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## Hancock at a Glance

### Weather

Wed. 6/10 87/70  
40% chance of thunderstorms and showers with south winds 3-7mph.

Thurs. 6/11 92/72  
20% chance of showers with winds 3-7 mph, thunderstorm in afternoon.

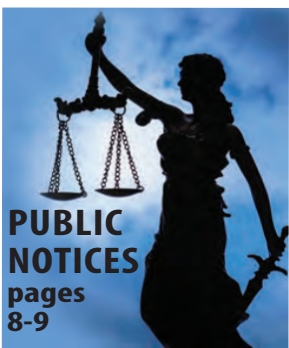
Fri. 6/12 92/67  
40% chance of showers and thunderstorms in afternoon.

Sat. 6/13 87/63  
Mostly sunny with a high near 87 and a low around 63.

Sun. 6/14 89/64  
Mostly sunny with a high near 89 and a low around 64.

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## More ballot troubles pop up in county voter mailing

Washington County's top election officer alerted the public and press last week that county voters will see an error in a sample ballot packet sent out to educate voters on their options to vote in the gubernatorial primary election on June 23.

The primary election lets members of political parties narrow down candidates running for various political offices, and pick which candidate will be on the ballot for the general election in November.

According to Washington County Election Director Barry Jackson, the sample ballot packet was meant to encourage voting in the primary election, which historically has low voter turnout. The packet included information about the various ways voters can cast



ballots in June - through Mail-In voting, Early Voting in person at county centers or on June 23 at the county's voting precincts.

Jackson said the Washington County Board of Elections mailed over 92,000 sample ballot packets to eligible voters who had not requested a Mail-In Ballot for the Gubernatorial Primary Election.

An error was discovered on the second page of the sample ballot, Jackson said.

Under the "You have 3 ways to vote" section, the second way to vote says

"Vote on Election Day November 5."

The correct date is June 23, 2026.

"Historically, the Gubernatorial Primary has the lowest turnout of any of the statewide elections. We want to increase voter turnout, not impede it. We want to ensure that all voters understand that June 23 is the correct Primary Election date, not November 5," Jackson said.

see **BALLOT TROUBLES**  
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## County looking at FY2027 POS list that includes Widmeyer Park project



The Town of Hancock requested \$137,700 from Project Open Space monies to pave the area outlined in red in Widmeyer Park. Washington County Commissioners were set to approve the annual FY2027 POS project list at their June 9, meeting, which took place after The Hancock News went to print.

photo courtesy Town of Hancock

by Geoff Fox

County Commissioners were set to approve the Annual Fiscal Year 2027 Program Open Space project list that was presented and recommended by the Washington County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board during their Tuesday, June 9, meeting.

The meeting occurred after *The Hancock News* went to press.

One of the projects included was for parking lot improvements in Widmeyer Park that would run a total of \$153,000 with the town requesting \$137,700 of that

amount. Hancock would pay \$15,300 for the project.

Including requests from Boonsboro, Hagerstown, Sharpsburg, Smithsburg, Washington County, and Washington County Public Schools, the total POS Program FY2027 allocation sits at \$1,077,378.

The Hancock project would see the parking lot area near the Lions Pavilion to Main Street paved, which would include by the pickleball courts, the war monument, and entrance by Main Street.

see **PROGRAM OPEN SPACE**  
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## Spaces available for vendors, groups to be part of Aug. 4 National Night Out



by Geoff Fox

As the summer season is just getting under way, that means National Night Out is just around the corner.

The annual community event will take place on Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 6 p.m. in Widmeyer Park. As always, the night of fun and activity is a free event.

As National Night Out approaches, the Town of Hancock is seeking businesses, non-profits, churches, and

organizations to have a space at the park.

If your group or organization is interested in a space in the park, email Jodi@townofhancock.org or call 301-678-5622 during business hours of 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In the email, include the name of the organization or business and what is being planned to be offered at the event.

Deadline for space requests is July 22.

## Cool down time



With temperatures nearing 90 degrees last Thursday afternoon, kids young and old beat the heat by taking to the splash pad in Widmeyer Park. The splash pad was supposed to open on May 23, however rain that weekend kept the opening until May 27. The pad is open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. every day, but will close for inclement weather including heavy rainfall resulting in standing water on the pad.

## Amid rain, officials still watching drought & promoting conservation steps

by Kate Shunney

The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin watches the water supply of the nation's capital closely, and in even greater detail the last two years as a persistent drought hangs on in Maryland, West Virginia and parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Conditions in the areas that empty into the Potomac River basin affect how much water is available for drinking, agriculture, recreation and even fire suppression.

Late last week, the Commission reported that a Drought Watch has been declared for the metropolitan Washington region.

Authorities in the area, less than 100 miles away, are asking for voluntary

water conservation among residents and businesses in the region, said Commission reports.

There are currently no mandatory water use restrictions in the metropolitan Washington region. The region hasn't instituted mandatory water use restrictions since 1999, when Maryland issued a statewide declaration.

If conditions worsen, the next stage in the regional drought response plan is a Drought Warning, in which authorities will call for voluntary water use restrictions, said Commission officials.

"According to the U.S. Drought Monitor Map, 40 percent of the Potomac watershed is experiencing severe drought conditions or worse. When declaring a drought, agencies consider

several indicators, including precipitation, groundwater levels, streamflow, and reservoir levels," the Commission said.

"Recent rains brought temporary relief from the area's long dry spell that dropped the flow in the Potomac to 130-year lows," said Michael Nardolilli, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin Executive Director. "Since then, however, the rains have stopped and we have once again entered a dry pattern."

Rain in the region is 17 inches below average for the past two years, as reported by NOAA's Regional Climate Center.

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# OPINIONS

## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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## Calendar of Events JUNE

**Saturday, June 13**  
 - Hancock Museum  
 open 9-11:30 a.m.,  
 basement of Town Hall

**Sunday, June 14**  
 - Flag Day  
 - Hancock Museum  
 open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
 basement of Town Hall

**Tuesday, June 16**  
 - 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

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

## Free summer concerts return to the Ice House



Joslyn & The Sweet Compression

The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) announces the continuation of its free Friday Night concerts at the Ice House on the Charlotte's Cafe Garden Stage, part of its MAC Summer Series. This year will be a promising and unforgettable season of live music.

The first show of the season is Friday, June 12, with an energetic performance featuring Joslyn & The Sweet Compression. Joslyn & The Sweet Compressions is a mix of funk and soul. Attendees are welcome to join for an evening filled with diverse musical styles and vibrant performances. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 7 p.m. Use the Mercer Street Entrance. Admission is free for all ages.

We recommend bringing lawn chairs or blankets for

comfortable seating, as well as sunglasses and hats for sun protection.

Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the scene, this is an event you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready for a night of fantastic music under the stars.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Tourism, and local hotel/motel taxes. All sponsors that are supporting this series can be found at www.macicehouse.org.

For more information on this and other MAC activities, go to www.macicehouse.org or Facebook page @MACicehouse.

## EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

**How did India double its wild tiger population in just a decade and what can conservationists learn from this success story?**

-- Patsy Wilson, New York, NY

India's doubling its wild tiger population in just 10 years is one of the most significant conservation success stories in modern history. In 2006, India's tiger population had fallen to just 1,411 individuals. By 2022, that number had climbed to more than 3,000, due to a coordinated, multi-level strategy combining law enforcement, habitat protection, community participation, and science-based management—an approach that offers important lessons for conservation efforts worldwide.

A cornerstone of this success is Project Tiger, launched in 1973, which established a nationwide network of protected areas dedicated to tiger conservation. Today, India has 53 tiger reserves covering over 75,000 square kilometers. Buffer zones and wildlife corridors help reduce human-wildlife conflict, allowing tigers to move between habitats, reducing inbreeding and strengthening genetic diversity across populations.

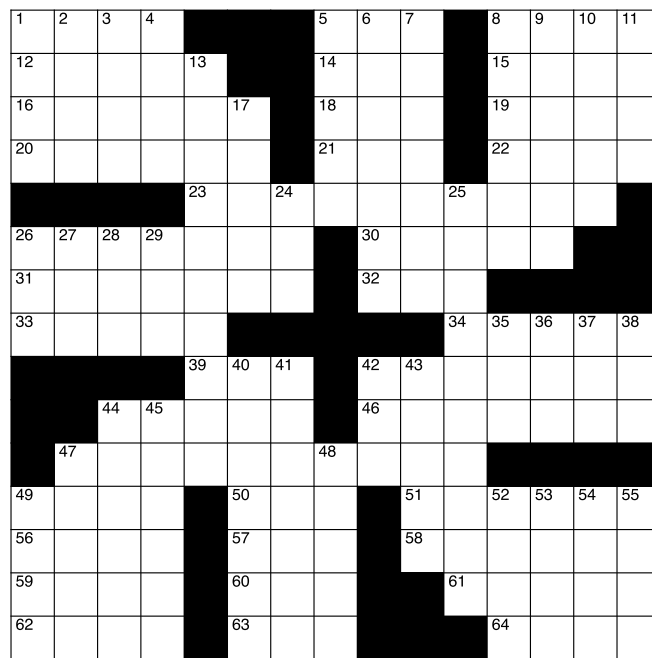
Poaching has historically been one of the greatest threats to tigers, but India has made major gains in combating it. The Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 imposed strict penalties for wildlife crimes, and enforcement continues to intensify. Authorities now rely on camera traps, drones and real-time monitoring systems to detect illegal activity. As the BBC has reported, tiger deaths from poaching have declined significantly due to these strengthened measures.

