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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 7/1 95/72 
Mostly clear with light west winds and a heat index as high as 103.

Thurs. 7/2 98/74 
Sunny and hot with calm winds and a high around 98.

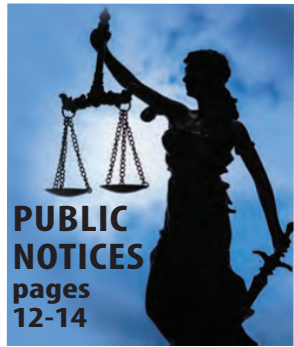
Fri. 7/3 97/72 
20% chance of showers, possibly a thunderstorm, mostly sunny and hot.

Sat. 7/4 93/70 
30% chance of showers, possible thunderstorm after 2 p.m.

Sun. 7/5 89/68 
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

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Hancock man killed in Fulton County hit and run Police still looking for driver

by Geoff Fox

A Hancock man was struck and killed along Tollgate Ridge Road in Southern Fulton County, Pa. just north of Hancock in the early morning hours of Thursday, June 26.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, Jacob Allen Long, 34, of Hancock, was on the roadway in the 900 section of Tollgate Ridge Road, south of Younker's Meat Market, just before 3 a.m. Thursday morning.

A Dodge van was traveling south on Tollgate Ridge Road when it struck Long, police said.

After striking Long, the van continued south on Tollgate Ridge Road as the driver lost control and impacted a fence.

Police said the driver fled the scene prior to their arrival.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact the Pennsylvania



State Police McConnellsburg at 717-485-3131.

Hancock Arts Council, Main Street Hancock partner for 250th celebration

by Geoff Fox

Everyone will be celebrating America's 250th birthday on Saturday, July 4, but the Hancock Arts Council and Main Street Hancock will keep the party going on Sunday, July 5, in Widmeyer Park.

Former Mayor Dan Murphy said the Hancock Arts Council will be hosting the event in the park with music beginning at 2 p.m.

Murphy said people are invited to bring their own picnic if they'd like, but there will be food vendors at the park.

Food begins at 12:30 p.m.

Among the vendors will be Chef Jeremy Ward, the Culinary Gangster, with his fresh fruit kabobs, ground beef sliders, vegetable wraps, and cherry BBQ pork sliders for sale.

Murphy said parts of the money from those sales would be donated back into the community.

There will also be 75 first come, first serve Antietam Dairy ice creams available with coupons from the Hancock Main Street table. The ice cream was donated by Sierra and Danny Flohr.

The Arts Council Band will be performing patriotic and Americana music from the founding of our nation through the present with songs sung during that time.

The Tri-State Ukelectrics will also perform, followed by a Community Kazoo Band with free kazoos for the first 40 people and con-



The Hancock Historical Society will have the Toll House, about .4 miles west of the high school on Western Pike (MD Rt. 144), open on Saturday, July 4, for folks to explore.

ducted by Mike Kligerman, professor emeritus at the Washington Conservatory of Music.

Main Street Hancock will also have a table at the event where there will be face painting and taking public input on their Town Mural project.

Main Street Hancock wants to hear what makes Hancock special to you be it the trails, river, history, small town charm, or community spirit.

Hancock Girl Scouts will have a booth where they will have patriotic crafts for the kids at the event.

Event organizers said there will also be brochures of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence

available, a commemorative print, and American flags will be given out to the first to come.

And for those who want to cool off from the heat, the splash pad will also be open during the celebration.

Should there be rain, the event, since it is a musical event, would be moved to the Community Center on High Street.

The Historical Society will also be having the Toll House, just west of town on Rt. 144, open on Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a member of the Historical Society on hand to answer questions and talk about the building's history.

It's free to tour the Toll House.

November races take shape through Maryland primary results

by Kate Shunney

Washington County voters weighed in on state-wide, district and local races during early, mail-in and in-person voting during the June 23 gubernatorial primary election. County election officials continue to canvass the election results but preliminary election totals were available from the Maryland Board of Elections at press time.

County voters chose Pieter Bickford, Robin Merchant-Spickler and Linda Murray as the top three vote-getters in the 7-way

race for the Washington County Board of Education. Bickford collected 9,504 votes countywide, Murray garnered 8,423 votes and Merchant-Spickler took in 7,821, narrowly outpacing the Mike Guessford, who fell short of the top three by just 56 votes.

In the race for Washington County Sheriff, Republican incumbent Brian Albert won the GOP primary race brought by challenger Chuckie Johnson. Albert won with 68.5% of the Republican vote. He will face off in November



against Junior McLeod, Democrat who was unopposed in his party's primary.

Lacy Flook, Register of Wills, emerged from the primary without any challenges in the GOP. There were no Democrats running for that office.

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Officials approve \$110K water line repair near high school

by Geoff Fox

Hancock town officials approved an emergency \$110,000 water line repair job to a line along Main Street just below the high school – a project that has been years in the waiting.

The project was given a green light but had recently been put off while town officials waited for school to be over so the project wouldn't disrupt classes at the high school.

At a special town meeting on Monday evening, June 29, that lasted about 15 minutes, officials unanimously approved the bid from Guyer Brothers Utility Contractors of New Enterprise, Pa.

The town had been potentially facing daily fines from the state due to drawing too

much water from the well per the permit the town has from the state.

Councilman David Kerns said the permit dictates the average daily limit on how much water the town can draw from the well.

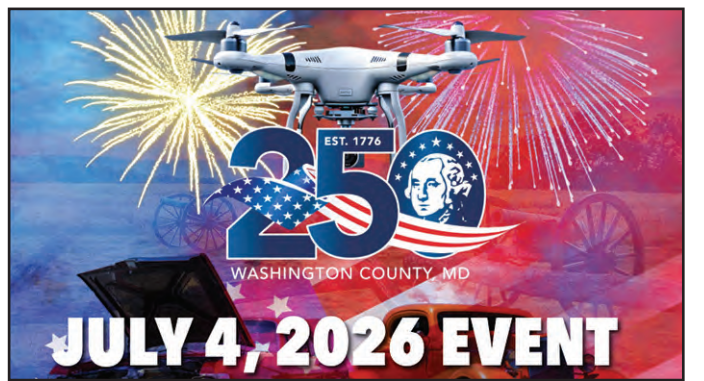
"We are exceeding that," he said. "They could very easily fine us if they wanted to."

Because of that need to get the line repaired, council made the emergency vote for the repair, at a cost of \$110,4525.

