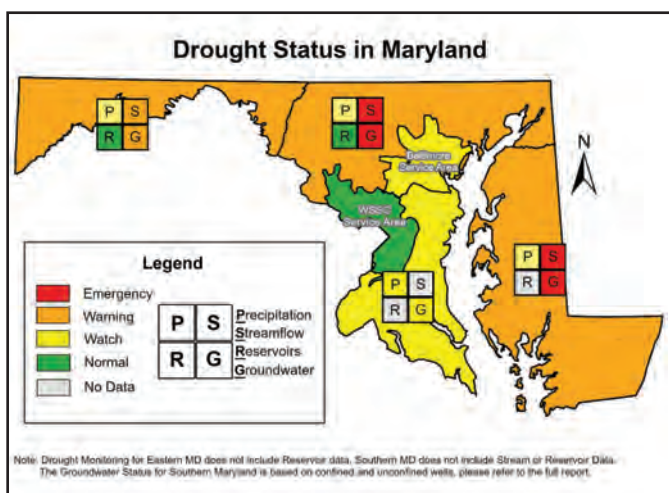
Maryland uses a staged system to provide guidance to the public on water usage. A drought "watch" is an early-stage alert for the state to monitor conditions more frequently and suggest voluntary conservation.

A warning means worsening conditions and increased coordination between the state and water suppliers.

Western, central, and eastern Maryland are under the drought warning. Southern Maryland is under a watch.

The main cause for the worsening conditions now being seen is a deficit of rainfall over the past several months, which has been about three inches per month on average compared to an average of four inches per month.

According to the National Weather Service charts,



The drought status in Maryland map from the Maryland Department of the Environment shows the majority of Maryland, including Washington County, in a drought warning status as of April 30.

from December 2, 2025, to May 15, 2026, Hancock had a reported 9.60 inches of rain recorded in Kirkwood Park.

The accumulating deficit leads to lower than normal groundwater levels and stream flows, causing impacts that recover slowly even with rain.

The MDE said for private wells, voluntary conservation is encouraged statewide, particularly in shallow aquifers.

Farmers should consult with local soil conservation districts and the U.S.

Drought Monitor to assess conditions and support water management strategies.

Washington County Office of Emergency Management said simple steps such as limiting unnecessary outdoor watering, checking for leaks, and conserving household water use can help protect local water resources during dry conditions.

The drought has its beginnings in 2024.

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## Murphy raises questions at Hancock council meeting about town beautification

by Geoff Fox

Former Mayor Dan Murphy came before the current mayor and council to discuss a couple things about the beautification of Hancock and concerns expressed to him for other people.

Murphy started out by praising the town's parks and their upkeep.

He said the town had been praised in the past for their parks and how the county gave allotted amounts of tax benefits back to the town for the parks.

He credited the town's Public Works crew and commended them for the work they do in the upkeep of the parks.

Murphy then asked officials what the current policy of mowing unkept yards is and how the town manages those.

Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the town has a Public Works employee riding around monitoring properties.

From the time the property is "posted" with notice about unown lawns, the owner has seven days to get it mowed. If not, the town hires a contractor to mow the property and a fine is added to the water and sewer bill.

Lanehart did mention there have been properties already posted within the last couple weeks.

Murphy also revisited the subject of blighted properties in town.

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski said the town had received service on the two property owners regarding

the High Street and Main Street properties.

He added that he still would have to file the paperwork with District Court.

Murphy also inquired if there were any attempts to identify the next set of properties the town would look to submit to the county as needing remediation.

Lanehart said officials are trying, but it's the first time the county has gone through this process.

He also added they're trying to get in touch with the owners, but some of the properties have changed hand a couple of times.

Lanehart then asked Murphy what he and his council did with these type of buildings during his administration.

Murphy admitted he didn't recall any buildings collapsing under his administration, noting the building collapse on Main Street a couple years ago being the first he remembers.

Both Lanehart and Murphy agreed about the safety being the number one priority.

Murphy said the current situation is a culmination of years, not saying it's Lanehart's fault.

Both also praised Main Street Hancock for the work they are doing to revitalize the town and getting people to come to Hancock.

By addressing the problem properties before the other two are resolved, Murphy said it might get the other property owners to sell the property before it becomes their problem.

Kuczynski said it's a



The condition of the canal was among concerns brought up to council members.

chicken and egg thing - do you spend thousands of dollars chasing the other ones if it turns out the other two don't go anywhere.

"We don't know how the District Court is going to respond to this," Kuczynski said.

There was talk several years ago about an ordinance that would give the town the ability to send registered letters to property owners about issues with their property.

Town officials at the time decided not to approve it as it could have led to too much interpretation.

Kuczynski said it might be beneficial for town officials to actually go back and revisit that ordinance.

Murphy did mention the burned-out house on Main Street not being torn down, but Councilman Richard Strong told him Columbia Gas is installing new gas lines along that section of Main Street.

While the gas company is there working on Main Street, the contractor can't get to the property, but Strong said once they're done, the house will be torn down.

Murphy also brought the attention of the officials to the C&O Canal and how it has become overgrown.

Knowing the town officials have no control over what happens in and around the canal, Murphy suggested that as the president of the Hancock Historical Society, he would start making contacts with the higher ups to get the canal cleaned out.

Lanehart agreed and gave Murphy permission to act on behalf of the town to make the appropriate contacts to get the canal cleaned out.

Councilman David Kerns said not only would it be an economical and historical cleanup, but also a safety one as well, saying the canal has become a cesspool for mosquitos.



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## Maryland State Board of Elections finds error on mail-in ballots

The Maryland State Board of Elections has been made aware of an error by our mail-in ballot vendor resulting in some voters receiving the wrong party ballot for the gubernatorial primary election.

In order to maintain the highest level of confidence and accuracy in mail-in voting, SBE is working with the vendor to send replacement mail-in ballots. While it is possible only a small number of voters received the wrong ballot, and most voters received the correct ballot, all voters must be issued a replacement ballot. This action of resending ballots maintains the integrity and security of mail-in voting.

This error affects only voters who were mailed a ballot before May 14. If a voter requested and received their mail-in ballot by web delivery (print at home ballot), their ballot will not be affected. All affected voters will be notified.

"We are diligently working to address this error and provide clear instructions to those affected as quickly as possible," said Maryland State Administrator of Elections, Jared DeMarinis. "The State and Local Boards of Elections remain committed to running an election that is verified, secure and accurate. Mail-in voting is an integral facet of the electoral process. With over 500,000 voters requesting mail-in ballots, we want to eliminate any doubt in its integrity or accuracy that is why I have arranged the sending of replacement ballots."

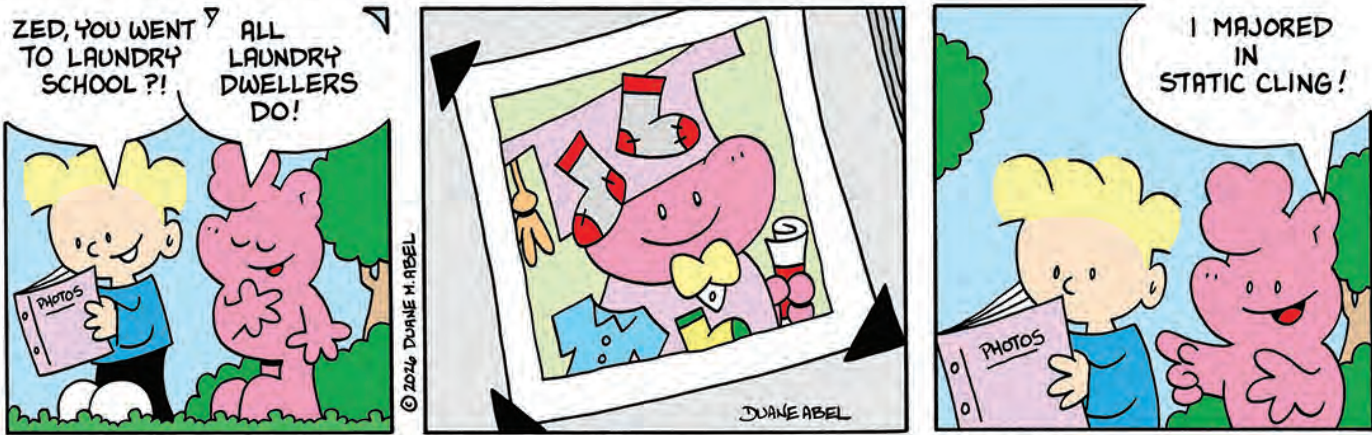
DeMarinis emphasized, "Please be assured that we are actively answering phones and responding to emails and will remain transparent as we navigate through this situation. We will make every effort to ensure that everyone affected knows the situation and how to cast their ballot. Every vote matters, your voice will be heard, and our elections will remain verified, open, transparent, and secure."

SBE understands that this situation might cause the spread of misinformation. Remember to rely on election officials as your trusted sources for election information.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Maryland State Board of Elections by emailing info.sbe@maryland.gov or calling 410-269-2840.

# OPINIONS

## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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## Calendar of Events MAY

**Saturday, May 23**  
 - Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

**Sunday, May 24**  
 - Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

**Monday, May 25**  
 - Memorial Day  
 - Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Community Center, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 26**  
 - Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 12:30 p.m.

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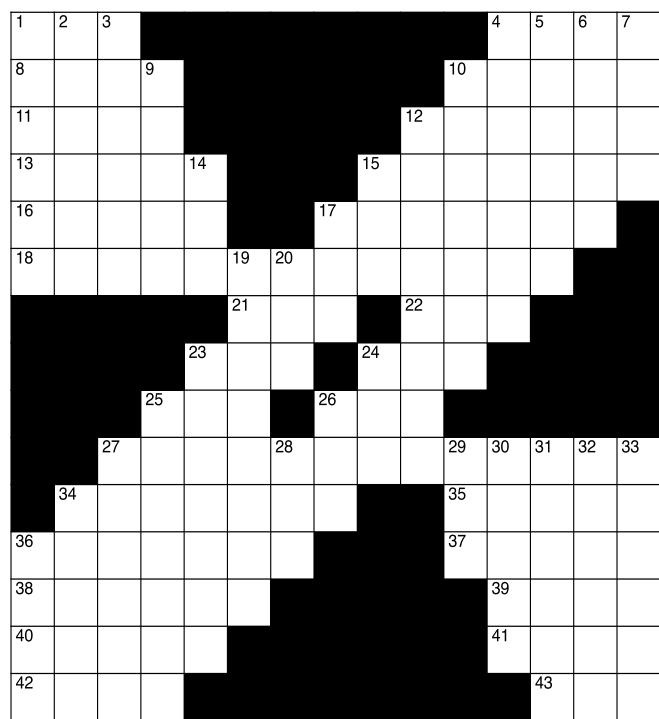
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## EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Government lawyers
4. The back of a person's neck
8. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
10. In a less flashy way
11. Living room piece
12. Shepherd dog
13. A citizen of Iran
15. Moved slowly
16. Small finch
17. Previously
18. What a kid does on Halloween
21. Monetary unit
22. Using dry humor
23. Ocean
24. Greek goddess of the dawn
25. Not close
26. NHL legend Bobby
27. A ballplayer would love to do this
34. Charity
35. City in Finland
36. Loomed over
37. Vaccine developer
38. Avoids capture
39. We all need it
40. Openwork fabrics
41. Get away
42. Something you might hit
43. Soviet Socialist Republic

### DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Admirer
3. Expedition to observe animals
4. Act that is legally void
5. WW2 combatants
6. A tool
7. Looked at
9. Showing wild excitement
10. Banknotes
12. Tired
14. Printers need it
15. Women's patriotic group
17. When you anticipate getting somewhere
19. Functions
20. Breed of sheep
23. Mocking pieces
24. A major division of geological time
25. Andiron
26. Many not ands
27. Cuban city
28. He voiced "Olaf"
29. Criticize
30. "Thundercats" character
31. Markings
32. Gets up
33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
34. An assembly of witches
36. High energy lasers (abbr.)

### Dear EarthTalk:

**Why were several new plastic bag bans reversed during COVID? Have they been reinstated (or expanded or forgotten) in the meantime?**

—Missy G., New York, NY

Plastic bag bans are policies and laws that prohibit or limit the use of single-use plastic bags, part of an attempt to curb and reduce plastic waste and environmental degradation. Before COVID-19, many cities and states had implemented such bans to mitigate pollution, protect wildlife and address the plastic crisis. With the world wasting about 400 million tons of plastic yearly, plastic waste and pollution have become critical issues. These bans aimed to switch customers to reusable alternatives like cloth bags. Plastic bags are among the most common pollutants found in landfills and oceans, taking hundreds of years to fully decompose. Their widespread use aggravates the plastic pollution problem, harming marine life and adding to the global waste crisis.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, public health concerns overshadowed the bans. The fear that reusable bags, which involved repeated handling, would spread the virus led many states to roll back or temporarily suspended the bans. The shift led to an increase in plastic usage, not just in bags but also in other items like containers and other packaging. The plastic industry also advocated for a ban reversal by using the public health crisis to push forward. When speaking with Chemical and Engineering News, Judith Enck, the founder of environmental group Beyond Plastics, said, "Plastic bag lobbyists are attempting to exploit a public health crisis. There is no evidence that reusable bags contribute to the serious problem of COVID-19."

As institutions like the National Institutes of Health confirmed that surface transmission was not the most prominent form of COVID-19 transmission, many places began to reinstate their bans. New York, which had implemented a ban before the pandemic, resumed their ban in 2020. California reinstated its policy and introduced stricter regulations on plastic packaging. Canada and several other countries moved forward with nationwide bans despite the temporary COVID-19 setback. But not all plastic bag bans were reinstated. Some places that had rolled back bans never reinstated them, citing economic concerns from businesses. In places where bans do not exist, plastic use remains high, fostering a cause for concern.

Despite progress after COVID-19 in reinstating bans, several challenges remain. There is consistent pushback from the plastic industry, which continues to rally against bans. Many consumers who reverted to plastic bags have been slow to switch back to alternatives. Individuals can play an important role. We can promote the use of reusable bags and encourage friends and family to make the switch. Individuals can also put pressure on their local representatives.

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*The Hancock News* will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

In order to meet the deadline, we must ask that news items and advertisements for the May 27 issue be in by Friday, May 22.

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# Hancock Police Report

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**Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of May 11-17:**

**May 11**  
Alarm, 300 block North Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfounded.

Suspicious person, 100 block East Main Street. Subject checked and moved on.

**May 12**  
Parking complaint, Dale Street. Vehicle gone on arrival, unable to locate.

Assisted EMS, first block East Main Street.

Juvenile offense, 100 block Franklin Street. Subjects advised.

Suspicious vehicle, 200 block East Main Street. Vehicle checked.

Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office, Hancock area. Wanted subject, gone on arrival/unable to locate.

**May 13**  
Unsecured door, 300 block North Pennsylvania Avenue. All checked okay.

Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Juvenile advised on bike laws.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

**May 14**  
Service to advise, 200 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Harassment, 100 block West High Street. Subjects advised.

Check well-being, 100 block West High Street. Subject checked and moved along.

Assisted Maryland State Police, westbound I-70/Rt. 522. Tractor-trailer facing wrong direction.

**May 15**  
Suspicious person, 200 block East Main Street. Subject checked okay and advised.

Check well-being, 100 block Fulton Street. Checked okay.

Check well-being, 100 block West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

911 hang-up, West High Street area. Unfounded.

Service to advise, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject advised.

Assisted Fulton County Sheriff's Office, 100 block Limestone Road. Check for vehicle, unable to locate.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Disabled vehicle, East Main Street. Vehicle checked okay.

**May 16**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Disorderly conduct, Widmeyer Park. Subjects gone on arrival.

Suspicious vehicle, West Main Street. Subject resting.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block Quaker Creek. Subjects advised.

**May 17**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Four stops.

911 hang up, first block East Main Street. Unfounded.

Warrant service. Warrant served on David Anthony Tobul, 33, of Hedgesville, for an out of state warrant.

## Seventh suspect arrested in 2025 Clear Spring triple murder

by Geoff Fox

A seventh person was arrested and charged on Thursday, May 14, by investigators from the Maryland State Police Homicide Unit in connection to a November 2025 triple-murder/house fire in Clear Spring.

Police said the accused is identified as Jordan Conley Robey, 20, of Hagerstown.

Robey was indicted by a Washington County Grand Jury on three counts of first-degree murder, arson, robbery, and additional offenses.

Following his arrest, Robey was held without bond, police said.

During the arrest at a Hagerstown City business, police located an AR-style pistol

which was seized from Robey during the arrest.

Robey is the seventh suspect charged in connection with the murders of Brittany Ray, 31, Harold Flichman, 36, and Brianna Mae Weishaar, 25, all of Clear Spring.

All three were murdered during the early morning hours of November 18, 2025, and discovered after emergency services were alerted to a house fire in the 13,000 block of National Pike in Clear Spring.

Shortly after 5 a.m. that morning, deputies from the Office of the State Fire Marshal responded to a single-story, single-family residence in the 13,000 block of Na-

tional Pike in Clear Spring for a fatal structure fire.

During an initial investigation, signs of foul play were discovered, including K-9 alerts to accelerants at the home and trauma to the victims that were inconsistent with fire-related injuries.

The Maryland State Police Homicide Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

The Maryland State Police Homicide Unit is leading the investigation with assistance provided by the FBI and other partner law enforcement agencies as it is still ongoing.

Investigators anticipate additional arrests and urge members of the public with pertinent information related



Suspect Jordan Conley Robey.

to the investigation to contact the Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack at 301-766-3800 with calls remaining confidential.

## HCC Alumni Association to host Red, White, and Blue Concert Series

The Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association has announced the Red, White, and Blue Concert Series for the summer of 2026. The following concerts will be held in the HCC Alumni Amphitheater:

- U.S. Navy Commodore Jazz Ensemble – Friday, May 29, at 6:15 p.m.
- U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note – Friday, July 24, at 6:15 p.m.
- U.S. Army 29th Infantry Division Band – Saturday, August 15, at 6:15 p.m.
- U.S. Army Field Band



Pop Ensemble – Friday, August 28, at 6:15 p.m.

All concerts are free and open to the public, and no tickets are required. Concerts are subject to change by the

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### Do evil to bring about good?...

A Christian's approach to modern TECH: Both / And. Popes—like Leo XIII in “*Rerum Novarum*”—1891, and prophets—Mother Cabrini, 1917—both warned society of possible disarray and also stood for workers' and family's and individual rights amidst seeming treadmill-technological changes. Are pastors and priests doing that today?

Remember: We are made in God's Image—(Gn. 1:27)—and we must preserve this! Tech is both beneficial and harmful. Just like God is both transcendent and immanent, both God and man—both-and's inform and influence our lives immensely. Jesus implies in the “Parable of the Shrewd Manager” for His disciples to both “be in the world but not of the world”—and use savvy ways to further the Kingdom. Both / and. (See: Lk. 16:8).