Recognizing that conservation cannot succeed without public support, India has involved local communities directly. Villagers are reimbursed for livestock lost to tiger attacks, reducing the incentive for retaliation. Eco-tourism has expanded around tiger reserves, creating jobs and linking local livelihoods to wildlife protection. In some areas, families have voluntarily relocated to safer zones with financial assistance and access to services. Science plays a central role in guiding policy. Radio collars, GPS tracking and DNA sampling monitor tiger movement and health. Regular national censuses allow tracking of individual animals and adapting strategies in real time.

Despite its progress, challenges remain. Human-tiger conflict persists in some regions, and expanding infrastructure continues to fragment habitats. Sustained funding, political commitment and careful planning will be essential to maintaining momentum. India's tiger recovery shows that species decline is reversible. By integrating enforcement, habitat conservation, community engagement and scientific monitoring, other countries can apply similar strategies to protect their own endangered wildlife.

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## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Sealed with a kiss
5. Large sandwich
8. Swiss city
12. Japanese persimmons
14. When you hope to get somewhere
15. Wings
16. A name of God
18. Elected official (informal)
19. Abnormal breathing
20. "Seinfeld" character
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Something for sale
23. Gets rid of
26. One who touts
30. Blemished
31. Less than exciting
32. Born of
33. N. German town
34. Notes
39. Move away from land
42. Vulcanite
44. More ignoble
46. Child actor Kirk
47. Written works
49. Sea vessel
50. Residue
51. Engraved
56. Having sufficient skill
57. One and only
58. Erase
59. Broad inlets
60. Nightmarish street
61. Play again
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Add a color to change the color
64. Move swiftly and lightly

### DOWN

1. Scottish island
2. River in the Netherlands
3. Asian people
4. Fuzzy fruit
5. Ninth month (abbr.)
6. An idealistic social reformer
7. What you owe
8. Colorless mineral
9. Overjoyed
10. Rattling breaths
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Greek mythological beauty
24. Wrath
25. Instrument to measure wind speed
26. Luxury carmaker
27. Bitterly regret
28. Not or
29. Google certification
35. Midway between north-east and east
36. Space station
37. Relating to the ears
38. Congressman
40. Yelled at
41. Rudely assertive
42. Defunct European money
43. Shared one's soul
44. Onion rolls
45. A way to state clearly
47. Relating to a lobe
48. Underlying message
49. Hollywood pig
52. Indicates pitch
53. Filament of a feather
54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
55. Diminish

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# Hancock Police Report

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**Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of June 1-7:**

**June 1**  
Harassment, 400 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subjects advised.  
911 hang-up, first block Fulton Street. Unfounded.  
911 hang-up, 100 block West Main Street. Unfounded.  
Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.  
**June 2**  
Check well being, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked okay.  
Animal complaint, 200 block West Main Street. Dog on roadway, Humane Society took dog.  
Service to advise, 100 block Washington Street. Subject advised.  
**June 3**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Seven stops.  
Parking complaint, 200 block Fulton Street. Subjects advised.  
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.  
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 14,000 block White Oak Ridge. Heard gun shots, unable to locate.  
**June 4**  
Suspicious person, 100 block Virginia Avenue. Subject checked and moved along.  
Parking complaint, Widmeyer Park. Owner moved vehicle.

Animal complaint, first block Blue Hill Road. Dog left behind, Humane Society called.  
911 hang-up, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.  
Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Department, Rt. 522. Traffic stop.  
**June 5**  
Check well being, first block West Main Street. Subject checked okay.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Four stops.  
Parking complaint, East Main Street area. Vehicle issued warning.  
Animal complaint, 100 block West Main Street. Found dog. Subject advised.  
**June 6**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.  
Found property, 200 block East Main Street. Credit card found. Stored at PD.  
Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects advised.  
Property damage accident, 100 block Limestone Road. Information exchanged.  
Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.  
**June 7**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.  
Animal complaint, Widmeyer Park. Dog left in vehicle, gone on arrival.  
Check well being, first block East Main Street. Subject advised.

## Police investigate tractor trailer accident

by Geoff Fox  
Maryland State Police are continuing their investigation into a tractor-trailer accident that tied up traffic on Interstate 68 in the early hours of Sunday morning, June 7.  
According to a Maryland State Police spokesperson, troopers from the Hagerstown Barrack responded to westbound I68 around 1:54 a.m. near the Washington and Allegany county line for a report of a single vehicle accident involving a tractor-trailer.  
In the preliminary investigation, police said the tractor-trailer was traveling west when, for an unknown reason, traveled off the roadway

and over the embankment. Reports stated the tractor-trailer was engulfed in fire.  
Two people were transported to a local hospital by ambulance for treatment for their injuries.  
One lane was closed, but the spokesperson couldn't confirm how long it was closed.  
They couldn't confirm what the tractor-trailer was hauling at the time of the accident.  
Fire crews from Washington, Allegany, Morgan, and Fulton counties responded to the scene.  
The investigation into the crash is still active and ongoing.

## FAMILY REUNION

**FARRIS**  
Farris family and friends reunion will be Saturday, June 20, at 12 p.m. Eat at 1 p.m.  
Family reunion will be held at the Great Cacapon Vol. Fire Department social hall, 218 Spring Street, Great Cacapon, W.Va.  
Take a covered dish. Questions call 717-294-3477.

## MRE workshop coming up

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a free MRE workshop at the church.  
The MRE, or meals ready to eat, workshop will be held Friday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock.  
All supplies are provided and those who attend will take home two quarts of pressure canned meals.  
You can register by texting Jennie at 814-617-0914.

## PVAS to host "Kingfisher Kahoot" virtual trivia night



Come play a live, online quiz game. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, June 11 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.. Join Master Naturalist Roy Boyle for a fun night of trivia and learning as we explore this month's theme, West Virginia's Butterflies. This engaging evening program is held over Zoom, so you can join in from the comfort of your favorite chair.  
Kahoots are best played in a group setting, so we are excited to join together with fellow players virtually. We will play as a group with Roy Boyle as our team leader and host. Brand new to Kahoots? Roy will be available to answer any questions you may have at the beginning and along the way.  
This event is free and open to the public. Anyone is welcome to join in. Pre-registration is required and limited to 25 participants.  
For more information and to register, go to [www.potomacaudubon.org/event/kingfisher-kahoot-virtual-trivia-night-butterflies/](http://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/kingfisher-kahoot-virtual-trivia-night-butterflies/).  
Contact PVMN at [PVMN@PotomacAudubon.org](mailto:PVMN@PotomacAudubon.org) or 681-252-1387 with any questions you may have.

# Cleaning up the canal



A crew from the C&O Canal National Historical Park was cleaning the weeds and growth in the canal's basin along Canal Street on Thursday afternoon, June 4. It was during the May town meeting when former Mayor Dan Murphy, who is the president of the Hancock Historical Society, asked for and granted permission from town officials to speak on their behalf to park officials regarding the condition of the watered area of the C&O Canal from Church Street to the U.S. 522 bridge.

## Orchard Ridge First Church of God holds Vacation Bible School

Orchard Ridge First Church of God announces their Vacation Bible School "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace" that will take place Sunday, June 21 through Thursday, June 26 from 6-8:30 p.m.  
Take a journey back to ancient Egypt...without leaving the neighborhood. Experience Joseph's incredible faith journey from prison to palace - with Joseph himself. Every day, kids will talk with Joseph, sing, craft hand-made projects, play Egyptian games and eat Egyptian snacks.  
This adventure is open to children ages 3 years old (potty trained) through 6th grade (entering). Advance registration is requested. Visit [myvbs.org/OrchardRidgeChurch](http://myvbs.org/OrchardRidgeChurch) to pre-register today. There is no charge to attend.  
Orchard Ridge First Church of God is located at 13642 Orchard Ridge Road, Hancock. For more information contact Laura Parks at 240-449-5307 or e-mail [lparks2364@gmail.com](mailto:lparks2364@gmail.com). If you live in Hancock and need help with getting your child to or from VBS, let us know.



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### Three Kinds of Christians...