Normally, the town has to put projects out to bid over \$15,000, but when it's an emergency, town officials can bypass that step.

see WATER REPAIR page 6

Washington County to host free, all-day 250th anniversary celebration on July 4



Washington County Government invites residents and visitors to join them on Saturday, July 4 for Washington County's 250th Anniversary Celebration at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center.

The Ag Center is located at 7313 Sharpsburg Pike in Boonsboro.

This free, family-friendly event will commemorate 250 years of Washington County history with live entertainment, historical displays, family activities, food vendors, a community ceremony, drone show, and fireworks.

Gates open at 12:00 noon and activities will continue throughout the day.

The day's entertainment lineup includes:

- 12-5 p.m. Paws & Pistons Car Show (entry fee)
 - 1 p.m. The Cruisers
 - 3 p.m. Nathan Bartgis Band
 - 5 p.m. Hot Fun
 - 7 p.m. County Commissioners Ceremony
 - 7:30 p.m. Wake the Neighbors
 - 9:20 p.m. National Anthem performed by Mike Lushbaugh
 - 9:30 p.m. Drone Show & Fireworks
- The Commissioners' ceremony at 7 p.m. will serve as

the centerpiece of the celebration, recognizing Washington County's rich history, honoring the generations who built our community, and looking ahead to the future.

Families will find plenty to do in the Kid Zone, featuring activities throughout the afternoon including:

- Washington County Bookmobile, 1-7 p.m.
- Inflatable Bounce House & Obstacle Course, 1-7 p.m.
- Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, 1-7 p.m.
- Face Painting, Balloon Twisting, 2-6 p.m.
- Fairy Hair, 1-7 p.m.
- Strolling Magic, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Magic Show, 3 & 6 p.m.
- Reptile Show, 3:45 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.
- Family Game, Activity & Crafts, 2:15, 4:30, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.

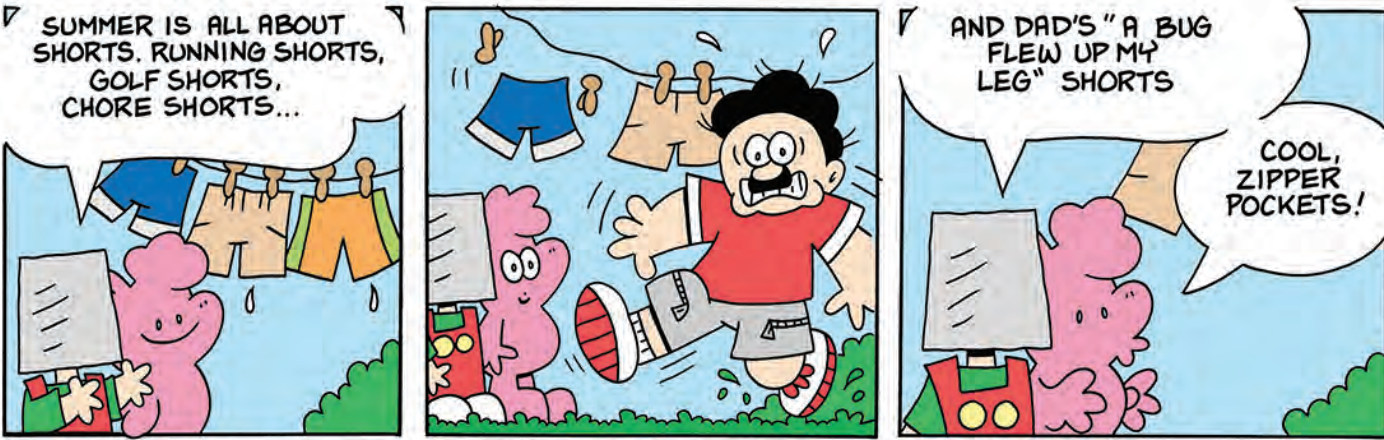
Free shuttles, parking
To help make the event accessible to everyone, free shuttle transportation will be available courtesy of Washington County Transit and Middletown Valley Bank.

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OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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Calendar of Events JULY

Saturday, July 4
 - Independence Day
 - Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, July 5,
 - Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Tuesday, July 7
 - 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.

EARTH TALK Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Is the megadrought in the American West a new normal or just an anomaly? If the former, how should we be adjusting our lifestyles accordingly?

— J.G., via email

Research at The University of Texas shows that dry spells can be seen throughout our planet's history, when warm waters directed storms away from the West during periods of high temperatures. However, with climate change worsening, scientists warn that this pattern, that would have ebbed and flowed in the past, will now last longer. Furthermore, conditions are worsening each year, especially as we use more and more water for new industries. Professor Jay Famiglietti, who teaches at Arizona State's School of Sustainability, noted that "in many areas, groundwater pumping is already the only lifeline—and it's a ticking time bomb." The megadrought may well extend as long as humans continue to warm the planet.

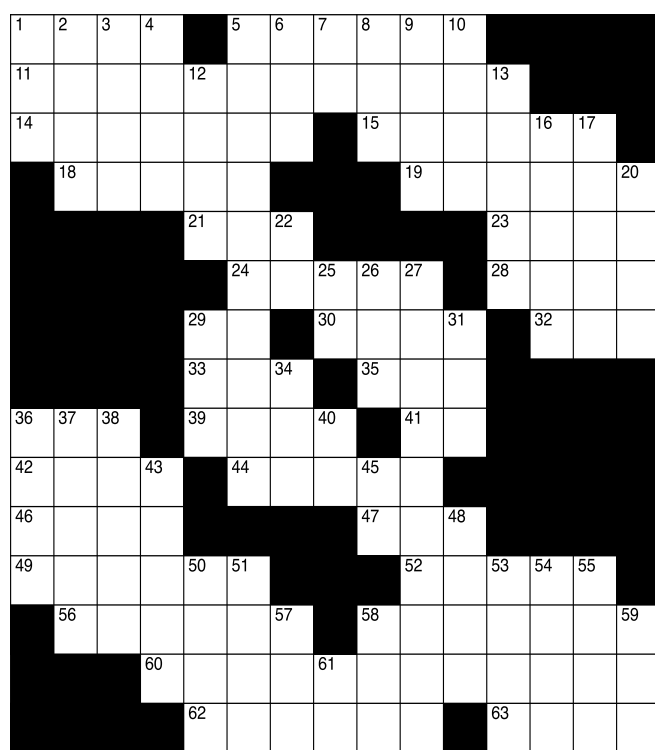
A crucial example of this is the Colorado Water Basin, which provides natural resources to seven basin states. Amy Haas, Executive Director of the Colorado River Authority of Utah says: "What I think we're seeing on the Colorado River is more in line with what we've coined 'aridification,'" the process by which a climate becomes increasingly dry. Just this century, the Basins' natural flow has dropped 13 percent, posing big risks to this region, since so many communities rely on the water that this basin provides.

