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Hancock at a Glance

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday, June 4, from 12-5 p.m. at Presbyterian Faith Center in Warfordsburg.

Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted when there is a lull between appointments.

Weather

Wed. 6/3 79/54
Sunny with calm north winds around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Thurs. 6/4 86/58
Sunny with calm winds and a high around 86 and a low near 58.

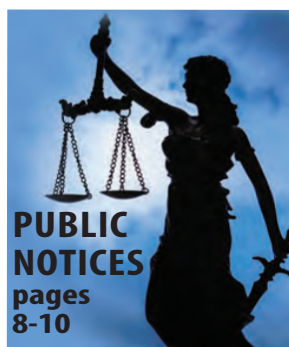
Fri. 6/5 88/64
Mostly sunny with a high around 88 and a low around 64.

Sat. 6/6 88/66
Mostly sunny with a high near 88 and a low around 66.

Sun. 6/7 84/63
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

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Hancock High School honors 24 grads in Class of 2026

by Geoff Fox

Last Tuesday evening saw 24 Hancock High School seniors say goodbye to the school and hello to the next chapter in their lives.

After some last-minute preparation and togetherness in the school's cafeteria, the graduates marched to the auditorium where family and friends waited.

When the band started playing "Pomp and Circumstance," the graduating seniors proceeded down the aisle toward the stage with cheers and applause.

Principal Jennifer Ruppenthal welcomed everyone and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The band then played the National Anthem.

Class President Brooklyn McCusker then went over a few rules for the audience as the graduation exercises went forward.

Salutatorian Ethan Hill reflected on how standing in front of his fellow graduates was a reflection of everyone who helped him get there.

"None of us made it to this moment without the support of others," he said.

He said behind each stu-



After graduating, Hancock graduates lined up in front of the school's flagpole and proceeded to do the traditional hat toss. photos by Geoff Fox

dent, there is a support system of parents who pushed them, teachers who believed in them, and friends who stood by them through thick and thin.

He also reflected on the moments in sports that taught him and helped build him over his high school career.

Hill, who will be attend-

ing Fairmont State University to study to become a physical education teacher, said some students are going to college, some straight to work, and some are still fig-

uring it out and "that's alright."

see CLASS OF 2026 page 7

Replacement primary ballots mailed to county voters after vendor ballot error

On May 26, replacement gubernatorial primary election ballots were sent to voters in Washington County, plus voters in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Queen Anne's.

On May 28, replacement ballots were mailed to voters in Baltimore City, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

The Maryland State Board of Elections has said all impacted voters will receive detailed instructions in their ballot packet. Voters affected by the ballot correction should dispose of their original ballot and vote the



replacement ballot, said election officials.

Replacement ballots can be returned via drop box, at an early voting center during early voting in Maryland's gubernatorial primary election, at a polling place on Election Day, at a local board of elections or post-marked no later than June 23, Maryland's primary election day.

Local boards of elections are currently working to quarantine and organize the original set of ballots re-

turned, while also preparing for the replacement ballots to begin returning, said state elections officials. Additionally, they are picking up ballots at drop boxes and receiving web delivery and in-person ballots in preparation for the first days of canvass, which the law requires to begin on June 1 and continue through the first day of early voting.

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Out of state vehicles need to be registered here, say town officials

by Geoff Fox

The town is starting to crack down on vehicles with out of state plates belonging to residents living within town limits.

Town Manager Mike Faith said the town has a huge problem with these vehicles not being registered as there are multiple cars in town that have not been registered in Maryland even though the owners have been living in Hancock for years.

According to the Maryland Vehicle Administration, people must obtain a Maryland driver's license and Maryland vehicle title and registration within 60 days of becoming a Maryland resident.

Faith said he wasn't sure if a lot of the owners of vehicles with out of state tags, but town is going to start is-

suing warnings about the plates.

"We don't want to start issuing citations, we don't want to go that route," he said. "We just want people to comply."

He understands it's expensive to register vehicles in Maryland and "it's a pain" to do so as well as fees being doubled.

"I'm sorry about all that, you still have to register your car in Maryland if you live here," Faith said.

Faith said Sgt. Shawn Faith consulted with Boonsboro Police, as he previously worked for the department, on how they handled the situation there with that municipality advertising the problem with a public notice.

see REGISTER VEHICLES page 3

Shives family honors mother with donation to Hancock Library

by Lisa Schauer

The family of the late Ruth Ann Shives has donated \$10,000 to Hancock War Memorial Library.

"She was a lifelong lover of books, especially mysteries," said daughter Heidi Kenyon of Colorado.

"We all had library cards," said Kenyon, who grew up in Hancock with sisters Anna and Klara, at a ceremony they attended with their father, Ruth Ann's widower Ron Shives of Hancock, and extended family at the public library on Wednesday, May 27.

Ron and Ruth Ann met in college at Penn State and raised their family in Hancock.

Ruth Ann passed away in 2024. Her brother Michael Hennig was instrumental in making the donation, according to the family.

The funds have gone toward a new installation in the library's children's section.

A life-size Lite-Brite, called Pixel Pegs, was unveiled at the ceremony, hosted by the Washington County Free Library.

A plaque was hung next to the installation in memory of Mrs. Shives and her love of literacy.