So, upshot: we should both use technology and not misuse it, or be abused by it. In a quick history-tour of influential civilizational changes (courtesy of Microsoft /Co-Pilot), covering the agricultural revolution (ca. 800BC+); to the industrial revolution; thru the electric and communication revolution; and to the digital revolution (mid-late 20th cent), finally to the artificial intelligence revolution, we see the first of these had more-external effects upon persons and cultures, whereas the last three, directly affect the heart of human nature. Note, therefore, today: some techies promise: “transhumans” & “human robots” etc. And “The Anxious Generation,” by J. Haidt reports the seismic, negative effects of social media-smartphones upon youth.

So, we Christians need ask: What helps or hinders humans? Also: what is beneficial and complementary to human nature, and what distorts this?

Here's Three Guiding Principles: 1-Use, don't abuse tech—whether social media, AI or bio-medicines. 2- Avoid extremes: we are not extremists isolated unto ourselves; and oppositely, we are not Dr. Frankenstein's - experimenting any way possible without limits. We need aim for the radical middle between these extremes and thus need ongoing, thorough biblical-infused counsel from moral theologians and teachers of what enhances humans and personalism, and what hinders, hurts us. So “do not bite the alluring apple” (Gn. 3:6).

3-Don't try to bring about good from evil. St. Paul warned against this giant temptation (Rm. 3:8). And, when we remove humans (and ethicists) from technology (ie. on battlefields; or when parents are replaced by chatbots), and we surrender oversight, we are endangered. Lastly, changing humans, or human nature is a prospect many are warning about today, so remember:

“Be not conformed to the world” (Rm. 12:2), as we already have the imprint of God! (Gn. 1).

Rev. John J. Lombardi is Pastor of St. Peter / St. Patrick Catholic Church

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**Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church**, Church and High Streets, Hancock, 301-678-6569 - Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School for children & adults 10 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall.

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

**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.

**Buck Valley Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church** - Services will be held on the third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. until December. Rev. McCarty.

**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, 717-658-3906 - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Jean Squires.

**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.

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

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 10 a.m.

**Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church**, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 10 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, 301-678-5390 - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Wednesday evening services 6:30 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.

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**Bethel Community Church**, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Rev. Gary Quackenbos.

**Berkeley Baptist Church**, 300 Winchester Grade Road, 304-258-4101 - Wednesday prayer and study 6:30 p.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m. Food pantry distribution site call for more info. Pastor Joey N. Giles, Jr.

**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.

**Hope Community Church**, 31 Buzzard Acres Lane, Berkeley Springs - Sunday service at 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m., Kids Ministry infant-fifth grade, Youth Ministry Sunday nights 6 p.m. Pastors Skip Euler.

**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 or 717-294-6494. Bible study, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Second Friday of each month prayer service 6 p.m. Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Emmanuel Ensor and Deacon Shadrach 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**, 717-375-5881 - 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 Croteau, 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.

**Damascus Christian Church**, 717 Big Cove Tannery Road, BCT, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 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.

**Amaranth Church of the Brethren**, Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday kids program 6 p.m. Pastor Michael Lida.

**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., 205-492-9989 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Murvin Camatchee.

**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.

**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 Union Church**, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-639-9154 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Randy Bivens.

**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 Plessinger.

**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.

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**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.

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## OBITUARIES

#### Stanley Shoemaker, Jr.

Stanley Eugene Shoemaker, Jr., 68, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Monday, May 18, 2026 at WeCare at Rolling Meadows, Waynesboro, Pa.

Services will be announced by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Berkeley Springs.

#### Deborah Kay Michael 1950-2026

Deborah Kay Michael, 75, passed away on May 16, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

Born July 2, 1950 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Gaylen Brethed Shaw, Sr. and the late Edith Evelyn Manley Shaw.

She was a 1968 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and went on to become a beautician and was owner/operator of Korner Kurl for 28 years.

Debbie was a life member of the Alderton-Dawson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #60 having joined in 1976 where she held every office except treasurer and chaired numerous committees. She served as the 10th District President, vice president and was the children & youth chairman. Debbie served as 2nd Vice President and Vice President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia before serving as Department President during the 2023-2024 year. She also held various committee chair positions on the Department level.

She also was a member of the VFW Post #9760 in Berryville, Va. Debbie enjoyed cooking, watching Hallmark movies, loved spending time with her grandchildren and her fur baby "Nikki."

Deborah is survived by her children, Lucius Todd Michael (Heather), Josh William Michael (Gretchen) and Christian Paul Michael (Jenny) all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and Eric James Michael (Lea) of Williamsport, Md., thirteen grandchildren, Deven Morris, Lucius Michael, Jr., Clara Michael, Lilly Michael, Josh Michael II, Casey Michael, Lily Close, Maddie Close, Charli Michael, Andi Michael, Laken Michael, Lucas Michael and Cody Michael, one great grandson, Camden Morris and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roger John "Kat" Michael in 2023, eight sisters, Eleanor Drew Grove, Patricia Shaw, Stella Lorraine Moore, Nancy Ellen Shaw, Marie Aileen Weller, Anna Jean Murray Pierce, Delores Ann Lowe and Norma Evelyn Rash, and four brothers, Harold Henry Shaw, Malcolm "Jim" Elmer Shaw, Gaylen Brethed "June" Shaw, Jr. and Charles Richard Bohrer.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Services will be private. Private burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60, 527 N. Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 in Deborah's memory.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com](http://www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com).

#### Margaret Keefe 1937-2026

Margaret "Peggy" Keefe, 86, of Hancock, Md. passed away Thursday May 14, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born October 6, 1937, in Annapolis, Md., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Margaret Cole Brooks, and the wife of Delmas Keefe.

Peggy enjoyed bowling with her family and friends. She made numerous visits to the local senior center where she enjoyed talking and spending quality time with friends. Most of all she enjoyed spending precious time with her family.

Peggy was a member of the Hancock Church of God.

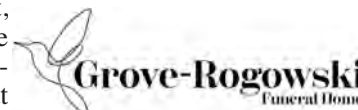
Peggy is survived by her husband Delmas; eight children, Karen Hixon Rohm and husband Kevin, Scott Keefe and wife Erika, Kristen and Kimberly Keefe, Ralph, Ben, Charles, and Margaret Rogers; two grandchildren, Kiara and Seina Keefe; one brother, Jessie Brooks; and two sisters, Carol Long and Susie Brooks and many nieces and nephews. The Keefe family would like to give "A very special thanks to Hospice of Washington County for their gracious compassion."

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Bobby Brooks and her sister, Joanne Lanham.

Visitation will be held Thursday May 21, 2026, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, Md. Graveside Service will follow at 1 p.m., at Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 14253 Exline Rd., Hancock, Md.. Pastor Jeff Hawbaker will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be mailed to Margaret G. Keefe, 2587 National Pike, Hancock, MD 21750 to help defray funeral expenses.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at [www.grfuneralhome.net](http://www.grfuneralhome.net).



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For details, contact *The Hancock News* at 301-678-6255.

### PVAS seeks participants for Wildflower Programs working group

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society to help shape this year's wildflower programs and get involved in the season ahead. Our next Wildflower Programs Working Group Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Our Wildflower Programs Working Group Meeting will be an open, collaborative space for anyone interested in helping plan this year's wildflower programs. You're welcome to attend in person at the Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve or online via Zoom. At this meeting we will be discussing possible late summer/fall wildflower programs.

Whether you're a seasoned botanical enthusiast or simply curious and looking to get involved, all are welcome. We'll share ideas, outline goals for the upcoming season, and discuss opportunities for new volunteers. This year, we're especially excited to train new wildflower walk



leaders, with chances to shadow experienced hosts before leading walks independently.

We hope you'll join us and be part of the team that brings these wildflower experiences to life.

This meeting is free and open to the public. This program is for adults. Registration is not required, but appreciated for planning purposes.

For additional details and the Zoom link, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wildflower-programs-working-group-meeting-2/>.

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# Maryland Park Service dedicates Freedman's State Park in Montgomery County, preserving African American history

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Office of Governor Wes Moore, and local partners dedicated a new Maryland state park on May 15 that pays tribute to a significant chapter of the state's African American history.

The newly dedicated park—Freedman's State Park in northeastern Montgomery County—comprises a little more than 1,000 acres of park land.

Restored buildings and new displays planned for the park will tell the story of the African American family that overcame enslavement to become a prosperous and influential family in northern Montgomery County, Baltimore, and Canada.

The park encompasses farmland once owned by Enoch George Howard, his wife Harriet, and their family, who helped shape the Civil Rights Movement in Maryland.

"Black history is central to Maryland's story, and Freedman's State Park tells an amazing story of resilience rising from the injustice of slavery," said Chichi Nyagah-Nash, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Wes Moore. "When we preserve a place like this, we are doing more than protecting acreage. We are honoring Black history as Maryland history. And we are making sure that future generations understand that freedom is not merely declared. It is built. It is defended. It is taught. It is prayed over. It is lived."

The park's name comes from the term "freedman," an individual who was emancipated from enslavement.

Freedman's State Park was established in 2022 by the Maryland General Assembly and will be used to celebrate all Marylanders freed from slavery.

"We rightly honor our well-known historic heroes like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. At Freedman's State Park we will explore the story of emancipation through the life of Enoch George Howard, the intrepid spirit of his family, and the community that grew around them," said Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz. "The Howard family's contributions to our shared history and struggle for freedom is an inspiring addition to the Park Service's stewardship of our natural, historical, and cultural heritage."

In the years prior to the Civil War, Enoch George Howard was enslaved by the Gaither family, after whom Gaithersburg is named. Enoch George's farming skill and business acumen allowed him to save enough money to buy his own freedom, then his wife's freedom, the freedom of their four children, and ultimately the land where his wife was once enslaved.

"The Howard family lived a complete arc of the African American experience in one generation, from enslavement to emancipation, to land ownership and community leadership," said Angela Crenshaw, Director of the Maryland Park Service. "Visitors to Freedman's State Park can share the immersive experience by walking in their literal footsteps on this land where they made history."

Enoch George Howard left his land to his children, one of whom, Martha Elizabeth Howard Murphy, sold her share and used the proceeds to help purchase the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper, Maryland's first Black-owned newspaper, and turned it into a leading voice in the civil rights struggle that is still publishing today.

Attractions found on this historic property include the Howard Chapel Cemetery, Howard Family Cemetery (where Enoch George and Harriet Howard are buried), and the ruins of Locust Villa, the original 1790s plantation home purchased for approximately \$3,000 by Enoch George Howard in 1862 amidst the Civil War. The plantation home was the former location where Howard's wife and children had been enslaved.

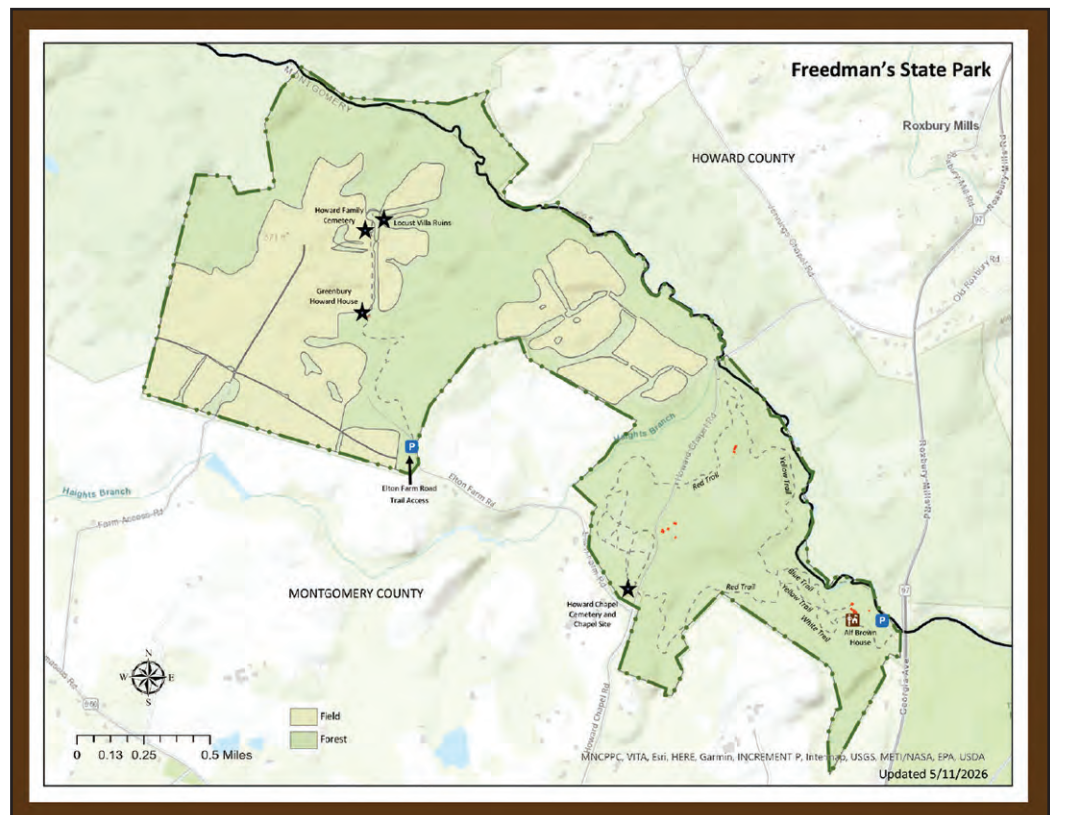
His son, Greenbury Howard, later built his nearby home in the image of Locust Villa and his descendants lived there until a few decades ago. Currently, the Park Service is overseeing restoration efforts of the Greenbury Howard home.

Freedman's State Park has been developed in partnership with Preservation Maryland, the Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Maryland-National Parks and Planning Commission, the Baltimore Afro-American and Afro Charities, and the Maryland Historical Trust. Archaeology work has uncovered many details about the Howard family.

The heavily wooded area and agricultural land previously farmed by the Howards that surround these



Howard family descendants gather around the grave markers of Enoch George Howard and Harriet Howard in the family cemetery. photo by Anthony Burrows, Maryland DNR



A map of Maryland's newest state park, Freedman's State Park in Montgomery County.

historic sites will be connected with recreational trails for hiking and biking. The new park's area was previously a portion of Patuxent River State Park. It encompasses land in northeastern Montgomery County in and near Brookeville, Olney, Sandy Spring, and Laytonsville.

Freedman's State Park was dedicated in a ceremony led by Secretary Kurtz and Director Crenshaw on Friday, May 15. Project partners including representatives from Gov. Moore's office, Preservation Maryland, the Afro-American, and Afro Charities as well as descendants of the Howard family toured the

grounds after the dedication. Portions of the park are already accessible for hiking and public tours will be scheduled in the future.

Freedman's is one of six new state parks or major expansions being announced this year by the Department of Natural Resources. In February, the historic African American cemetery at Catoc-tin Furnace in Cunningham Falls State Parks was opened to the public.

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church hosts discussion group

St. Mark's Episcopal church welcomes community members to take part in a five-week discussion of Marcus Borg's book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, an exploration of Jesus, faith, doubt and spiritual renewal. We will meet at the Parish House from 6-7:30 p.m. every Monday in June, starting on June 1. St. Mark's is located at 180 S. Washington Street.

The discussion group is especially intended for people who are curious about Jesus, uncertain about faith, new to Bible study, or carrying difficult memories of church teachings. No prior biblical knowledge is required, and participants are welcome to bring questions,

doubts, and honest reflections. Participants are encouraged to read the book, but those who simply want to listen are welcome. A free copy of the book will be provided to the first five people who sign-up for the discussion.

Each week will focus on a different theme from the book, including the historical Jesus, compassion, wisdom, healing from harmful religious images, and what it might mean to follow Jesus today. The group will be facilitated as an open and respectful conversation, not a class requiring expertise or a debate requiring agreement.

For more information or to sign-up, contact Laura Smith laurasmithwv84@gmail.com



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# Drought

(from front)

The year started out on a rather wet note, with a strong to extreme drought really taking hold that summer and fall, and remained through the winter of 2025, said Fox 5 Meteorologist Mike Thomas in an email to *The Hancock News*.

“By the spring, though, we did turn a bit of a corner... particularly in May of 2025 when Hagerstown picked up more than double their average monthly rainfall,” he said.

The average rainfall is 3.5 inches and Hagerstown received 7.36 inches.

While Maryland was drought-free for the most part of summer 2025, a dry fall, winter, and following spring brought those drought conditions back.

Thomas said as of May 12 of this year, more than 95% of the state is in severe drought.

He said the primary driver is likely the shift from a wetter leaning strong El Niño during the 2023-2024 year to a weaker La Niña/neutral regime over the last two years.

“Historically, these do tend to be drier patterns for the eastern half of the United States, with a weaker subtropical jet stream (which

transports moisture from the Gulf region northward) and stronger polar jet stream (which pulls in drier air from Canada) providing less than ideal conditions for a consistent rainfall pattern,” Thomas said.

The 2025 hurricane season came in below expectations, worsening the dryness. The only tropical remnant that impacted the Mid-Atlantic was the remnants of Tropical Storm Chantal in early July.

“It was not a moisture-rich system in our region, and Hagerstown picked up only around a tenth of an inch of rain from the remnant,” Thomas said.

These are pretty normal climate cycles and the region has been in and out of drought many times since the turn of the century.

There have been numerous droughts since 2000, with 2002 being the worst.

This past winter only gave the region one major winter storm, the so-called “snowcrete” storm on January 25, which brought an equivalent 1.99 inches of liquid to Hagerstown, Thomas said.

While it did bring some relief, a drier than average February and March reversed that temporary aid from that storm.



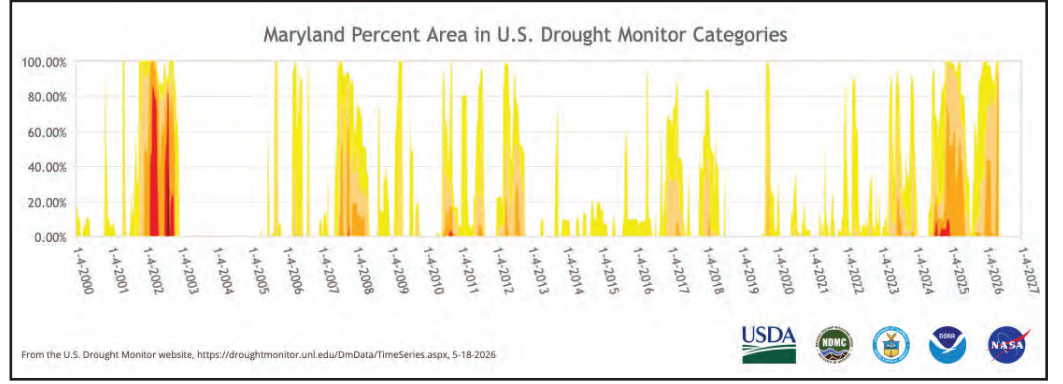
Fox 5 Meteorologist Mike Thomas.