It is important that we take action on not only an individual level, but in how we approach water use, climate mitigation and sustainability. Already, farmers are looking at ways to save water through planting crops that can thrive in drier climates. There have also been agreements made to reduce water use, but further policy changes are needed to actually make a difference.

In daily life, particularly if you live in an area that faces these issues, taking steps such as fixing leaky faucets or creating a water smart yard can help control wastefulness. For instance, did you know that every year, the average household leaks 38,000 liters of water? Fixing these small issues can save you money as well as conserve water. For your lawn, incorporate more plants that are drought resistant, and install drip systems instead of using sprinklers. Another way you could cut back on water would be switching up your routine to take a 5-minute shower—it could save more than 100 liters. Lastly, either reduce the number of times you do laundry, or update your machine so it is more efficient, which could use only 50 liters per cycle instead of over 100. These small changes, as well as spreading awareness among your community, are needed if we are to adjust to the megadrought that may never end.

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ACROSS

1. chat
5. Statue near the Pyramids
11. A process to change the look
14. Herb
15. Think about excessively
18. Bass vocal part
19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
21. A major division of geological time
23. New Zealand parrot
24. Cognitive contents
28. Lump of yarn
29. Atomic #109
30. Let go of
32. Indian title of respect
33. Whereabouts unknown
35. Electronic data processing
36. Drivers' licenses count
39. Snakelike fishes
41. They precede C
42. Popular personal computers
44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
46. Wings
47. Indicates position
49. Pleasantly smooth or soft
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. Falls
60. Reassertions
62. Eras
63. Hyphen

DOWN

1. Corporate executive
2. A plant used for flavoring food
3. Opinion or belief
4. Sheep in their second year
5. Intensities of sound
6. Indicates support for
7. Expression of laughter
8. OJ trial judge
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. True bugs genus
12. Lawyers argue theirs
13. Body parts
16. Closes tightly
17. World Heritage site in Nigeria
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Commercial
25. "Westworld" actor Harris
26. They
27. Religious guilds
29. Woman (French)
31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
34. Brew
36. Spiritual leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Older citizen
43. Scad fish genus
45. Morning
48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)
50. Double S-shaped curve
51. Small, thin person
53. Older
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities
57. Word element meaning ear
58. To the degree
59. Residue
61. It cools your home

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How to recognize fraudulent charities:

- Evasive, vague or unresponsive answers to specific questions about the charity and how the money is used.
 - Words making up a charity's name closely resemble a more well-known charity.
 - Allowing you no time to reconsider your pledge.
 - Refusal to answer questions about where your money will go or refusal to mail information about the charity.
 - Emotional appeals that make you feel guilty about not donating.
 - Bills or invoices sent to you, though you never pledged money to the organization.
- How to spot charity scams that solicit donations over the phone:
- Get the exact name of the charity and the fundraiser that is calling for the charity.
 - Ask if the caller is being paid by the charity.
 - Ask if the charity and the fundraiser are registered with the state.
 - Find out where and how your donation will be used and what percentage goes directly to carry out the charitable purpose described by the solicitor.
 - Ask if the contribution will be tax deductible.



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

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

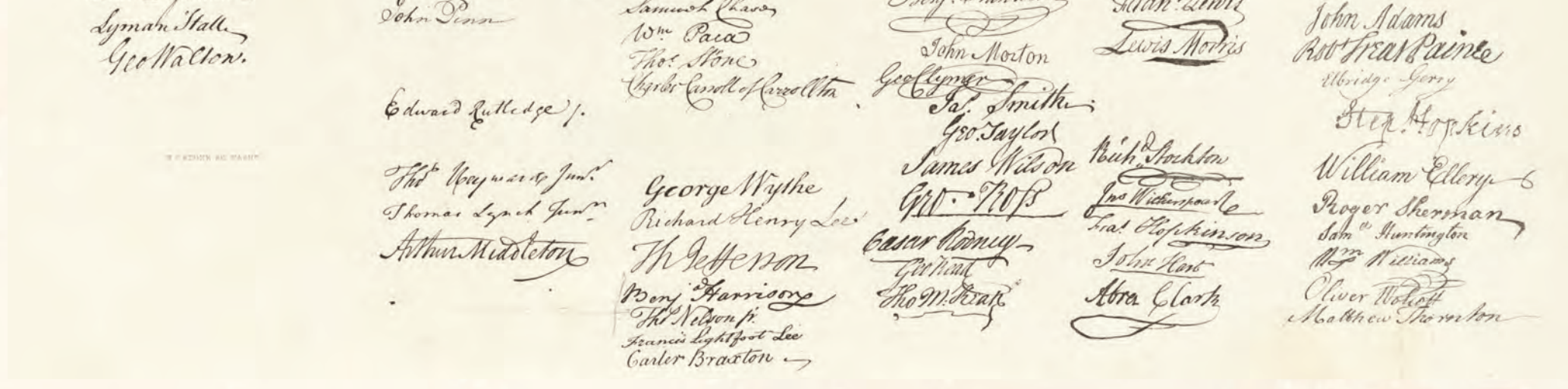
- He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.
- He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.
- He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.
- He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.
- He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.
- He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.
- He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.
- He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.
- He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.
- He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.
- He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.
- He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.
- He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:
 - For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
 - For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
 - For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
 - For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
 - For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
 - For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:
- For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:
- For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:
- For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
- He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.
- He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.
- He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.
- He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



250 Years of The USA--And our Faith

“...For those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.” +Heb 11:14
 We are all seeking a homeland, and here in the USA we are soon to be 250 years old—and, at-home!
 How will you celebrate? How grateful will you be for our Country? Sure: we have sins and a “checkered past”: Who doesn’t?
 Think, though: Who has helped more people & what country donates the most money to those in need? Answer, obviously: US—the U.S.
 And we have a wonderful, beautiful homeland.
 God has blessed us with towering mountains (ever seen the Tetons in Wyoming?); the high plains (Kansas up to Montana); varied seas and bays (Chesapeake crabs, anyone?) and our bucolic Appalachian Region with the Nation’s River cutting through.
 How will you celebrate for all we have, and are? Remember: “Every good gift comes down from above” (Jas. 1:17).
 Even with all our shortcomings, have you ever thought deeply about very unique qualities of our Mother Country--our vivid-varied culture; the size and, overall, abundance of so many things—riches, land, inventions, religious Faith? And how about the ability of someone to go from “rags to riches” here? Now, consider: What will you do to improve our Country? How will you donate time, talent, treasure to others, your community and help us all be even more God-centered so that people may connect freedom and Christians, abundance and God, charity and Faith.
 Let us remember, especially, The Home of the Brave men and women who sacrificed their very lives for us to live here.
 As the Declaration of Independence (1776) and U.S. Constitution (1787) both mention God, let us thank Him for All we have, and are—and can do for others, thus multiplying blessings.
 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man” (Ps. 33:12).
 +Fr. Jack Lombardi, Pastor, St. Peter St. Patrick Church