The following meditations came to me early at prayer just before Mass last Friday. I thought of the kinds of Catholics -Christians in our world. One type begins following the Lord and attending church but then, eventually, doesn't "feel any magic" or "get any results" or thinks it's too much work without a kind of "vending machine God" tumbling out immediate-stimulating results, and so drops out. Gone. We have the term "fallen away Catholic" for this. The next type comes to church, gradually gets dry and continues to come, but kinda' like on a treadmill -just doing it, "going through the motions". The third type (hopefully the majority) comes and may experience graces—and even supernatural favors—or maybe not, plus plenty of sufferings, but because they are "devout", devoted, desirous—and faith-filled—they are The Faith-full. As Jesus commends: "You are those who have stood by me in my trials" (Lk. 22:28).

You can see this in Our Lord's teaching & Parable of The Sower & Seed (Mt. 13:3-23) wherein He tells how three seed-plantings fail and only one is successful

Maybe there's one more kind of follower: those who see scandals, find fault, observe hypocrisy, and bolt. Though these critical observations are part of any organization, and church, they are more pointed as we Catholics -Christians are supposed to be a cut above, perfect, or, at least "not like the Joneses".

So, now: How will you increase the depth of your love? In what ways can you inspire others? How will you guard against "the world," as Jesus points out in The Parable of the Seed, which is aggressive in strangling, segwaying souls?

Last week I got this other Message: I met this elderly lady on the Main St. walking my Labrador dog, Bella, who smiles a lot. The lady knew us though we haven't seen each other for years now, and Bella went right up to her (looking for a treat?) and she said to Bella, "You're pretty...I love you." Miraculous. Epiphanic. We all need that spontaneous and sustained love—of God, and neighbor (Mk. 12:30-31). And we need keep practicing and experiencing this Divine Love so we don't get abducted or on any treadmills.

Rev. Jack Lombardi is Pastor of St. Peter-St. Patrick Catholic Parish

**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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**Long Hollow Church**, 12722 Long Hollow Road - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**Hancock Assembly of God**, 431 North Pennsylvania Avenue, 301-678-5313 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship service and kid's church 11 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Ladies' quilting every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## OBITUARIES

### Brian Dale Cain 1958-2026

Brian Dale Cain, age 67, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Born September 16, 1958 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Stanley Leo "Duke" and Phyllis Lorraine McBee Cain.

He was a 1978 class graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. Dale worked as a prep-cook for the Canary Grill on the Overlook in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. He was an active member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #60, Junior Order of United American Mechanics Council #117, both in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and the Adopt a Highway Clean Up. Dale enjoyed cooking, putting puzzles together and spending time with his family.

Dale is survived by his four nieces, April Mae Chapman, Heidi Elaine Chapman, Becky Cain, Rachel Ann Chapman, one nephew, Charles Wellington Camden Chapman, his brother-in-law, Darius Dale Chapman and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dale was preceded in death by one sister, Debra Lynn Chapman and one brother, Tye Lee Cain.

Celebration of Life Services will be conducted from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at the Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60, 527 N. Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dale's memory may be made directly to the funeral home to help defray funeral expenses.

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



### Roy Bobby Hovermale 1936-2026

Roy Bobby Hovermale was born December 11, 1936 on Highland Ridge in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. He passed from this life into his forever eternity on June 4, 2026 surrounded by his loved ones. He was under the care of Dr. Andrew Berens and had daily care from his granddaughters, Buffy, Ashley and Amarie, along with a few special employees, family and friends.

He was a devoted husband of 71 years and is survived by the love of his life, Betty Lou McCoy Hovermale. He was a loving father to his children, Cindy Hovermale and Wesley McCoy. He was preceded in death by his three other children and a son-in-law, Theresa Ferguson, Kim "Hoppy" Hovermale, Denise Omps and David Omps. He was also preceded in death by his parents, William "Bill" Hovermale and Elsie Viola Hovermale, along with all of his siblings, Melvin Hovermale, Carl Hovermale, Janie Sirbaugh, Mamie Stotler, Mazie Orndorff and Connie French. He has 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and all the kids and families he brought into his home to offer his love and guidance.

Roy was a past master and 50 year member of Deford Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M. in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. He was an Ali Ghan Shriner. He was a past worthy patron of Berkeley Chapter #77 Order of the Eastern Star. He was a long-standing member and lifetime supporter of Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Department. He was a 36 year member of the WV Farm Bureau.

Roy worked for Western Union and General Motors. In 1965 he bought a small gas station on the corner of Rt. 9 and 522 and built it into the pillar of the Berkeley Springs community. He was a Christian and loved his Finding Grace church family. Some of his favorite past times were going to his cabin to mow and get his "John Deere Therapy." He took all of his grandchildren out to the cabin and taught us all how to work hard and built our foundation for the future. He loved hunting camp at the cabin with his buddies, but in his later years his hunting time was with his great granddaughter Amarie. He enjoyed going on rides to the cabin to go fishing with his great grandson Colby. He also looked forward to his rides every evening with his best friend Jimmy. He enjoyed NASCAR races and loved his chocolate milk.

As his health faded and he wasn't able to do much, his joy came from sitting in his picture window waving and blowing kisses to his customers and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Warm Springs Middle School, 271 Warm Springs Way, Berkeley Springs, WV with Pastor Jack Hiles and Pastor Kenny Mason officiating. Burial with grave-side masonic rites provided by Deford Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M. will be in Highland Cemetery, Berkeley Springs, WV.

The family will receive friends at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. The funeral home will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be an Eastern Star memorial service provided by Berkeley Chapter #77 Order of the Eastern Star on Wednesday evening at the funeral home at 7 p.m.

A reception will be held after the burial at Roy & Betty's cabin, 607 McHenry Lane, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. which is off Posey Hollow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Finding Grace Church, 66 Honey Crest Court, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411, Highland Ridge Cemetery Association, c/o Brenda Ruddell, 404 Sugar Hollow Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or to Deford Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M., 20 Swallow Court, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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



### Billy Lee Ward 1930-2026

Billy Lee Ward, 95, passed away, Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Meritus Medical Center, in Hagerstown, Md. Born July 18, 1930, in Buck Valley, Fulton County, Pa., he was the son of the late Amos A. and Ora E. (Scriever) Ward.

He joined the United States Army as a young man and fought in the Korean War. July 1950-July 1951, he served as 1st Sergeant and was part of the Co. D, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion. (Bronze Star, Five Battle Stars). Some highlights of his military career included his service in Germany and at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. where he instructed cadets.

After retiring from the Army, he worked as a manager for Pittman's grocery store, a manager for Gulf, Warfordsburg, Pa., mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, Warfordsburg, Pa, and employee of Sinclair Cattle Company, Warfordsburg, Pa.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hancock, Md.

He loved giving service. He was a member of the Lion's Club and locally served as President for a time. He also served 60 years as a Mason (James W. Bowers Lodge No. 173), having achieved Master Mason status in 1960. He enjoyed traveling stateside and abroad with his wife, listening to country music, and farming, etc.

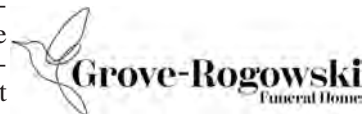
He is survived by his loving wife of 74 years, Madeline M. (Hendershot) Ward, Warfordsburg, Pa. and one son, Jeffrey G. Ward (The Villages, Fla.).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two sons: Stuart L. Ward, Steven C. Ward; five brothers, Hayes E. Ward, Herbert W. Ward, Albert L. Ward, and Eugene M. Ward, and Clifford G. Ward; seven sisters, Janet H. Schetrompf, Lena M. (Peg) Yonker, Dorothy L. Shank, Infant, Betty F. Fischer, Naomi D. Bohrer and J. June Ziler.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 Douglas Street, Hancock, Md.

At 12:30 p.m., a Graveside Service and military tribute will follow at the Buck Valley Methodist Church Cemetery at 6600 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg, Pa. Military honors will be provided by the Tri-State Honor Guard.

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



### Aaron Matthew Barker 1978-2026

A superhero has passed. Aaron Matthew Barker went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Born April 15, 1978 in Hagerstown, Maryland, he was the son of the late Johnny E. Barker, Jr. and the late Linda Kay (Clingerman) Barker.

Aaron was full of life and was involved in Special Olympics and was also in a bowling league. He worked at Berkeley Club Beverages, Jr's Supermarket and East Ridge. He loved the beach, monster trucks, fishing and watching The Dukes of Hazard, WVU, WWE, CHIPS, ALF, and Charlie's Angels. In 1993, he received a kidney transplant from his Dad.

Surviving is his brother, Keith E. Barker and wife Traci, nieces Alexis and Kat, nephew LCPL Barker, Chase, special uncle/brothers Jeremy Mills, Jakob Furley, Brett Truax, E2PFC Dehaven, Gavin, Codey Christy, Brad Maconaughey, LCPL Holliday, Michael and many others.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Berkeley Baptist Church, 172 Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family received friends from 11 a.m. until service time. Pastor Joey Giles officiated. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were LCPL Barker, Chase, E2PFC Dehaven, Gavin, Jakob Furley, Codey Christy, Brad Maconaughey, Brett Truax, Rick Goldizen, Adam Puffinburger and LCPL Farnsworth, Kase.

