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## Hancock at a Glance

### Weather

**Wed. 6/24** 79/57  
Sunny with northwest winds 5 to 8 mph, with a high near 79.

**Thurs. 6/25** 84/64  
Mostly sunny with calm south winds 5 to 9 mph and a high around 84.

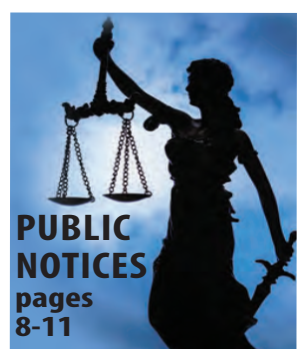
**Fri. 6/26** 82/65  
70% chance of showers, possibly a thunderstorm, with a high of 82.

**Sat. 6/27** 77/65  
70% chance of showers, possible thunderstorm after 2 p.m.

**Sun. 6/28** 83/66  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

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## Hancock police to get new body cameras, equipment

by Geoff Fox

The Hancock Police Department will be getting new body cameras, vehicle cameras, and tasers from Axon after town officials unanimously approved the purchase.

The cost of the cameras in the Axon quote would be \$138,361, which would break down to a monthly payment of \$27,819 this August, and then \$27,635 each year through 2030.

The cost would be for seven body cameras, five vehicle cameras, 10 tasers, and translator.

Proceeds from the RedSpeed cameras by the high school and elementary school.

The town would be piggy-backing off the Maryland State Police to get the same price for their cameras.

Because the state already awarded the bid through competitive bidding, Town Manager Mike Faith said the piggyback would save the taxpayers in Hancock a "substantial amount of money."

He added if the state bids a contract, they'll get a better deal than if Hancock were to bid a contract.

"We get the benefit of the pricing that Maryland negotiated for the town," Town Manager Faith said.

Councilman David Kerns said police commissioners and police department went through three different companies and it just depended on how much the town wanted to spend.

"It'd be nice to have the cameras in the cars, but for right now, it would be nice just to get the body cams," he said.



Hancock officials unanimously approved the purchase of seven Axon body cameras, similar to this one, for the Hancock Police Department.

Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. said those cameras are the town's number one priority.

The current cameras being worn by Hancock Police are in "bad shape" and could cause a problem, Kerns added.

The Axon cameras are considered the industry standard for police departments.

Sgt. Shawn Faith said the translation app on the cameras can translate 50 languages where the person talks to the camera in their language and the camera speaks to the officer in English. It works the same way for officer to person.

Kerns said he understands the dilemma Sgt. Faith is facing, and the cameras are expensive, but there are times when police stop a vehicle and the people inside do not speak English with police not knowing what they are saying to each other, putting officers and members of the public at risk.

To combat that, Kerns said police would have to take out their phones and use the translate app on that and hope it picks up what is being said.

"It's all about safety," Kerns said. "Do we have that problem every day? No. Do we have murders every day? No, but we've had three of them in the last five years which I don't want any more of."

Kerns said those things just happen and the town must make sure the police are best equipped to handle whatever comes up.

Sgt. Faith said each Hancock officer has had multiple stops involving non-English speakers.

Town Manager Faith said the current levels with RedSpeed cover the costs, but you can't predict the future.

Lanehart said the town is still working on getting a RedSpeed camera along Main Street or on High Street in the areas of Good Shepherd Preschool as it's considered a school.

The money from RedSpeed is for police department uses such as the cameras, Kerns said.

Town Manager Faith said since the state's contract was put out for competitive bidding already, there wouldn't be a better price available.

see **HANCOCK POLICE EQUIPMENT** page 3

## Town's water shut off process questioned

by Geoff Fox

The way the town handles shutting off water to residents has caused a concern among people and Director of Interfaith Service Coalition Deborah Cohill stepped up to address the issue with town officials during the June town meeting last Tuesday evening, June 9.

"I'm not here to criticize, I want to make that perfectly clear from the start," she said. "But I come with questions, observations, and recommendations."

Usually, Cohill would address officials without notes, but as it affected a lot of residents, she prepared notes so not to overlook anything.

Last year, the water service at a personal rental property Cohill owns was terminated a few hours after she had paid the bill at Town Hall.

Cohill said she knew the timing as her tenant watched out the window, took a picture, and told her what was going on.

Upon contacting the town office, Cohill was told once the crew leaves the office with the shut off list, the water is deemed disconnected, regardless of what time the payment is received that day.

She didn't feel it was fair, but due to her relationship with the town and considers people her friend, Cohill didn't want to cause waves.

Fast forward to last week, the water at the ISC office was shut off and was told it was disconnected due to non-payment.

"To be clear, neither I personally nor the Interfaith Service Coalition has any financial hardship that would prevent payment of a water bill," she said.

Cohill added that sometimes life gets in the way and priorities aren't addressed and there are times she's juggling so many things, her personal things get left out.

Cohill said postal delivery or personal circumstances may mean that a water customer may not get a bill when they're supposed to.

She said she was compelled to address town officials as there could be many other residents with the same circumstances as hers.

Cohill brought up two instances where a family with a terminally ill parent and another where a member of the household was in the hospital recovering from serious injury with a wife traveling to be by his side having their water terminated.

There are many others coming through the ISC doors with similar stories. Cohill added she knows some people are habitually late and just don't want to pay.

see **WATER SHUT OFFS** page 3

## Author shares book, story of leadership with children

by Geoff Fox

Dr. Shelley Wheeler is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Veteran, Fire Captain and passionate leadership educator and on Monday, June 22, she was in Hancock at Martha's House to speak to the kids at the Adventures in Friendship camp.

Wheeler, who lives in Great Cacapon, spoke to the kids after they had returned from a short walk to Hancock Volunteer Fire Company for a tour of their station.

She asked the kids about fire safety and what to do during a fire before talking to the kids about leadership and being respectful.