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. 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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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, five miles west of Hancock on Resley Road, 301-678-7180 - Adult Bible and Sunday school classes for all ages, 8:45 a.m., worship service 10 a.m. Pastor W. Kenneth Stottleyer.
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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IN MEMORY of ALICE TURNER
 4-15-47 ~ 9-16-21

July 3rd would have been 61.
 I never knew I could miss someone so much.



IN LOVING MEMORY of ANNA PECK
 For the Holiday, July 4th

We all miss you so very much for this holiday, but you will only be missed in person. Your spirit and your memories will always be with us no matter where we go or what we do. We thank GOD for all the holidays and years you were with us. You’re always in our hearts and on our minds.

We Love You and Miss You So Very Much Wishing You a Very Happy July 4, In Heaven
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OBITUARIES

Millard Frank McCusker, Jr.
1955-2026

Millard Frank McCusker, Jr., of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., age 71, died on Friday, June 26, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born on January 18, 1955, he was the son of the late Millard Frank McCusker, Sr. and the late Eleanore Jane Dawson McCusker.

Millard attended Union Chapel United Methodist Church. He was employed at Caperton Furniture Works in the glue department. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1483 and Risinger-Stotler VFW Post #4019. He loved spending time with his family and friends, being on his tractor, dancing, playing Queen of Hearts at the Moose and VFW and spending time in the garage with RJ and Canyon.

He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Nichole Thompson (Raegan); his step-children, April Dawn Eckerd (Troy), Tonya Hovermale and Matthew Hovermale (Danielle), all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; his sister, Brenda Kay Timmons (JR) of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; five grandchildren, Montana Exline (Levi) of Little Orleans, Md., Koryn Coleman (Joey) of Warfordsburg, Pa., Raegan "RJ" Thompson, Jr., Tatyanna Thompson and Canyon Morrison, all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; one great grandchild, Novalee Exline, of Little Orleans, Md.; his fiancée, Phyllis Jean Hovermale, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; his former wife, Mary Jane Vogt and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Jane Selph, Charlotte Kerns and Hazel Waugh and two late nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at Hellsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday prior to the service. Burial will be private.

Following the services, there will be a reception at Risinger-Stotler VFW Post #4019, 4490 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

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

Sharon Lee Bishop
1950-2026

Sharon Lee Bishop, age 75, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., went to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born September 13, 1950, she was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Esta Lee Fox.

Sharon was a devoted Christian who was a faithful member of Alpine Bible Church where she taught Sunday School. Her faith and love in God were something that always made her stand out amongst others. She loved to spend time with the love of her life, taking country rides while holding one another's hands. She loved to decorate for every holiday, sharing special moments with her grandbabies and hosting large family events at her home. She enjoyed sitting at auctions with her husband, being there for every friend or family member that needed her, dancing for no reason in the kitchen with her husband and meeting her lady friends, "The Chickadees" for lunch. These are just a pinch of the things she did to enjoy life to the fullest.

Sharon taught her kids to keep Christ in their hearts and that tomorrow is never promised to anyone. The day she left this earth she took a large piece of the puzzle that connected her and her family together. One day that puzzle will be complete again when we all join her in that mansion in the sky. If she could leave you all with one thing, it would be to love everyone even if they don't love you back.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, William "Bill" Bishop; two children Lonnie Bishop and Billie Jo Smith; one son-in-law, George Smith; two grandchildren, Skylar Baird McMullen, husband Jim Baird, Christopher Smith; two great grandchildren, Nicholas McMullen and Dylan Baird; two brothers, Gilbert Leon Fox and Tony Fox and Rodney Yost, whom she loved like a brother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Roger McMullen; daughter-in-law, Julie Bishop and one grandchild that she is holding in her arms in heaven.

Funeral services were conducted at noon on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Hellsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Pastor Kenny Mason officiated. Burial was in Alpine Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Sharon's name may be made to Alpine Bible Church, PO Box 754, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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

**John E. Breach**

John Elliott Breach, 76, of Berkeley Springs, died Sunday, June 21, 2026 at his home.

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

Belva Eugenia Schriever

Belva Eugenia Schriever, age 100, peacefully passed away on Monday, June 15, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Belva is survived by her five children: Walter (Linda), Lois (Arlen) Morgan, Diana, Maxine (Ralph) Willett and Daniel (Karen) Schriever; 16 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ada Plessinger; brothers Blair, Clloyd and Elmer; her sister, Fern; her husband, Levearl Schriever, who died in 1999 and an infant daughter, Donna.

Belva grew up on a farm and learned the value of work from an early age. She helped with household tasks such as canning, sewing, quilting, gardening, cooking, making apple butter and working in the barn. Exceptionally bright, she began attending the Oak Grove one-room schoolhouse before she had turned 5 years old. She was originally sent to school to accompany her older brother, Blair, who didn't want to go alone. She could recite poems and passages learned in her school years throughout her life. Belva graduated from high school at age 15 and later graduated from Hagerstown Business College in 1947 after completing a one-year Executive Secretarial Course.

In the summer of 1946, Belva started dating Levearl Schriever, a classmate she had known since first grade. Belva and Levearl were married on March 16, 1949, in Hagerstown, Md. and later sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on July 25, 1950.

She lived a life centered on faith in her Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. As an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Belva served in leadership roles in the women and children organizations. Service was the defining theme of her life. She cared for her parents, siblings and in-laws, all while raising her family, tending a bountiful garden and giving hours to church and community. Her energy, devotion and compassion were boundless.

Belva had a deep passion for family history work. She felt a sacred responsibility to preserve the stories of those who came before her. For decades, she researched, organized records and ensured that temple ordinances were completed. Even in her final year, she dedicated hours each day to this work. Her commitment to connecting generations has blessed countless family members and stands as one of her most enduring legacies.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 Douglas Street Ext., Hancock, Md. The burial followed at the Jerusalem Church Cemetery in Warfordsburg, Pa.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 W. Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750.

Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.

**Paula Alyce Mabey**
1948-2026

Paula Alyce Mabey, 77, of Hancock, Md., passed away peacefully at her home on May 19, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Born on September 12, 1948, in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Alice Winkler. Paula was a dedicated and compassionate educator. She built a career as an elementary school teacher spanning over forty years, touching the lives of countless students with her patience, kindness and uplifting spirit.

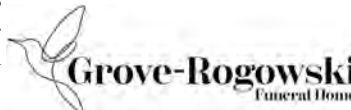


Outside the classroom Paula was a passionate reader and loved books, keeping a small library of personal favorites. Paula also enjoyed movies, with Titanic and Polar Express as her most watched. She cherished spending time with family, attending gatherings and holiday celebrations. She is easily remembered for her thoughtfulness, unlimited patience, joyful spirit, and deeply selfless and kind nature. Through small acts of kindness, Paula always ensured others knew she valued them. Paula's love for her daughters was endless, always placing their happiness and wellbeing before hers. Her grandchildren filled her days with joy and she loved them deeply.

Paula is survived by her daughters Tammy Baxter and Megan Mabey-Leach, and their husbands Mark Baxter and Ronnie Leach; her grandchildren, Sydney Mabey, Eddy Leach and Waylon Leach; her great-granddaughter, Aubrey Mabey; and her sisters, Deidra Baer and Susan Winkler. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53-years, Edward Mabey.

A celebration of Paula's life is scheduled for July 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home in Hancock, Maryland. The family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.

**Harry Nelson Lanehart**
1950-2026

Harry Nelson Lanehart, 76 of Bowling Green, Fla., passed away Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Born February 20, 1950, he was the son of the late Emory Lanehart and Rosalea Vanorsdale Lanehart.

Harry worked at Kirk Ford in Hancock, Md. for 26 years. He then went on to own his own dealership, Harry Lanehart Auto Sales that he ran with his wife and son at his side.

Prior to retirement he worked as a correctional officer at MCTC in Hagerstown, Md.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gloria Decker Lanehart, one son Harry Lanehart, Jr and wife Sandra of Las Vegas, Nev.; one grandson Nicholas Lanehart of Hagerstown, Md.; sister Barbara Truax of Greencastle, Pa.; brother Roger Lanehart of Hancock, Md.; brother Roland Lanehart of Hancock, Md. and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at the American Legion in Hancock, Md. from 1-4 p.m. where Harry was a member for many years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Hancock American Legion Attn Billy Truax 240 E. Main St., Hancock, MD 21750.

**Shelly Nicole Mellott**
1973-2026

Shelly Nicole Mellott, age 52, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born June 29, 1973 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of Henry Clay McBee, Jr. and the late Karen Jo Young.

She was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. Shelly was a homemaker to her husband, children and grandchildren.

She was a member of Women of the Moose Chapter #1311 and Risinger-Stotler VFW Post #4019, both in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Shelly loved the beach, spending time with her grandchildren, as they brought so much joy to her life, reading her Bible and prayed daily. She was a loving wife, mother, GiGi, daughter, sister and friend.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband of 24 years whom was always there in every way for her, Gary Wayne Mellott, Jr., at home; three children, Franklin Herbert Hess II (Cortney Kessecker), Devon Taylor Mellott (Emma Grace Whiteman) and Jazmin Nicole Mellott; two sisters, Stacy Schultz and Lisa Jo Bachert; five grandchildren, Reiley Sinead McDurFee, Halia Aven McDurFee, Franklin Herbert Hess IV, Wyatt Drew Hess and Scarlett Nicole Faith Henry and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Henry Clay McBee, Sr. and Rachel LaVern Werdebaugh McBee.

Celebration of Life Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1483, 593 N. Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Burial will be private.

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

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

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

**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.hellsleyjohnsonfh.com.

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

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



Hancock Police Report

301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of June 22-28:

June 22
 Service to advise, Fleming Court. Subject advised.
 Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.
 Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. Building secure.
 Suspicious person 200 block Fulton Street. Subject identified.
 Property damage accident, Pennsylvania Avenue/I-70 area. Information exchanged.
 Service to advise, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject advised.
June 23
 911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Accidental.
 Community policing, first block East Main Street. Summer Camp at Martha's House.
 Suspicious person, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Information taken.
 Suspicious person 200 block West Main Street. Unable to locate subject.
June 24
 Warrant attempt, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Warrant served on Britany Nicole Clark, 41, of Hancock, for a fugitive warrant out of West Virginia.
 Found property, Widmeyer Park. Cellphone returned to owner.
 Service to advise, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subject advised.
 Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.
 Lost property, first block Blue Hill Road. Lost tag, information taken.
June 25
 Traffic complaint, Fairview Drive area. Kids on scooters, unable to locate/gone on arrival.

Firearm surrender, first block West Main Street. Proper paperwork completed.
 Property damage accident, first block Blue Hill Road. Information exchanged.
 Suspicious vehicle, Jackson Street. Subject checked okay.
 Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
June 26
 Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
 Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
 Traffic complaint, Limestone Road area. Cement truck stuck. Tow removed truck.
 Theft reported, first block South Street. Report to follow.
 Suspicious person, 200 block East Main Street. Checked and moved along.
 Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.
June 27
 Service to advise, East Main Street. Subject advised.
 Service to advise, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.
 Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.
 911 hang-up, first block East Main Street. Unfounded.
June 28
 Suspicious vehicle, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Checked okay.
 Theft reported, 200 block East Main Street. Information taken.
 Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Report to follow.
 Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.
 Check well-being, first block East Main Street. Checked okay.

Berkeley Springs to host fireworks on Friday, July 3

Travel Berkeley Springs and the Morgan County Commission will host their annual fireworks celebration on the grounds of Widmyer Elementary on Friday, July 3, this year celebrating America's 250th birthday.

The public can find a spot on the grass in the area around the elementary school. Fireworks will be launched at dark.

Parking is available for free at Berkeley Springs High School and along local streets with limited parking at Widmyer school. Folks are encouraged to carpool to reduce traffic congestion.

Local law enforcement will be on hand to direct traffic.

Morgan County Sheriff Johnnie Walter shared the following information about how traffic patterns will be directed on Friday, July 3:



The reserves will be directing traffic. As in the past, if you park on the east side (Berkmore side) of U.S. 522, you will be sent north. If you park on the west side (Widmyer Elementary side), you will be sent south. The bypass should make it easier for people to get going the direction they need to go.