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

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## PVAS to host nature journaling

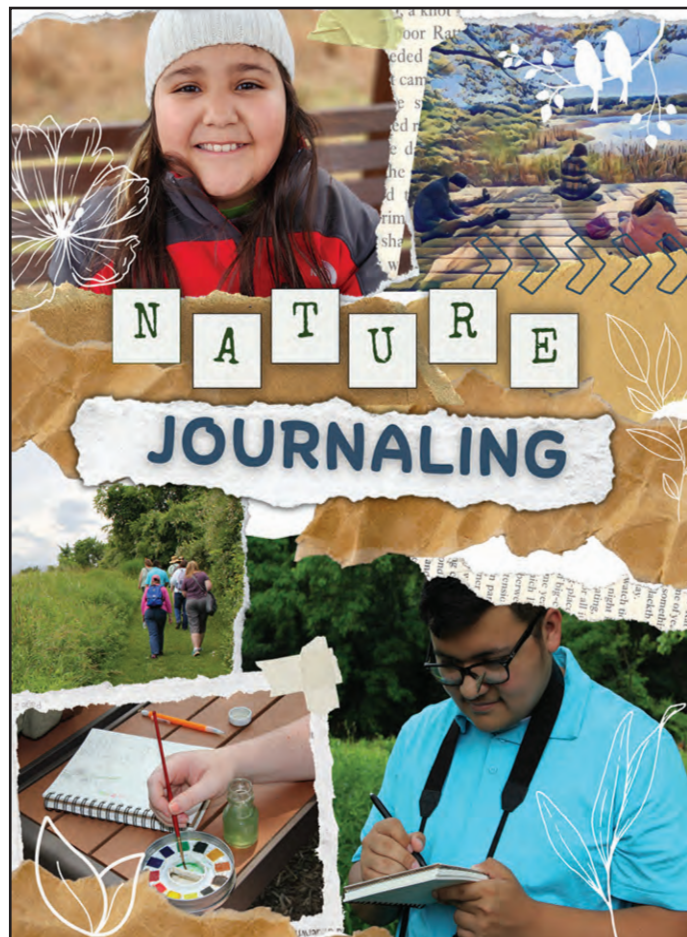
Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host Nature Journaling at the Wetland's Edge on Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Rd., Hedgesville, W.Va.

Explore the reflective, busy world of a wetland ecosystem. Observe insects, amphibians, water patterns, and lush summer growth while recording discoveries in your journal.

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

For additional details and to register, go to [www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-journaling-at-stauffers-marsh-nature-preserve-at-the-wetlands-edge/](http://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-journaling-at-stauffers-marsh-nature-preserve-at-the-wetlands-edge/)

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# Hit the trail for some summer ice cream

by Geoff Fox

Each summer since 2021, Washington County has had an ice cream trail that promotes locally owned ice cream shops throughout the county and this year the tradition continues.

The 2026 Washington County Ice Cream Trail began Tuesday, June 2, and runs through Tuesday, September 22, which is the last day of summer.

The trail offers residents and visitors a delicious way to explore Washington County.

As the country and county celebrates their respective 250th anniversaries, the county is joining the nation in the celebration with the family-friendly trail.

The trail offers people the opportunity to experience local businesses, discover unique destinations, and celebrate the spirit of community that makes Washington County special.

To join the trail, anyone wanting to participate can download the official Ice Cream Trail map from the county's website at <https://www.washco-md.net/icecreamtrail/> or pick up at one of the locations.

The map includes all 16 of the participating ice cream shops and details on how to complete the trail. Buddy Lou's is the only shop in Hancock.

There are four shops in Hagerstown; three in Williamsport; two each in Boonsboro and Smithsburg; and one each in Cascade, Clear Spring, Sharpsburg, and Maugansville.



Once the map is downloaded or picked up, participants can visit each shop for a sweet treat and get their map stamped.

Once the map is complete, it can be submitted via online submission or through the mail.

Everyone who completes the trail by the end of the summer receives a free commemorative t-shirt to celebrate their accomplishment.

Organizers said it's a perfect way to spend the summer, support local businesses, and earn a fun keepsake.

Facebook users can also join the official Washington County Ice Cream Trail Group to stay up to date on the trail.



The Washington County Ice Cream Trail kicked off last Tuesday, June 2, with 16 ice cream shops within the county making up the trail. Buddy Lou's is the lone Hancock ice cream shop on the trail.

# Ballot troubles

(from front)

As of May 31, there were over 103,000 registered voters in Washington County. Over 11,000 of those voters requested Mail-In Ballots. The remaining 92,000 were mailed sample ballot packets, showing voters what their ballot will look like, where their Election Day polling place will be, and their options for voting in the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

This county voter packet error follows trouble with a

mailed ballot from the State of Maryland that included a printing error. The state sent out nearly 500,000 replacement ballots to voters who had received the incorrectly printed mail-in ballots.

Anyone with questions about how they can vote in the June 23 primary election can contact the Washington County Board of Elections by calling 240-313-2050 or going to their new website at <https://washingtoncountymd-votes.gov/>

# Program Open Space

(from front)

If Hancock is approved from the POS money, the project could start next year, Town Manager Mike Faith said in an email.

He added he doubts everything would be decided this year before the asphalt plants close for the winter.

Hancock is set to begin two projects from previous POS money grants with town officials set to open qualified bid packets at the June 9 town meeting, which occurred after the paper went to the printer.

Those two projects would see the pavilion roofs in Widmeyer Park and Joseph Hancock Park be replaced and the steps in Joseph Hancock Park leading to the Western Maryland Rail Trail also being replaced.

Those projects, Faith said, are anticipated starting within 30 days of the contracts being awarded.

To obtain the POS monies, various municipalities, WCPS, HCC, and county submit projects for consideration for inclusion in the annual POS program.

Based on anticipated available funds a program is developed giving consideration to county parks and recreation priorities, community benefit, and the priority ranking of the project sponsor.

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board voted at its May 7 meeting to recommend the proposed schedule to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption.

After adoption, those who applied for POS money are notified as to which projects have been included in the program along with approval letters.

This then allows the sponsors to apply for funding to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources after July 1.

According to the commissioners meeting agenda, the fiscal impact to the county would be Washington County receiving \$1,077,378 in FY2027 Program Open Space Funds and since the county met its local acquisition goal in the current approved Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan 100% of the FY2027 appointment can be used for acquisition or park development projects.

Parkland acquisition projects are eligible for 100% POS reimbursement, while development projects require a minimum of 10% local funding match, which in the case of Hancock's project in Widmeyer Park would have the town pay \$15,300 of the \$153,000 total.

All FY2027 project sponsor funding requests were met, including recent cost adjustments associated with anticipated asphalt price increases.

Other projects associated with the POS monies in the county include a dog park in Boonsboro's Shafer Park, playground equipment along Ridge Avenue and a skate park shade structure at Fairgrounds Park in Hagerstown, parking expansion at Sharpsburg Community Park in Sharpsburg, playground replacement at Lions Park in Smithsburg, multimodal trail and parking and Marty Snook Park, and a hardcourt play court at Salem Avenue Elementary.

# Weekly activities at Cacapon Resort State Park

Thursday, June 11

10:30 a.m. - Black Bear Game. Discover all about WV's state mammal while playing this fun game.

1 p.m. - Feet. Specialized feet are not unique to birds but different species of birds have specialized feet to serve various purposes. This two part one hour program will explore ways to identify birds and focus on bird feet functions. A small craft will follow to test your new knowledge.

2:30 p.m. - Monarch Life Cycle Game. Join us for an exciting game to discover the monarch's life cycle.

3:30 p.m. - The Closer You Look. A nature & painting activity for all ages including adults.

Friday, June 12

1 p.m. - Triple Life: Red-spotted Newt. Newt vs Salamander. How does the red-spotted newt have 3 lives? How can community science help monitor the red-spotted newt?

3 p.m. - WV Mammals. Fun facts for all ages. This WVDNR powerpoint helps us to discuss well known and lesser known mammals of WV. Pelts, taxidermy scat models, track models, some skulls and bones, and animal calls will help us to use our senses for this program.

4-6 p.m. - Meet & Greet at the Lodge. Welcome to Cacapon. The park naturalist is on site to share nature center programming and weekend events.

8:30 p.m. - Glow Stick Walk. Meet the naturalist outside on the North Terrace patio for this night hike on the golf course. Free glow-stick bracelets, necklaces and more.

Saturday, June 13

10 a.m. - First Annual: Paper Airplane Making & Paper Airplane Flying Contest. Meet at the lodge fireplace area. We'll make paper airplanes & small gliders. We'll have a distance throwing contest over the lodge hill just outside where we make the airplanes. Official measurement distances will occur.

2:30 p.m. - Black Bear Game. Discover all about WV's state mammal while playing this fun game.