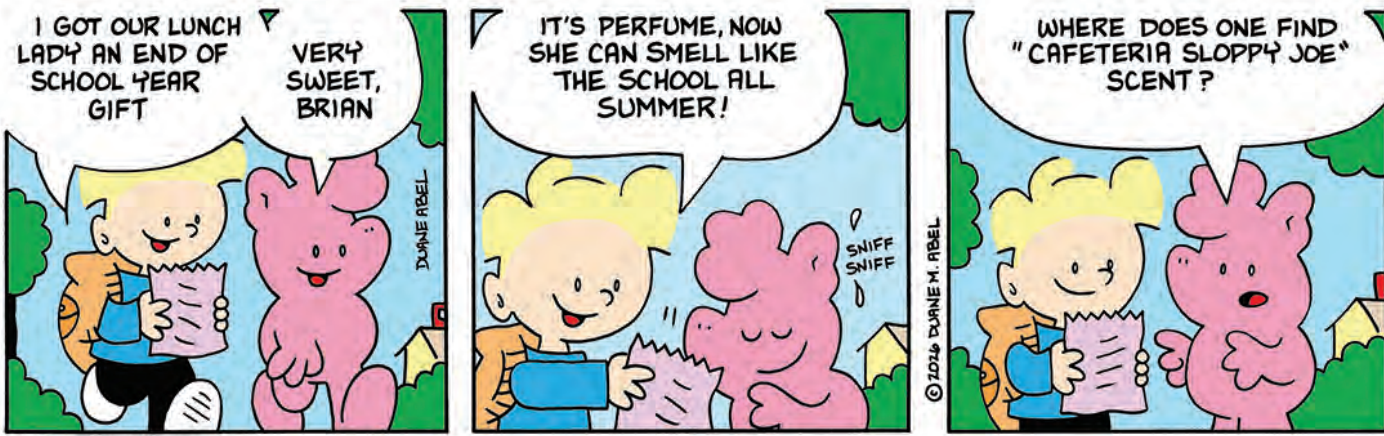
The granddaughter of Ruth Ann Shives poses next to a life-size Lite-Brite, called Pixel Pegs.

RIGHT: Members of the late Ruth Ann Shives' family, from left, Heidi Kenyon of Colorado, Ron Shives of Hancock, Anna Shives of Hancock, and Klara Ramnath of Frederick, pictured at Hancock War Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 27.



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Calendar of Events JUNE

Saturday, June 6
- Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, June 7
- Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Monday, June 8
- Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Community Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9
- Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?

To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Do motorboats still spew a lot of toxins into water? What's being done to clean them up and are newer engine models greener than the past or not?

— G.H., via email

In recent years, the climate crisis has drawn increasing attention to the ecological impacts of everyday activities, including motorboating. Motorboating creates immense pollution in various ways. Not only are pollutants often found in the water column of motorboats, but the toxins in the water column can be ingested by fish and, in turn, by people. According to A.K. Whitfield of the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, motorboating "has created major problems to the ecology of aquatic systems."

This is particularly the case with older motorboats. The propellers on such models are of poor quality, thus affecting water clarity by increasing the sediment particles in the water. The dissolved oxygen and pH levels can also harm fish around the motorboat, as metals and hydrocarbons are often toxic to wildlife, leading to a decline in marine life. In older models with two-stroke engines, the inefficient motor can release unburned fuel, entering and polluting the surrounding water. This pollution does not solely occur at sea; caring for boats can also pollute the water. This is because many materials used to care for boats, such as solvents, paints, oils and other pollutants, can seep into the groundwater. Many boat cleaners also contain chemicals that harm fish, like chlorine and phosphates. Another problem is oil spills, which can release sediments that persist in aquatic ecosystems and harm the bottom-dwelling organisms.

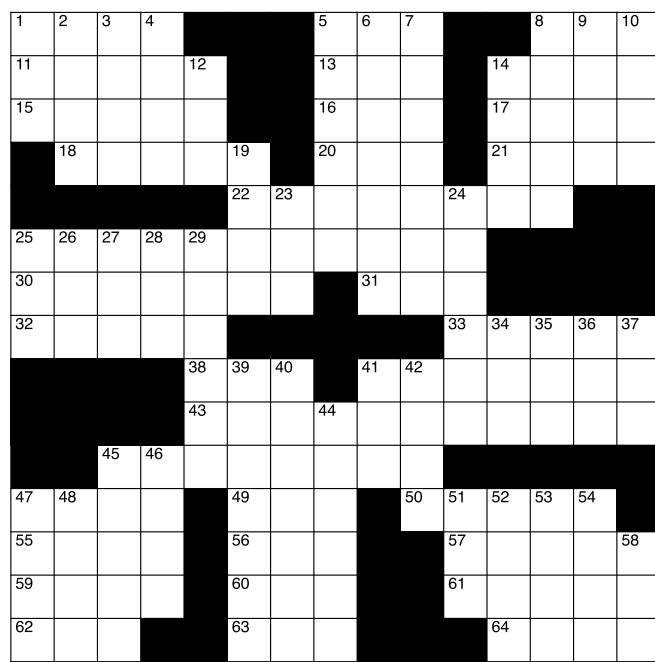
An alternative that many boat owners have begun to opt for is newer models, as cleaner, newer technology, such as four-stroke engines, is likely to help reduce the inputs of fuel and exhaust in water bodies over time. Particularly if these newer models are used properly through well-tuned engines and using the recommended mix of oil and gasoline to help engines run efficiently, these models can be incredibly beneficial in reducing the negative environmental effects of motorboats. Besides buying newer models, some are taking other steps to reduce toxins. For instance, people are increasingly choosing safe cleaning products that do not harm humans or marine life, as well as carefully fueling boat engines, recycling used oil, and discarding worn motor parts into proper receptacles. Another step that is being taken is draining water out of tanks during colder seasons to reduce the possibility of bursting pipes.

Ultimately, while motorboats continue to contribute to pollution, solutions are available, and newer models offer hope. Greener alternatives, better maintenance and stronger regulations can significantly reduce the negative environmental effects of motorboats.