Drivers who are sent south but need to travel northbound can turn onto Sugar Hollow Road at ROCs to get to the U.S. 522 bypass to change direction.

Primary

(from front)
 Kevin Tucker similarly sailed through an unopposed GOP primary in an effort to be re-elected to the Clerk of the Circuit Court post. He has no Democratic opponents in the general election.
 Adam Grievell appeared to win a razor-thin Republican primary for State's Attorney, topping longtime attorney Gina Cirincion by just 18 votes. Preliminary vote totals tallied 4,672 votes for Grievell and 4,654 for Cirincion.
 John McElroy won the GOP primary seeking the party's nomination for Treasurer. He topped Seth Wilson by a margin of 56 to 44 percent.
 Crowded races for the Board of County Commissioners narrowed slightly

during primary voting. Voters could select five choices for seats on the commission.
 In the Democratic race, the top five vote-getters out of a field of eight candidates for County Commission were Lara Shepherd, Dave Williams, Teri Pailen, Les McIntosh, Sr. and Jonathan Fish.
 In the Republican primary with nine candidates, the top five finishers in the primary were incumbents Randy Leatherman, John Barr, Charles Burkett and Jeff Cline and candidate Dan Young.
 In the House of Delegates race to represent District 1C, incumbent Republican Terry Baker had no challenger from his party, nor did Democrat Seth Funk. Baker and Funk

will face off on November's general election ballot.
 State Senator Mike McKay, Representing District 1 (Western Maryland) also sailed through the GOP primary without opposition, as did Democrat Ashley Emerick. McKay and Emerick will be on the November ballot seeking that State Senate seat.
 Voters across Maryland's 6th Congressional district backed incumbent Democrat April McClain Delaney in her bid for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, though she had a tough race challenged by David Trone, who narrowly missed taking the lead in a field of eight Democratic candidates. Delaney prevailed with 18,146 votes.

Republicans chose Robin Flicker as their party's candidate to appear on the November ballot against Delaney. Flicker brought in 14,287 votes in the primary to win.
 Maryland's gubernatorial race in November will be between incumbent team Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller and Republicans Dan Cox and Rob Krop.
 Cox and Krop had a solid win in a nine-candidate GOP primary, bringing in 78,398 votes.
 Moore and Miller secured 362,470 votes in the Democratic primary.
 Preliminary ballot totals continue to be canvassed by the Washington County Board of Elections through July 6.

Water repair

(from front)
 The work was to begin yesterday, Tuesday, June 30.
 Guyer will bore under Main Street to replace and repair the pipe so the road itself won't be disturbed or have to be repaired.
 The only thing the town would be responsible for would be the repair of the shoulder of the road.

The new water line will be connected today, Wednesday, July 1.
 The new line will be a 12-inch pipe with a 24-inch sleeve put in the bored hole.
 Kerns said they're doing this so if something in the future happens on the line, they wouldn't have to go through the same process.
 He said there is a leak on the high school line and when

it's repaired, it will hook into the new line.
 All future tie-ins to the new line will also be ready when needed, Kerns added.
 Town Manager Mike Faith said the town has the money to cover the costs of the project through unused ARPA monies and through the Trulieve account.
 The town said water service would be anticipated today with a boil advisory possibly

issued, which could be lifted Friday.
 This comes on the heels of a water leak on High Street and Methodist Avenue last weekend that resulted in a boil advisory that lasted until Tuesday morning.
 Council approval was a unanimous 3-0 with Councilman Richard Strong not in attendance as he was out of town at the time of the meeting.

Pasta-making workshop to be held

There will be a free pasta-making workshop held on Thursday, July 9 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 The workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. at the church located at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock.

Attendees will learn how to make elbow macaroni, ravioli, egg and fettuccine noodles, practice making them from scratch and take home samples.
 All supplies are provided for free.
 To RSVP, text Jennie at 814-617-0914.

Hancock Assembly of God to host Vacation Bible School

Hancock Assembly of God will be having Vacation Bible School on August 3-5 from 6-8 p.m.
 The church is located at 431 N. Pennsylvania Avenue. Everyone is welcome.

Open mic night

BlackCat Music Shop's Free Open Mic Night Friday, July 3 from 7-10 p.m.
 House band, Stereo Spacecraft will host. This monthly event is open to all musicians, singers and songwriters. Show up, sign up, play or listen.
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Lombardi releases eleventh book *Mystic Mantras*, the power of the Christian Aspiration-Mantra

by Geoff Fox

He's a priest, but he's also an author. Rev. Jack Lombardi, the parish priest at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hancock and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Little Orleans, recently released his eleventh book, titled *Mystic Mantras*, the power of the Christian Aspiration-Mantra.

Lombardi said over the years, he has prayed different aspirations or mantras that have been handed down over the years, such as the Jesus prayer and "Jesus I trust in you."

He said he found those both helpful in his spiritual life.

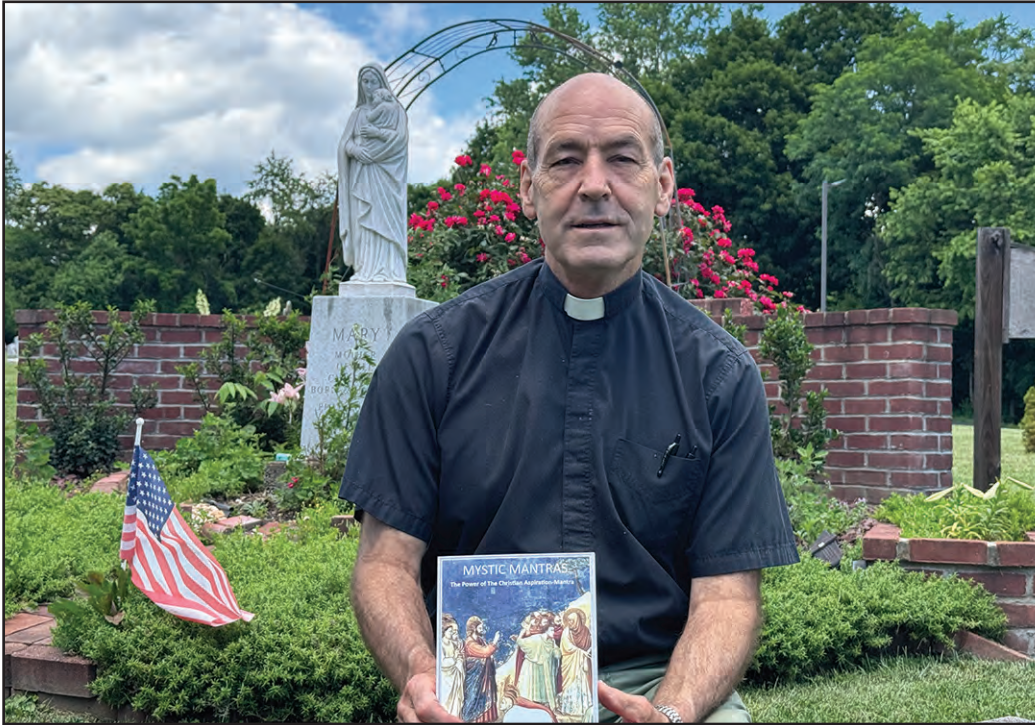
Over the years, Lombardi found himself creating his own and compiling them, losing some along the way, and put them into a book as way to offer them to people to help them pray.