“The remainder of the snow in the winter was generally lighter, and snowfall does not equate to that much liquid when it melts,” Thomas said.

**Spring & summer rains**  
Thomas said rainfall in late spring and summer tends to be much more “convective” as opposed to widespread, all-day soaking rains that aid in drought alleviation.

“We do see thunderstorms and shower chances as we head through the second half of May, but thunderstorm rains tend to be more scattered,” Thomas said. Your house could get one inch of rain while a house a few blocks away gets less, he noted.

A lot of that rainfall from heavy thunderstorms is often lost to runoff, instead of soak-



The National Drought Monitor Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln shows the spikes in droughts in Maryland since the year 2000 with major spikes in 2002.

ing into soils and being filtered naturally in aquifers.

“What we would need in the summer to really aid in drought aid would be either a more sustained shower/thunderstorm pattern, which may become more common towards the late summer as El Niño strengthens and the subtropical jet becomes more active,” he said.

Tropical remnants would also be a big help for more widespread rainfall, though the tropical season is expected to be a “bit more tame” this year due to the impacts of the strengthening El Niño, Thomas said, “but this does not mean a system could not come our way and help us out.”

Around the end of the calendar year, temperatures in the ocean surface along the coasts of Ecuador and northern Peru begin to get warmer.

Due to its appearance around the Christmas season, locals started calling this warming “El Niño,” meaning “The Child.”

Every two to seven years, a much stronger warming appears along the coast of South America, lasting several months.

NOAA’s National Weather Service is predicting El Niño to emerge soon with an 82% chance between May and July and continue through winter 2026-2027 with a 96% chance December 2026 though February 2027.

Thomas said the incoming, “potentially very strong (or ‘super’)” El Niño should be a great help to our region, but most of the southern and western United States as they have also been suffering from the drought conditions.

The more active subtropical jet stream in the Pacific makes moisture heavy, coastal storms more common, most notably during the cooler seasons of fall and winter, Thomas said.

The summer could be a wild card as it would depend on how fast the incoming El Niño strengthens throughout the summer months.

“I don’t expect we will see too much drought relief in the short-term, unfortunately,” Thomas said.

## Morgan County celebrates America’s 250th

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Times are Approximate)

<b>1-2 p.m.</b>	Set Up & Organize with Music
<b>2-2:15 p.m.</b>	Opening/Welcome/Prayer by Barb Miller/Pastor Joey Giles Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Fugitt National Anthem by Crystal Runion
<b>2:15-2:30 p.m.</b>	Announcements of Barn Flag
<b>2:30-3 p.m.</b>	Music, Cupcakes served
<b>3-3:15 p.m.</b>	Medley of Patriotic Music by Eddy and Judy Wiles
<b>3:15-3:45 p.m.</b>	Message by Pastor Matt Swope
<b>3:45-4 p.m.</b>	Music
<b>4-4:45 p.m.</b>	Music by Hymns for Him by the Place Brothers
<b>4:45-5 p.m.</b>	Thank you and Closing Prayer by Rev. Dick Voorhaar
<b>5-6 p.m.</b>	Music, Clean-Up

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“An afternoon of fun and fellowship to honor America’s 250th birthday will be held on Saturday, May 23, from 2-5 p.m. in the Berkeley Springs State Park. This is a time to come together as Americans.

“Our nation was founded on Christian values and the Bible. We will be providing a program of patriotism and renewal of our commitment to God,” says event organizers.

Local organizations and churches are welcome to set up tables or tents to let people

know about how they are serving our community. If any club, organization or church would like to participate, contact Barb Miller at 304-283-5395.

Events include music by Hymns for Him, Eddy and Judy Wiles and the National Anthem sung by Crystal Runion. The message will be brought by Pastor Matt Swope.

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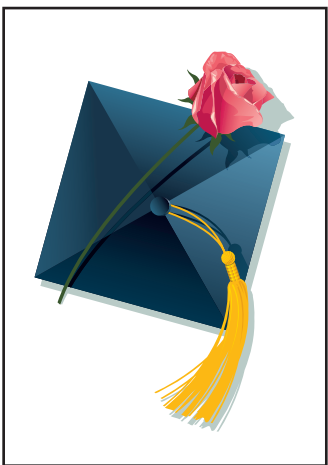
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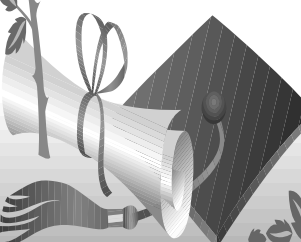


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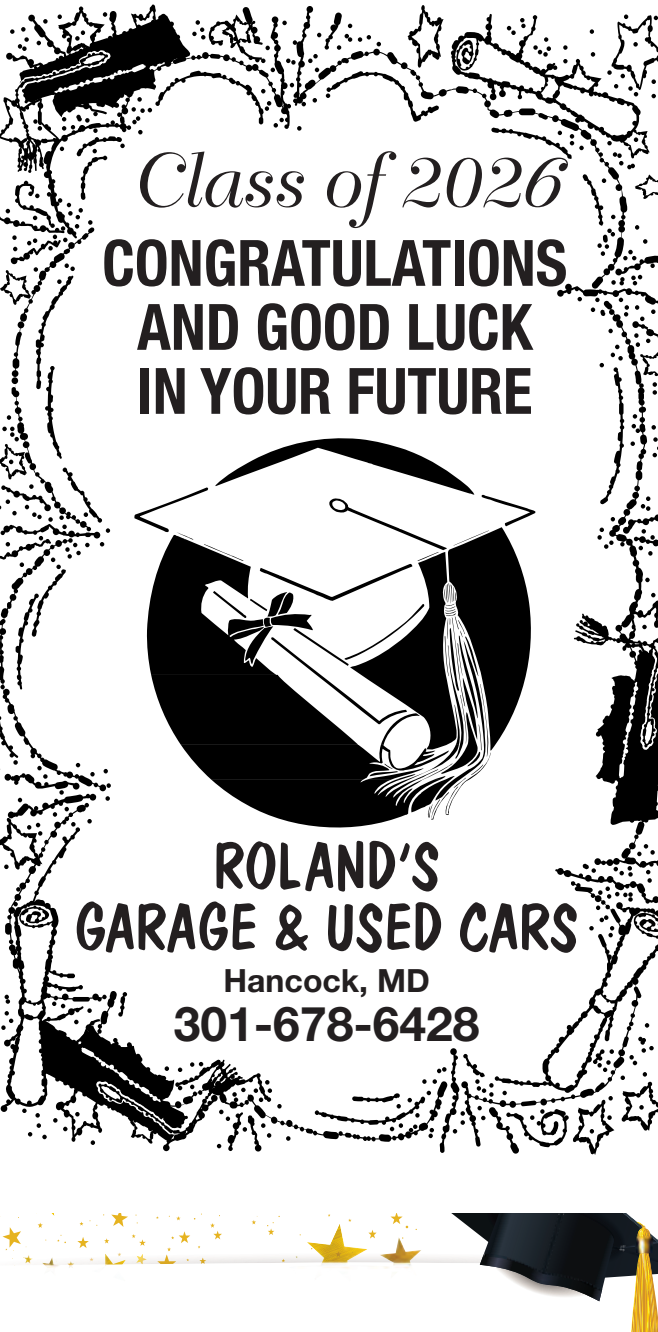
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Registration is required for each adult/teen/child who will be attending so adequate supplies and food are available.

To register you can email [justservehancock@gmail.com](mailto:justservehancock@gmail.com) or text the event organizer at 301-331-6286. There's also an online form located at <https://forms.gle/rQpuwLfwBQuSSBRX6>.

Registration deadline is Saturday, May 23.

## Maryland Annual Wildfire Report shows more, bigger wildfires

The number of wildfires in Maryland in 2025 remained steady but total acres burned nearly doubled, largely due to arson, according to the Maryland Forest Service's Annual Wildland Fire Report. The report covers wildfires across 3.2 million acres of land overseen by the Maryland Forest Service.

In Maryland, 172 wildland fires burned 8,167 acres during 2025. In 2024, 164 wildfires burned approximately 953 acres. Compared to the 5-year average, 2025 saw 13% more wildfires and 126% more acres burned. The busiest month was March, when wildfires were double the five-year average.

"March 2025 was characterized by a continuation of exceptionally warm conditions, contributing to a record-setting warm period nationally," said Chris Robertson, Maryland Forest Service state fire supervisor. "Maryland experienced generally above-average temperatures following a very warm, dry winter pattern, falling within an exceptionally warm 12-month period for the region."

The most common cause of wildfire in Maryland is debris burning, but in 2025, arson accounted for the most acres burned.

Debris burning caused 74 wildfires resulting in about 152 acres of damage, while arson caused 19 wildfires and 6,612 acres of damage, primarily in Dorchester County during February and March.

The number of fires started



photo courtesy of Maryland DNR

by arson was significantly lower than in 2024, when 33 fires occurred, but dry conditions greatly increased acres burned.

#### Prevention & Preparedness

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reminds residents that they can help prevent wildfires by composting rather than burning leaves or other yard debris, ensuring that camp or backyard fires are properly extinguished, and educating children about the dangers of lighters, matches, and wildfires.

Residents whose properties may be at risk of wildfires can use "Firewise" techniques to keep their homes and other buildings safe from

wildfire. These techniques include clearing flammable material away from structures, using fire-resistant building materials when possible, and maintaining a 30-foot cleared buffer around your home.

The Maryland Forest Service is also expanding its use of prescribed burns to reduce wildfire risk on land susceptible to fire. In 2025, Maryland Forest Service and partner organizations conducted 150 prescribed burns covering approximately 7,417 acres.

Prescribed burns, also called controlled burns, have become an increasingly common strategy for land management and wildfire prevention. Large wildfires

are less common in Maryland than in western states, but the prescribed burns help reduce the dead woody debris and shrub layer that could serve as fuel for unintended fires.

Larger trees that are fire-adapted with thicker bark and resprouting ability, such as oaks, withstand ground-level fires. The bare mineral soil left behind by prescribed burns can stimulate successful regeneration from the seed bank. The burns can also help create successional habitat composed of grasses, shrubs, and other low-lying vegetation that provide new habitat for wildlife such as pollinators and ground-nesting birds, including quail and field sparrows.



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Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for Trail Stewards volunteer workdays in May. Summer is the busiest time at the Nature Preserves. Help us maintain the trails and preserve features for summer campers and all of our visitors. All hands are welcome and helpful.

Trail Stewards Volunteer Workday at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va., Tuesday, May 26 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Trail Stewards Volunteer Workday at Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg, W.Va. Thursday, May 21 from 1:30-4 p.m. and Friday, May 29 from 12-2:30 p.m.

Trail Stewards Volunteer Workday at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Rd., Hedgesville, W.Va., Wednesday, May 27 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

These events are free and open to the public. Note that we may not have an age-appropriate task for children, as

these volunteer workdays are geared towards ages 16+. Children under 16 are welcome to attend, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required, but is appreciated for planning purposes. If you do not register, we cannot contact you about event changes or cancellations.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/category/volunteer-opportunities/list/>.

For more information, contact KC Walters at [Katelyn@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:Katelyn@potomacaudubon.org) or 681-252-1387.



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—KID JOKED: Why did the bread bring sunscreen to the picnic? To avoid getting toasted!

—Monday, May 25, is Memorial Day, a county-state-federal holiday. Expect banks, government offices and some businesses to be closed.

—Poppies were adopted as a symbol of remembrance for fallen soldiers after World

War I. The red flowers flourished in Flanders, western Belgium, despite the destruction of so much of that part of Europe during heavy fighting in the war.

—If trees have oak wilt, it should be obvious by now, say tree experts. Time to treat for rhododendron borer.

—Problems with mail fraud or theft, or receiving scam material via mail? Call

the U.S. Postal Inspection Service hotline at 1-877-876-2455.

—Charitable contributions of food and money to help needy local people can be sent to the Interfaith Service Coalition, 116 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750.

—Tell our advertisers you read about them in *The Hancock News*.

### Early Deadline

*All correspondents and advertisers are reminded the deadline for submitting copy to this publication is Friday this week, due to the holiday.*

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## Panther track team closes season at regionals with more personal records

by Geoff Fox

The Hancock Panthers track team ended its season last week as it competed in the Maryland 1A West Regional meet in Smithsburg on Wednesday, May 13, and Friday, May 15.

Coach Greg Cartrette said Leland Clark set a personal best in the discus, placing eighth. Landyn Clark placed fifth in the triple jump.

Cartrette said each student-athlete put in great work this season, making it a great season to build on.

"What they accomplished this season with getting better in each meet and all of them achieving Personal Best in several meets is something for the future of Hancock Track and Field," he said.

He said he's proud of each one for making his first year as the head coach of Hancock outdoor track and field one to remember.

There were also two seniors Cartrette wanted to acknowledge as well.

Cartrette recognized Landyn Clark and Ethan Hill for being a part of the team and their leadership with their teammates.

"Both of you have big futures ahead of you in whatever is your next phase in life," he said.

Coach Brittany Waugh also got a shout out from Cartrette for her work assisting him.

"Coach, you helped make this season a success and I could not have done it without you," he said.



Landyn Clark tries to over take his opponent as the first anchor of the Panthers' 4x100 relay at the 1A West Regionals last week in Smithsburg.



Conor Pouge takes to the air as part of the long jump competition at the 1A West Regionals held last week in Smithsburg.



Maia Godinez crossed the finish line for the Panthers during her event at the 1A West Regional Meet in Smithsburg last week.



Jayton McCarty takes off as the third anchor for the Panthers' 4x100 relay at the 1A West Regional in Smithsburg.



Leland Clark winds up to send the discus flying at the 1A West Regional in Smithsburg last week. Clark would place eighth while setting a personal best.

photos by Hancock Track



Xia Hixon crosses the finish line at the 1A West Regional Meet in Smithsburg last week.



Ethan Hill takes the baton as the second anchor for the Panthers during the 4x100 relay at the 1A West Regional in Smithsburg.

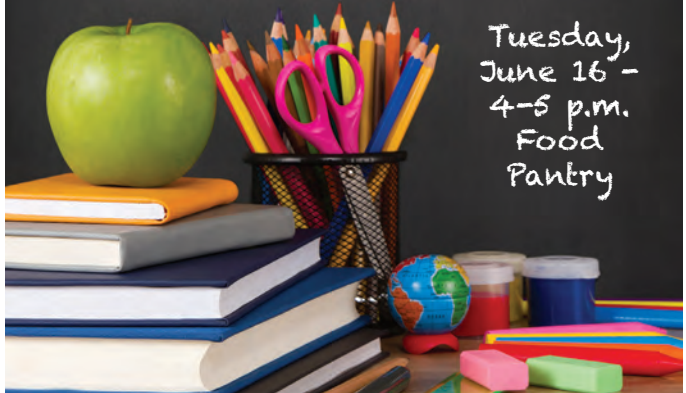
## McCusker signs to play softball at Hood

Brooklyn McCusker was joined by her Aunt Kristie Clingerman and Uncle Chris Clingerman as she signed her letter of intent to play softball for the Hood College Blazers next spring last Thursday, May 14, in the Hancock Middle-Senior High School cafeteria. McCusker's family, friends, and teammates were at the ceremony to support her as well. She also signed the Next Level Panther Athletes board Athletic Director Jamie Leggo keeps for Hancock athletes who take the next step in their athletic career.



## HANCOCK HIGH UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, May 20 - 6 p.m. Sports Banquet
- Friday, May 22 - 1:30 p.m. Senior Scholarship Ceremony
- Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Schools Closed
- Tuesday, May 26 - 7 p.m. - Graduation
- Monday, June 1 - 4-6 p.m. Sports Physicals
- Monday, June 1 - 5 p.m. 5th-grade transition night
- Wednesday, June 3 Flying Boxcars Attendance Incentive
- Friday, June 5 - 5:30 p.m. Band Celebration
- Monday, June 8 - 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Hershey Park Trip
- Tuesday, June 9 Tentative Last Day for Students
- Tuesday, June 16 - 4-5 p.m. Food Pantry



# Hancock High School presented Goodwill Cup

Hancock Middle-Senior High School was recently awarded the Goodwill Cup from Horizon Goodwill Industries and earned a donation to the school.

Beside receiving the cup, the school was also awarded \$1,000 from the Education Foundation of Washington County Public Schools.

David Shuster from Horizon Goodwill presented the trophy to Community School Manager Amanda Norris at the high school earlier this month.

Sheila Evers from the Education Foundation presented the check.

The competition between schools in Washington County supported the Spring into Education Donation Drive. During the drive, students and others are encouraged to donate gently-used clothing, shoes, accessories, housewares and collectibles into donation bins at the schools.

CNB Bank sponsored the \$1,000 prize.

The Education Foundation of WCPS has a mission to enhance education for all stu-



Sheila Evers of the Education Foundation of WCPS (left), David Shuster of Horizon Goodwill, and Tracy Bemiller of CNB (right) presented Community School Manager Amanda Norris (center) a trophy and a check for \$1,000 for Hancock Middle-Senior High School as a top school in the Goodwill Cup, a competition between Washington County Schools supporting the Spring into Education Donation Drive. photo courtesy Hancock Middle-Senior High School.

dents by securing resources to support innovative teaching and learning, serving as a

catalyst for uniting schools and their communities.

## League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Monday Tri-State Mixed on April 6:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal; 606, Let's Roll 573 and V.F.W. 544.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,771, V.F.W. 1,573 and Let's Roll 1,544.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 226, Dick Voorhaar 199 and Don Itjen 193. Women: Susie King 199, Betty McCauley 175 and Cindy Husted 158.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 652, Dick Voorhaar 545 and Dennis Neely 537. Women: Susie King 529, Betty McCauley 448 and Dee Thomas 437.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 217, Dennis Neely 182 and Bob Clark 177. Women: Deloris Stotler 152, Susie King 152 and Betty McCauley 151.

Standings: Mike's Scrap Metal 96-24, V.F.W. 71.5-48.5, Let's Roll 65-55, Wanna Bees 54-66, Aces 53-67, Lucky Strikes 50.5-69.5, Herb's Auto Biz 50-70 and Kaponites 40-80

Bowling scores for the Thursday Starlight Mixed on April 23:

High scratch game: The Great Escape 529, It's Show Time 510 and C.J.'s Bar & Grill 501.

High scratch series: The Great Escape 1,463, C.J.'s Bar & Grill 1,440 and It's Show Time 1,430.

High scratch game men: Henry Lantz 236, Gordon Walker 221 and Dan Wachter 191. Women: Deloris Stotler 180, Rhonda Kratochvil 168 and Betty McCauley 167.

High scratch series men: Henry Lantz 623, Gordon Walker 566 and Dennis Neely 534. Women: Deloris Stotler 515, Rhonda Kratochvil 484 and Betty McCauley 441.

High average men: Gordon Walker 188, Henry Lantz 183 and Dennis Neely 182. Women: Rhonda Kratochvil 169, Deloris Stotler 155 and Susie King 155.