3:30 p.m. - Vultures: Nature's Clean Up Crew. Learn some unique features and behaviors of vultures. Can we see any using binoculars?

7 p.m. - All About Bats. Meet at the nature center. Bats are important to ecosystems. We'll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.

8-9 p.m. - Creatures of the Night Hike. Meet at the Nature Center. All night creatures are game for spotting but we'll especially focus on finding bats. (bats, owls, beetles, spiders, whippoorwills, salamanders, toads, frogs, fireflies). These are all possible night creatures.

Sunday, June 14

9:30 a.m. - Woodpecker Wow! Meet at the lodge. West Virginia has a wide variety of woodpeckers with many right here in Cacapon. Join us for a talk on woodpecker calls and a short walk to ID them.

1 p.m. - Spider Splash. We'll learn about the superhero of the animal world: spiders. They help humans in more ways than we can count. A small walk will occur to find spiders & webs. With this small craft we'll make web prints.

3 p.m. - Bird Bingo. Play a few games of bingo, learn some facts, and win a prize.

Monday, June 15

10 a.m. - Tai Chi. This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location lodge.

10 a.m. - Camouflage Chameleons. Two games. Game one: Birds & Worms: Use your bird skills to find

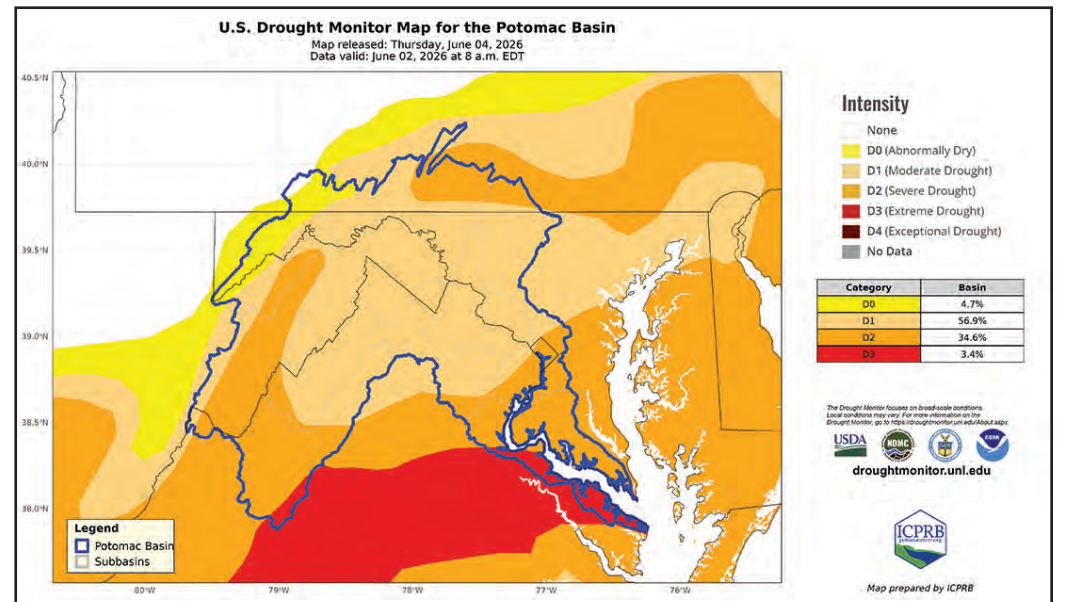
worms in the yard. Game two: Can you camouflage like a chameleon and not be seen by the hawk?

1 p.m. - Discovery Walk. Join the naturalist for an easy stroll talking about the Parks History & the park's plants and animals. Meet at the nature center.

3 p.m. - Beading. Whether it's a friendship bracelet or a beading necklace, we have the materials and instructions to help guide you. You can also try your hand at Yucca bush craft cordage.

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# Drought



The U.S. Drought Monitor shows areas around the Potomac River Basin affected by a shortage of precipitation.

(from front)

The U.S. Drought Monitor Map released on June 4 showed the area in Extreme Drought conditions was reduced to 3.4%, a small improvement over the prior week's 8.5%. The majority of the watershed remains in Moderate or Severe Drought conditions.

River levels have fallen into the "normal" range but are expected to continue to fall.

Rain in the watershed is 7 inches below normal for the

last calendar year. Minimal rain is expected over the next week.

Use summer caution

Despite the promise of some improvement with sporadic rainfall, river experts say water conservation is a good practice anytime, especially in the warmer months. Conservation will protect private wells, shared aquifers and public water supplies.

"As we go into the traditionally dry months of summer and fall, residents are urged to use water wisely,"

says Nardolilli, providing examples for ways to reduce water use:

—Prioritize your outdoor watering. Only water newly planted trees, shrubs, and lawns. A slow drip (versus a heavy pour) will allow the water to reach the root system and not run off the soil.

—Check faucets and toilets for leaks.

—Take short showers instead of baths.

—Run the dishwasher and laundry only when full.

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## Folks learn about gardening and seeds

The Community Garden Workshop last Saturday, June 6, drew a number of people who enjoyed hands-on activities and learning about culinary herbs, raised bed gardening, seed starting, and natural pest control.

Pam Mann from the Hancock Library shared garden related story books and crafts with children while their parents attended classes.

Lunch was served at the end of the workshop and those who attended took home information packets, free seeds plants, grow bags, buckets, garden gloves, and plant labels.

Hancock Middle-Senior High School's Greenhouse and members of the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints donated the plants, organizers said.

Event organizers are planning on having another garden workshop next year on the first Saturday in June covering new topics.

If there are any suggestions for next year's classes, organizers ask that you send them to justservehancock@gmail.com.

**RIGHT: Folks came out to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints last Saturday, June 6, to have a fun time learning about various gardening tips and take home a few seeds, plants, and other gardening items.**  
photo by Wendy Weller



## It has the power

by Geoff Fox

In 1982, Mattel and Filmation released a cartoon series that would be a commercial of sorts for a new line of action figures being released that year called "Masters of the Universe."

Growing up in the 1980s, there's a chance you sat in front of the TV watching the adventures of He-Man as he took on the evil forces of Skeletor.

In 1987, a live action movie of Masters of the Universe (MOTU) was made, but it ventured too far from the source materials and was critically panned.

Yes, there was He-Man, Skeletor, Teela, BeastMan, and a few other recognizable characters, but it wasn't what the fans were hoping for.

Over the next 30+ years, there had been talks about a live action Masters of the Universe movie, but nothing came about from those rumors.

There were different cartoon series made with He-Man, including a two season run on Netflix, and company, but no live action movies.

That is until 2024 when Amazon MGM Studios and Mattel announced a movie being made.

Fans were chomping at the bit and waiting for anything to come about from the set or studios be it characters, cast, or plot.

Casting was announced with Jared Leto as Skeletor, Idris Elba as Man-at-Arms, Alison Brie as Evil Lynn, and Nicholas Galitzine as Prince Adam/He-Man.

When fans heard it would



**I Have The Power! Prince Adam transforms into He-Man in the screengrab from the "Masters of the Universe" trailer. The movie opened on Friday, June 5, in theaters.**

include Prince Adam, something the 1987 movie did not include, there was some hope this movie would be what fans wanted.

On January 22, fans got their first look at the trailer.

There was Cringer. There was Zor (the bird form of the Socceress). Most importantly, there was Castle Grayskull looking like it did in the cartoon series. Characters looked like what fans remembered.

However, there still remained a small cloud of uncertainty among the fandom. But as more trailers and TV were shown, characters revealed, and figures released, that uncertainty grew to become anticipation and excitement for the movie.

And on June 5, 2026, the fandom finally got to see what they'd been waiting for.

For this kid who grew up faithfully watching the cartoon and playing with the toys, it was everything the fans wanted and more.

The movie is filled with callbacks and easter eggs for

those who grew up watching the various cartoons, playing with the toys, reading the comics and newspaper comic strips, and the 1987 movie.

In the beginning of the movie, there's a bust of a man wearing a helmet that looks a heck of a lot like Jon Cypher who played Man-At-Arms in the 1987 movie.

The fight sequence in the beginning are done with grace and hard hitting action, as it is throughout the movie.

We get our first glimpse of Leto's Skeletor and how much darker he is than the cartoon version... until he gets to the crescendo.

It's at that point Leto plays into the cartoon version with the comedy he carries the rest of the movie.

There was a lot of concern when Leto was cast as he's become a bit of a box office cancer for movies. But that isn't the case for MOTU as a lot of reviews, especially among fans, have been positive for Leto.

If you're familiar with the cartoon series, then you'll get the tone of the movie. From the comedy to the coloring, it's all the 1980s.

As said earlier, there are callbacks and easter eggs galore in the movie.

The biggest one is a Dolph Lundgren cameo early in the movie. I won't give it away, but it's moment that is both a meta moment how it's done with a nice nod to the original movie.

Characters from the cartoon series, vehicles, the 1987 movie, names, action, and many more pop up here and there.