After taking a few questions and comments from the kids sitting on the floor, Wheeler sat down and read from her

book *I'm Not Bossy I'm a Leader*.

Wheeler told the kids at Martha's House the book was inspired and dedicated to the children of military members and first responders.

The book is about Lena and throughout her day, it's discovered real leadership isn't about control, it's about care, collaboration, and courage.

After reading the book, Wheeler took more questions and signed books for the kids at the camp.

**RIGHT:** Dr. Shelley Wheeler reads from her book *I'm Not Bossy I'm a Leader* to the kids at the Adventures in Friendship camp at Martha's House on Monday, June 22.



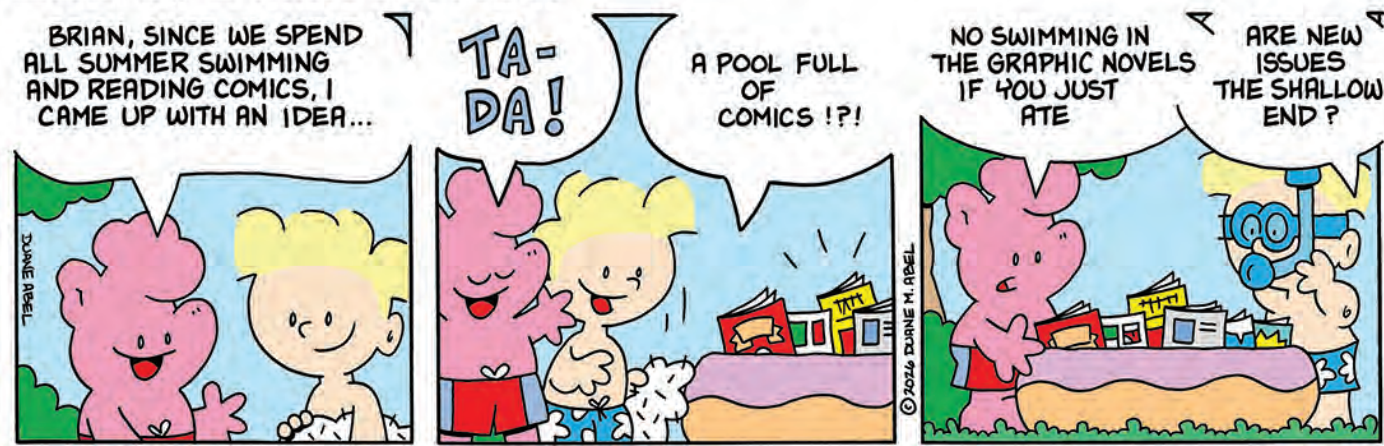
## Murphy presents history of Juneteenth



Hancock Historical Society President Dan Murphy stopped by the Hancock Senior Center last Friday, June 19, to present a talk on the history and purpose of the national holiday Juneteenth. An interesting discussion followed with all in the group sharing experiences. From left to right - Murphy, Sue Shives, Marie Shaw, Bonnie Van Meter, Hazel Dunn, Rose Custer and Ellie Lopez.

# OPINIONS

## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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# Calendar of Events JUNE

**Saturday, June 27**  
- Hancock Museum  
open 9-11:30 a.m.,  
basement of Town Hall

**Sunday, June 28**  
- Hancock Museum  
open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
basement of Town Hall

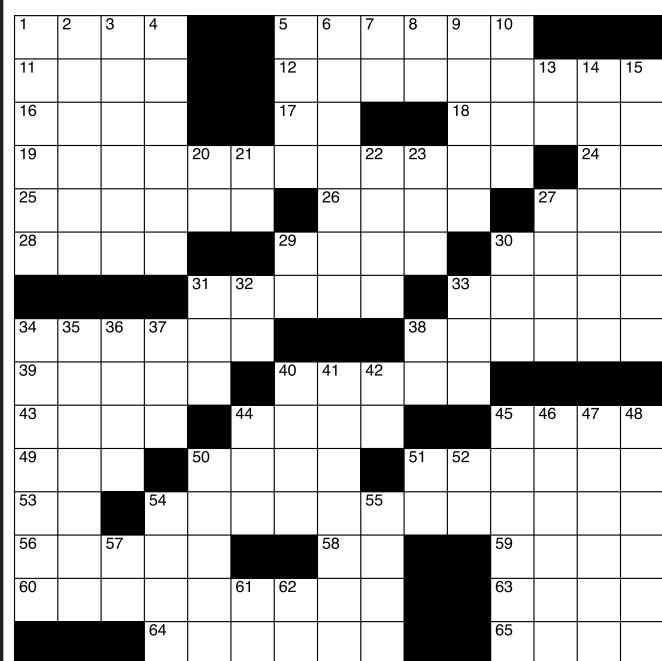
**Tuesday, June 30**  
- Hancock Rotary Club  
meeting, Hancock  
American Legion,  
12:30 p.m.

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# CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
  - Requesting
  - Give temporarily
  - Excitedness
  - Armed Forces branch
  - Actor Harris
  - Middle Eastern capital
  - Air hostesses
  - Partner to "Pa"
  - Percussion instrument
  - Popular computers
  - Reduce light
  - Asian mountain range
  - Every one of two or more
  - Absence of difficulty
  - A public announcement of a proposed marriage
  - Whittles
  - Impact
  - Serviceman
  - A French river
  - Prehistoric people
  - Messenger ribonucleic acid
  - Clapton, musician
  - Ancient Greek sophist
  - Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
  - Singer Hansard
  - A way to disentangle
  - Atomic #93
  - Manifesting approval
  - Indigo bush
  - Former AL MVP Vaughn
  - Off-Broadway theater award
  - Fencers
  - Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
  - Relating to passerine birds
  - Arrange systematically