In the book, there's 33 mantras with 20 Lombardi created. The other 13 are traditional Catholic prayers from the last 2,000 years.

Lombardi said the best way to read the book is reading chapter one to understand what they would be doing and applications, but in chapter two, he said you can see what the aspirations/mantras are and go on to chapter three to pick the ones you'd want to pray.

Lombardi has written a total of 11 books. Being a preacher, he must be able to create and spin off ideas, think on his feet, be artistic and entertaining when it comes to his homilies at Mass.

With books, some of his



Rev. Jack Lombardi of St. Peter's Catholic Church recently released his eleventh book titled *Mystic Mantras*, the power of the Christian Aspiration-Mantra.

homilies, or sermons, have turned into a book by expanding what was said at Mass.

Lombardi gave the example of a time when he was speaking about a pilgrimage and he had written a few essays about them and realized it could end up as a book with even more essays.

"So they just snowball, snowballing good ideas," he said.

Even some of the Clergy Corner pieces he's written for *The Hancock News* have turned into books.

Some come out of the skies fresh to him, but more likely it's what he's working on that week.

Lombardi also works on the church bulletin and his

radio show on WDTF radio station.

There are a few books still being compiled on Lombardi's computer with one nearing being sent back to the publisher. That book is a Covid journal.

There's also a small book about mindfulness that is also almost ready to be sent to the publisher.

Lombardi said the Covid book has been the longest as it's been months since he started.

After writing the book, it was sent to the publisher who puts it in a PDF format before sending it back with a number of corrections that need to be made.

There's been a few things

that have kept Lombardi from finishing up the corrections, which he got about a month ago.

"I do want to punch that out," he said. "That's probably the longest time of book writing."

Lombardi said the mantras are prayers to help you be closer to God and be in the present moment.

"So they're very spiritual and pragmatic and I encourage everybody to pray those small prayers," he said.

The book is available at St. Peter's Catholic Church where you can pick it up during normal business hours or after Mass on Sunday mornings.

Cumberland Valley Photographers explore America at 250 through artist exhibition

As the United States approaches its semiquincentennial in 2026, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts presents the 2026 Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition, a juried exhibition featuring contemporary photographic perspectives on the American experience.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, June 20 with an Opening Panel discussion and Reception beginning at 1 p.m., featuring award winners and competition jurors.

This year's exhibition was organized around the theme of America's 250th birthday and invited photographers to respond to four thought-provoking themes: Unfinished Revolutions, Power of Place, Tell Everyone's Story, and American Experiment.

The resulting exhibition offers a compelling exploration of national identity, community, history, and hope through the eyes of artists from across the region.

Forty-eight artists submitted 107 works for consideration.

From these entries, jurors selected 39 photographs by 28 artists representing Mary-

land, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

Maryland artists made up the largest contingent, with strong participation from Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Baltimore, Allegany, and Carroll Counties. Washington County was particularly well represented, with artists from Hagerstown, Smithsburg, Sharpsburg, Keedysville, and Williamsport contributing to the exhibition.

The selected works reveal artists grappling with the complexities and contradictions of the American story. While many photographs examine issues of justice, memory, identity, and change, they also speak to resilience, connection, and the enduring possibility of progress.

Jurors recognized four outstanding works with exhibition awards:

First Place Jurors' Award (\$1,000) to Kameron Ross (Hagerstown, Md.) for "A Robin's-Egg Blue Trailer Sits Beneath a Northern Catalpa Tree."

Second Place Jurors' Award (\$500) went to Sandra Chen Weinstein (McLean,

Va.) for "Black Lives Matter"

Third Place Jurors' Award (\$250) went to Mark Youngblood (Hagerstown, Md.) for "Nobody's Right if Everyone is Wrong"

Washington County Arts Council Award (\$250) went to Justin Artz (Hagerstown, Md.) for "The Community's Living Room."

The public is invited to celebrate the exhibition during the opening program on Friday, June 20, from 1-3 p.m.

The event will feature a panel discussion with award-winning photographers Kameron Ross and Justin Artz, joined by members of the exhibition jury, offering insight into the selected works, the judging process, and the themes that shaped this year's exhibition. The panel discussion will be followed by a reception in the museum atrium.

Admission to the opening panel and reception is free and open to the public.

Through diverse perspectives and powerful imagery, the 2026 Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition invites visitors to reflect on the nation's past, consider its

present, and imagine its future as America marks 250 years of independence.

Located in City Park in Hagerstown, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1931, the legacy of Hagerstown native Anna Brugh Singer and her husband, Pittsburgh-born artist William Henry Singer, Jr. Featuring a collection of more than 8,000 objects, the museum has important holdings of American painting, Old Masters, decorative arts, and sculpture. The museum schedules an ambitious program of exhibitions, lectures, concerts, tours, and talks featuring national and international artists, as well as a yearly showcase of the art of students in Washington County Public Schools. Its free youth art education programs have served seven generations of local families.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is located at 401 Museum Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland. Free parking is available adjacent to the Museum. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday; the museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays.

PVAS announces Case Nature Center open days in July



Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for days of discovery at Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Wednesdays in July (July 1, 8, 15, 29) from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Meet the Nature Center Ambassadors, friendly volunteers who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about nature and PVAS preserves. Get hands-on with our touch table filled with fascinating nature objects, check out gear like binoculars and field guides, and meet our Animal Ambassa-

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

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

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

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

U.S.A. HIDDEN MESSAGE PUZZLE

This word search puzzle has a hidden message in it.

- Find all of the words in the list.
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School board adopts updated policy for personal devices in county classrooms

by Geoff Fox

When students in Washington County head back to school in August, there will be a new policy in place prohibiting the use of cellphones and personal devices by students.

Members of the Washington County Board of Education voted unanimously during their June 16 meeting to approve the new policy regarding devices, putting it into effect for the coming school year.