One thing the movie does is keeps the real names of certain characters a mystery as we find out how they got their names, including how He-Man got his name.

The end of the movie is a giant nod to the cartoon as it seems to be a scene lifted directly from the 1980s cartoon and turned live action.

There are three credit scenes – one right after the movie ends, a scene after the actors names, and a third at the very end of the credits.

The first scene is a nod to the cartoon and is lovingly done. Again, those familiar with the 1980s cartoon will get what's going on and will love it.

The other two scenes set up sequels.

One thing that has to be pointed out, is the music. The score keeps the action going, especially "Masters of the Universe" by the Darkness. Queen's "Princes of the Universe" also features in this in a very cool scene. In fact, Queen's guitarist Brian May collaborated with composer Daniel Pemberton on the track "Eternia" with his trademark "Red Special" guitar sound.

Even if you don't want to see the movie, check out "Eternia" and "Masters of the Universe" just on their own.

There's been a lot of reviews going around by "professional" movie reviewers that have been negative and I don't feel they're doing the movie justice.

Yes, the movie isn't perfect, and they should point that out, but they're not looking at the lore and backstory of everything involved.

I grew up a fan of MOTU and I can admit I wiped away tears, especially with the easter egg at the end that made me raise my arm in excitement.

The little boy inside me, the one who had the toys and watched the cartoons, was beaming with a smile that went ear to ear.

But don't take critics' word for how bad the movie is or mine for how much I loved it. Go see the movie yourself.

Grab some popcorn and a cold beverage, sit in the nice air-conditioned theater, and make the decision yourself.

## Kim Kesecker retires after 28 years of service

by Adrienne Hewett

After 28 years of dedicated service with Washington County Public Schools, Kimberly Kesecker, better known to many students and families as "Ms. Kim," will retire at the end of the 2026 school year.

Throughout her years as both a town crossing guard and elementary school lunch lady, she became a familiar and comforting face to generations of children in the community.

Known for always putting the kids first, Kesecker built a reputation for kindness, dependability and compassion. Whether she was greeting students each morning at the crosswalk or serving lunches with a smile, she wore her heart on her sleeve and treated every child with care. Friends and co-workers say she rarely missed a day of work unless absolutely necessary, showing the dedication and commitment that made her such an important part of the school community.



As retirement approaches, she looks forward to spending more time with her husband and granddaughter while enjoying a well-earned next chapter. Her presence will certainly be missed by students, staff and families alike, but her impact on the community will not soon be forgotten.

## Poster contest winners at Southern Fulton Elementary



**Third grade students at Southern Fulton recently participated in a poster contest after learning about good dental health. The winners from each homeroom are pictured from left-right: Henley Golden - Mrs. Wright, Mya Chesnut - Mrs. Pelton and Lydia Williams - Mrs. Trail.**

### Honor Roll

#### Southern Fulton Elementary School Fourth nine weeks

"A" honor roll

**Fourth grade** — Avery Casher and Adrian Deneen.

**Fifth grade** — Colten Conrad, Daphnee Fischer, Nikolai Gordon, Aaron Jenkins, Maddox Keefer, Mason Mellott, Caleb Paul, Xavier True and Jason Varner.

**Sixth grade** — Olivia Barton, Alyssa Eader, Landry Glunt, Arwen Leese, Ryelyn Lutz, Carson Morris, Anistyn Reiter, Tanner Sheeder, William Smith, Claire Souders, Sophia Turner and Elizabeth Younker.

"A/B" honor roll

**Fourth grade** — Oliver Bartels, Kaylee Carbaugh, Braxtin Covalt, Easton Elias, Paul Gregory, Dayton Hann, Jensyn Hull, Gracelynn

Keller, Kingston McCusker, Serenity Morse, Branson Russell, Scarlet Sandrus, Violet Sandrus, Gracie Trail, Samuel Valladares and Robert Williams.

**Fifth grade** — Braxson Bigler, Azaria Brown, Elisa Golden, Braxtin Mann, Korben Mellott, Isaiah Mosemann, Baylee Norris, Hannah Scott, Hadley Ward, Autumn Weippert and Julian Winfield.

**Sixth grade** — Payton Carpenter, Charlotte Dion, Luca Elias, Colin Gaither, Liliana Garcia, Hannah Henderson, Brooklyn Johnson, Makai Mason, Kaylee Midgough, Sawyer Mirra, Gage Richardson and Eli Trail.



**He-Man raises the Sword of Power as he rides Battle Cat in this screen grab from the "Masters of the Universe" trailer.**

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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  
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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

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Barbara Ann Miller  
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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

Estate No: 83202  
**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE**  
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Elizabeth Huzdup, 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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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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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**  
Estate No. 83541  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Gail Teresa Starliper.

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 Starliper 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  
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR  
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OF WILLS FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**  
IN THE ESTATE OF:  
Thomas Louis Babeor

Estate No: 83526  
**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. 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  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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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

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Cindy Scott  
Todd Mace  
Personal Representatives  
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR  
(OR)  
BEFORE THE REGISTER  
OF WILLS FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**  
IN THE ESTATE OF:  
Gregory Lynn Hartle

Estate No: 83589  
**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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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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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  
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**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:

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

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Estate No. 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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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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Estate No. 83595  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF David Adam Donald Hinkle.

Notice is given that Phillip Wayne Hinkle, PO Box 165, Keedysville, MD 21756-0165 was on May 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of David Adam Donald Hinkle who died on January 5, 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 29th 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 29th day of November, 2026.

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Estate No. 83547  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Anne Stahl.  
Notice is given that Douglas Eugene Stahl, 13008 Spickler Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on May 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Linda Anne Stahl 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 29th 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 29th 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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Estate No. 83568  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Hilda G. Draper  
a/k/a Hilda Iona Draper.

Notice is given that Michael G. Day, 8208 Valley View Terrace, Middletown, MD 21769 was on May 27, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Hilda G. Draper a/k/a Hilda Iona Draper who died on March 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 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:

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Estate No. 83567  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Ann  
Hanshaw.

Notice is given that William Hanshaw, 15722 Fairview Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1151 and Howard Hanshaw, Jr., 18227 College Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1716 were on May 28, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Margaret Ann Hanshaw who died on May 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 representatives or the attorney.

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th 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 28th day of November, 2026.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

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Howard Hanshaw, Jr.  
Personal Representatives  
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401 N. Washington St. Ste. 445  
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Estate No. 82982  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Gary Lynn Stottlemyer.

Notice is given that Michelle Simon, ESQ., 401 N. Washington St. Ste. 445, Rockville, MD 20850-0707 was on June 1, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gary Lynn Stottlemyer who died on May 11, 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 1st day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of December, 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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Estate No. 83607  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Judith Ellen  
Geary.

Notice is given that Cynthia A. McIntire, 2475 Eagle Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935-3559 was on June 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Judith Ellen Geary who died on April 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 objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of December, 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 2nd day of December, 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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Cynthia A. McIntire  
Personal Representative  
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Register of Wills for  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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Estate No. 83577  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Kay Twigg.  
Notice is given that Paul Divilbiss, Jr., 13841 Dry Run Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1108 was on May 28, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Linda Kay Twigg who died on May 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 28th 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 28th 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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Estate No. 82850  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Elmer Eugene  
Remsburg.

Notice is given that Regina Ann Remsburg, 17220 Sugar Foot Pt., Fountain, CO 80817-7023 was on June 1, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Elmer Eugene Remsburg who died on April 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 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

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Estate No. 83599  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Keith Adam  
Somerville.

Notice is given that Mary Smith, 219 Harper Dr., Parsons, WV 26287-1350 was on June 1, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Keith Adam Somerville who died on January 5, 2026 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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Mary Smith  
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Estate No. 83576  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Shelby Jean  
Stehl.

Notice is given that Cherie Moser, 17306 Spielman Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1018 was on June 1, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Shelby Jean Stehl 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.

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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Cherie Moser  
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**SMALL ESTATE  
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Estate No. 83573  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Alice  
Graff.

Notice is given that David Brandon Graff, 15430 National Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on June 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Barbara Alice Graff who died on May 7, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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# Joint law enforcement effort disrupts two multi-state drug trafficking operations

Two multi-state drug trafficking organizations were taken down with 13 federal arrests made in Maryland and West Virginia, announced U.S. Attorney Matthew L. Harvey.

According to two filed indictments, two drug trafficking operations were selling large quantities of cocaine and cocaine base in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties over a two-year period. One operation, led by Rohan Broadie, aka Glama G, Aneteneh Zewde Terfe, and Marvin A. Taaff of the Baltimore and Greenbelt, Maryland areas, involved 15 defendants and used multiple residences to store and distribute drugs. Members of the group allegedly possessed firearms to support their trafficking activities and handled large amounts of cash in drug proceeds. Omari Obeng Stewart, aka O, routinely traveled between Maryland and West Virginia to supply, coordinate, and sell cocaine and cocaine base throughout the region. Several defendants are charged in a drug conspiracy involving over five kilograms of cocaine and 28 grams of cocaine base. The second organization, led by brothers Jorforoy and Joroy Twyman, of Ranson, W.Va., worked together to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine and quantities of cocaine base in and around Jefferson County, West Virginia. During the investigation, law enforcement searched multiple homes and storage units, seizing tens of thousands of dollars, cocaine, and luxury items believed to have been purchased with drug proceeds.