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14. A place to shop
15. Minneapolis suburb
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17. NY Mets great Tommie
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Habitual twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent or submit
25. In an early way
30. Made possible
31. Language in Ghana
32. Relating to one's birth
33. Deep-bodied fishes
38. Defunct European currency
41. Small American songbird
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45. After tenth
47. Hillside
49. Red deer
50. Partner to "oohed"
55. Indian musical pattern
56. Israeli city __ Aviv
57. Golden peas plant
59. Breezed through
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Frameworks
62. Danish krone
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1. Bridge building degree
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4. Turkish leader title
5. Nag
6. Blank
7. Closely woven cotton fabric
8. A nice shot in golf
9. Away from wind
10. Evergreen shrub genus
12. Large African antelope
14. Something you receive
19. Satisfy
23. Wet dirt
24. No longer here
25. Writing utensil
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Consume food
28. Licensed for Wall Street
29. Alternative forms of a gene
34. Buddy
35. We all do it
36. Chicken
37. No seats available
39. Yearned to possess
40. Ineffectual
41. Explosive
42. Turkish title
44. Worn near the foot
45. Impatient
46. Set an example for others
47. Actor Pitt
48. Instrument of torture
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52. Grayish white
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54. Storied college hoops program
58. Midway between south and southeast

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Hancock Police Report

301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of May 25-31:

May 25
Suspicious person, area of Methodist Avenue. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

May 26
Traffic Hazard, McKinley Drive area. Grass all over roadway, owner advised.
Check well-being 100 block West High Street. Subjects checked okay.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.
Lost property, Quaker Creek Drive. Subject advised.

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

Animal bite, 100 block Franklin Street. Dog bite, bite report completed.

Suspicious person, first block Blue Hill Road. Subjects advised.

May 27
Fraud, 100 block Washington Street. Subject advised.
Assisted EMS, 600 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subject transported.

Suspicious person, 400 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.
911 hang-up, 200 block Maryland Avenue. Unfounded.

Warrant service, first block Blue Hill Road. Warrant served on Alisa Ann Leone, 44, of Berkeley Springs, for violation of parole.
Warrant service, first block Blue Hill Road. Warrant served on Shawn Michael Moyer, 41, of no fixed address, for theft of a motor vehicle.

May 28
Suspicious person, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked okay.
911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Unfounded.
911 hang-up, first block West Main Street. Unfounded.

Harassment, first block West Main Street. Unable to locate subjects.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Five stops.

May 29
Animal complaint, 200 block East Main Street. Dog on roadway, unable to locate/gone on arrival.
Assisted EMS, first block Blue Hill Road. Subject transported to hospital.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.
Disorderly conduct, 200 block Old Rt. 40. All juvenile's parents were notified.

May 30
Disabled vehicle, 100 block West Main Street. Vehicle towed.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Seven stops.
Parking complaint, 200 block East Main Street. Dog left in vehicle, parking citation issued.
Public nuisance, area of West High Street. Juveniles in area causing issues. Juveniles' parents were notified.

May 31
911 hang-up, 100 block Baptist Road. Accidental.
Disorderly conduct, 200 block West Main Street. Subjects advised.
Vehicle theft, area of Creek Road. Subject was advised.
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.
Property damage accident, first block Blue Hill Road. Information exchanged.
Theft reported, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised matter is civil.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.
Juvenile offense, 100 block Washington Street. Subjects all advised.
Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Open mic night

BlackCat Music Shop's Free Open Mic Night Friday, June 5 from 7-10 p.m.
House band, Stereo Spacecraft will host. This monthly event is open to all musicians, singers and songwriters. Show up, sign up, play or listen.
All ages are welcome. BlackCat Music is located at 155 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs.
For more information call 304-258-4440.

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Silver Spring man uninjured in Fulton County crash

A Silver Spring, Md., man reported no injuries after a vehicle accident along Interstate 70 in Fulton County.
According to Pennsylvania State Police, the crash occurred on May 25, just after 3 p.m. along the interstate in the Warfordsburg area as Kevin P. Garvey, 48, was headed east near the 165-mile marker in his 2012 Jeep Wrangler.
Police said the Jeep failed to negotiate a right-hand curve in the roadway and drifted from the right travel lane into the left travel lane.
The Jeep then struck a cable barrier located along the left eastbound travel lane with initial impact occurring as the front left bumper struck the barrier.

After that impact, police said the Jeep then bounced back into the left travel lane and across the right travel lane, striking a guide rail with the front bumper.

The Jeep came to a final, uncontrolled rest perpendicular to the guide rail with its back end in the right travel lane.

Police said the Jeep suffered disabling damage, but Garvey reported he wasn't injured. Police added he was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Police were assisted on scene by Needmore Fire and EMS and Fischer's Garage.

Registered vehicles

(from front)
The town placed a public notice in the May 20 (page 22) and May 27 (page 15) *Hancock News* regarding the vehicle registrations.
"That's your notification," Town Manager Faith said. "Everyone's notified."
The next step is the town will print a copy of the ad and have police place it with a letter on the offending vehicles as a warning.

"We're hoping that if we do that, the majority of people will comply and get their cars registered in Maryland," Faith said.

He hopes to get things started within the next week or two.

People have been reading the paper as police have already received a few calls about unregistered plates.

PVAS announces Case Nature Center open days in June

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for days of discovery at Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Wednesdays in June (June 3, 10, 17, 24) from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Meet our Nature Center Ambassadors, friendly volunteers who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about nature and PVAS preserves. Get hands-on with our touch table filled with fascinating nature objects, check out gear like binoculars and field guides, and meet our Animal Ambassadors.

Whether you're curious about local wildlife, PVAS programs, or just want to spend a day outdoors, our docents are here to answer your questions and help you connect with nature.

There is no cost, and all ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.

For additional details, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/>.

For more information, contact PVAS Staff at info@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

Primary ballots

(from front)
Voting locations & deadline
In Washington County, Early Voting will be held from Thursday, June 11 through Thursday, June 18 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early voting centers are located at:
—Washington County Free Library, 100 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown
—Boonsboro American Legion, 710 N. Main Street, Boonsboro
—Clear Spring American Legion Post 222, 12335 Big Spring Road, Clear Spring
—Washington County Board of Elections, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown.