- DOWN**
- Colorless fluid
  - Of a main artery
  - Photographer's tool
  - Blues Traveler hit "But"
  - Grew older
  - Not the leader
  - Lang (country singer)
  - A driver's license is one
  - Nests of pheasants
  - Wilbebeests
  - Equal to one quintillion bytes
  - Japanese three-stringed lute
  - Type of cat
  - It cools your home
  - The ancient Egyptian sun god
  - Pouches
  - German trigraph
  - Form of Persian
  - Measurement unit
  - Body part
  - Bridge building degree
  - Indicates position
  - Political action committee
  - Snack food
  - Front part of a quadruped
  - Locate
  - Pitching statistic
  - myself and I
  - City in Utah
  - They play in the trenches
  - "Can't Touch This" rapper Hammer
  - Type of tree
  - Performers
  - Slang for mistake
  - More open
  - Most slick
  - Needles
  - University of Dayton
  - Atomic #11
  - Large fish of the mackerel family
  - Not any
  - and behold
  - Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
  - "The Great Lakes State"

# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:**  
What are agrivoltaics, and why are environmental advocates so bullish on it?

—Pat Billings, Butte, MT

Agriculture requires large amounts of resources, especially water and energy. Almost a third of global greenhouse gases are linked to agriculture. As world population grows, the demand for food and agricultural production only increases. That's where agrivoltaics come in, utilizing land for both solar installation and agricultural production, fostering a symbiotic bond between agriculture and energy.

Agrivoltaics allows for more efficient land use while also protecting agricultural yields. Solar panels protect plants from intense weather conditions and prevent them from exceeding their light saturation point, while plants help keep solar panels cool. The protection of plants also protects economies that rely on agriculture. At the same time, solar energy can power essential agricultural needs like equipment. The excess energy produced in agrivoltaics is stored in battery banks or transmitted to the grid for other users.

Agrivoltaics represents the epitome of sustainable agriculture and climate resilience because of its ability to address various concerns. It also provides a renewable energy system that directly limits greenhouse gases by reducing reliance on fossil fuels, thus mitigating the carbon footprint involved in agriculture. Agrivoltaics also promotes water conservation by ensuring that plants are not oversaturated with sunlight.

Chad Higgins, an environmental engineer at Oregon State University, told Reuters in 2023 that agrivoltaics nullifies the choice between energy and farm production. "The solar versus ag debate is a non-starter...They're [solar panels] like any other electronic device, they become more efficient as they become cooler, so it can be a truly symbiotic relationship."

Challenges still exist, especially cost. The high start-up expenses and the difficulty in having farmworkers adapt to new systems are obstacles that reinforce the importance of realism. Still, the many advantages of agrivoltaics are a reason for optimism. According to Colorado State University, utilizing agrivoltaics for land systems can potentially increase farm productivity from 35 to 73 percent. Through prioritizing sustainability and energy efficiency, agrivoltaics embody a win-win situation.

Agrivoltaics is only becoming more popular. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, solar energy could jump from providing 4 percent of the U.S. electrical supply to 40 percent by 2035. Moreover, policy across the United States from Colorado to New York is working to increase awareness, research, and usage of agrivoltaics systems, amplifying it as the future of sustainable agriculture.

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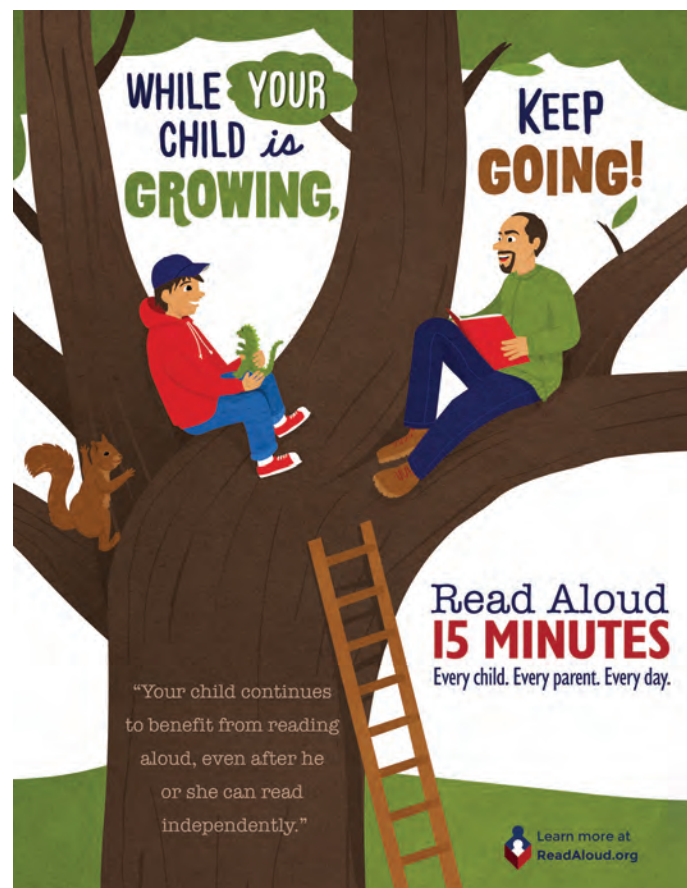
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*See you in the sports section!*



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## Hancock Police Report

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**Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of June 15-21:**

**June 15**  
911 hang-up, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfounded.  
911 hang-up, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.

**June 16**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.  
911 hang-up, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfounded.  
Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.  
Property damage accident, 100 block West Main Street. Information exchanged.  
Disorderly conduct, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subjects advised.

**June 17**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Four stops.  
Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.  
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.  
Disorderly conduct, 100 block West High Street. Road Rage. Subjects advised.

**June 18**  
911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Unfounded.

Found property, 100 block High Street. Bicycle found.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.  
Assisted EMS, 100 block Franklin Street.  
Check well-being, 100 block West Main Street. Baby in vehicle ended up being a dog. All okay.