Standings: Beauty & Beasts 76-44, It's Show Time 68.5-51.5, C.J.'s Bar & Grill 61-59, The Great Escape 58-62, Roy's 51-69 and Mix It Up 45.5-74.5

# Pennsylvania Ave. pump project costs rise, funding commitments questioned

by Geoff Fox

The Town of Hancock has been working on replacing the pump station off Pennsylvania Avenue for several years. Last Tuesday evening, May 12, they got an update from the engineering firm they hired to complete the project.

The project is to replace the failing pump station in the trailer park behind Story Cannabis, or the former Antique Mall.

Prior to the actual meeting, a brief public hearing was held regarding easements for properties around the sewer line and station.

Town Manager Mike Faith said on Thursday there were four easements needed three from property owners and a temporary one. There was also an older easement the town was going to abandon.

Costs for the project have increased as it has unfolded.

There was an increase in engineering costs by \$128,600, of which the town has already paid \$90,000, Faith said.

"All these grants are reimbursement-based, so the town has to pay the bill and then apply for reimbursement," Faith said.

The additional costs will add up to an extra \$30-\$35,000, said officials.

At the meeting last Tuesday, Project Manager for RK&K Rhiannon Miller told town officials the funding lined up for the project so far as \$800,000 from a Community Development Block Grant and \$405,000 from USDA.

She said they also looked at the numbers in the initial agreement and noted the costs were from 2021.

Miller said RK&K is confident the funds would be available and conversations could be had with the USDA, which typically has supplemental funding available to cover the construction engineering costs.

The construction-engineering part of the process won't happen unless the funding for the total project is in hand.

Construction was originally estimated to take three months, but Miller said that has been changed to six months.

The costs would not come from Hancock pockets, Miller said, adding that this increase should be the last increase before construction starts because of the easements.

Councilman Richard Strong raised concern about the added \$128,600 costs, asking it to be put in writing saying the town would not be stuck with the \$120,000.

Strong wanted to make sure there was something in the contract between the town and RK&K where it states the town is not obligated to pay the money until the work has been completed.

"We're not going to proceed with something the town doesn't want to proceed with," Miller said.

The project hasn't been put out to bid and Miller said the firm wouldn't be conducting any inspections and construction management.

"We got to cover all our bases," Strong said.

"I totally agree," Miller said.

The USDA must approve the grants with the correct documents, which council agreed to amend from the original agreement.

The \$405,000 has been obligated to the town, but can't be given to the town until that change is made.

Miller also said if town officials feel more comfortable having discussions with the USDA about the funding and getting things in writing, RK&K can see if that is possible.

While he couldn't speak for everyone on council, Strong said he personally, since he represents the town, would feel more comfortable if they had things in writing.

"Things happen. We know that," he said.

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski also reminded Strong and council about the importance of getting things done as the state has been

"breathing down the town's neck" about the project.

There's also the risk of losing the funding from the CDBG and USDA because the town is moving so slow.

"CDBG and USDA have threatened to pull their money, to be honest with you, due to just delays in this project," Miller said.

Strong still wanted the commitment from the grant writers they were committing funding.

Miller said that's the conversation with the USDA for the supplemental funding with Kuczynski, adding they want to see the signatures before committing to the funding.

The money won't have to be paid until the construction phase begins and once the bids come back, the town decides whether to go through with the construction.

Once town officials get bids in hand and meet to award the bid, Councilman Josh McCusker said there could be a better understanding of the process.

The town could then go to the USDA with the request for money if it is needed.

If every grant outlet were to say no, Faith said the town isn't getting the pump station.

If the town were to only get \$1.6 million of the total cost, Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the town would go to the other grant writers, even the county, to get the \$120,000 they need to get the project done.

Miller said RK&K does everything they can to get projects funded because small towns like Hancock don't have the ability to pay on those high costs.

Town officials approved 3-0, with Strong abstaining, a single amendment to the original agreement that would change the agreement version RK&K would need to use with applications to the USDA.

Officials also unanimously agreed to the easements.

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Friday	11:30-6:00
Saturday	10:15-2:00
Sunday	Closed

## Carnivorous Plant Nursery Field Trip

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society and Potomac Valley Master Naturalists to explore a garden of carnivorous plants and learn more about the feeding and care of these amazing plants. This field trip will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to Smithsburg, Md.

We will be visiting the greenhouses and outdoor growing beds of the Carnivorous Plant Nursery in Smithsburg. The nursery is owned and operated by Michael Szesze. Michael is a retired, award-winning science teacher with decades of experience growing carnivorous plants as well as professionally sharing his knowledge through presentations and leadership in many organizations. We will tour the greenhouses and outdoor growing beds, viewing carnivorous plants from North America and from around the world. This will be a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of carnivorous plants, propagation methods, and the feeding and care of



your very own carnivorous plants. And you can purchase plants, soil, and other equipment on the spot.

This event is free and open to the public. This program is for adults. Pre-registration is required.

For additional details and to register, go to

<https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/carnivorous-plant-nursery-field-trip-2/>.

For more information, contact Sonja Melander at [Sonja@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:Sonja@potomacaudubon.org) or 681-252-1387.

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## TAX COLLECTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND June 2, 2026 9:00 a.m.

As authorized by Title 14, Subtitle 8, Tax Property Article, notice having been given as required therein, the undersigned will offer for sale at public sale the following parcels of land situated in Washington County Maryland. The tax collector's sale will be conducted at the Washington County Office Building located at 35 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**ALL PARCELS WHICH REMAIN UNPAID AS OF 4:00 p.m. ON JUNE 1, 2026 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SALE.** Delinquent property owners have SIX MONTHS to redeem on non-owner-occupied properties and NINE MONTHS to redeem on owner-occupied properties; however, properties may be redeemed at any time prior to a final court decree. In order to redeem, delinquent property owners must pay costs incurred, including the opening bid together with six percent (6%) interest per annum, and any taxes, fees or charges accruing after the date of tax sale, which amount shall be paid prior to redemption.

**BIDDER REGISTRATION** is open through May 29, 2026, at 3:00pm. Each bidder will be required to register and provide the bidder's name and address, telephone number and social security number. A business entity will be required to provide the name, address and telephone number of the business, Federal and State ID numbers, a statement that the bidder is authorized to act on behalf of the business, evidence that the business is in good standing in the State of Maryland, and the resident agent's name address and telephone number. Registration applications can be submitted electronically through the Treasurer's page of the Washington County, MD website. Only one bidder's number will be assigned per legal entity. General information regarding tax sales and tax sale redemptions may be obtained through the website. Maps showing approximate property locations are available from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation Office, 3 Public Square, Hagerstown, Maryland.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Payment of the opening bid amount is required by 2:00 p.m. on the day of sale. The balance of the purchase price remains on credit. Neither the Treasurer nor Washington County make any representation as to the status of the title of the various parcels nor shall the Treasurer be responsible to any purchasers for foreclosure costs, attorney's fees, or other expenses in connection with any sale or sales made. In the rare event that an individual property sale must

be voided, the tax sale Purchaser, upon the surrender of the certificate, will receive a refund of the amount paid at the tax sale, but will receive **NO** redemption interest or reimbursement of attorney's fees, title search or other costs. Events that can invalidate a tax sale include, but are not limited to, bankruptcy filings prior to tax sale and transfer errors on the assessment records that cause a failure of notice to be sent to the true property owner.

**FORECLOSURE PROCESS:** The Maryland Tax Property Article §14-833 provides that at any time after 6 months from the date of sale on non-owner-occupied properties and 9 months from the date of sale on owner-occupied properties, a holder of any certificate of sale may file a complaint to foreclose all rights of redemption of the property to which the certificate relates. The right to redeem shall continue until finally barred by decree of the Circuit Court in which the foreclosure proceeding is filed. Unless a proceeding to foreclose the right of redemption is filed within two years of the date of the tax sale, the certificate is void, and any right, title, and interest of the holder of the certificate of sale in and to the property sold shall cease, and all money received by the Treasurer on account of the sale shall be deemed forfeited. Upon receipt of the court order foreclosing rights of redemption the Treasurer will execute a deed to the purchaser **only after** the balance of the purchase price together with all taxes and interest accruing after the date of sale have been paid.

If you have declared Bankruptcy and have property in Washington County, MD that is on this list, please contact the Treasurer's Office as soon as possible.

Questions regarding the Washington County tax collector's sale should be directed to the Washington County Treasurer's Office at 240-313-2110.

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Properties listed in the tax collector's sale include parcels of land situated in Washington County Maryland and shown on the assessment rolls as follows:

### DISTRICT ONE

Acct No.: 01-001493 Asmnt: \$296,300 Opening Bid: \$3,332.49  
Desc: 110X103 0.27 AC 201 N MECHANIC ST  
Name: FERNANDEZ JAMES A JR ROVIDA MEGAN LYNN

Acct No.: 01-002945 Asmnt: \$687,333 Opening Bid: \$7,178.77  
Desc: PT LOT 47 51.5X206 109 W MAIN STREET  
Name: CLARK KRISTINA

Acct No.: 01-003178 Asmnt: \$101,600 Opening Bid: \$1,569.74  
Desc: 54.2 ACRES E/S HARPERS FERRY ROAD  
Name: CIANGI THOMAS

Acct No.: 01-004719 Asmnt: \$205,000 Opening Bid: \$2,462.56  
Desc: LOT 29.5X103 121 S MECHANIC ST  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 01-007564 Asmnt: \$1,400 Opening Bid: \$451.49  
Desc: 50X100 .11 ACRE HAG/SHARPSBURG HIWAY  
Name: SPIELMAN GEORGE B SPIELMAN CHRISTINE MARIE

Acct No.: 01-007831 Asmnt: \$86,567 Opening Bid: \$1,281.38  
Desc: LOT 118X100 0.27 A 205 W HIGH ST  
Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 01-010727 Asmnt: \$65,000 Opening Bid: \$1,154.84  
Desc: LOT 2 ACRES PORTERSTOWN RD  
Name: HOLLIS CYNTHIA

Acct No.: 01-012460 Asmnt: \$160,467 Opening Bid: \$504.79  
Desc: LOT 9 SE A .78 AC 5028 HARPERS FERRY RD  
Name: OLD BRANCH AVENUE LLC

Acct No.: 01-020056 Asmnt: \$487,700 Opening Bid: \$5,930.49  
Desc: 13.21 ACRES LOT 2 5554 MONDELL ROAD  
Name: HARTUNG CONSTANCE D

Acct No.: 01-021389 Asmnt: \$129,267 Opening Bid: \$1,923.21  
Desc: LOT 2 3.12 ACRES 6320 MONDELL RD  
Name: STOTLER TODD

Acct No.: 01-021915 Asmnt: \$147,367 Opening Bid: \$2,117.14  
Desc: LOT 1 3.17 ACRES 4239 MILLS ROAD  
Name: HARTLE LISA Y

Acct No.: 01-022563 Asmnt: \$200,000 Opening Bid: \$4,572.10  
Desc: 6 ANTENNAS ON W TANK 126 W HIGH ST  
Name: WASH CO COMMISSIONERS BD OF

### DISTRICT TWO

Acct No.: 02-000253 Asmnt: \$200,333 Opening Bid: \$4,453.91  
Desc: 0.131 ACRES 42/44 W POTOMAC ST  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-001098 Asmnt: \$172,833 Opening Bid: \$2,150.75  
Desc: LOT 75X225 .38 A 16064 SPIELMAN ROAD  
Name: SWARTZ CLARENCE E SWARTZ JO ELLEN

Acct No.: 02-001659 Asmnt: \$99,000 Opening Bid: \$898.10  
Desc: 0.91 ACRES 142 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: CTR PARTNERSHIP LP

Acct No.: 02-002442 Asmnt: \$245,367 Opening Bid: \$1,607.90  
Desc: LOT 2 126X300 0.8 144 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: CTR PARTNERSHIP LP

Acct No.: 02-002868 Asmnt: \$77,433 Opening Bid: \$1,555.44  
Desc: LOT 34X99 AV .084 AC 101 S ARTIZAN ST  
Name: BOND FRANKLIN BOND DEBORAH

Acct No.: 02-003511 Asmnt: \$49,700 Opening Bid: \$659.01  
Desc: LOT .593AC 140 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: CTR PARTNERSHIP LP

Acct No.: 02-004747 Asmnt: \$87,400 Opening Bid: \$841.84  
Desc: LOT 1.74 ACRES 150 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: CTR PARTNERSHIP LP

Acct No.: 02-008653 Asmnt: \$29,700 Opening Bid: \$861.63  
Desc: 36 X 96 W/S N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: MCKIMMY DOLLY

Acct No.: 02-009153 Asmnt: \$5,758,600 Opening Bid: \$198,923.50  
Desc: 4.39 ACRES 136 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: 44 E VILLAGE LANE LLC

Acct No.: 02-009250 Asmnt: \$139,000 Opening Bid: \$1,993.70  
Desc: LOTS 3 & 4 0.231 AC 15725&15723 FENTON AVE  
Name: MCKIMMY CLYDE R MCKIMMY DOLLY MAE

Acct No.: 02-010380 Asmnt: \$204,700 Opening Bid: \$2,766.55  
Desc: 1.43 ACRES 15230 CLEAR SPRING RD  
Name: HENSLEY RAY D HENSLEY BEVERLY A

Acct No.: 02-012685 Asmnt: \$183,633 Opening Bid: \$2,109.65  
Desc: N PT LOT 191 30X96 116 N ARTIZAN ST  
Name: MCKIMMY CLYDE R MCKIMMY DOLLY M

Acct No.: 02-015676 Asmnt: \$308,800 Opening Bid: \$2,560.11  
Desc: LOT R-3 .850 ACRE 15813 LOCKWOOD ROAD  
Name: TANA BRIAN ET AL TANA JODI

Acct No.: 02-017709 Asmnt: \$120,000 Opening Bid: \$2,240.75  
Desc: LOT 1 1.0 ACRES 15766 POWER HOUSE RD  
Name: TANA PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020130 Asmnt: \$20,200 Opening Bid: \$827.91  
Desc: LOT 1 0.240 ACRES BYERS DRIVE  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020149 Asmnt: \$20,500 Opening Bid: \$833.14  
Desc: LOT 2 0.257 ACRES BYERS DRIVE  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020165 Asmnt: \$20,200 Opening Bid: \$827.26  
Desc: LOT 4 0.238 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020173 Asmnt: \$22,200 Opening Bid: \$867.68  
Desc: LOT 5 0.333 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020181 Asmnt: \$21,400 Opening Bid: \$851.40  
Desc: LOT 6 0.294 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020211 Asmnt: \$20,000 Opening Bid: \$923.13  
Desc: LOT 8 0.231 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020238 Asmnt: \$20,400 Opening Bid: \$831.63  
Desc: LOT 9 0.252 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

Acct No.: 02-020246 Asmnt: \$20,900 Opening Bid: \$841.19  
Desc: LOT 3 0.272 ACRES ROLLIN COURT  
Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

### DISTRICT THREE

Acct No.: 03-000265 Asmnt: \$588,900 Opening Bid: \$13,014.05  
Desc: LOT 70X100 805-807-809 W WASHINGTON  
Name: VOSS JENNIFER

Acct No.: 03-000419 Asmnt: \$340,400 Opening Bid: \$2,674.88  
Desc: 1.30 ACRES 32 W BALTIMORE ST  
Name: HAGERSTOWN MULTI USE SPORTS EVENTS

Acct No.: 03-001296 Asmnt: \$182,900 Opening Bid: \$4,330.07  
Desc: LOT 36X120 267/269 S POTOMAC ST  
Name: PD MARKETING & CONSULTING LLC

Acct No.: 03-004309 Asmnt: \$194,300 Opening Bid: \$2,329.19  
Desc: LTS19-21 SE14 75X110 991 MARYLAND AVE  
Name: HD TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC

Acct No.: 03-004538 Asmnt: \$219,400 Opening Bid: \$5,110.77  
Desc: 40X159 600-602 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: OUR FAMILY LLC

Acct No.: 03-005240 Asmnt: \$73,300 Opening Bid: \$29,392.30  
Desc: LOT 26 20X167 26 GARLINGER AVE  
Name: MCSHERRY DAVID L JR ET AL

Acct No.: 03-005410 Asmnt: \$1,037,200 Opening Bid: \$16,192.06  
Desc: LOT 79X237 215/217 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: BL REAL ESTATE LLC

Acct No.: 03-005887 Asmnt: \$132,800 Opening Bid: \$3,240.25  
Desc: LOT 41X165 119 W ANTIETAM ST  
Name: DINKINS DEVONTE W DINKINS CHERIE ANN

Acct No.: 03-006131 Asmnt: \$142,300 Opening Bid: \$5,014.43  
Desc: LOT 33X100 451-453 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: STRAWSER INVESTMENT GROUP LLC

Acct No.: 03-006956 Asmnt: \$136,700 Opening Bid: \$1,692.78  
Desc: LOT 36 60X171 925 NOLAN DR  
Name: FLORY TERRANCE LEE FLORY SHIRLEY ANN

Acct No.: 03-007391 Asmnt: \$191,900 Opening Bid: \$4,496.23  
Desc: PT LOTS 3-4 60X150 825-827 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: LAJ PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 03-008800 Asmnt: \$123,200 Opening Bid: \$3,025.15  
Desc: LT 25X98.5 057 AC 303 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: PICKETT TERRY

Acct No.: 03-009157 Asmnt: \$99,500 Opening Bid: \$2,532.57  
Desc: LT 146X137 AV .46 AC 1200 MARYLAND AVE  
Name: H & M PROPERTIES

Acct No.: 03-009548 Asmnt: \$540,400 Opening Bid: \$4,000.93  
Desc: 2.702 ACRES ANTIETAM ST, SUMMIT AVE  
Name: HAGERSTOWN MULTI USE SPORTS EVENTS

Acct No.: 03-011852 Asmnt: \$222,400 Opening Bid: \$5,144.41  
Desc: LOTS 44-48 SEC 12 228 -230 W HOWARD ST  
Name: R S M DAVIS LLC

Acct No.: 03-012964 Asmnt: \$207,200 Opening Bid: \$4,821.37  
Desc: COR LT23/24 50X150 202 W HOWARD ST  
Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 03-014525 Asmnt: \$63,000 Opening Bid: \$835.70  
Desc: LOT 100X105 0.24 AC 140 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: HAGERSTOWN MULTI USE SPORTS EVENTS

Acct No.: 03-014568 Asmnt: \$34,888,400 Opening Bid: \$231,732.12  
Desc: 1.458 ACRES 80 W BALTIMORE ST  
Name: HAGERSTOWN MULTI USE SPORTS EVENTS

Acct No.: 03-014576 Asmnt: \$85,600 Opening Bid: \$985.54  
Desc: LOT 0.39 AC SUMMIT AVE  
Name: HAGERSTOWN MULTI USE SPORTS EVENTS