Ballot drop boxes will be located at:

—Washington County Board of Elections, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown
—Washington County Free Library, 100 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown
—Williamsport Town Hall,

2 N. Conococheague Street, Williamsport
—Clear Spring Town Hall, 146 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring
—Hancock Town Hall, 126 West High Street (parking lot entrance)
—Boonsboro Town Hall, 21 North Main Street, Boonsboro
—Smithsburg Town Hall, 21 West Water Street, Smithsburg
—Keedysville Town Hall, 19 S. Main Street, Keedysville.

In-person voting in Maryland's gubernatorial primary election will be held at the county's 40 precinct polling places on Tuesday, June 23 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters had until June 2 to register to vote in the primary election or to change their party affiliation or address with the Board of Elections.

Voters with questions can reach the Washington County Board of Elections by calling 240-313-2050.

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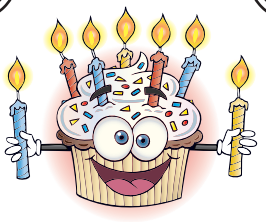
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Papal Encyclical & Corpus Christi Sunday

This upcoming Sabbath is Corpus Christi Sunday! The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Solemnity. Consider, it is...

1-Biblical—see Ex. 12:14 where God-Yahweh commands the Israelites “This day shall be for you a memorial; and you ... You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.” Jesus Christ kept that command, “I Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven” (Jn. 6:51) and then celebrated Passover in a new way, giving His Real-Presence-Divinity, & commanding: “Do this in memory of Me” (Lk. 22:19). We do this today in great jubilation and fulfill Exodus ch. 12 & Luke 22—millennia later.

2-Metaphysical: Some scoff at The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, at Mass. Well, consider: The Lord can...make the world out of nothing; part the Red Sea, give us a Virgin-Mary-Mother, so don't you think He can change bread into His Body, & wine into His Blood—actually? Jesus says, literally: “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (Jn. 6:55). Transubstantiation: People now believe and trust in artificial intelligence and chatbots, why not God's promises to us—and His “delivery”: “He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood will abide in Me and I in him” (Jn. 6:56).

3-Liturgical – Approaching The Sacrament... Be devout / diligent. I.e., I texted a plumber friend who often attends Mass weekdays, as he repaired some piping in my home, and thanked him, & he immediately responded, late night: “You're welcome! Thank you for feeding us with the Bread of Angels!” ... Walking on the canal last Sunday morning in my priestly Roman collar a some bikers were going by & one of the bikers smiled & said: “It's your great day!”—kinda' almost as question. I pondered half a second & responded: “Indeed.”—as it IS a great-Sabbath day whenever we receive our Lord in His Corpus Christi!

In Magnifica Humanitas -The Magnificence of Humanity, Pope Leo XIV gives us guidance “On Safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence”. He mentions the word “dignity” over a hundred times. Hmmm. Remember: God created us & creation “and saw it was good” (Gn. 1:31). Pope Leo XIV states: We need to train youth & fellow citizens how to appropriately use artificial intelligence—with dialogue-conversation among tech companies, governmental agencies, schools and social groups—as we need seek the common good. Lastly, Pope Leo warns of tech-troubles which may strip us of our dignity —“digital diseases” like addiction to social media, and loss of creativity; manipulation of children & others; loss of workers and employment, a few people controlling many others, etc. We all need to learn how to use technology, not abuse it. Remember, as St. Paul counseled: “Be not conformed to the world” (Rm. 12:2).

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Victory Chapel, 116 W. Main Street - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening 7 p.m. Rev. Bob Ardinger.

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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 Bernhardt.

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.

1ST Evangelical Methodist Church, 11510 Price Road, Little Orleans, 240-609-6770 - Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible study 7 p.m. Darhl Trail, Jr.

Bethel Community Church, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 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.

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

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

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

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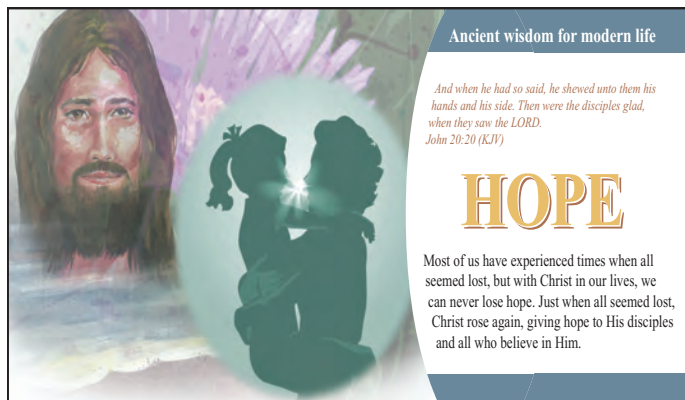
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OBITUARIES

Brian D. Cain

Brian Dale Cain, 67, of Berkeley Springs, died Saturday, May 30, 2026 in Berkeley Springs.

Full obituary will be announced in *The Hancock News*. Arrangements are being handled by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs.

Nannie M. Spears

Nannie Mae Spears, 82, of Berkeley Springs, died Monday, June 1, 2026 at Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation, Cumberland, Md.

Full obituary will be announced in *The Hancock News*. Arrangements are being handled by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs.

Denise Mary Sutton 1938-2026



Denise Mary Sutton, age 87, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born May 9, 1938 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Lillian Pray O'Neil.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.. Denise was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and earned her bachelor's degree in business accounting

and worked as a certified public accountant. Denise enjoyed reading, gardening and bird watching.

Denise is survived by her children, Andrea Dale Mallette of Beltsville, Md., Elizabeth Susan Sutton and John Patrick Sutton both of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., two sisters, Sharon O'Neil and Diane Resick, one brother, Vincent O'Neil, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, James O'Neil, Michael O'Neil and Thomas O'Neil.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. with Rev. Fr. J. Stephen Vallelonga as celebrant. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Denise's name may be made to The National Audubon Society, Attn: Donations, 225 Varick Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10014.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, WV.

Herbert Lee Stevens 1932-2026



Herbert Lee Stevens, age 93, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Harmony at Martinsburg while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born October 10, 1932 in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late Herbert Gustavos and Mary Elizabeth Lee Stevens.