**June 19**  
Suspicious person, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject checked okay.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.  
**June 20**  
911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Unfounded.  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.  
911 hang-up, first block Blue Hill Road. Unfounded.  
911 hang-up, first block Blue Hill Road. Unfounded.

**June 21**  
Noise complaint, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Kids playing in parking lot. Subjects advised.  
Found property, 100 block West High Street. Wallet found, stored at Police Department for owner to pick up.

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### Warfordsburg woman charged, Pa. state police investigate accident

A Warfordsburg woman was charged after allegedly spitting in another person's face earlier this month.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, troopers from the McConnellsburg barrack received a report of an altercation at Southern Fulton High School around 8:47 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, in Warfordsburg

Police said it was reported that Danielle Swope, 37, allegedly spit in the face of the 48-year-old victim during an altercation.

A harassment citation against Swope was filed Judge Devin C. Horne.

**Troopers respond to crash**  
Just before 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, June 16, troopers from the Pennsylvania State Police McConnellsburg Barrack responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Great Cove Road and Thompson Road in Needmore.

Police said the crash occurred as a 2012 Hyundai Santa Fe, driven by Lanette M. Deneen, 62, of Crystal Spring, was traveling south on Great Cove Road, attempting to make a left turn onto Thompson Road.

Deneen failed to yield right of way to a 2025 Toyota Corolla Cross, driven by Ashley R. Shotts, 35, of McConnellsburg, who was traveling north on Great Cove Road.

Police said Deneen's vehicle proceeded to hit Shotts' vehicle head on as a result of her turning left in front of Deneen.

Both vehicles suffered disabling front end damage and Bard's towed both vehicles from the scene.

Shotts and Deneen were wearing their seatbelts, but they both reported injuries following the crash, police said.

Needmore Fire and EMS assisted at the scene.

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## Water shut offs

**(from front)**  
In her 30 years at ISC, Cohill has worked with many town managers, naming Lou Close and David Smith as two.

While there is a reluctance to hear how things used to be, Cohill said there could be some value in learning from the past.

She said both Close and Smith loved Hancock and looked to help residents when they were struggling.

She said both town managers would call or show up before a water shut off to see if there were any funds or thrift store proceeds available to help a family avoid being disconnected.

"I'm not sure how or when that element was lost, but I'm asking you tonight to please revisit it," she said.

For the last several years, Cohill said a Potomac Edison employee would contact her office while they were out performing service disconnections before stopping by with a clipboard.

Cohill said the employee, after speaking with her and finding out how much ISC has to help people, would tell the customers that assistance is available and encourages

the customer to seek the assistance from ISC.

"If a utility company can take that extra step and connect people to resources, I believe the Town of Hancock can, too," she said.

Cohill also mentioned the disconnect fee hurts people as well pointing out that no one in the meeting room has to worry where they're going to get their next meal or putting gas in their car. The problem is real where over 64% of town residents receive some sort of public assistance.

To help with getting people to pay their bills, Cohill suggested the town could use their social media page and the sign on Pennsylvania Avenue to post the water bill due date and shut off date.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said water shut off is when the bill is 60 days, or two months, late.

He said the town could do that, but right now there are 75 to 100 people who haven't paid their bill, it's been 60 days late.

"That's that much more work on the office to call all these people" to tell them about the water shut off, the mayor said.

He said the town could put on the town social media page and sign a week before shut offs occur.

The town accepts checks for bills up to three days before those shut offs occur. They do not take them the day of, though.

Councilman Josh McCusker said when he came on council, there were a lot of unpaid water bills and that's why they took such a hard stance on enforcing shut offs.

Lanehart said there are people who were set up on a payment plan under a previous administration who still didn't pay the bills.

McCusker said there were times those people would be told to just pay next quarter and everything would just end up backing up, making the situation a disaster.

In the past, the town would put door hangers with the notifications for cutoff dates, but people would tell the town office the hanger was blown off or put on the wrong door along with other excuses.

When town officials mandated people pay their water bills by June 30, 2022, the town ended up collecting \$60,000.

Councilman David Kerns reminded everyone about having people updating their information last year when the town moved to the new payment system.

"A lot of them never came in and updated their information," Kerns said.

Later in the meeting, Town Manager Mike Faith said the town has an ordinance about the water bills and when they get shut off.

He said if the town wants him to use the social media page or the sign for the shut off warning, that's fine, but it contradicts the ordinance.

"We can do whatever the council wants to do, but I recommend maybe want to look at the ordinance and change something so we're following our own rules," Faith said.

Faith said he's happy to work with anybody, but it's not what the rules were designed to do.

Lanehart said the town would put the notification on social media a week before the shut off date.

Faith added there will still be people claiming they didn't see the sign on Pennsylvania Avenue or they don't have social media.

## Hancock police equipment

**(from front)**  
He also agreed about having the cameras in the police vehicles as it would be a second camera on suspects and police officers.

"I've seen a lot of videos online where that really comes in handy for officer safety," he said.

Sgt. Faith said there would be a forward-facing camera and another on the subject in

the back of the car.

There's also a chance there could be credit on the current tasers that could also factor into the final costs.

That total won't be much, but it would be something toward the final costs.

"Even if it's a little bit, it's better than nothing," Councilwoman Terry Breakall-Smith said.

**FAMILY REUNION**

**ROHM**  
The descendants of Clyde and Lydia Rohm 58th reunion will be held Sunday, June 28, 12 p.m. at the Rohm Park, Indian Grave Run Road, Amaranth, Pa. Eat at 1 p.m.

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## Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church hosts concert

The “Church on the Hill” concert series, sponsored by the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, will be presenting The Sylvan Waters Duo, Ray Irving and Tula Ruggiero, in a free chamber concert on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m.. The program will feature a variety of music written or arranged for the unique combination of Harp and Double Bass. The concert will be held at the Presbyterian Church on 97 S. Mercer Street.