“Today’s arrests demonstrate the power of partnership in action. Building public safety is a complex challenge that no single agency can accomplish alone. Each agency contributes unique authorities and expertise, and today, that collaboration has resulted in 14 alleged drug dealers being removed from our streets,” said Special Agent in Charge Eric Weindorf of Homeland Security Investigations Washington D.C. “The landscape is ever-evolving, but Homeland Security Task Force partnerships enable us to confront complex, multifaceted drug trafficking cases with a united front—leveraging our collective strengths to deliver real results.”

The defendants in both cases are:

- Omari Obeng Stewart, also known as “O,” 46, of Greenbelt, Md.
- Rohan Lamante Broadie, also known as “Glama G,” 53, an illegal alien from Jamaica
- Aneteneh Zewde Terfe, 45, of Baltimore, Md.
- Christopher Wallace Jones, Jr., 38, of Capitol Heights, Md.
- Marvin A. Taaff, 39, an illegal alien from Jamaica
- Omo-Karo Cooper, 46, of Brandywine, Md.
- Traci-Ann Simone Ward, 41, an illegal alien from Jamaica
- LeeAnn Lopez, 33, of Greenbelt, Md.
- Gavin Anthony Johnson, 23, of New Carrollton, Md.
- Dante McFalls, 37, of Martinsburg, W.Va.
- Tabatha McFalls, 40, of Martinsburg, W.Va.
- Stanley Delano Lum, 41, of Martinsburg, W.Va.
- Juan Vashaun Payne, also

known as “Big Guy,” 51, of Martinsburg, W.Va.

- Christopher Pasco, 57, of Inwood, W.Va.
- Jorforoy Twyman, also known as “Foy,” 47, of Ranson, W.Va.
- Joroy Twyman, also known as “Roy,” 47, of Ranson, W.Va.
- Jennifer Woodsmall, 48, of Summerville, S.C.
- Chaz Plauche, 31, of Charles Town, W.Va.
- Unnamed fugitive

Six defendants remain at large. They are Omo-Karo Cooper, Tabatha McFalls, Juan Payne, Christopher Pasco, and an unnamed fugitive. Anyone with information can contact their local law enforcement office. Marvin Taaff was in custody prior to the arrests.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lara Omps-Botteicher is prosecuting the cases on behalf of the government.

Investigative agencies include the Eastern Panhandle Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative; the FBI, Pittsburgh Field Office; Homeland Security Investigations; the West Virginia State Police; the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Martinsburg Police Department; the Ranson Police Department; the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office; the U.S. National Guard, Martinsburg; the United States Postal Service - Office of Inspector General, Mid Atlantic Area Field Office; the Bureau of Prisons; the FBI, Washington Field Office; the FBI, Baltimore Field Office; the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department; the Prince

George’s County, Maryland Police Department; the Virginia State Police; the Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington Field Office; and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Information.

This case is part of the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) initiative established by Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion. The HSTF is a whole-of-government partnership dedicated to eliminating criminal cartels, foreign gangs, transnational criminal organizations, and human smuggling and trafficking rings operating in the United States and abroad. Through historic interagency collaboration, the HSTF directs the full might of United States law enforcement towards identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the full spectrum of crimes committed by these organizations, which have long fueled violence and instability within our borders. In performing this work, the HSTF places special emphasis on investigating and prosecuting those engaged in child trafficking or other crimes involving children. The HSTF further utilizes all available tools to prosecute and remove the most violent criminal aliens from the United States, with the prosecution being led by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of West Virginia.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



Dear EarthTalk:

**What is a “net-zero” home? Does it have to be new construction or can I retrofit an older home to be “net-zero”?**  
—Peter B., Boulder, CO

As the impact of climate change becomes more severe, homeowners are adopting sustainable practices in order to reduce their carbon footprint. One method getting much attention is the “net-zero” home. A net-zero home is designed or upgraded to generate as much energy as it consumes over the year. With time, net-zero homes are becoming more readily available in the US, Canada and Europe. “The zero-energy trend is irreversible,” say the Zero Energy Project, accounting for 28,000 net-zero homes in North America. Key benefits include reduced greenhouse gas emissions, lowered energy bills, and much more.

Primary features of a net-zero home include insulation to prevent heat loss, energy-efficient models of domestic appliances, airtight construction and renewable energy systems such as solar panels. A common misconception is that net-zero energy can only be achieved by new construction, but many homes can be retrofitted to reach or approach net-zero. Transforming existing homes to net-zero can be achieved through a framework of steps, typically beginning with assessing current energy efficiency. From there, homeowners can incrementally invest in improving insulation, upgrading to energy-efficient equipment, optimizing ventilation systems, and lastly, switching to renewable energy sources. This approach ensures that the energy demand is lowered before using clean energy, making the process efficient and effective.

Retrofitting has many advantages besides being eco-friendly. There are economic benefits, including increased home value. However, retrofitting can pose its own drawbacks: Older homes may be subject to design limitations that hinder full energy optimization, and most important, it can be quite costly. However, government support through tax credits, rebates and low-interest loans can help cover the upfront costs of net-zero upgrades. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, “You can benefit from energy-efficient financing whether you’re buying, selling, refinancing or remodeling a home.”

On the other hand, new construction offers a blank slate. Builders have complete control over design, materials and technology. New net-zero homes are also built in compliance with current regulations. As a result of these benefits, they often meet true net-zero goals. However, the high upfront costs and a smaller pool of new homeowners make this option less feasible. In comparison to new construction, retrofitting is a more sustainable, time and cost-friendly approach. Ultimately, the goal is not perfection, but rather progress towards a clean and healthy environment. Hence, even if achieving full net-zero is not possible, making considerable strides towards greater energy efficiency is a step in the right direction.

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Tuesday, July 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. - Creek Critters

These events are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required – just drop in.

For additional details, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/category/youth/nature-in-the-neighborhood/>.

For more information, contact Amy Thomas at [Amy@PotomacAudubon.org](mailto:Amy@PotomacAudubon.org) or 681-252-1387.

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**AQUARIUS** - Jan 21/Feb 18  
Social activism or community work may give you a sense of purpose that is much-needed right now. Your ability to think creatively will help immensely.



**LEO** - Jul 23/Aug 23  
It's time for your inner child to come out to play, Leo. Say yes to a game night or a creative pursuit. Joy will be the primary focus this week, leading you to have more fun.



**PISCES** - Feb 19/Mar 20  
Your kindness this week will create a ripple of positivity that flows right back to you, Pisces. Reach out to a friend in need when you have a moment.



**VIRGO** - Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, a breakthrough in your wellness routine may be on the horizon, leaving you feeling energized and refreshed. People might notice the glow and ask for your secret.



**ARIES** - Mar 21/Apr 20  
Management opportunities are coming your way. It is time to step up and take the lead. Your confidence has long been a strong character trait, so push forward.



**LIBRA** - Sept 23/Oct 23  
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**SCORPIO** - Oct 24/Nov 22  
Transformation is in the air, Scorpio. You might be shedding an old habit for a better one. You may be stepping into a more powerful version of yourself soon enough.



**GEMINI** - May 22/June 21  
Your curiosity is leading you down a fascinating path right now, Gemini. This could spark a new interest. Stay flexible, as a last-minute change of plans might be in the cards.