Acct No.: 03-019802 Asmnt: \$162,100 Opening Bid: \$3,885.17  
Desc: LOT 34 100X120 615 SUNSET AVE  
Name: SHADE MICHAEL H CHAPMAN A DE LANE

Acct No.: 03-020045 Asmnt: \$329,100 Opening Bid: \$3,700.27  
Desc: LOT 69X153 .24 AC 212-214 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: 125 FRANKLIN LLC

Acct No.: 03-020371 Asmnt: \$19,900 Opening Bid: \$2,359.81  
Desc: LOT 195 50X200 ELMWOOD ROAD  
Name: HARPER MARY KATHRYN

Acct No.: 03-020398 Asmnt: \$39,200 Opening Bid: \$4,243.00  
Desc: LOT 190-191 100X200 ELMWOOD ROAD  
Name: HARPER MARY KATHRYN

Acct No.: 03-020401 Asmnt: \$39,200 Opening Bid: \$4,243.00  
Desc: LOT 192-193 100X200 ELMWOOD ROAD  
Name: HARPER MARY KATHRYN

Acct No.: 03-021483 Asmnt: \$145,400 Opening Bid: \$3,527.98  
Desc: LT14 40X128 .118AC 409/411 S BURHANS BLVD E  
Name: MENA JOSE ANTONIO MENA KRISTINE DIANE

Acct No.: 03-021645 Asmnt: \$28,600 Opening Bid: \$1,373.61  
Desc: PT LT 14 1.16 ACRES 18 SNYDER AVE  
Name: 2 STATES HOLDING LLC

Acct No.: 03-021653 Asmnt: \$28,600 Opening Bid: \$1,029.72  
Desc: W PT LOT 14 19X200 20 SNYDER AVE  
Name: 2 STATES HOLDING LLC

Acct No.: 03-022587 Asmnt: \$198,200 Opening Bid: \$2,394.75  
Desc: LOT 95X147 .32 AC 617-625 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: 617 SUMMIT PLACE LL

Acct No.: 03-022838 Asmnt: \$198,200 Opening Bid: \$4,657.32  
Desc: LOT 44X120 .12 ACRE 447/449 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: JACOBSON INVESTMENTS LLC

Acct No.: 03-022900 Asmnt: \$83,400 Opening Bid: \$33,874.13  
Desc: PT LOT 18.15X110 333 SOUTH ST  
Name: BOWERS RODNEY N BOWERS SHERRY A

Acct No.: 03-023990 Asmnt: \$256,000 Opening Bid: \$2,662.85  
Desc: LOTS 33/34 100X145 630 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: YOUNG PATRICIA A

Acct No.: 03-024679 Asmnt: \$20,500 Opening Bid: \$2,418.37  
Desc: LOT 187 100X150 .34A W/S ELMWOOD ROAD  
Name: HARPER MARY KATHRYN

Acct No.: 03-024687 Asmnt: \$19,900 Opening Bid: \$2,359.81  
Desc: LOT 188 50X200 W/S ELMWOOD RD  
Name: HARPER MARY KATHRYN

Acct No.: 03-026930 Asmnt: \$617,400 Opening Bid: \$13,538.89  
Desc: 0.54 ACRES NW/S MARYLAND AVE  
Name: NATIONAL PIZZA COMPANY

Acct No.: 03-027651 Asmnt: \$292,300 Opening Bid: \$3,293.13  
Desc: LOT 1 0.039 ACRES 49 SUMMIT AVE  
Name: HD TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC

Acct No.: 03-027937 Asmnt: \$95,400 Opening Bid: \$49,695.22  
Desc: PARCEL A 0.051 ACRES 321 RIDGE AVE  
Name: SNYDER KATHIE JO

Acct No.: 03-032175 Asmnt: \$41,700 Opening Bid: \$1,335.29  
Desc: LOT 50X170 S PROSPECT ST  
Name: LEGIT MANAGEMENT LLC

Acct No.: 03-032574 Asmnt: \$87,500 Opening Bid: \$2,289.56  
Desc: CONDOMINIUM UNIT 2 43 S PROSPECT ST  
Name: GABRIEL MICHAL

### DISTRICT FOUR

Acct No.: 04-000625 Asmnt: \$134,400 Opening Bid: \$1,758.44  
Desc: AV LOT 31.5X198.0 .143 ACRES  
Name: HOVERMALE THEODORE R HOVERMALE CAROL E

Acct No.: 04-001087 Asmnt: \$227,167 Opening Bid: \$2,683.65  
Desc: PT LOT 38 49X198 118/120 CUMBERLAND ST  
Name: GROSH BRIAN J

Acct No.: 04-003381 Asmnt: \$264,967 Opening Bid: \$3,024.28  
Desc: LOT 29 66X198 145 CUMBERLAND ST  
Name: HOVERMALE THEODORE R JR HOVERMALE CAROL E

Acct No.: 04-003527 Asmnt: \$4,182,733 Opening Bid: \$47,180.95  
Desc: 2.32 ACRES 12426 HOUCK AVE  
Name: MYGHM CLEAR SPRING LLC

Acct No.: 04-005627 Asmnt: \$132,600 Opening Bid: \$1,740.49  
Desc: LOT 71 66X198 12 MARTIN ST  
Name: HOVERMALE THEODORE R JR HOVERMALE CAROLE E

Acct No.: 04-005635 Asmnt: \$36,000 Opening Bid: \$777.05  
Desc: 1/2 LOT 72 43X198 14 W MARTIN ST  
Name: HOVERMALE THEODORE R JR HOVERMALE CAROLE E

Acct No.: 04-012623 Asmnt: \$56,700 Opening Bid: \$1,060.76  
Desc: 7.354 ACRES N/S DAM 5 ROAD  
Name: COE EVELYN JANE

### DISTRICT FIVE

Acct No.: 05-001269 Asmnt: \$170,267 Opening Bid: \$1,362.52  
Desc: 0.211 ACRES 134/136/138 MAIN ST  
Name: HANCOCK MEETING HOUSE LLC

Acct No.: 05-001536 Asmnt: \$100,133 Opening Bid: \$1,613.10  
Desc: 2 ACRES 5134 BERM RD  
Name: BRUMBACK PHILIP ETAL BRUMBACK MARY

Acct No.: 05-002974 Asmnt: \$95,567 Opening Bid: \$1,585.23  
Desc: LOTS 38/39 80X150 22 TALIAFERRO AVE  
Name: TRITLE DONNIA DIVEL PAMELA

Acct No.: 05-003202 Asmnt: \$217,533 Opening Bid: \$2,557.71  
Desc: LOT 2 86X150 239 W MAIN ST  
Name: PENWELL JOHN D PENWELL HANNAH R

Acct No.: 05-004586 Asmnt: \$148,333 Opening Bid: \$2,732.38  
Desc: LOT 50X150 256 W MAIN ST  
Name: STRAWSER INVESTMENT GROUP LLC

Acct No.: 05-004896 Asmnt: \$193,967 Opening Bid: \$2,676.80  
Desc: LOT 16-A 3.60 ACRES 14747 HEAVENLY ACRES RDG  
Name: SHIPLEY PATRICIA J ET AL

Acct No.: 05-005116 Asmnt: \$118,267 Opening Bid: \$2,237.36  
Desc: LOT 10 0.13 ACRES 6 GROVE CIRCLE  
Name: WILLS ROCKY A WILLS TAMMY LEE

Acct No.: 05-007259 Asmnt: \$195,033 Opening Bid: \$3,418.28  
Desc: LOT 74.3X315 12 W HIGH ST  
Name: SMITH AARON

Acct No.: 05-007380 Asmnt: \$166,600 Opening Bid: \$9,354.01  
Desc: LOT 16 60X180 259 PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
Name: OP MOUY

Acct No.: 05-008093 Asmnt: \$32,533 Opening Bid: \$1,608.55  
Desc: LOT 4 40X200 26 BRENT ST  
Name: DOLSEN DEAN

Acct No.: 05-008409 Asmnt: \$38,400 Opening Bid: \$2,202.90  
Desc: LOTS 20-21 100X130 DALE STREET  
Name: JOHNSON MINERVA J

Acct No.: 05-009138 Asmnt: \$783,933 Opening Bid: \$12,477.62  
Desc: 0.736A 224 W MAIN ST  
Name: PWH SOUTHWEST BOSTON LLC

Acct No.: 05-010985 Asmnt: \$900 Opening Bid: \$428.20  
Desc: LOT 0.19 ACRES N/S NATIONAL PIKE  
Name: WIENS AMANDA SHEENA

Acct No.: 05-012767 Asmnt: \$1,520,100 Opening Bid: \$17,416.48  
Desc: 1.115 ACRES 118 LIMESTONE RD  
Name: SHREE NABHYA HOSPITALITY LLC

Acct No.: 05-014425 Asmnt: \$40,767 Opening Bid: \$1,054.08  
Desc: PT LT 0.06 ACRES 111 E MAIN ST  
Name: SHAFFER JOHN SHAFFER JENNIFER

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**DISTRICT FIVE**

Acct No.: 05-014441 Asmnt: \$54,367 Opening Bid: \$1,266.27  
 Desc: 35.5X90 0.073 AC 113 E MAIN ST  
 Name: SHAFFER JOHN SHAFFER JENNIFER

Acct No.: 05-015448 Asmnt: \$105,400 Opening Bid: \$4,448.27  
 Desc: 14.48 ACRES 3464 NATIONAL PIKE  
 Name: PETRY JERRY E

Acct No.: 05-015456 Asmnt: \$16,000 Opening Bid: \$667.64  
 Desc: LOT 36X112 .11 A BAPTIST CHURCH RD  
 Name: BRADLEY RUTH

Acct No.: 05-015464 Asmnt: \$5,700 Opening Bid: \$506.93  
 Desc: LOT 60X107 BAPTIST CHURCH RD  
 Name: BRADLEY RUTH

Acct No.: 05-015529 Asmnt: \$8,200 Opening Bid: \$510.96  
 Desc: POTOMAC SAND ISLAND 4.125 AC POTOMAC RIVER  
 Name: SMITH DEAN L SMITH P A

Acct No.: 05-019117 Asmnt: \$128,233 Opening Bid: \$2,390.66  
 Desc: PTLT 1 1.59 ACRES 137 & 139 LIMESTONE  
 Name: TURNER BRENDA L

Acct No.: 05-020026 Asmnt: \$55,000 Opening Bid: \$1,041.48  
 Desc: 3.50 ACRES W/S BAIN RD  
 Name: GOUFF DAVID E

Acct No.: 05-022754 Asmnt: \$97,067 Opening Bid: \$1,578.35  
 Desc: 3.03 ACRES 14613 HIGH GERMANY ROAD  
 Name: WIDMER LAURIE

**DISTRICT SIX**

Acct No.: 06-000150 Asmnt: \$100,800 Opening Bid: \$1,560.67  
 Desc: 7.08 ACRES E/S OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
 Name: SEABOLT THURMAN P SEABOLT TERESA

Acct No.: 06-005993 Asmnt: \$158,400 Opening Bid: \$1,997.81  
 Desc: LOT 0.829 ACRES 121 S MAIN ST  
 Name: STALEY TYLER BRENDEN

Acct No.: 06-007503 Asmnt: \$319,100 Opening Bid: \$448.37  
 Desc: LOT 131X165 .5 A 6508 APPLETON ROAD  
 Name: KING ROAD ASSOCIATES LP

Acct No.: 06-008488 Asmnt: \$234,700 Opening Bid: \$2,751.57  
 Desc: LOT 56X128 AVG 0.16 102 ST PAUL ST EXT  
 Name: KAY JONATHAN & KAY SERENA L

Acct No.: 06-010172 Asmnt: \$109,800 Opening Bid: \$542.05  
 Desc: LOT 50X352 1.08 AC 8202 MOUNTAIN LAUREL RD  
 Name: RUMMEL JONATHAN

Acct No.: 06-010393 Asmnt: \$172,033 Opening Bid: \$2,428.17  
 Desc: .97 AC 6213 APPLETON RD  
 Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 06-010903 Asmnt: \$3,172,267 Opening Bid: \$719.88  
 Desc: 331.66 ACRES REM 6821 KING ROAD  
 Name: KING ROAD ASSOCIATES

Acct No.: 06-011381 Asmnt: \$41,600 Opening Bid: \$889.57  
 Desc: 9.81 ACRES E/S CLEVELANDTOWN RD  
 Name: HEON LOUIS GEORGE JR HEON GEORGE LOUIS

Acct No.: 06-012086 Asmnt: \$222,567 Opening Bid: \$439.17  
 Desc: LT 73X108X54X114 220 S MAIN ST  
 Name: KING ROAD ASSOCIATES LP

Acct No.: 06-019870 Asmnt: \$382,800 Opening Bid: \$454.42  
 Desc: 8.9 ACRES 6510 APPLETON ROAD  
 Name: KING ROAD ASSOCIATES LP

Acct No.: 06-031862 Asmnt: \$49,400 Opening Bid: \$978.00  
 Desc: LOT 15 .43 AC MOUNTAIN LAUREL ROAD  
 Name: TRI STATE AFFORDABLE HOMES LLC

Acct No.: 06-034462 Asmnt: \$504,000 Opening Bid: \$6,784.86  
 Desc: REM OF PARCEL C 5.9 E/S OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

Acct No.: 06-034713 Asmnt: \$1,120,000 Opening Bid: \$14,566.78  
 Desc: PARCEL B 22.40 ACR E/S OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

Acct No.: 06-034721 Asmnt: \$241,000 Opening Bid: \$1,746.39  
 Desc: 4.82 ACRES REM E/S OLD NATIONAL PIKE  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

Acct No.: 06-065095 Asmnt: \$106,200 Opening Bid: \$1,759.73  
 Desc: LOT 2 1.25 ACRES STILES PLACE  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

Acct No.: 06-065097 Asmnt: \$88,400 Opening Bid: \$1,534.57  
 Desc: LOT 4 1.04 ACRES STILES PLACE  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

Acct No.: 06-065936 Asmnt: \$351,000 Opening Bid: \$4,852.05  
 Desc: LOT 6 4.13 ACRES OSTERTAG PASS  
 Name: PRESERVE AT FOX GAP LLC

**DISTRICT SEVEN**

Acct No.: 07-007590 Asmnt: \$223,200 Opening Bid: \$2,913.38  
 Desc: LOT 93 65X150 .22AC 21912 HOLIDAY DRIVE  
 Name: BISBEE CASSIE D

Acct No.: 07-010184 Asmnt: \$201,433 Opening Bid: \$2,659.85  
 Desc: 11.564 ACRES 11304 CRYSTAL FALLS DR  
 Name: MCPHERSON RICHARD W

Acct No.: 07-013132 Asmnt: \$72,133 Opening Bid: \$1,235.70  
 Desc: LOT 66X165 .25 A 22416 GOOSE ST  
 Name: LLANOS MISAEL JAVIER

Acct No.: 07-013531 Asmnt: \$50,300 Opening Bid: \$919.67  
 Desc: LOT 43 .24 AC SCHALLER LANE  
 Name: SCHALLER BONNIE MAY SMITH SHANNON M

Acct No.: 07-034660 Asmnt: \$351,600 Opening Bid: \$4,815.90  
 Desc: LOT 373 0.27 ACRE 103 DREW CIRCLE  
 Name: ROBERTS GEORGE L & ANNA M

Acct No.: 07-035756 Asmnt: \$245,700 Opening Bid: \$2,834.76  
 Desc: LOT 30 0.093 ACRE 6 ECKSTINE CT  
 Name: DEBBIE J MEADORS IRREVOCABLE TRUST MEADORS BRADLEY W CO TRUSTEE

Acct No.: 07-065020 Asmnt: \$75,567 Opening Bid: \$1,274.63  
 Desc: LOT 2 4.27 ACRES 12514 PLEASANT VALLEY RO  
 Name: MOUNTAIN VIEW ACRES LLC

**DISTRICT EIGHT**

Acct No.: 08-004226 Asmnt: \$287,867 Opening Bid: \$2,004.71  
 Desc: 1.25 AC 4801&4805 WOODSTOCK LANE  
 Name: GRAY CHARLES EDGAR GRAY BETTY JEAN

Acct No.: 08-004838 Asmnt: \$117,367 Opening Bid: \$1,730.16  
 Desc: LT 100X150 .34 AC 3813 HOGAN LANE  
 Name: VOLZ THOMAS D

Acct No.: 08-005001 Asmnt: \$82,333 Opening Bid: \$1,351.32  
 Desc: 1 ACRE 20344 YOURTEE RD  
 Name: TUCKER KAREN SUE

Acct No.: 08-006482 Asmnt: \$199,100 Opening Bid: \$1,515.43  
 Desc: 3.31 ACRES 20106 HOGMAW ROAD  
 Name: POOLE FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST

Acct No.: 08-008337 Asmnt: \$248,767 Opening Bid: \$3,298.03  
 Desc: 1.15 ACRES 20709 VIOLET 20707 RD  
 Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 08-008922 Asmnt: \$52,800 Opening Bid: \$1,076.54  
 Desc: LOT 182X122 .49 AC 20114 HOGMAW RD  
 Name: POOLE LARRY P TRUSTEE

Acct No.: 08-009104 Asmnt: \$158,833 Opening Bid: \$2,278.53  
 Desc: LOT 1.1 AC 3409 CHESTNUT GROVE RD  
 Name: STARLIPER SHAWNEE R

Acct No.: 08-009880 Asmnt: \$70,633 Opening Bid: \$1,218.69  
 Desc: 1.23 ACRES ELK RIDGE  
 Name: CLIPP MERLE L

Acct No.: 08-015821 Asmnt: \$114,500 Opening Bid: \$1,698.12  
 Desc: 1.03 ACRES MT CARMEL CHURCH RD  
 Name: 5753 MT CARMEL CHURCH LLC

Acct No.: 08-015848 Asmnt: \$389,033 Opening Bid: \$4,827.40  
 Desc: LOT .11 ACRE 5753 MT CARMEL CHURCH RD  
 Name: 5753 MT CARMEL CHURCH LLC

Acct No.: 08-017743 Asmnt: \$1,100 Opening Bid: \$494.42  
 Desc: PARCEL A 0.09 AC N/S GAPLAND ROAD  
 Name: BUTTS CONSTANCE E BUTTS RICKY H

**DISTRICT NINE**

Acct No.: 09-006907 Asmnt: \$114,733 Opening Bid: \$1,778.61  
 Desc: LOT .67 ACRE 21508 RINGGOLD ST  
 Name: PANTON CAROL A TRUSTEE

Acct No.: 09-007164 Asmnt: \$124,300 Opening Bid: \$1,827.07  
 Desc: 13.862 ACRES E OF MARSH PIKE  
 Name: WOLFORD SHAWN M

Acct No.: 09-007458 Asmnt: \$258,533 Opening Bid: \$1,745.02  
 Desc: LOT 12 98X140 .31 A 13415 PARAMOUNT TER  
 Name: NIKLEWSKI ROBERTA M