The Sylvan Waters Duo is a chamber ensemble formed by the joining of double bassist Raymond Irving, with harpist Dr. Tula Ruggiero. For twenty years, Irving toured the country and the world in the United States Army Field Band, where he held the rank of Sergeant First Class. Now retired from the military, he holds the positions of Principal Bass with the Prince George’s Philharmonic and Shippensburg Orchestra, Associate Principal Bass with the Fredericksburg Symphony, and performs with many other groups including the Maryland Sym-

phony, Maryland Winds, and Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Ruggiero is Professor of Harp at Shepherd University where she teaches college level harp students, coaches chamber music, and instructs private students through the Community Music School. She is also the staff musician for Calvary United Methodist Church in Great Cacapon, runs a private teaching studio, performs for private events, and plays Principal Harp with such groups as Shippensburg Orchestra and the Charles Washington Symphony Orchestra. She holds the Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University, and the Master of Music degree in Pedagogy-Harp from the Shenandoah Conservatory.

After meeting while playing in the pit for the Nutcracker with the Shippensburg Orchestra in 2019, the duo agreed to dedicate themselves to expanding the range of music for the combination of harp and bass, including transcribing works from the classical repertoire and commissioning



original works by contemporary composers. They have performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic, including performances at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va., Hancock Town Hall in Hancock, Md, and Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Va.

## OBITUARIES

### Sharon L. Bishop

Sharon Lee Bishop, 75, of Berkeley Springs, died Sunday, June 21, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center.

Full obituary will be announced in *The Hancock News*.

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

### Vernon Sylvester Silvers

Vernon Sylvester Silvers left his family on June 16, 2026 at his home. He was known as Vernon, Doc, Daddy, Pap and Opie to family and friends.

Vernon was raised in the Sleepy Creek area, where he lived for most of his 94 years. He began working at age 15 at the Aulabaugh Tomato Factory and often talked about the long hot days spent picking tomatoes. He later worked for John Reddick Orchards in Sleepy Creek, where he frequently recalled the first time he was put into a truck to make deliveries to Mt. Jackson, Va. He had barely been more than 15 miles from home, so this was a big deal to him. He was also proud of the trip he made to Chambersburg, Pa., taking his father with him.

In the early 1960s, he went to work at Hepburn Orchards in Hancock, Md., where he remained until his retirement. Daddy loved to tell stories about the young men working their first jobs, the migrant workers laboring in the heat of peach-picking season and lighting smudge pots to keep the apples from freezing in the spring. In retirement, he was happy to get back on the tractor to haul apples for Mountain View Orchards.

His greatest joy, besides his children and grandchildren, was raising hogs. He and his brother Raymond “started in the hog business” when Daddy was just 13 years old and Raymond had returned from World War II. He raised Duroc hogs for many years before changing to another breed. He was known for having 600-800 pound hogs come butchering day each Thanksgiving.

Daddy married the love of his life, Shirley Stotler Silvers, in 1953, and they spent 73 years together. They were proud of their six children: Terry Silvers (Dorothy), Dawn Lutman (Gary), Johnny Silvers (Brenda), Cindy Crone (Jerry), Alice Jo Henry (Steve) and Audrey Morris (Art). Mom and Daddy’s house was the home base, or compound, where their nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson gathered for meals, games and lots of laughter. All spent many hours on the porch with him watching for deer and hummingbirds. Daddy had a quick sense of humor and loved to laugh and tell stories.

In later years, he enjoyed taking car rides around the area, always making one last stop before home to get ice cream.

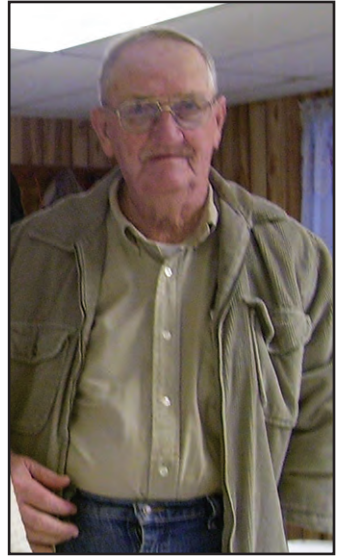
He was preceded in death by his parents, Lemuel and Ella Ellen Reed Silvers; siblings Sadie Clark, Elwood Silvers, Henry Silvers, Raymond Silvers and Hazel Clark, and a beloved daughter-in-law, Linda Silvers.

Graveside services were conducted on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Mahnes Chapel Cemetery, 223 Mahnes Church Lane, Berkeley Springs with Dwight Fox officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Vernon’s memory may be made to the Berkeley Springs Lions Club, c/o Lyn Goodwin, 177 Zenith Drive, Hedgesville, WV 25427.

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

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## Trail Steward volunteer opportunities

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for Trail Stewards volunteer workdays in June and July. Summer is the busiest time at the Nature Preserves. Help us maintain the trails and preserve features for summer campers and all of our visitors. All hands are welcome and helpful. See the following list for where and when Trail Stewards volunteer workdays are taking place.

Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Rd, Martinsburg, W.Va., Tuesday, June 23, 1:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, July 1, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Friday, July 10, 4:30-7 p.m.; Tuesday, July 14, 7-9:30 a.m.; Monday, July 20, 4-6:30 p.m. and Friday, July 31, 7:30-10 a.m.