He was a member of Greenwood United Methodist Church in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and a member of Christ United Methodist Church in

Baltimore Highlands, Md. Herbert was a 35 year veteran of the Baltimore and BWI Fire Department. Mr. Stevens was a choir member. He was an avid collector of Lionel trains.

Herbert is survived by two daughters, Carol Cashwell and husband, Jim of Hedgesville, W.Va. and Becky Damron and husband, Fred of Hanover, Pa.; one son, Doug Stevens and wife, Linda of Baltimore, Md. and three granddaughters, Angie LaPorte, Amanda Gochenauer, Ashley Small and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys May Wentworth Stevens on October 23, 2011.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Greenwood Chapel, 12031 Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Burial will be in Greenwood Grove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Herbert's name may be made to Greenwood Chapel, c/o Dallas Luttrell, 3 Pine Grove Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or to Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

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

Eric (Rick) Ricardo Barnhart 1955-2026



Eric "Rick" Ricardo Barnhart, 70, of Needmore, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home on May 20, 2026, surrounded by his loving family under Hospice care.

Born December 18, 1955 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Rick was the son of the late James E. and Gwendolyn G. (Hann) Barnhart.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Barnhart, Roger "Bean" A. Barnhart, James "Tink" R.

Barnhart; and two sisters, Donna Barnhart and Patricia A. Dodson.

Rick is survived by his wife of 46 years, Deborah Lynn Barnhart; his daughters, Nicole Unger of Hancock, Amy Lynch and husband Stephen of Hagerstown, Holly Fatkin and husband Royce of Needmore; two sons/grandsons, Deaken Barnhart and Durke Barnhart at home. He also leaves behind a sister, Norma L. Moats; a brother, Hobert "Punk" Q. Barnhart; grandchildren, Eden, Evangelina, Dylan, Asher, Zachary; and a great-grandchild Hazel.

Rick was a 1974 graduate of Southern Fulton High School. He worked as a lieutenant at Roxbury Correctional Institution in Sharpsburg, Md., where he retired after 30 years.

Rick attended Crossroads Church in Martinsburg, W.Va. Guided by his faith in God, he lived a life rooted in strong values and a deep love for his family. He was a man who loved life in the country, especially his home in Fulton County. He found peace in the outdoors; mowing, gardening and hunting. What began as time spent hunting with his brothers became a cherished tradition he later shared with his grandson. Rick had a way of putting people at ease, often greeting others with his familiar, "How you doin', buddy?" and making everyone feel seen and welcome wherever he went. He believed in treating people right, always putting others first and was known for his respectfulness, generosity and willingness to lend a hand.

He carried a strong work ethic throughout his life and was a hardworking, dependable man who took pride in being a provider. His family meant everything to him, and his greatest joy was simply being at home spending time with those he loved. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, and quiet strength that will live on in all who loved him. Rather than mourning in formality, we invite all who loved him to gather with us as he would have wanted—outdoors, together, sharing food, memories and celebrating the life of a man who loved deeply and welcomed everyone to his table.

A celebration of life led by Pastor Derick Amsler will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Kirkwood Park in Hancock, Md.

Arrangements were handled by Brandenburg & Stein Funeral Parlor, Gettysburg, Pa.

Obituary policy

Obituaries will be printed for a fee based on the amount of information that is provided by a licensed funeral home. A photo of the deceased can be included.

Death Notices will be printed for free in *The Hancock News* as a public service which will only include name, age, date of death, residency and services.

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

Explore the genetics behind equine coat color in new extension webinar

Penn State Extension is offering a webinar, "Equine Coat Color Genetics Decoded," from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 11.

This session is designed for equine owners or breeders, veterinarians, and others interested in learning about the genetics behind horse coat colors and inheritance patterns.

Participants will learn about base coat colors, dilution genes, common patterns found across different breeds, and how dominant and recessive traits influence color inheritance. The session also will include real-world examples and visual aids designed to explain genetic concepts and how they appear in horses.



Penn State Extension offers this webinar at no cost, but registration is required by noon June 11 to receive the link to access the live webinar. Registrants also will receive access to the webinar recording.

More information is available on the Penn State Extension website at <https://extensionpsu.edu/equine-coat-color-genetics-decoded>.

PVAS to offer bird walks

Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) is pleased to announce bird walks on the following dates and locations in June.

Rolling Ridge Conservancy, 138 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Tuesday, June 9 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Join birders Bill Telfair & Scot DeGraf to explore the habitat and bird life with others on the gorgeous trails of Rolling Ridge Conservancy, the largest privately-owned wilderness area near Washington, DC. Anyone 8 years of age and older with an interest in birding is welcome to join trip leaders Bill and Scot as they explore some of the 1500 acres of protected woodlands. These walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/rolling-ridge-conservancy-bird-walk-24/.

Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va., Wednesday, June 17 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.



Join trip leader Bill Telfair for a bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve. Anyone aged 8 and older with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. The trails at Cool Spring Preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained footpaths to gorgeous views, the 74 acres of this preserve are home to much wildlife. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/bird-walk-at-cool-spring-preserve-20/.

Watch for additional walks on our website: www.potomacaudubon.org. For more information, contact PVAS staff at info@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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Battle of the Potomac pits All-Star players



A Hancock Yankee player on the mound against the Berkeley Springs Mets on Saturday, May 30. photos by Lori Younker



Hancock Yankees player stretches out for the ball as the Mets player makes it safely to second.



The battle of the 99s - as Hancock's Yankee player tries to beat out the ball.

Class of 2026



Hancock graduates make their way from the cafeteria where they gathered and did last minute preparations to the auditorium for graduation.



Science teacher Carl Wise talks to graduates Aiden Lowe and Valedictorian Landon Howe in the cafeteria before they graduated from Hancock High School last Tuesday, May 26.

(from front)

“What matters is that we learned here and use it to keep running,” he said.