Acct No.: 09-007504 Asmnt: \$260,200 Opening Bid: \$3,327.03  
 Desc: LOT 111 .36AC 13544 DONNYBROOK DR  
 Name: WACHTER STEVEN D & WACHTER MARQUITTE L

Acct No.: 09-008950 Asmnt: \$2,367 Opening Bid: \$444.84  
 Desc: LOT 30X429 .29 A W/S HERMAN MYERS RD  
 Name: DATTILIO MARK P DATTILIO ALLIE S

Acct No.: 09-011285 Asmnt: \$353,000 Opening Bid: \$456.19  
 Desc: LT 63 .47AC 125X150 19734 MEADOWBROOK RD  
 Name: KLINE EMILY KLINE JOHN R

Acct No.: 09-017682 Asmnt: \$103,967 Opening Bid: \$1,596.56  
 Desc: LOT 2 6.47 ACRES 21216 LEITERS MILL ROAD  
 Name: NEWMAN TEDDY D DEMPSEY RACHEL M

**DISTRICT TEN**

Acct No.: 10-000173 Asmnt: \$221,800 Opening Bid: \$2,381.37  
 Desc: PT LT 11/12 0.31 A 35 LEHIGH AVE  
 Name: VITALE CHERYL K

Acct No.: 10-001005 Asmnt: \$119,967 Opening Bid: \$1,837.94  
 Desc: LOT 50X200 0.23 ACR 343 EMMERT RD  
 Name: WOLFENSBEGER WAYNE M ET AL WOLFENSBEGER MARK

Acct No.: 10-001110 Asmnt: \$183,567 Opening Bid: \$2,006.36  
 Desc: N PT LOT 144 77X115 23 E CEMETERY ST  
 Name: CHEW SONYA L

Acct No.: 10-001900 Asmnt: \$155,233 Opening Bid: \$1,922.42  
 Desc: LOT 50X200 0.225 A 345 EMMERT ROAD  
 Name: WOLFENSBEGER MARK E WOLFENSBEGER ROSEMARIE E

Acct No.: 10-006015 Asmnt: \$256,767 Opening Bid: \$3,348.66  
 Desc: LOT 7 SEC-2 .90AC 9617 GARIS SHOP RD  
 Name: FOX LAURA MICHELLE

Acct No.: 10-006228 Asmnt: \$52,000 Opening Bid: \$1,007.47  
 Desc: LT 60X400 .52 AC W/S ROXBURY/GARRIS SHOP  
 Name: STARLEPER JAMES M STARLEPER BETTY A

Acct No.: 10-007933 Asmnt: \$118,367 Opening Bid: \$3,387.79  
 Desc: E PT LOT 14 39X231 44 W BALTIMORE ST  
 Name: KLINE SHANE ALVIN

Acct No.: 10-008557 Asmnt: \$396,967 Opening Bid: \$4,916.09  
 Desc: LT11-12 PT10 140X200 1926 DUAL HWY  
 Name: NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT LLC

Acct No.: 10-008646 Asmnt: \$262,067 Opening Bid: \$2,991.38  
 Desc: LOT 112 IRR .42AC 16 BITTERSWEET DR  
 Name: WOOD ROBERT W WOOD MARILYN L

Acct No.: 10-009057 Asmnt: \$210,933 Opening Bid: \$2,809.13  
 Desc: LOT 1 75X150 0.26 18315 SUMMERLIN DR  
 Name: SMART INVESTMENTS LLC MEDRANO WALTER

Acct No.: 10-012821 Asmnt: \$364,033 Opening Bid: \$2,424.55  
 Desc: LOT 135 104X158 .41A 1715 MT AETNA RD  
 Name: BRIAN KOLLING REVOCABLE LIVING TRU

Acct No.: 10-015936 Asmnt: \$215,933 Opening Bid: \$2,832.13  
 Desc: PT LT20-21 6735X160 132 CATAWBA PL  
 Name: LAYMAN JACK S & FEIGLEY REBECCA A

Acct No.: 10-024064 Asmnt: \$143,433 Opening Bid: \$1,848.53  
 Desc: PT LTS 102/103/104 112 E GREEN ST  
 Name: RAMER KIM A

Acct No.: 10-026849 Asmnt: \$191,267 Opening Bid: \$3,647.30  
 Desc: LOT 15 SEC A .081A 17910 CLUBHOUSE DR  
 Name: SUTTON ERMA A

Acct No.: 10-029279 Asmnt: \$140,133 Opening Bid: \$1,815.62  
 Desc: LOT 1 .2699 ACRES 102 E GREEN STREET  
 Name: HARSH PATTI M

Acct No.: 10-047986 Asmnt: \$3,223,733 Opening Bid: \$36,459.34  
 Desc: LOT 3 1.982 ACRES 18216 COL HENRY K DOUGLA  
 Name: SATI HOTELS LLC

Acct No.: 10-048788 Asmnt: \$193,433 Opening Bid: \$2,580.58  
 Desc: LOT TH140 0.072 ACRE 138 SOUTHERN OAK DRIVE  
 Name: ROBERTS DEBRA KAY

Acct No.: 10-052769 Asmnt: \$203,767 Opening Bid: \$2,527.70  
 Desc: LOT TH169 0.075AC 243 WINDING OAK DR  
 Name: RAMER KIMBERLY

Acct No.: 10-058368 Asmnt: \$33,700 Opening Bid: \$800.03  
 Desc: LOT 0.403 ACRES EMMERT ROAD  
 Name: WOLFENSBEGER MARK E WOLFENSBEGER ROSEMARIE E

**DISTRICT ELEVEN**

Acct No.: 11-000061 Asmnt: \$68,567 Opening Bid: \$1,255.28  
 Desc: LOT .5 ACRE 1623 REED RD  
 Name: FRENCH DONALD E II

Acct No.: 11-000681 Asmnt: \$86,633 Opening Bid: \$1,460.07  
 Desc: .87 ACRE 18321 MT LOCK CANAL RD  
 Name: MERRIMAN DERRICK ROBERT

Acct No.: 11-001327 Asmnt: \$96,667 Opening Bid: \$2,958.04  
 Desc: LOT 10 50X200 19040 SANDYHOOK RD  
 Name: POSTON JERRY L

Acct No.: 11-002021 Asmnt: \$54,900 Opening Bid: \$1,040.34  
 Desc: LOT 0.98 ACRES S/S MT LOCK ROAD  
 Name: BEDARD BRUCE JAMES

Acct No.: 11-002153 Asmnt: \$235,633 Opening Bid: \$3,112.38  
 Desc: 2 ACRES 724 VALLEY ROAD  
 Name: GOFF MILTON C

Acct No.: 11-003591 Asmnt: \$176,267 Opening Bid: \$2,448.66  
 Desc: LOT 0.69 ACRES 2249 DARGAN SCHOOL RD  
 Name: BURGAN JAMIE L

Acct No.: 11-008143 Asmnt: \$84,367 Opening Bid: \$1,434.38  
 Desc: 48 ACRE 2412 DARGAN SCHOOL RD  
 Name: MARKER CRAIG MARKER JAMIE

Acct No.: 11-008151 Asmnt: \$11,300 Opening Bid: \$546.10  
 Desc: LOT .52AC DARGAN RD  
 Name: MARKER CRAIG MARKER JAMIE

Acct No.: 11-011101 Asmnt: \$95,633 Opening Bid: \$1,562.09  
 Desc: 1 ACRE 726 VALLEY RD  
 Name: GOFF MILTON C

Acct No.: 11-015883 Asmnt: \$68,200 Opening Bid: \$1,191.11  
 Desc: PARCEL A 13.652 AC E/S VALLEY ROAD  
 Name: GOFF MILTON C

**DISTRICT TWELVE**

Acct No.: 12-002890 Asmnt: \$250,067 Opening Bid: \$2,786.05  
 Desc: LOT 94X180 0.39 A 18029 TILGHMANTON ROAD  
 Name: HART FRANCES L HART KENNETH L

Acct No.: 12-004230 Asmnt: \$158,733 Opening Bid: \$2,252.63  
 Desc: 1.39 ACRE 8834 REICHARD ROAD (MAIN  
 Name: LONG CAROLYN I LONG OTIS R

Acct No.: 12-004273 Asmnt: \$349,467 Opening Bid: \$4,439.55  
 Desc: LOT 6.22 ACRES 17220 TAYLORS LANDING RD  
 Name: JOMF LLC

Acct No.: 12-004613 Asmnt: \$218,933 Opening Bid: \$2,662.69  
 Desc: LOT 5 1.19 ACRE 7514 MCCLELLAN AVE  
 Name: MOATS JASON D ETAL MOATS DUSTIN H

Acct No.: 12-005741 Asmnt: \$221,500 Opening Bid: \$2,651.75  
 Desc: 1.50 ACRES 7720 SHARPSBURG PIKE  
 Name: MCCATHRAN MICHAEL

Acct No.: 12-010451 Asmnt: \$210,033 Opening Bid: \$2,670.25  
 Desc: LOT 2 1.07 ACRES 7722 SHARPSBURG 7724 PK  
 Name: STOTLER GEORGE GREGORY BRANDT SARAH NICHOLE

**DISTRICT THIRTEEN**

Acct No.: 13-007365 Asmnt: \$160,900 Opening Bid: \$2,272.50  
 Desc: LOT 60X111 .155 A 13938 WEAVER AVE  
 Name: RUSSMAN CHRISTINE L RUSSMAN ROBERT EUGENE II

Acct No.: 13-011869 Asmnt: \$2,700 Opening Bid: \$447.73  
 Desc: LOT 10X182 NORTH ST  
 Name: MARTIN JAMES S MARTIN ETHEL P

Acct No.: 13-013225 Asmnt: \$189,900 Opening Bid: \$2,601.24  
 Desc: LOT 98X114.5 AVG. 0 13816 MAUGANSVILLE ROAD  
 Name: WEST PARK HOLDINGS LLC

Acct No.: 13-018057 Asmnt: \$124,300 Opening Bid: \$1,867.68  
 Desc: 1.72 ACRES 16208 MT TAYBOR ROAD  
 Name: NEWMAN TEDDY DWAYNE

Acct No.: 13-023085 Asmnt: \$248,500 Opening Bid: \$1,858.82  
 Desc: 1.10 ACRES 13327 CEARFOSS PIKE  
 Name: MARTINEZ JOSE PEREZ

Acct No.: 13-034761 Asmnt: \$56,800 Opening Bid: \$1,061.89  
 Desc: LOT 1 1.18 ACRES 16853 SHINHAM ROAD  
 Name: THOMPSON JEFFREY L & HARRIET L

**DISTRICT FOURTEEN**

Acct No.: 14-002154 Asmnt: \$220,300 Opening Bid: \$1,728.83  
 Desc: LT 181 X 162 .673AC 25546 MILITARY RD  
 Name: FASTFLIP INVESTORS LLC

Acct No.: 14-003592 Asmnt: \$44,000 Opening Bid: \$2,435.47  
 Desc: E PTLT 17 102.5X126 25311 GARDNER AVE  
 Name: KRONZEK GABRIEL ADAM

Acct No.: 14-005366 Asmnt: \$3,300 Opening Bid: \$455.41  
 Desc: LOT 50X132 .11ACRE WARREN AVE  
 Name: UNIVERSITY WAREHOUSE CORPORATION

Acct No.: 14-007180 Asmnt: \$382,967 Opening Bid: \$4,759.57  
 Desc: 8.24 ACRES 14458 EDMONT RD  
 Name: STAUFFER BRADY MCCracken ADALINE

Acct No.: 14-009922 Asmnt: \$147,433 Opening Bid: \$3,607.98  
 Desc: LOT 45X250 .258 AC 14321 MCAFEE HILL RD  
 Name: MESSERSMITH JOHANN KARL MILLS ANGELA

Acct No.: 14-010270 Asmnt: \$173,900 Opening Bid: \$2,389.33  
 Desc: 30.57 ACRES RITCHIE ROAD  
 Name: WADE PAUL E L/E

Acct No.: 14-010548 Asmnt: \$172,000 Opening Bid: \$2,367.79  
 Desc: LOT 123X349 .9 ACRES 14640 PENNERSVILLE ROAD  
 Name: ROYER CAROL L

Acct No.: 14-010602 Asmnt: \$59,233 Opening Bid: \$48,918.06  
 Desc: LTS24&25 100X150 .34 24733 WALDHEIM ROAD  
 Name: SHIPMAN TIMOTHY R SHIPMAN TINA M

Acct No.: 14-010696 Asmnt: \$191,500 Opening Bid: \$2,588.84  
 Desc: LOT 85X200 .387 AC 25303 MILITARY RD  
 Name: ROYER CAROL L

Acct No.: 14-011811 Asmnt: \$6,667 Opening Bid: \$650.69  
 Desc: PTLT IRRG .07 AC (G WALDHEIM ROAD  
 Name: HOOVER WARREN B JR

Acct No.: 14-011854 Asmnt: \$53,200 Opening Bid: \$1,021.07  
 Desc: LOT 94X185 .38 ACRES SW/S EDMONT ROAD  
 Name: HINES LISA

**DISTRICT FIFTEEN**

Acct No.: 15-001399 Asmnt: \$88,367 Opening Bid: \$1,479.73  
 Desc: 1.46 ACRES 10424 CATHOLIC CHURCH RD  
 Name: DYCHE LEWIS

Acct No.: 15-004452 Asmnt: \$2,600 Opening Bid: \$447.47



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## DISTRICT TWENTY-FIVE

- Acct No.: 25-005732 Asmnt: \$143,200 Opening Bid: \$1,846.20  
Desc: LT 85 40X140 0.129AC 413-415 MITCHELL AVE  
Name: SHATZER DOUGLAS W SHATZER JOSINDA K
- Acct No.: 25-006461 Asmnt: \$131,200 Opening Bid: \$3,224.24  
Desc: LTS 64X91 .130 AC 800/802 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: PREXUS PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-007123 Asmnt: \$74,500 Opening Bid: \$2,001.26  
Desc: LOT 36.8X240 55 1/2 - 57 - 57 1/2 W F  
Name: JACOBSON INVESTMENTS LLC
- Acct No.: 25-008367 Asmnt: \$20,000 Opening Bid: \$1,082.29  
Desc: LOT 32.5X60 .044 AC 715 MARSHALL ST  
Name: HARDING BLAINE F JR
- Acct No.: 25-008626 Asmnt: \$158,300 Opening Bid: \$3,803.90  
Desc: LOT 23 40X120 24/26 WEST SIDE AVE  
Name: GETTEL BRUCE G
- Acct No.: 25-009290 Asmnt: \$553,900 Opening Bid: \$12,189.40  
Desc: LOT IRREG .159 ACR 24-28 JONATHAN ST  
Name: MASN REALTY LLC
- Acct No.: 25-010019 Asmnt: \$253,800 Opening Bid: \$5,811.73  
Desc: LOT 4,995 SQ FT 114/116 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: NATIONWIDE MAX LLC
- Acct No.: 25-010477 Asmnt: \$66,000 Opening Bid: \$2,551.13  
Desc: LOT 228X90 W NORTH STREET  
Name: HARMAN JOHN W
- Acct No.: 25-010825 Asmnt: \$670,100 Opening Bid: \$15,370.23  
Desc: LOT 90X400 645 OAK HILL AVENUE  
Name: PREXUS PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-011198 Asmnt: \$88,900 Opening Bid: \$2,319.50  
Desc: LOT 89 SEC H 50X150 423 WYOMING AVE  
Name: INGRAM GERALD A
- Acct No.: 25-012607 Asmnt: \$121,500 Opening Bid: \$1,007.21  
Desc: PARC A 0.05 ACRES 110/112 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: 116 FRANKLIN LLC NATIONWIDE MAX LLC
- Acct No.: 25-013107 Asmnt: \$81,400 Opening Bid: \$8,062.10  
Desc: PT LOT 359 18X120 135 BETHEL ST  
Name: HOWARD RAWLE M & TAPPER LESLEY ANNE ELIZABETH
- Acct No.: 25-014197 Asmnt: \$4,700 Opening Bid: \$464.23  
Desc: LOT 17X40 N JONATHAN ST  
Name: KTS MENTAL HEALTH GROUP INC
- Acct No.: 25-014847 Asmnt: \$156,200 Opening Bid: \$1,975.86  
Desc: LT 115 50X1400.161A 1203A MARSHALL STREET  
Name: 617 SUMMIT PLACE LLC
- Acct No.: 25-015029 Asmnt: \$129,300 Opening Bid: \$1,689.83  
Desc: LOT 34X140 0.11AC 708 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: TROTMAN RAYMOND D TROTMAN CYNTHIA E
- Acct No.: 25-015150 Asmnt: \$30,200 Opening Bid: \$1,063.94  
Desc: LOT 52X38 .05AC CHURCH & HIGH STREET  
Name: BROWN RALPH D ET AL BROWN BRADLEY T
- Acct No.: 25-015703 Asmnt: \$125,700 Opening Bid: \$3,089.36  
Desc: LOT 23X120 221-223 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-016947 Asmnt: \$123,000 Opening Bid: \$1,644.74  
Desc: LOT 7 30X108 0.08AC 619 GEORGE ST  
Name: SHARRAH TANNA & GELWICKS TRACY
- Acct No.: 25-018079 Asmnt: \$113,300 Opening Bid: \$2,841.39  
Desc: LOT 28X105 0.07AC 618 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: PREXUS PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-018605 Asmnt: \$21,300 Opening Bid: \$6,121.22  
Desc: 42.33X100 .097 AC 237 WINTER ST  
Name: CRAIG OLLEN C
- Acct No.: 25-018915 Asmnt: \$15,000 Opening Bid: \$590.62  
Desc: LOT 20X80 341 JONATHAN ST  
Name: JONATHAN STREET HOUSE OF PRAYER INC
- Acct No.: 25-019806 Asmnt: \$121,300 Opening Bid: \$3,012.50  
Desc: LOT 47X120 .13AC 109 ALEXANDER ST  
Name: PREXUS PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-019865 Asmnt: \$89,000 Opening Bid: \$1,305.64  
Desc: LOT 23X105 .06AC 624 GEORGE ST  
Name: TEAM TORRECILLA LLC
- Acct No.: 25-019970 Asmnt: \$131,600 Opening Bid: \$3,202.91  
Desc: LOT 30X130 0.09AC 521 SALEM AVE  
Name: PREXUS PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-020669 Asmnt: \$947,100 Opening Bid: \$20,545.62  
Desc: LOT 39.67X240 .225AC 72-78 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: HOLLY BUILDING LLC
- Acct No.: 25-024117 Asmnt: \$60,200 Opening Bid: \$46,729.99  
Desc: PT LT 12 0.045 ACRES 453 PARK PLACE  
Name: SCOTT RONALD E & SCOTT JESSICA T
- Acct No.: 25-024230 Asmnt: \$170,100 Opening Bid: \$4,350.13  
Desc: LOT 67 40X136 0 422/422 1/2 & 424 MCDOWE  
Name: TWIN GLOBAL REALTY LLC
- Acct No.: 25-024478 Asmnt: \$222,100 Opening Bid: \$5,168.52  
Desc: IRREG LOT 40 334/336 MITCHELL AVE  
Name: MICAH NOAH PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-024540 Asmnt: \$98,500 Opening Bid: \$78,132.35  
Desc: 0.082 ACRES 413 1/2 415 GEORGE ST  
Name: SUKHI SATNAM LLC
- Acct No.: 25-024893 Asmnt: \$140,000 Opening Bid: \$3,380.69  
Desc: LT 172 50X150 .17 AC 348 DEVONSHIRE RD  
Name: SWEENEY CHRIS J SWEENEY RONALD E
- Acct No.: 25-026926 Asmnt: \$161,500 Opening Bid: \$2,028.73  
Desc: E 1/2 LOT 309 40X160 52 BETHEL ST  
Name: WILLIAMS CHARLES E
- Acct No.: 25-027264 Asmnt: \$149,500 Opening Bid: \$3,615.68  
Desc: LOT 45X120 648 W WASHINGTON ST  
Name: MAGAHA GARY WAYNE JR MAGAHA MICHELLE LYNN
- Acct No.: 25-027884 Asmnt: \$159,300 Opening Bid: \$3,825.30  
Desc: LT 114 56X140 0.180A 1201 A&B MARSHALL ST  
Name: 617 SUMMIT PLACE LLC
- Acct No.: 25-030702 Asmnt: \$100,400 Opening Bid: \$1,419.34  
Desc: PAR A 0.080AC 325 MCDOWELL AVE  
Name: BANG BANG VENTURES LLC
- Acct No.: 25-031776 Asmnt: \$74,000 Opening Bid: \$1,156.04  
Desc: PARCEL B 0.058 AC 240 JONATHAN ST  
Name: HD TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC
- Acct No.: 25-032217 Asmnt: \$980,500 Opening Bid: \$10,062.44  
Desc: LOT D 0.53 ACRES 17724 GARLAND GROH BLVD  
Name: 17724 GARLAND GROH BLVD LLC
- Acct No.: 25-035321 Asmnt: \$342,800 Opening Bid: \$7,703.14  
Desc: LOT 169X240 .93 AC 149 N POTOMAC ST  
Name: 149 N POTOMAC LLC
- Acct No.: 25-039688 Asmnt: \$356,400 Opening Bid: \$5,979.00  
Desc: LT 319 BLK B1.25 AC 12518 OLIVINE CT  
Name: MOULOUANGOU CASIMIR BROOKS EDWIGE CHRISTIANE A
- Acct No.: 25-042522 Asmnt: \$108,200 Opening Bid: \$2,707.73  
Desc: PARCEL B 0.05 AC 524 W FRANKLIN ST  
Name: HEARD EMANUEL