**SAGITTARIUS** - Nov 23/Dec 21  
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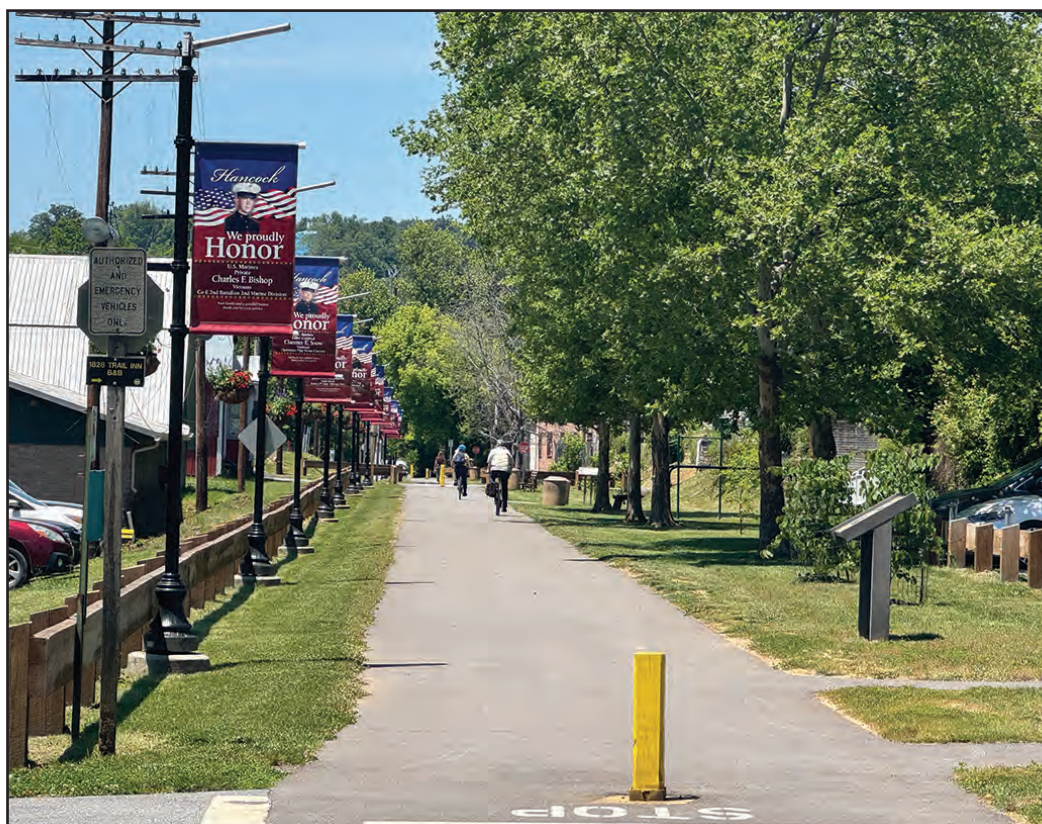
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### DEADLINE

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

# Nice day for a bike ride



With the sun shining last Thursday, June 4, it was the perfect day to hit the Western Maryland Rail Trail and take a bike ride.

# Attorney General Brown releases guidance to help Marylanders respond to online hate, harassment and cyberbullying

Attorney General Anthony G. Brown recently announced the release of "Responding to Online Hate, Harassment, and Cyberbullying in Maryland," a new public guidance document designed to help Maryland residents, families, schools, businesses, nonprofits, and community groups understand what to do when faced with online hate, harassment, or cyberbullying.

Online hate and harassment can take many forms, including direct threats of violence, doxing, cyberstalking, mass anonymous text messages, impersonation, deepfakes, review-bombing, and school-related cyberbullying. The guidance, developed by the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Division in collaboration with the Maryland Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention, provides practical steps Marylanders can take to preserve evidence, report harmful conduct, assess safety risks, and understand when legal protections or reporting options may apply.

"Online hate and harassment aren't just words on a screen: they can cause real harm to Marylanders and strike fear in the hearts of their loved ones," said Attorney General Brown. "This guidance gives Marylanders the tools to protect themselves and preserve their rights, and know that when hatred follows them online, this Office will be in their corner."

The guidance explains how Marylanders can respond to

common scenarios while also recognizing the important legal distinction between hateful or offensive speech that may be protected by the First Amendment and unlawful conduct, such as true threats, stalking, harassment, incitement, extortion, or conduct that interferes with access to housing, employment, education, or places open to the public. It includes practical tools for individuals, families, schools, youth organizations, small businesses, nonprofits, and event organizers.

The guidance also explains the roles of the Civil Rights Division, the Maryland Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention, the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, local human rights agencies, schools, law enforcement, and other community resources.

Marylanders who are in immediate danger should call 911. Marylanders seeking to report a hate crime or hate bias incident may contact the Civil Rights Division by submitting a complaint to: <https://tinyurl.com/yuc8jdc2> or by calling the Hate Crimes Hotline at 1-866-481-8361, emailing [stophate@oag.maryland.gov](mailto:stophate@oag.maryland.gov), or using the No Home for Hate reporting portal at <https://nohomeforhate.md.gov/>.

### About the Civil Rights Division

On January 1, 2024, Attorney General Brown launched the Civil Rights Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland. The Division was established to implement the authority

given to the Attorney General by the General Assembly to enforce state, federal, and local anti-discrimination laws. The Civil Rights Division investigates allegations of civil rights violations and pursues remedies, including changes to policies, practices, and procedures; restitution; and civil penalties. Claims brought by the Division are on behalf of the State of Maryland and address discriminatory practices that affect or have an impact beyond an individual claimant. The Division does not have the authority to address civil rights violations by state or local governments or agencies.

### About the Maryland Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention

The Maryland Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention develops strategies to prevent and respond to hate crimes and hate bias incidents, evaluates Maryland laws and policies related to hate crimes, supports training and prevention efforts, and provides recommendations to strengthen Maryland's statewide response to hate. The Commission also helps connect Marylanders and communities to relevant resources and supports statewide efforts to identify patterns and improve prevention.

For additional guidance on rights and protections under Maryland Law, visit our website at <https://oag.maryland.gov/FederalActionsResponse/Pages/guidance-on-rights-and-protections-under-maryland-law.aspx>.

# Washington County Office of Grant Management announces Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund funding availability

The Washington County Office of Grant Management is pleased to announce the availability of funding through the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF).

The CRRF was established through the legalization of adult-use cannabis in Maryland to support communities disproportionately impacted by prior cannabis enforcement policies. Funding is intended to advance community reinvestment, economic mobility, and equity-focused initiatives within eligible areas of Washington County, specifically within ZIP code 21740.

Previous community surveys and data collection efforts identified key community needs related to health and wellness, community quality of life, economic opportunity, and youth services. Through this funding opportunity, Washington County seeks to support programs and projects that create meaningful and measurable impacts within these focus areas.

Eligible applicants may include nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, educational institutions, local governments, and other entities serving dis-



proportionately impacted communities.

### Priority Area

Applicants should propose projects that address the priority area of Economic Opportunity and Youth.

Funding priorities will focus on projects that demonstrate measurable community impact, promote equity-driven outcomes, and align with CRRF goals and State of Maryland guidance.

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for funding, applicants must:

- Be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or local government entity
- Be in Good Standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT)
- Provide services exclusively to residents of Washington County, Maryland within ZIP code 21740

- Demonstrate a proven track record of fiscal responsibility and programmatic success

### Funding Details

CRRF funding is provided through the State of Maryland and administered by Washington County Government.

- Award Amount: Grants of up to \$50,000
- Performance Period: July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

To view information regarding required documents and to access the application materials, go to: Washington County CRRF Notice of Funding Availability

For additional information, contact Washington County's Public Relations & Marketing Department at [pr@washco-md.net](mailto:pr@washco-md.net).

# Case Nature Center open house

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for a Special Weekend Open House at the Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Saturday, June 13 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to explore our interactive touch table filled with interesting nature objects, check out binoculars, field guides, and other gear, and meet our Animal Ambassadors.

This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must



be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.

For additional details, go to [www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-center-open-house-3/](http://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-center-open-house-3/).

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

## People Told Us...

—DAD JOKED: Why did the raccoon sleep under the car? Because he wanted to wake up oily!

—Sunday, June 14, is Flag Day. Check with the American Legion or VFW on how to fly your flag properly. The current, 50-star U.S. flag is the nation's 27th flag and was adopted in 1960.

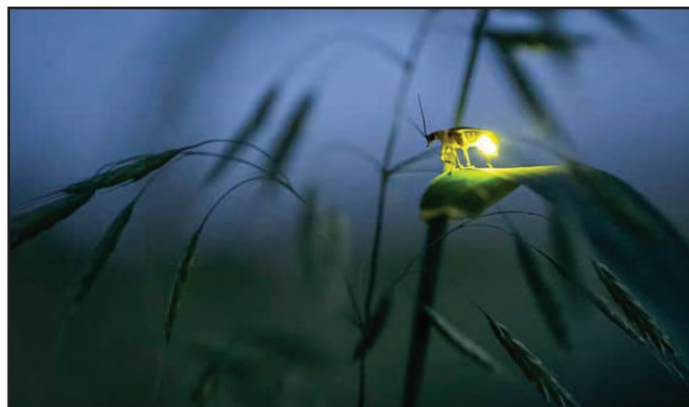
—OLD LORE: Plant late cucumbers on the longest day of the year.

—Gypsy moth traps should be in place by now, say the tree experts.

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

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# PVAS to host Fascinating Fireflies evening walk



Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host Fascinating Fireflies, an evening walk to observe and learn about fireflies at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Rd., Hedgesville, W.Va. on Thursday, June 18 from 8:30-10 p.m.

Celebrate the magic of 'firefly season' with an evening firefly walk at Stauffer's Marsh with Master Naturalist Allen Miller. Stroll along the trails of the preserve searching for and learning about all

the various fireflies we see in this area.

This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to [www.potomacaudubon.org/event/fascinating-fireflies-at-stauffers-marsh-3/](http://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/fascinating-fireflies-at-stauffers-marsh-3/)

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