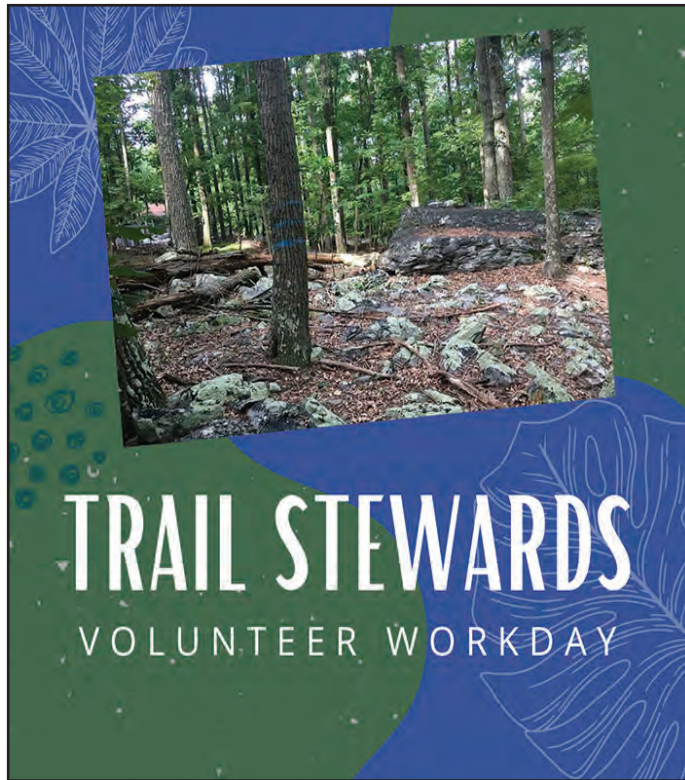
Stauffer’s Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Road, Hedgesville,

W.Va., Thursday, July 2; 8-10:30 a.m.; Friday, July 17; 8-10:30 a.m.

Eidolon Nature Preserve, Tuesday, July 7, 9-11:30 a.m.

These events are free and open to the public. Note that we may not have an age-appropriate task for children, as these volunteer workdays are geared towards ages 16+. Children under 16 are welcome to attend, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Throughout the year, we periodically host family-oriented volunteer workdays. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants. For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/>.

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



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# Knights donate to special needs



Patrick McBee, presented Hancock Middle-Senior High School Principal Jennifer Ruppenthal a check for \$587 on behalf of Knights of Columbus Council 12191 from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Berkeley Springs. The money was raised through the council's annual Tootsie Roll drive at various places in Hancock and Berkeley Springs and goes to the special needs programs at the school.

# Knights donate to SFHS Life Skills Program



Patrick McBee and Pat Narango presented Southern Fulton High School Principal Jeremy Hollinhead a check for \$587 on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 12191 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Berkeley Springs. The money will be going to the school's Life Skills program. The money was raised through the council's annual Tootsie Roll Drive at various places and businesses in the area. Photo by KofC Council 12191.

# Tri-State Impact delivers three strong weekends and a championship finish

by Joey Luttrell

Tri-State Impact 14U has put together an impressive stretch of softball over the past three weekends, showcasing power at the plate, dominant pitching and a growing sense of confidence as the summer season heats up.

Across 15 games, the team delivered walk-off wins, comeback efforts, explosive offensive innings and a championship victory — all while displaying the depth and balance that has become their identity.

## USA Spring Showdown: Explosive Offense & Steady Pitching Set the Tone

Impact opened their run with a commanding performance in pool play, highlighted by a 13-1 win over Phoenix Warriors. A seven-run second inning broke the game open, and pitcher Ashlyn Unger set the tone early with two hitless innings and four strikeouts. The team's patience at the plate — eight walks in the opener — foreshadowed the disciplined approach that would carry through the month.

A dramatic 8-8 tie with Lady Eagles followed, where Impact erased a seven-run deficit with a furious third-inning rally. Six straight RBI hits from the heart of the lineup fueled the comeback, and catcher Aubrey Adkins anchored a clean defensive effort.

Impact closed the weekend with a 21-4 rout of Mid Penn Vortex, piling up 19 hits. Unger and Ellie Luttrell each recorded three hits, while the team swiped eight bases and played error-free defense. The strong offensive showing and consistent pitching carried Impact into bracket play, where they ultimately secured a third-place finish to open their three-week run.

## USSSA NOVA NIT: Power at the Plate & Dominant Work in the Circle

The following weekend began with one of the strongest pitching performances of the season. Unger struck out 13 in a 4-2 win over Lou-



Tri-State Impact 14U Team: Back row, left to right: Coach Joey Luttrell, Kyleigh Boyer, Caroline Close, Ellie Luttrell, Izzy Rust, Coach Mike Jamison, Kennedi Jamison, Mya McCusker, Coach Greg Unger and Stella Close. Front Row - Taylor Kelly and Ashlyn Unger. photo by Brigitte Luttrell

doun Inferno, allowing just two hits in a complete-game effort. Luttrell and Kennedi Jamison delivered key RBI hits to secure the victory.

Impact's offense erupted again in a 21-11 win over Sage Le 14U, scoring 19 runs in the first two innings alone. Caroline Close led the charge with four RBI on three hits, while Rust, Kelly, Unger and McCusker all contributed multi-hit games. The team's nine walks and seven stolen bases underscored their aggressive approach.

Sunday brought a tight 10-6 loss despite Impact out-hitting their opponent 9-7. Luttrell collected two hits and two stolen bases, while Kyleigh Boyer drove in two runs. Unger struck out eight in the circle, keeping the game within reach. The team's consistency across all phases of the game earned them another third-place finish, reinforcing their upward momentum heading into the third weekend.

## USSSA Appalachian Mountain Showdown: Strong Defense, Walk-Off Win, One Shutout and a Championship Finish

Impact opened the third weekend with a thrilling 7-6 walk-off win over South Mountain Cyclones. Down by one in the final inning, McCusker drove in a run before Taylor Kelly delivered a two-run walk-off single. Unger earned the win with six strikeouts, and the lineup produced nine hits.

A narrow 7-6 loss to Roar 14U followed, though Impact again out-hit their opponent. Jamison launched a three-run home run as part of a late rally, and five players recorded multi-hit games in a strong offensive showing.