Valedictorian Landon Howe said when he was thinking about what to say at graduation, he kept going back to how they all fit together on the journey and how they grew up side-by-side.

He said some of his favorite memories weren't just in the classroom, but also in band, citing the rehearsals, performances, and the band's trip to Orlando.

Howe thanked the teachers who have been with the students over the years.

“You pushed us when we needed it, supported us when things were difficult, and believed in us even when we didn't always believe in ourselves,” Howe said.

He also thanked families for their support and fellow graduates for their friendship and memories over the years.

“As we leave here and go our separate ways, things will change,” he said. “We'll meet new people, face new challenges, and start new chapters in our lives.”

What the graduates built at Hancock High School will stay with them, even though they might not end up at the same place, but Howe said he believes each of them has the ability to do something meaningful in their lives.

“No matter how far we go, part of us will be right here together,” he said.

Howe will be attending HCC this summer, finishing his associate degree in psychology and plans to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in the fall.

Ruppenthal then presented the Class of 2026 to Washington County Public Schools Board of Education member Ashley McCusker, who declared the students



Class of 2026 gets applause from friends and family.

were eligible to receive their diplomas.

Assistant Principal Jennifer Bausman read the name of each graduate with Ruppenthal handing them their respective diploma and a picture.

After the graduates had all received their diplomas, Rup-

penthal had them move the tassel on their cap from right to left to signify they'd graduated.

Graduates were then dismissed and left the auditorium at Hancock High School for the last time as students to cheers, applause, and high fives from family and friends.

Once outside, the graduates stood by the flagpole in the parking lot and, amid the shutters of cameras, tossed their caps in celebration.

Family and friends gathered in the driveway of the high school to take pictures with their graduates and congratulate each other.



Principal Jennifer Ruppenthal gave the graduates one final task, to move their tassel on their cap from right to left to signify their graduation.



After the hat toss, graduates and their family and friends gathered in the driveway in front of Hancock High School for picture and congratulations. photos by Geoff Fox

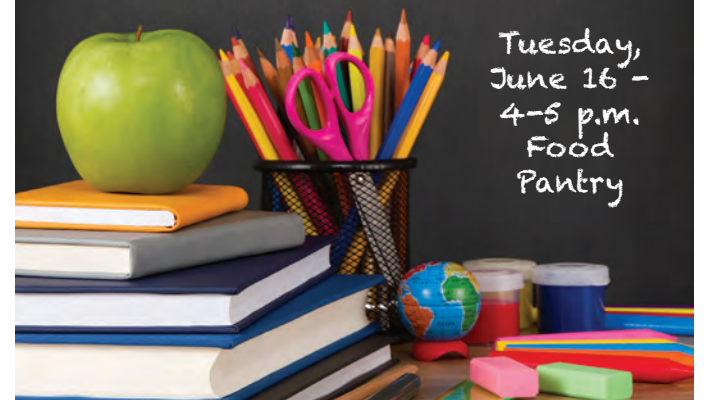
HANCOCK HIGH UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

**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
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-20-3th

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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
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP 2026-01) PARK PAVILION ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Hancock, Maryland invites sealed bids for the replacement of park pavilion roofing systems at Kirk Woods Park, Widmeyer Park and Joseph Hancock, Jr. Park.
Bid Due Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Location: Town Hall, 126 W. High Street, Hancock, MD
Bid packets are available at www.townofhancock.org/bid-and-rfps or at Town Hall: 126 W. High St., Hancock, MD (during normal business hours).

Letters To The Editor over 400 words will not be published.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Pamalia Diane Mattison

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Vaughn Raymond Mattison, 2340 Sycamore Rd., York, PA 17408-4132 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 23, 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.

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pd5-27-2th

**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
pd5-20-3th

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

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.

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Luz H. Hernandez-Feijoo

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Deborah Reyes-Hernandez, C-16 Calle Cancio, Sierra Berdecia, Guaynabo, PR 00969 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 23, 2026 at 11:00 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.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Mihaly Sutak

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Elizabeth Huzzdup, 36 Wakefield Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-5208 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 30, 2026 at 9:30 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.

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83538
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jesse Wayne
Hull.

Notice is given that Anthony Wayne Hull, 70 Bluejay Ct., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-6475 was on May 18, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Jesse Wayne Hull who died on March 16, 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 18th 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 18th 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.

Anthony Wayne Hull
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-27-3th

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

Estate No. 83559
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jack Phillip Murray
AKA: Jack Phillip Murray, Sr.

Notice is given that Michelle Ann Murray, 31 W. Frederick St., Williamsport, MD 21795-1525 was on May 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jack Phillip Murray who died on May 26, 2020 with a will.

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

All 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 26th 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 26th 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 Ann Murray
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-3-3th

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Gregory Lynn Hartle

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Penny Stanley, 12071 Big Pool Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1807 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 30, 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.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Thomas Louis Babeor

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Brandy Neil, 12403 Emory Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740 for judicial probate of the will dated September 20, 2021 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 30, 2026 at 10:00 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.

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

Estate No. 83556
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Larry Kent Mace.

Notice is given that Cindy Scott, 21210 Serenity Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4991 and Todd Mace, 16712 Caldwell Ct., Williamsport, MD 21795-1419 were on May 21, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Larry Kent Mace who died on May 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 21st 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 21st 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.

Cindy Scott
Todd Mace
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-3-3th

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

Estate No. 83583
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jack Phillip Murray
AKA: Jack Phillip Murray, Sr.

Notice is given that Michelle Ann Murray, 31 W. Frederick St., Williamsport, MD 21795-1525 was on May 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jack Phillip Murray who died on May 26, 2020 with a will.

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

All 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 26th 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 26th 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 Ann Murray
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83569
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Maxwell Junior
Miller.

Notice is given that Barbara Ann Miller, 99 Chittenden St., Duryea, PA 18642-1006 was on May 20, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Maxwell Junior Miller who died on November 5, 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 20th 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 20th 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.