## DISTRICT TWENTY-SIX

- Acct No.: 26-000599 Asmnt: \$250,933 Opening Bid: \$3,536.59  
Desc: LT OV1 0.28 AC 10854 OAK VALLEY  
Name: TORRES WILFREDO PALACIOS MENJIVAR JUANA F
- Acct No.: 26-005655 Asmnt: \$200,400 Opening Bid: \$2,689.73  
Desc: LOT B33 75X170 .29AC 17710 BURNSIDE AVE  
Name: IZER MICHELLE LEE
- Acct No.: 26-006899 Asmnt: \$33,200 Opening Bid: \$2,172.03  
Desc: 0.39 ACRES MINER AVE  
Name: CUNNINGHAM RUTH ANN DOMER
- Acct No.: 26-010330 Asmnt: \$153,400 Opening Bid: \$2,156.94  
Desc: LOT 28 50X200 28 COFFMAN AVE  
Name: CAIAH COVE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
- Acct No.: 26-011582 Asmnt: \$329,000 Opening Bid: \$4,113.93  
Desc: LOT 8 BLK 6 0.26AC 17916 PIN OAK RD  
Name: HAUGHT KYLE E HAUGHT AMY C
- Acct No.: 26-013852 Asmnt: \$151,300 Opening Bid: \$2,133.14  
Desc: LOT 3 139X384 .97 A 17336 VIRGINIA AVE  
Name: EISENHOWER JONATHAN
- Acct No.: 26-013968 Asmnt: \$243,800 Opening Bid: \$3,181.72  
Desc: LOT 4 0.30 ACRES 11108 NURSERY RD  
Name: BYE CLIPP LLC
- Acct No.: 26-018935 Asmnt: \$8,000 Opening Bid: \$508.69  
Desc: 0.19 AC 17123 MINER AVE  
Name: MINER HAROLD CLAUDE III
- Acct No.: 26-021464 Asmnt: \$509,367 Opening Bid: \$6,192.18  
Desc: LOT 1.31 ACRES 17321 VIRGINIA AVE  
Name: VIRGINIA AVE HAGERSTOWN LLC
- Acct No.: 26-024463 Asmnt: \$219,800 Opening Bid: \$3,568.10  
Desc: LOT 4 0.213 ACRES 17811 OAK RIDGE DR  
Name: SCHIANODICOLA LEONARDO RAY
- Acct No.: 26-028663 Asmnt: \$213,000 Opening Bid: \$3,121.63  
Desc: 0.22 ACRES 10910 BOWER AVE  
Name: SUNDERLAND WILLIAM J L/E
- Acct No.: 26-030803 Asmnt: \$120,600 Opening Bid: \$1,766.30  
Desc: LT 96X146 0.30 AC 17701 LEONARD AVE  
Name: POLNIKOVA OLGA
- Acct No.: 26-031303 Asmnt: \$215,300 Opening Bid: \$1,448.26  
Desc: LOT 2 75X150 0.26 A 17509 DAWN DR  
Name: OWENS KENNETH J
- Acct No.: 26-040094 Asmnt: \$248,700 Opening Bid: \$4,533.07  
Desc: LOT 90 0.345 ACRES 17004 READING DR  
Name: MUSSEY RICHARD S & KIMBERLY D
- Acct No.: 26-041090 Asmnt: \$46,100 Opening Bid: \$940.59  
Desc: LOT 7 50X195 0.22 AC GREENMOUNT AVE  
Name: DERR KIMBERA LEE L/E DERR JENNIE D L/E
- Acct No.: 26-042674 Asmnt: \$2,020,000 Opening Bid: \$752.03  
Desc: LOT 6 1.55 ACRES 17618 VALLEY MALL ROAD  
Name: ROUNDSTONE RE INVESTMENT LLC
- Acct No.: 26-043069 Asmnt: \$60,000 Opening Bid: \$1,098.16  
Desc: LTS115&116 0.46 AC N/S VIRGINIA AVE  
Name: SHAOOL DAVID
- Acct No.: 26-067425 Asmnt: \$146,900 Opening Bid: \$2,508.31  
Desc: LOT 186 B 0.109 ACR 916 A HARWOOD ROAD  
Name: ROMERO JOSELIN ROCSANA MENDEZ

## DISTRICT TWENTY-SEVEN

- Acct No.: 27-005594 Asmnt: \$226,967 Opening Bid: \$2,955.49  
Desc: LOT 2 .23 ACRES 13923 PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
Name: JOHNSON RAYMOND A
- Acct No.: 27-008429 Asmnt: \$7,500 Opening Bid: \$503.02  
Desc: 3 ACRES SWM CORELLO DRIVE  
Name: ESC MAPLE VALLEY LC
- Acct No.: 27-009824 Asmnt: \$102,167 Opening Bid: \$1,576.17  
Desc: LOT 50X141.89 0.16 14715 PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
Name: HD TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC
- Acct No.: 27-013430 Asmnt: \$1,388,800 Opening Bid: \$16,161.44  
Desc: LTS1,15,16&17 1.08AC 12804-06&08 OAK HILL AVE  
Name: 12804 OAK HILL LLC
- Acct No.: 27-016391 Asmnt: \$206,967 Opening Bid: \$2,731.88  
Desc: LOT V15 100X126 . 13838 NORTHVALLEY DR  
Name: GARNETT BONITA J
- Acct No.: 27-017258 Asmnt: \$347,433 Opening Bid: \$4,356.50  
Desc: LOT 58 SEC B .29AC 13504 CHERRY TREE CIR  
Name: HEON PROPERTIES LLC
- Acct No.: 27-019536 Asmnt: \$1,400 Opening Bid: \$433.87  
Desc: STRIP 20.80X142 E/S WEBER WAY  
Name: LANDAVERDE KEVIN GARCIA MELGAR ALEJANDRA HENRIQUEZ

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83482

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Elizabeth D.  
O'Brien.

Notice is given that The Family Heritage Trust Company, 30 West Patrick Street, Ste. 100, Frederick, MD 21701 was on April 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Elizabeth D. O'Brien who died on March 15, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th day of October, 2026.

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.

The Family Heritage Trust Company  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-6-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83326

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Carol Jean  
Spickler.

Notice is given that Robert Spickler II, 205 Hebb Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1470 was on April 24, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Carol Jean Spickler who died on March 10, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th day of October, 2026.

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.

Robert Spickler II  
Personal Representative  
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Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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Estate No. 83474

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Michael Richard  
Bower.

Notice is given that Lisa Ina Cholewczynski, 2723 Camomile Dr. W, Frederick, MD 21704-7972 was on April 23, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Michael Richard Bower who died on March 22, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of October, 2026.

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.

Lisa Ina Cholewczynski  
Personal Representative  
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Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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Estate No. 83496

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Anne White  
Maysak.

Notice is given that Mary Jurgens, 22581 Grebe Ln., Ocean View, DE 19970-8115 was on April 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Anne White Maysak who died on March 26, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th day of October, 2026.

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.

Mary Jurgens  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-6-3th

**CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

Case Number:  
C-21-FM-25-001731

To: Andrew Robert Parker, Sr.  
727 W. Church Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

IN RE ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP  
OF KOLBY P.

**NOTICE-ALTERNATE SERVICE  
(MD Rules 2-121, 2-122)**

Kristen Fultz, the above named plaintiff, has filed a petition titled for adoption asking the court to grant requested relief.

The Circuit Court for Washington County may grant that relief unless Andrew Robert Parker, Sr., the above named defendant can show reason why the court should not grant the relief. Andrew Robert Parker, Sr. must file a response to the petition/complaint/motion on or before June 2nd, 2026.

If Andrew Robert Parker, Sr. fails to respond within the time allowed, the court may enter a judgment by default or grant the relief sought, as long as a copy of this notice is posted by the sheriff at the courthouse door or on a bulletin board within its immediate vicinity on or before May 1st, 2026. Check with the Clerk of Court about posting procedures, published in a newspaper in this city/county at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks on or before May 4th, 2026. Check with the Clerk of Court about publication procedures. You must pay a newspaper invoice before the paper will publish the notice, other- Notice shall be sent to the biological father's last known address by U.S. mail.

Kevin R. Tucker  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
5-6-3thn

**CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

Case Number:  
C-21-FM-25-001732

To: Andrew Robert Parker, Sr.  
727 W. Church Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

IN RE ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP  
OF MAJOR P.

**NOTICE-ALTERNATE SERVICE  
(MD Rules 2-121, 2-122)**

Bonnie Taylor, the above named plaintiff, has filed a petition titled for adoption asking the court to grant requested relief.

The Circuit Court for Washington County may grant that relief unless Andrew Parker, Sr., the above named defendant can show reason why the court should not grant the relief. Andrew Parker, Sr. must file a response to the petition/complaint/motion on or before June 2nd, 2026.

If Andrew Parker, Sr. fails to respond within the time allowed, the court may enter a judgment by default or grant the relief sought, as long as a copy of this notice is posted by the sheriff at the courthouse door or on a bulletin board within its immediate vicinity on or before May 1st, 2026. Check with the Clerk of Court about posting procedures, published in a newspaper in this city/county at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks on or before May 4th, 2026. Check with the Clerk of Court about publication procedures. You must pay a newspaper invoice before the paper will publish the notice, other- Notice shall be sent to the biological father's last known address by U.S. mail.

Kevin R. Tucker  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
5-6-3thn

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83477

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF David Lewis  
Herbst.

Notice is given that Betsy Lynn Herbst, 23025 Ringgold Pike, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on April 28, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Lewis Herbst who died on March 12, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th day of October, 2026.

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.

Betsy Lynn Herbst  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

By virtue of that authority granted by the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland (the "Court") to the undersigned Roger Schlossberg, Receiver appointed in Case No. C-21-CV-26-000164 (*James T. Fahey, et ux v. Richard B.C. Robertson, Jr.*), the said Receiver will offer the following described improved real property (the "Property") at public auction sale (the "Sale") to the highest bidder therefor (the "Purchaser") on the premises located at 1301 Marshall Street, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland 21740 on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the hour of 6:00 P.M.** The Property being described as all that lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, and also together with and subject to all easements, rights of way, benefits and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situate, lying and being in Election District No. 25, and being more particularly known and designated as Lot Nos. 129 and 130 on a plat of lots known as Section "H" Wakefield Addition to Hagerstown, Maryland; said plat being recorded among the Land Records maintained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland (the "Land Records") at Plat folio 231; said Lot Nos. 129 and 130 fronting 56 feet and 50 feet, respectively, on the West side of Marshall Street in said Hagerstown, Maryland and extending back therefrom with uniform width a distance of 140 feet to an alley.

The Property being all the same real property described in that *Deed* dated October 5, 2016 and recorded among said Land Records on August 25, 2020 at Liber 6342 folio 0001; and being also the same real property conveyed by that *Purchase Money Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents* dated November 30, 2007 and recorded among said Land Records on December 4, 2007 at Liber 3413 folio 0665. The Property further is commonly known as and bears a street address of 1301 Marshall Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 and is designated as Tax Account No. 25-019407.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The Property is being sold and will be conveyed to the Purchaser free and clear of all liens and other interests pursuant to the provisions of Maryland Commercial Law Code § 24-304(b)(2) and that *Order Granting Receiver's Verified Motion for Authority to Sell Real Property at Public Auction Sale* entered by the Court on May 4, 2026. Further, the Property is being sold and will be conveyed "As-Is, Where-Is", without recourse, together with and subject to all applicable conditions, restrictions, covenants, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, and appurtenances of record and subject also to all environmental conditions affecting the Property, if any. The Property expressly is being sold and will be conveyed subject to the terms and conditions of that existing commercial tenancy for the convenience store/sandwich shop popularly known as "Hartle's Subs" located on the Ground Floor of the improvements located on the Property; which tenancy is evidenced by a *Commercial Lease Agreement* (the "*Commercial Lease*") with Marshall Street Subs, LLC as tenant for a term of five (5) years which commenced on March 1, 2026 and which provides for rent currently payable by said tenant of \$2,000.00 per month and increasing over the term thereof; a copy of which *Commercial Lease* being available for inspection on the date of the Sale or in advance upon request to the undersigned Receiver. The Property also is being sold and will be conveyed subject to the terms and conditions of those two (2) residential tenancies for the two (2) apartment units (Unit 1301-A and Unit 1301-B) located on the Second Floor of the improvements located on the Property; as to which tenancies the Receiver is informed that the same presently are month-to-month tenancies with rent payable by the Unit 1301-A tenant in the amount of \$800.00 per month and with rent payable by the Unit 1301-B tenant in the amount of \$700.00 per month. All rents due and payable by said commercial and residential tenants shall be adjusted between the Receiver and the Purchaser on and as of the date of consummation of settlement (the "Closing") upon said public auction sale and shall be receivable thereafter by the Purchaser. Any such rents due to the Purchaser for any period following the Closing but which are received by the Receiver shall be received and held by the Receiver as an accommodation for the benefit of Purchaser pending Closing with such post-Closing rents received by the Receiver to be credited to Purchaser at Closing without interest thereon or deduction therefrom. Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence, nothing therein contained shall be construed to oblige the Receiver affirmatively to collect said rents.

The undersigned Receiver possesses only the above hearsay knowledge regarding the commercial and residential tenancies on the Property and entirely is without any personal or direct knowledge concerning the same. As such, the Receiver has no personal or direct knowledge concerning the above information regarding the commercial and residential tenancies and makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, with respect to any matters related to the said commercial and residential tenancies, with respect to the same. Further, the Receiver makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, with respect to any other matters concerning the Property, included but not limited to: condition of the Property; matters of survey or title; tenancies or parties in possession; zoning, housing or other governmental or regulatory standards, compliance or violations; etc.

A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (the "Deposit") is required to be paid by the successful high bidder at the time of the Sale in cash or by bank check or other form of payment acceptable to the undersigned Receiver in the said Receiver's sole discretion; the balance to be paid at the Closing following approval by the Court of the Sale; however, pursuant to Maryland Commercial Law Code § 24-304(g), no deposit shall be required of the holder (the "Holder") of the indebtedness (the "Indebtedness") secured by that *Deed of Trust* recorded among the said Land Records at Liber 3413 folio 0665 where the Holder is the successful Purchaser of the Property at the Sale and payment of the purchase price by the Holder shall be made by credit bidding the amount of the Indebtedness (exclusive of all costs of sale) against the purchase price bid by the Holder with all costs and expenses of sale required to be paid by the Holder at Closing in cash or by bank check or other form of payment acceptable to the Receiver in the Receiver's sole discretion. Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance of the purchase price at the rate of twelve percent (12%) *per annum* from the date of Sale to the date of Court approval of the Sale, and at the rate of twenty percent (20%) *per annum* from the date of Court approval to the date of Closing. No interest shall accrue on the Deposit to the benefit of the Purchaser from the date of the Sale to the date of Closing. The successful Purchaser at the Sale is required to consummate settlement upon said purchase at the Closing which is required to be conducted and completed within fifteen (15) days following the date of Court approval of the Sale, time being of the essence thereto. In the event the Purchaser shall fail to consummate settlement upon said purchase at the Closing conducted and concluded within fifteen (15) days following the date of Court approval of the Sale, time being of the essence thereto, the entire Deposit may, at the option of the undersigned Receiver, be forfeited and retained as liquidated damages and notice of said forfeiture shall be provided to the Purchaser by the Receiver. If the Deposit is not forfeited as liquidated damages, but is instead retained by the Receiver in escrow pending resale of the Property, the Property may be resold by the Receiver at the risk and expense of the defaulting Purchaser, and the Deposit thereafter shall be applied as required to any subsequently realized loss of the Receiver resulting from the default by the said Purchaser and the required resale of the Property including any expenses incidental thereto. The Receiver's sale of the Property expressly is made subject to the 120-day statutory right of redemption in favor of the United States of America provided by 28 U.S.C. §2410(c) and 26 U.S.C. §7425(d)(1), and the Purchaser expressly agrees that the existence of said right of redemption shall not excuse Purchaser's obligation timely to make settlement as above-required. All taxes, water, and other public charges and assessments shall be adjusted and pro-rated on and as of the date of Sale and shall be assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Following the date of the Sale, all risk of loss to the Property shall be assumed by the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall pay the entire cost of all indexing fees, recordation taxes, transfer taxes (including but not limited to that agricultural land transfer tax imposed by Maryland Tax Property Code §§ 13-302 and 13-502; which said tax may be applicable to the sale and transfer of the Property), etc., required to be paid in connection with recording of the Receiver's Deed as well as all other costs of title examination, title insurance premiums, document preparation and all other costs of settlement save for: (i) all expenses for the preparation of the Receiver's Deed; and (ii) all expenses for legal services provided to the Receiver at the request of the Receiver - both of which said categories of expense shall be borne by the Receiver.