Sunday belonged entirely to Impact. The team opened bracket play with a 7-0 shutout of Red Land Lady Patriots behind Unger's eight-strikeout performance. Rust, Jamison and Stella Close each tallied two hits, and the bottom of the order accounted for four runs.

Impact kept rolling with an 8-3 win over Stewartstown Wolfpack, powered by RBI from McCusker, Kelly and Unger. Kelly and Jamison each recorded two hits, and the defense remained flawless.

The weekend concluded with a 6-1 championship victory over Fulton County Lady Nationals. Unger once again controlled the game, striking out six in a complete-game win. Boyer drove in three runs on two hits, and Kelly, Unger and Boyer each



Caroline Close turns to bunt for Impact. photo by Lisa Unger



Izzy Rust gets ready for the pitch. photo by Bree Augustine



Ellie Luttrell goes to hit the ball. photo by Lisa Unger

recorded multi-hit performances as Impact secured the title.

### A Team Hitting Its Stride

Across the three-week stretch, Tri-State Impact 14U demonstrated:

- Consistent pitching leadership from Unger and Jamison
- Explosive offensive innings, including multiple double-digit run frames

- Speed on the bases, with multi-steal games from Luttrell, Rust, McCusker and others
- Clean defensive play, including several error-free games
- Depth throughout the lineup, with contributions from every spot.

Together, they created an impact that defined their season.

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## Cartrette previews football season, welcomes new coaches

**by Geoff Fox**  
 The Hancock Panthers football season is still a little over two months away, but there will be some offseason practices starting this week to get the players ready for the upcoming season and to get familiar with four new coaches on Head Coach Greg Cartrette's staff.  
 The four new coaches are Chip Breeden, Robbie Ambrose, Paul Colon and Curt Snyder.  
 Breeden and Ambrose come to the Panthers after serving as coaches at Berkeley Springs High School the last few years.  
 Breeden, who has 30 years of high school coaching experience, will serve as Cartrette's offensive and defensive line coach.  
 Over his career, Breeden has served as a head coach, assistant head coach, and offensive/defensive line coach for Berkeley Springs and Hedgesville.  
 Ambrose will serve as Cartrette's Defensive Coordinator this year.  
 In his 20+ year career of coaching at the high school

and middle school levels, Ambrose has been an assistant coach at various positions, as well as defensive coordinator at Berkeley Springs and Paw Paw.  
 Paul Colon, with 10 years of high school and middle school coaching experience, will be Cartrette's Special Coordinator for the Panthers.  
 Colon has been an assistant coach of the offensive and defensive line and worked with special teams at Osborne Park High School in Manassas, Va., and Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa.  
 The last coach joining Cartrette's staff is Curt Snyder who will serve as character coach with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.  
 "I am excited to have a new coaching staff that brings this level of experience to Hancock Panther football," Cartrette said.  
 He said he'll "greatly miss" his staff from last year and thanks them for the job they did in his first year.  
 One coach, he added, promised only one year to help get his feet wet in the



Hancock football team has four new coaches for the 2026 season – Defensive Coordinator Robbie Ambrose, Offensive/Defensive Line Coach Chip Breeden, Special Coordinator Paul Colon and Curt Snyder, who will serve as the Character Coach.

community and the other had a career change that meant he wouldn't be able to continue coaching in Hancock.  
 As for the upcoming season, Cartrette said there are two upcoming seniors Cartrette said to keep an eye on is quarterback/linebacker Logan Hendershot, who was the Offensive MVP last season, and running back/middle linebacker Jayten McCarty, who was the Defensive MVP

and first team all-county last year at linebacker.  
 Summer practices begin this Thursday, June 25, for the Panthers.  
 Under Maryland and Washington County Public Schools guidelines, summer practices are limited to 12 days of practice without pads and for weight training and conditioning.  
 The schedule for those practices are June 25, June 29, June 30, July 2, July 7,

July 9, July 14, July 16, July 20, July 21, July 22, and July 23.  
 Practice for the season begins Wednesday, August 12, with practice from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the practice field.  
 Cartrette said the Panthers will scrimmage against Southern Garrett on Friday, August 28, at 7 p.m. and the first game of the 2026 season will be at home against the Berkeley Springs Indians on

Friday, September 4, at 6 p.m.  
 Going into his second year as coach, Cartrette said "I am excited about all of our returning team and ones that did not play last year."  
 With staff Cartrette and Athletic Director Jamie Lego have put together, he is expecting some success this year from the Panther team.  
 Cartrette said he hopes to see everyone at the home games this year.

## Hancock softball in Little League playoffs

**by Geoff Fox**  
 The Hancock Little League Softball team took on Hub City Little League recently and lost 17-2. However, they were set to face Hub City again Monday night at 6 p.m. at Gerber Field in an elimination game in the District 1 tournament.  
 The winner of that game was to travel to South County and face them for the championship Tuesday evening, at 6 p.m.  
**RIGHT: Elizabeth Younker catches the fly ball.**  
**BELOW: Kayleigh Blazers stretches to get the out at first.**



Ashlynn Hewett was in the pitcher's circle for the Hancock Little League 11/12 Softball All Star game at the Maryland District 1 Tournament. photos by Lori Younker



Kylas Mitchell get the out for the Hancock Little League Softball Team.