Barbara Ann Miller
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP 2026-02) JOSEPH HANCOCK, JR. PARK/ WMRT STEP REPLACEMENT

The Town of Hancock, Maryland invites sealed bids for the replacement of steps connecting Joseph Hancock, Jr. Park and the Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT).
Bid Due Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Location: Town Hall, 126 W. High Street, Hancock, MD
Bid packets are available at www.townofhancock.org/bid-and-rfps or at Town Hall: 126 W. High St., Hancock, MD (during normal business hours).

PUBLIC NOTICES

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10715 Downsville Pike
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83562

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charles William Souders.

Notice is given that Charles W. Souders II, 403 Beaver Creek Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1459 was on May 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Charles William Souders who died on April 22, 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 19th 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 19th 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.

Charles W. Souders II
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83541

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gail Teresa Starlipper.

Notice is given that Alice Viola Funk, 245 S. Mulberry St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on May 22, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gail Teresa Starlipper who died on May 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 22nd 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 22nd 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.

Alice Viola Funk
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-3-3th

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83557

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Luz H. Hernandez-Feijoo.

Notice is given that Deborah Reyes Hernandez, C-16 Calle Cancio, Sierra Berdecia, Guaynabo, PR 00969 was on May 27, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Luz H. Hernandez-Feijoo who died on July 9, 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 27th 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 27th 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.

Deborah Reyes Hernandez
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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pd6-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 82685

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Michael William Rinn.

Notice is given that Bonnie Diehl, 9223 Mountain Meadow Dr., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1537 was on May 26, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Michael William Rinn who died on July 1, 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th 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 26th 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:

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Bonnie Diehl
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**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83565

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Alan Devibiss.

Notice is given that Melissa Campagna Devibiss, 9033 Wildberry Ct., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1861 was on May 27, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Robert Alan Devibiss who died on March 20, 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 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 claim 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.

Melissa Campagna Devibiss
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83446

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dustin James Stoner.

Notice is given that Penny W. Stoner, 2635 Grand Point Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17202-8184 was on May 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Dustin James Stoner who died on September 6, 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th 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 14th 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.

Penny W. Stoner
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Estate No. 83535

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ruth Ann Ogle.

Notice is given that Patricia Regina Ogle-Collins, 12206 Westwood Hills Dr., Oak Hill, VA 20171-1511 was on May 15, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ruth Ann Ogle who died on April 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 15th 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 15th 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:

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Patricia Regina Ogle-Collins
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
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Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83515

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Rose Marie Hessler.

Notice is given that Kevin Hessler, 2520 Waterside Dr. Unit 405, Frederick, MD 21701-3026 was on May 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Rose Marie Hessler who died on March 9, 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 26th 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 26th 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:

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Kevin Hessler
Personal Representative
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Estate No. 83480
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ann Shannon Duffey.

Notice is given that Susan Valentine, 11150 Welsh Run Rd., Greencastle, PA 17225-9329 and Beth Dearing, 11121 Glenside Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7842 were on May 4, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Ann Shannon Duffey who died on March 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 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:

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Susan Valentine
Beth Dearing
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83505
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jean Brenda Callahan.

Notice is given that Scott Callahan, 1 Van Etta Rd., Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-3919 was on May 13, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jean Brenda Callahan who died on December 18, 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 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:

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Scott P. Callahan
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83564
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dennis W. Fiery.

Notice is given that Cayla Merica, 165 Monarch Ct., Martinsburg, WV 25403-0942 was on May 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Dennis W. Fiery who died on March 31, 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.

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Cayla Merica
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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pd6-3-1thn

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

Estate No. 83560
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patti Laverne Hess.

Notice is given that Kati Gastley, 104 United Ct., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1660 was on May 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Patti Laverne Hess 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 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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Kati Gastley
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83563
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patricia L. Cook.

Notice is given that Kelly Wenrich, 854 Silverdollar Cir., Billings, MT 59105-2047 was on May 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Patricia L. Cook who died on May 8, 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.

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Kelly Wenrich
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83096
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Regis Thomas Blahut.

Notice is given that Beth A. McGinnity, 17728 Stoneridge Dr., North Potomac, MD 20878-1111 was on May 18, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Regis Thomas Blahut who died on October 30, 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 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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Beth A. McGinnity
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Register of Wills for
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83296
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Connie Lee Stouffer.

Notice is given that Daniel Lee Stouffer, 17517 Lappans Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1102 was on May 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Connie Lee Stouffer who died on January 9, 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.

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Daniel Lee Stouffer
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83549
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Alice Donaldson.

Notice is given that Kathy Ann Crampton, 18449 Horseshoe Bend Rd., Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1920 was on May 15, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Mary Alice Donaldson who died on May 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.

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Kathy Ann Crampton
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CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Your nesting instincts are in full swing right now, Cancer. You might be inspired to turn your space into a peaceful sanctuary. A family-related piece of news can bring peace.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, innovation will help you find clever shortcuts for problems that have proven tough to solve. Your unique style may start earning you praise, but remain humble.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Courage may come naturally this week, Leo. Speak your truth right when it is needed. Your warmth can be a magnet for others and new friendships may develop.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Empathy allows you to connect with others on a deep level, Pisces. A creative project that you have been building finally starts to bloom in unexpected ways.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Learning a new skill will be easy for you right now. Take pride in your progress. You are becoming more versatile and vital.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Collaboration is your secret weapon this week, Aries. Putting two heads together will be better than one. Take a walk or exercise to get away and gain perspective.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Share your heart and listen closely to what a partner has to say, Libra. A romantic or platonic relationship will reach a high point. The connection built will be exciting.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may find yourself getting a small bonus or increase in pay, proving your financial luck is looking up this week. Enjoy the surprise and treat yourself to something.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You're at peak productivity right now as you tackle your to-do list with great focus, Scorpio. By the end of the week you'll be ready to dive into a mysterious or fun hobby.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, this is a great week for writing or presentations since you will have creativity flowing through you. A fun text message can be a catalyst for a great weekend.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
A sense of humor will be a great asset this week, helping to diffuse any tension by laughing, Sagittarius. Start looking ahead to travel plans.