As an express condition of sale, the Purchaser shall be required to execute at the Sale a *Receiver's Contract for Sale of Real Property* in that form which shall be available for inspection on the date of the Sale or which may be inspected in advance upon request to the undersigned Receiver or online at <https://cochranauctions.com/1301MarshallStreet>. The Purchaser shall be entitled to seek physical possession of the Property only after consummation of settlement at the Closing; however, the Receiver assumes no responsibility to place the Purchaser in such possession of the Property. The undersigned Receiver expressly reserves the right to reject any bids submitted. The Receiver reserves the right at the Sale to vary, modify, alter or qualify any of the foregoing terms or conditions of sale.

**ROGER SCHLOSSBERG  
RECEIVER**

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83504  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Sylvia J. Frank  
AKA: Sylvia Jane Frank.

Notice is given that John Frank, 30 Sutton Dr., North Granby, CT 06060 was on May 6, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Sylvia J. Frank who died on March 27, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 6th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 6th day of November, 2026.

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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John Frank  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.  
Robinson & Robinson  
152 W. Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83514  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Lester Miller  
McCusker.

Notice is given that Cynthia Ann Thomas, 10048 National Pike, Big Pool, MD 21711-1223 was on May 5, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lester Miller McCusker who died on March 21, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of November, 2026.

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Cynthia Ann Thomas  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83424  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Craig Andrew  
Golden.

Notice is given that Ellen Depoy-Golden, 2408 Aiken Dr., Henrico, VA 23294-4439 was on April 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Craig Andrew Golden who died on February 17, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of October, 2026.

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.

Ellen Depoy-Golden  
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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Estate No. 83417  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Lee Staley.

Notice is given that Stephen Lynn Staley, 16229 Shaffer Rd., Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on May 5, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert Lee Staley who died on January 4, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of November, 2026.

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Stephen Lynn Staley  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR  
(OR)  
BEFORE THE REGISTER  
OF WILLS FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

IN THE ESTATE OF:  
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Estate No: 83499  
**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Charles F. Gormly, ESQ., 10605 Concord Street, Suite 307, Kensington, MD 20895 for judicial probate of the will and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on June 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills.

Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills  
100 W. Washington St  
STE 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896  
Phone: (301)-739-3612  
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83475  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Irma Louise Gray.

Notice is given that Denise Graham, 19324 Benevola Newcomer Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2040 was on May 4, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Irma Louise Gray who died on April 5, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 4th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 4th day of November, 2026.

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.

Denise Graham  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-13-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83403  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald Eugene  
West, Sr.

Notice is given that Elizabeth Contompasi, 96 Country Walk Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306-6732 was on April 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Donald Eugene West, Sr. who died on April 1, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of November, 2026.

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.

Elizabeth Contompasi  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-13-3th

**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR  
(OR)  
BEFORE THE REGISTER  
OF WILLS FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

IN THE ESTATE OF:  
Bonnie Kaye May

Estate No: 82815  
**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Nathan Lavere Haines, Jr., 10715 Greenwich Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-3196 for judicial probate of the will dated July 30, 1997 and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on June 9, 2026 at 11 a.m.

This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills.

Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills  
100 W. Washington St  
STE 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896  
Phone: (301)-739-3612  
pd5-20-2th

Michael G. Day, ESQ.  
Michael G. Day & Associates, PC  
10715 Downsville Pike  
PO Box 889  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83502  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Marion F. Hartwick.

Notice is given that David A. Hartwick, 191 Highland Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17202-4495 was on April 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Marion F. Hartwick who died on March 6, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of October, 2026.

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.

David A. Hartwick  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-13-3th

Russ Robinson  
152 W. Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83503  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Michael  
Mauriello.

Notice is given that Marsha Ellen Mauriello, 12827 Fountainhead Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on April 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Paul Michael Mauriello who died on May 12, 2025 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of October, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of October, 2026.

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.

Marsha Ellen Mauriello  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-13-3th

Daniel K. Tregoning, ESQ.  
Law Office of Tregoning &  
Grossnickle, P.C.  
352 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83491  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Enrique Lopez.

Notice is given that Michelle Lopez, 12019 Kemps Mill Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-3143 was on May 4, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Enrique Lopez who died on April 16, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 4th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 4th day of November, 2026.

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.

Michelle Lopez  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-13-3th

Lawrence P. Demuth, Esquire  
Mignini, Raab, Demuth,  
Murahari & Melanson, LLP  
429 S. Main Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83323  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Adelia  
Strawley.

Notice is given that Laura Lea Kelly, 1318 Boggs Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050 was on March 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Barbara Adelia Strawley who died on January 29, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of September, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of September, 2026.

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.

Laura Lea Kelly  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Estate No. 83205  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Susan Shapiro.

Notice is given that Henry Hansen Ganley, 8951 Crystal Falls Dr., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1511 was on May 7, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Susan Shapiro who died on October 4, 2025 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of November, 2026.

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.

Henry Hansen Ganley  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83525  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Richard Glenn  
Sowers.

Notice is given that Ashley Renee Horchner, 16519 Woburn Rd., Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1130 was on May 7, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Richard Glenn Sowers who died on April 13, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of November, 2026.

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.

Ashley Renee Horchner  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83088  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Jaumie L. Itnyre  
AKA: Jaumie Klaine Itnyre.

Notice is given that Eric Itnyre, 728 Westwood St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-5047 and Dana Wollaston, 32 Field View Ct., Greencastle, PA 17225 were on May 12, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Jaumie L. Itnyre who died on November 26, 2025 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th day of November, 2026.

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.

Eric Itnyre  
Dana Wollaston  
Personal Representatives  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-3th

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83341  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald Keller  
Ridenour.

Notice is given that Charlene Elizabeth Ridenour, 734 Hughes Farm Rd., Collinwood, TN 38450-5627 was on May 8, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Donald Keller Ridenour who died on March 3, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of November, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of November, 2026.

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.

Charlene Elizabeth Ridenour  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-3th

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83507  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Sharon Lucille  
Reed.

Notice is given that James Lewis Reed, Jr., 3014 Donaldson Loop Rd., Springfield, WV 26763-5634 was on May 12, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sharon Lucille Reed who died on April 15, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th day of November 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th day of November, 2026.

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.

James Lewis Reed, Jr.  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-3th

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

Estate No. 83528  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Sandra Kay Shep-  
pard.

Notice is given that Stephanie Kay Halling, 20522 Gapland Rd., Rohrsersville, MD 21779 was on May 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Sandra Kay Sheppard who died on March 26, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Stephanie Kay Halling  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83107  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF John David Shindle-  
decker.

Notice is given that Sarah Crunkleton, 24863 Wise Rd., Cascade, MD 21719-2011 was on January 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of John David Shindledecker who died on January 5, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Sarah Crunkleton  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83484  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Julio Antonio  
Rodas Marquez.

Notice is given that Blanca Orfilia Marquez Chavez, 719 Spruce St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6328 was on May 6, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Julio Antonio Rodas Marquez who died on March 24, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Blanca Orfilia Marquez Chavez  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83197  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Michael Wynne  
Pomeroy.

Notice is given that Tina Pomeroy, 18311 Ashley Dr., Apt. 102, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on April 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Michael Wynne Pomeroy who died on January 28, 2026 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 interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Tina Pomeroy  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83226  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Marvin L. Howard  
AKA: Marvin Lee Howard.

Notice is given that Jennifer Howard, 12865 Richmond Rd., Warsaw, VA 22572-3307 was on May 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Marvin L. Howard who died on December 19, 2025 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Jennifer Howard  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83481  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF William Allen  
Suman.

Notice is given that Sheryl Kay Ebersole, 148 Chantilly Ct., Hagerstown, MD 21740 and Jenel Leigh Keller, 10419 Grandparents Grove Ln., Williamsport, MD 21795-3217 were on May 12, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of William Allen Suman who died on April 12, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

Sheryl Kay Ebersole  
Jenel Leigh Keller  
Personal Representatives  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83527  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Giles Wie-  
bel Myers.

Notice is given that Carol Ann Wiebel, 11903 Ashton Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on May 11, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Linda Giles Wiebel Myers who died on April 30, 2026 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.

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Carol Ann Wiebel  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83399  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey Lynn Con-  
ley.

Notice is given that Jace Conley, 282 Johnstons Ln., Mercersburg, PA 17236-9444 was on May 12, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jeffrey Lynn Conley who died on March 30, 2026 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.

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Jace Conley  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd5-20-1thn

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

Estate No. 83536  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Leon Smith,  
Jr.

Notice is given that Dorothy Virginia Trent, 55 E. Washington St., Apt. 111, Hagerstown, MD 21740-5682 was on May 11, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Paul Leon Smith, Jr. who died on December 25, 2024 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants 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.

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Dorothy Virginia Trent  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Hancock, Maryland, as adopted and subsequently amended, and pursuant to the powers and the provisions contained in the Annotated Code of Maryland that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Hancock, at a duly constituted meeting held on May 12, 2026, introduced and passed an Emergency Ordinance entitled *Ordinance No. 2026-03, An Ordinance Making a Determination that Sewer Easement is No Longer Needed for a Public Purpose*.

The entire text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Hancock, Maryland and is available for inspection and review. The entire text is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof.

The effective date of said Ordinance will be May 12, 2026.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

Edward L Kuczynski  
Town Attorney

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The entire text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Hancock, Maryland and is available for inspection and review. The entire text is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof.

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Town Attorney

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The entire text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Hancock, Maryland and is available for inspection and review. The entire text is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof.

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Town Attorney

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The entire text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Hancock, Maryland and is available for inspection and review. The entire text is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof.

The effective date of said Ordinance will be May 12, 2026.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

Edward L Kuczynski  
Town Attorney

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*The Hancock News*  
301-678-6255

## TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND PUBLIC NOTICE Vehicle Registration Requirements for Town Residents

The Town of Hancock reminds **all residents living within the Town limits** that Maryland law requires motor vehicles owned by town residents to be properly titled and registered in the State of Maryland.

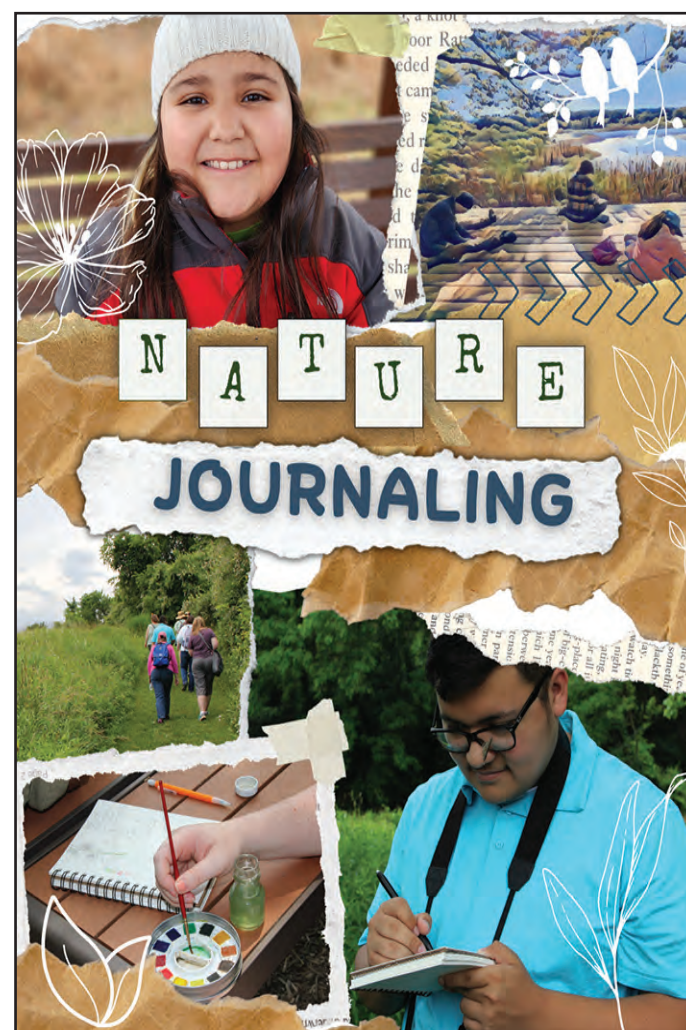
Any person who establishes residency in Maryland—including those residing in the Town of Hancock—is required to title and register their vehicle in Maryland within **60 days of establishing residency**. Vehicles that are owned by Town residents and used or parked on public streets, alleys or other areas open to the public **must display valid Maryland registration**.

Failure to comply with Maryland vehicle registration requirements may result in enforcement action, including:

- Issuance of a traffic citation
- Monetary fines

The Town encourages all residents to review their vehicle registration status and ensure compliance with State law. For additional information, please contact the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

## PVAS to host nature journaling



Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host Nature Journaling | Birds of Cool Spring on Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va.

Tune in to birdsong, flight, and nesting behavior. Journal movement, sound, and the lively energy of the avian world in full spring bloom.

The session will take place at Cool Spring Preserve, a 74-

acre landscape of forest, meadow, and marsh in southern Jefferson County. Bulls-kin Run, a stream with historical significance, borders the preserve. Cool Spring is also a designated birding hotspot—an ideal setting to pause, observe, and create. In 2024, we expanded the preserve by 11 additional acres to help protect the sensitive Bullskin Run and Marl Marsh, in partnership with the West Virginia Land Trust.

This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 12 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-journaling-at-cool-spring-preserve-birds-of-cool-spring/>


For more information, contact PVAS Staff at [info@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:info@potomacaudubon.org) or 681-252-1387.

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Level: Intermediate

The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.  
*Answer elsewhere in paper.*



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Friday	11:30-6:00
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### FOR SALE

DOUBLE Roll Coupon Tickets \$10.24 for sale at The Morgan Messenger and The Hancock News offices. pd1/1- tfmh

YARD sale signs now available at The Morgan Messenger and The Hancock News offices. Also many other signs including Posted, No Trespassing and No Hunting. 1/1- tfmh

OFFICE SUPPLIES for sale at The Morgan Messenger office, 304-258-1800. pd1/1- tfmh

SPRING BEDDING and Garden Plants now available at Fischer's Greenhouse in Little Orleans, Md., 301-478-2412. 4/15- tfmh

STRAW, square bales \$5, 304-258-0584. 5/20- tfmh

### ANIMALS

LEONA'S Pet Grooming, Boarding and Bath. 304-258-1268. 1/1- tfmh

### YARD SALES

MAY 24 & 25, 8:30 to 2:30. Housewares, tools, kids toys & miscellaneous. 43 Hadden Lane (GPS 165 Hadden Lane), Berkeley Springs. pd5/20-1mh

**Helpful Hints For Writing A Classified Ad**  
**ANIMALS**  
 Kind Of Animal Breed  
 Age  
 Size or Weight  
 Color, Markings  
 Registered  
 Price  
 Phone Number

### SERVICES

AUCTIONEER - Appraiser. Ronnie R. Zimmerman, 301-331-6821. MD - PA & WV.

APPLIANCES - Sales & service for the Tri-State Area. Gordon's Garage & Appliance. Needmore, Pa. 717-573-2590. Prompt & reasonable. 11/14- tfh

GLEN'S Septic Service LLC, Tri-State Area. MD. License 094, PA. DET 99027. 301-491-2078 or Clayton Smith 301-992-2026. 4/8- tfmh

BEDDOW'S Septic Service, Inc. 304-258-1527 or 304-671-1773. 10/3- tfh

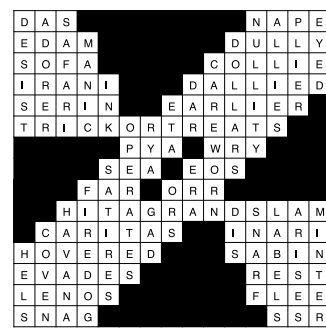
PIANO Lessons 304-582-5679. pd5/13-4mh

**YARD SALE**  
**May 21, 22 & 23**  
**7 a.m. - ?**  
 Clothing, shoes, purses, home and holiday decor and more!  
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### Helpful Hints For Writing A Classified Ad SERVICES

Kind Of Service  
 Experience  
 Special Equipment  
 Trained Personnel  
 Guarantee  
 Follow-up Service  
 Hours  
 Insured? Bonded?  
 Prices  
 Phone Number

This Week's Crossword Answers



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## HOROSCOPES

**May 24 - 30, 2026**

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
 Capricorn, your steady determination pays off this week. Progress might feel subtle at first, but by the end of the week, you'll see clear results.

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
 A heartfelt conversation may strengthen a relationship that means a lot to you, Cancer. Projects flow smoothly when you follow your intuition. Treat yourself to a little self-care.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
 Innovative ideas are flowing, Aquarius. You might find creative solutions where others see problems. Collaboration works in your favor now.

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
 You're shining brighter than usual this week, Leo. Your natural charisma draws people in, making this a great time to share ideas, pitch a plan, or take the lead on something exciting. Expect compliments and positive feedback.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
 Pisces, a creative project, music, or art may prove especially inspiring. Spend time near water for in a peaceful environment if possible — it helps you recharge and dream bigger.

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
 Organization is your superpower right now. Tasks that once felt overwhelming suddenly become manageable when you tackle them step by step. A helpful tip or piece of advice could simplify your routine.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
 Your curiosity is in overdrive, Aries. Conversations bring exciting ideas, and you might stumble across information that opens a new door. Midweek is perfect for networking.

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
 You may find yourself bringing people together, Libra. A creative hobby or artistic endeavor may inspire you midweek. Trust your sense of balance.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
 This week brings a spark of fresh motivation. You're feeling bold and ready to take actions. Plans could pop up unexpectedly and lead to a surprising connection.

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
 This is a great week to dig into something meaningful — whether it's a personal goal or a long-term project. Your insight is sharp, and others may seek your advice.

**GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
 Gemini, you may find yourself craving cozy vibes, delicious food, and meaningful conversations. A small financial or professional opportunity may be presented midweek.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
 Adventure calls — even if it's just trying something new and local. A fresh experience could inspire future plans.

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Letters are subject to editing. Letters longer than 400 words will not be published. Nor will letters that are libelous or too personal and not of general interest to the public.

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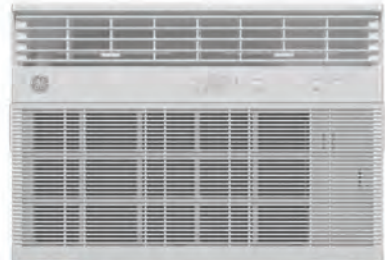
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