### Honor Roll Dean's List

**Hancock Middle/Senior High School Marking period fourth**  
**"A" honor roll**  
**Sixth grade** — Cooper Williams.  
**Seventh grade** — Sawyer Shoemaker.  
**Ninth grade** — Jillian Spielman and Parker Ward.  
**10th grade** — Madison Booth, Leland Clark, Elizabeth Emerick, Laylah Golden, Weslyn Hixon, Brooke Parker, Makayla Sexton and Sarah Smith.  
**11th grade** — Nikole Hoffman.  
**12th grade** — Landon Howe.  
**"A/B" honor roll**  
**Sixth grade** — Kambri Crosen, Aiden Diehl, Kaylee Garrett, Carson Hinckle, Carter Kerns, Chayce Munday, Aaron Phillips, Kenna Price, Shaelyn Spielman, Addison Whitehurst and Emily Yommer.  
**Seventh grade** — Brooklyn Fischer, Bella Gonzales, Emma Hill, Carli Howard, Parker McCusker, Connor Sexton, Adilyn Shaffer and Mya Weller.  
**Eighth grade** — Kyleigh Boyer, Wayne Dewdney, Bentley Fleagle, Caelyn Hohn, Kaylee Phillips, Isabella Quackenbos, Zana Rose, Trinity Smith, Gracelynn Verno, Sophia Wills,

Addison Yommer and Kaiden Yost.  
**Ninth grade** — Makalynn Costello, Maia Godinez, Xiamara Hixon, Cecilia Lanehart, Riley Loudin and Rosemary Miller.  
**10th grade** — Makensie Boyer, David Garrett III, Emily Lockhart, Payton McMahon, Kyler Presgraves, Bailei Ray, Gregory Rhodes, Nathan Rhodes, Natalie Royce and Sara Stambaugh.  
**11th grade** — Tyler Hartman, Madison Paul Trumppower and Maya Shoemaker.  
**12th grade** — Ethan Calhoun Hill.  
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 Hancock - Tabitha Bruchey and Kayla Munson.

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**HOROSCOPES**

**June 21 - 27, 2026**

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
 Discipline will be rewarded with a measurable success that can feel very uplifting, Capricorn. Your hard work is finally getting the recognition it deserves.

**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
 Cancer, right now your home is filled with laughter and shared memories. It's a great week to host a small gathering or a movie night with close friends to share all the good vibes.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
 Be your most authentic self this week and watch how it attracts those you want in your circle, Aquarius. A weird coincidence may lead to a funny situation.

**LEO** – Jul 23/Aug 23  
 Today you are a beacon of light and a source of inspiration. Use your unique position as a leader to spread positivity and watch good fortune multiply.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
 Pisces, calmer waters ahead allow you to reflect on yourself and recharge your emotional batteries. You may emerge at the end of the week centered and ready for anything.

**VIRGO** – Aug 24/Sept 22  
 Virgo, you are often a master of finding practical solutions to tricky problems both at work and at home. Your reliable nature is a great gift to those around you.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
 Aries, physical activity can boost your mood and clear your mind for some big decisions that are ahead this week. Tackle some larger projects.

**LIBRA** – Sept 23/Oct 23  
 Some diplomacy this week can help you navigate a complex situation with ease. Find moments for mindful meditation so you can create a calm atmosphere wherever you go.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
 Indulge in simple pleasures this week, Taurus. They will lead you to the happiness you deserve. You may discover a new favorite recipe or cozy nook to hang out.

**SCORPIO** – Oct 24/Nov 22  
 If you are brave enough to voice it, a secret wish just might come true, Scorpio. After some difficult days, you can use a bit of magic and mystery to change your perspective.

**GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
 Networking may feel less like a chore and more like a party this week, Gemini. A chance encounter could open a door to an excellent opportunity.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
 You're definitely a glass-half-full kind of person, Sagittarius. This optimism will open doors to a new horizon. A sudden urge to learn something new leads to an opportunity.

# James Bowers Masonic Lodge awards scholarships

Worshipful Master Jeffrey M. Mills of James W. Bowers Masonic Lodge in Hancock awarded Masonic Lodge Scholarships to area high school students from Hancock, Southern Fulton and Clear Spring High Schools on Monday, June 15.

Winners of the scholarship were: - Hope Ann Diller, Shepherd University - \$1,500; Carter Lehman Elbin, Slippery Rock University - \$1,500; Paul Edward Hendershot, Commonwealth University - Mansfield - \$1,500; Sophie Izabel Leshner, Hagerstown Community College - \$1,000; Brooklyn Cierra McCusker, Hood College - \$2,000. She also received a \$500 scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and Owen James Oakman, Frederick Community College - \$1,000.

Hope Ann Diller could not attend, but the other recipients attended with their families to receive their scholarships.

The lodge provides these annual scholarships through its monthly Chicken BBQ fundraising events during May-October.



Brooklyn McCusker and Jeffrey Mills



Owen Oakman and Jeffrey Mills



Carter Elbin and Jeffrey Mills



Paul Hendershot and Jeffrey Mills



Sophie Leshner and Jeffrey Mills

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**The Hancock News Will Be CLOSED Friday, July 3 In Observance of July 4**  
Have a Safe Holiday

## Berkeley Springs Pride hosts 6th annual Picnic in the Park



Berkeley Springs Pride will host its Sixth Annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 27 at Berkeley Springs State Park. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The picnic brings together residents and visitors for a day filled with music, activities, local vendors, food, and fun in the heart of downtown Berkeley Springs.

Held in one of West Virginia's most beloved state parks, the annual picnic has become a signature summer tradition that celebrates community connection, inclusivity, and the welcoming spirit of Berkeley Springs.

Berkeley Springs Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building community, promoting inclusion, and creating welcoming opportunities for residents and visitors throughout Morgan County and the surrounding region through educational, social, and cultural programming.

### People Told Us...

- GRANDPA JOKED: How do you catch a unique rabbit? Unique up on it!
- OLD WEATHER LORE: Rain on the first day of Dog Days means it will rain for 40 days.
- Be on alert for cottony maple scale egg masses, white pine weevils and Lophoderium needlecast on your Scotch pine, not to mention mites on your ornaments, warn the plant experts.
- June's full moon – the Strawberry Moon – will shine next Monday, June 29.
- OLD GARDEN LORE: Cut thistles in May, They grow in a day. Cut them in June, That is too soon. Cut in July, Then they will die.
- Veteran in crisis? Call the Veterans Crisis Line at any time by dialing 988 and pressing 1 or texting 838255.
- 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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