French to give talk on Custer's Last Stand Making hay while the sun shines

by Geoff Fox

After the Civil War ended, the United States military entered numerous skirmishes and battles out west with various Indians/Native Americans. One is more well-known than the others. That was the Battle of Little Bighorn, also known as Custer's Last Stand.

The battle, which took place in June of 1876 in Montana, was between the U.S. government and the Lakota Sioux who, under the leadership of chief Sitting Bull, refused to return to the reservation the government created for Indian tribes. The U.S. recruited other Indian tribes who were traditional enemies of the Lakota to assist in the campaign. Lakota were assisted by allied tribe Cheyenne.

On Thursday, June 25, 150 years after the famous battle, local historian Steve French will be presenting a free, illustrated talk about the battle at the Berkeley Springs Church of Christ located at 290 S. Green Street, at 7 p.m.

This talk rounds up a lifelong interest in the famous 1876 battle in Montana.

French's interest in the Battle of Little Bighorn goes back to when he was 9 years old and living in Michigan in the 1960s.

He said there was a store there that had an old Budweiser print of the battle. After moving to the Cherry Run area a year later, he received his first book about the battle.

French said Viola Weigel gave him the book *The Day Custer Fell* as a present for his tenth birthday.

The book tells the story of the battle from the Indian point of view, he said, adding he still has that book all these years later.

Over the years, French has spoken about the battle on many occasions at different events.

Since it's the 150th anniversary of the battle, French thought it would be the right time to have it.

"It'll be the only one in West Virginia, I'm sure," French said.

The program itself, French said, would run about 45 minutes and then as much time as allowed for questions.

He'll be going over the main participants from the calvary, such as George A. Custer, and from the Indian side; the campaign itself, which French said was a three-prong campaign; and then the battle itself for about 15 minutes; and finish up with the aftermath.

Custer's wife Elizabeth "Libby" Custer, brought his reputation up as she would write books and defend her husband's name.

There will also be discussion about the battle and George Custer in pop culture like prints and how they influenced things, movies, and differences between those made in the 1940s and 1950s and those made more recently, and of course all the books written on the battle and Custer.

The reason this particular battle stands out in American history is because of the characters involved in the battle.

Of course, there was Custer himself who had been at several Civil War battles includ-

ing Gettysburg. His brothers Thomas and Boston, Marcus Reno, James Calhoun, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and Rain in the Face were all key figures in the historic event.

French said there were a number of soldiers and officers who had been in the Civil War, some even serving alongside Custer, who were also part of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

"You got some of these larger-than-life characters in there," French said.

French said he hasn't been to Little Bighorn yet, but he would like to get there.

"If I go there, I'm going first class, though!" he said with a laugh.

French said he has prints of the battle, including the one from Budweiser, and 30 or more books about the battle, most of which are primary sources from those who were serving at the battle as well as Indian accounts of the clash.

French said he would like to encourage people to bring their kids, especially if they're interested in history as there will be people who will know this battle up and down.

French's 150th anniversary remembrance of the Battle of Little Bighorn is free and will be held Thursday, June 25, at the Berkeley Springs Church of Christ located at 290 S. Green Street in Berkeley Springs.

French will also have his Civil War books available for sale at the event as well.



Photographer Justin Mellot snapped this seasonal photo of his father making hay this past weekend in the Needmore area, taking advantage of the extended sunny weather to get the first cutting done and in.

Fish for free in Maryland on June 6, 13 & July 4

All state residents and visitors can fish in Maryland without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration on June 6, June 13, and July 4.

Annual license-free fishing days provide a unique chance to explore the state's diverse fishing opportunities. They are also a great time for licensed anglers to introduce a friend or family member to fishing.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hosts license-free fishing every year on the first two Saturdays of June and on Independence Day to take advantage of peak spring and summer fishing. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish for recreational purposes in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland.

All anglers must follow current regulations, including size and catch limits found in the department's fishing and crabbing guide.

DNR also has dozens of resources to help new and experienced anglers, including an interactive angler access map and fish identification charts. In addition, anglers of any level are encouraged to sign up for the weekly Maryland Fishing Report, which provides up-to-date fishing information.

Any angler looking to make a positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake Bay can use these free fishing opportunities to catch



invasive species such as Chesapeake Channa (northern snakehead) and blue catfish. These fish threaten native species, but they are fun to catch and make a tasty, high-protein meal. There are no seasons or limits on catching invasive fish.

Aside from these free fishing days and certain license-free areas, anyone age 16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a fishing license when fishing in Maryland. Licenses can be obtained or renewed online, in person at a department service center or participating retail sports license agents, or by phone at 866-344-8889. Fishing license, tackle, boat, and marine fuel purchases fund DNR's fish conservation work.

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—OLD FARM LORE: Calm weather in June sets corn in tune.

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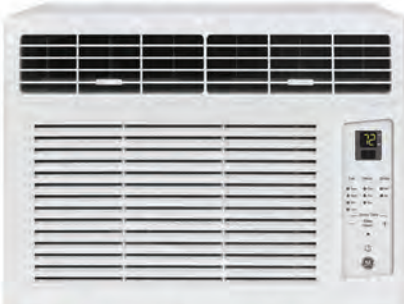
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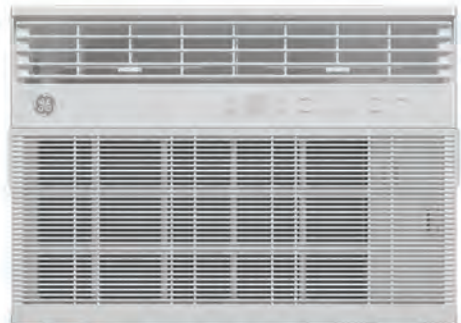
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