The policy statement says: "Student use of a personally-owned, electronic communication device and the access or use of a social media platform during the academic school day (as defined in this policy) is prohibited."

Under the previous policy, students were not allowed to use their cellphones during instructional time as officials thought that restriction would significantly help students learn in the most positive and productive learning environment.

That policy began with the 2024-2025 school year.

Now, for the 2026-2027 school year, students will have to keep personally owned electronic devices in their assigned locker/cubby during the academic school day.

According to the policy, students are prohibited from accessing their communication device during the school day including lunch, recess, passing periods, and transitional periods.

Those devices would also



be the students' sole responsibility and the school board would assume no responsibility for a personally owned, electronic device if it is lost, loaned, damaged, destroyed, or stolen.

There are a few exceptions to the policy, however.

If a student with a disability, for reasonable accommodations related to the disability, including for any purpose in the student's individual education program or 504 plan if a school issued electronic device is not available for this purpose.

Other exceptions include monitoring or addressing a student's documented health issue with prior approval by Washington County Public School staff; to access language translation tools to ensure educational equality for multilingual students, but only if a school issued electronic device is not available for this purpose; meeting caregiving responsibilities, as approved by a school principal; for educational purposes,

as set forth in Administrative Regulation JICJ-R, with administrator approval when a school issued device is unavailable; and use of a personally owned device may be granted in an emergency situation as determined by the supervising adult.

Should there be a violation, the disciplinary measures would be accordance with the student discipline guidelines.

A school administrator could use progressive discipline which would include, but not limited to, taking temporary possession of the personally owned electronic device if a student is attempting to use the device during any time when such use is prohibited.

A student cannot be suspended or expelled solely for a violation of the policy.

The change in policy followed legislation passed in the Maryland General Assembly in 2026 – the *Joanne C. Benson Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act*.

Hancock All-Stars battle in District play

The Hancock Little League 11/12 Baseball All-Star Team started its postseason journey last Thursday, June 25 as they took on Hub City at Kirkwood Park. Despite a hard-fought game, Hancock fell short at the home field, losing 0-15. Play continued at Kirkwood on

Friday as Hancock's All-Stars matched up against Conococheague, with Hancock falling to their opponents 16-3.

Hub City went on to win the 2026 Maryland District 1 championship and will play in the state tournament.



Colby Norris gets the out at first base for the Hancock All Stars.

photos by Lori Younker



Aiden Diehl came off the pitcher's mound to catch the ball and throw it to first base for the out.

Blessing of the Bikes to be held in Hancock July 12

by Geoff Fox

Main Street Hancock will be holding their "Blessing of the Bikes" on Sunday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m. for adults and 11:30 a.m. for kids that morning.

The blessings will take place at C&O Bike Shop on Pennsylvania Avenue with Pastor Becki Wessinger from the Hancock United Methodist Church performing the blessings.

Jackie Daley said San Mar has partnered with Main Street Hancock for the event and as of last count would be bringing 138 riders to the event.

Daley said she met with Elisa Maliba who passionately works for foster kids and their families for the partnership.

"Each year San Mar brings 138+ cyclists through Hancock as part of the Great American Bike Ride," Daley said.

Proceeds benefit San Mar, she said.

The C&O Bike Shop will be sponsoring the refreshment stop as the riders make their way through Hancock to Williamsport, as owners Tracy and Jimmy Barnhart are providing power bars,



granola bars, cookies, apples, bananas, and water to the cyclists.

River Run B&B owners Queli and Sidney Campos are providing sunscreen to riders and Jackie's Trail Rentals is providing lip balm.

The kids Blessing of the Bikes will meet at C&O Bike Shop to be blessed at 11:30 a.m. with the kids heading to River Run for some treats and then on to Buddy Lou's for free ice cream provided by owner Diane Smith and on to the Red Barn, which Daley owns, where they'll get light up bracelets and miniature basketballs.

There will also be a few booths there as well, Delany Partlow and Maureen Thomas of the C&O Canal

Trust will supply water bottles and other giveaways for the kids. Dionne Belsford of the Trail Guide will have a booth as well informing kids and families of the marvelous things to do along the trail.

Flannel on the Trail will also be opening early that day so cyclists passing through town can shop while in Hancock.

Daley said Lewis Elias will also be raffling off two kids bikes that day as well.

Once the bikers reach Williamsport, Leigh Ann Hixon will be catering their lunch. Jacob Doyle of the National Park Service will also be making an appearance, Daley said.



Bryson Stanley goes the throw the ball in from the outfield.

Kayla Munson honored by University of Maryland Global Campus

During the 2025-26 academic year, University of Maryland Global Campus recognized Kayla Munson of Hancock for service on the Student Insight Council.

Volunteers play a vital role in shaping the UMGC experience by providing feedback that helps create a stronger future for the university community.

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Country-western band swings by MAC Ice House

by Lisa Schauer

Rain held off for a free outdoor concert at the Ice House on Friday evening, June 26 featuring Ramona and the Holy Smokes, a country-western band from south Texas.

Lead singer Ramona Martinez recognized the crowd for coming out, saying it was their second time playing in West Virginia.

Next up in this summer's Friday concert series presented at Charlotte's Café Garden Stage at the Ice House is Proverbs Rootz reggae band on July 10.

Fans will lively up themselves for this next band's uplifting and expressive form of musical poetry, Rasta style.

A food truck vendor will offer barbecue, and beverages are available for sale. Family-friendly activities are usually provided.



Country-western band Ramona and the Holy Smokes perform at the MAC Ice House in Berkeley Springs on Friday, June 26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance starts at 7 p.m.

Friday night concerts at the

Ice House are produced by Morgan Arts Council as part of their 2026 summer music series.

Home food preservation webinars from Penn State Extension

Penn State Extension will offer a series of home food preservation webinars throughout the summer and fall on topics such as pressure canning, atmospheric steam canning and pickling.

The upcoming webinars include:

- August 6 (12-1:30 p.m.): Pickling
- August 28 (12-1:30 p.m.): Pickles and Sauerkraut
- September 16 (12-1:30 p.m.): Introduction to Drying
- September 24 (6-7:30 p.m.): Wild Game
- October 22 (12-1:30 p.m.): Charcuterie Accompaniments

You must register to attend the webinars. More information is available on the Penn State Extension website or call 1-877-345-0691.

Several fact sheets about home food preservation also are available on the Penn State Extension website.

Those who prefer a printed book can purchase "Preserving Food at Home Resource Guide," a compilation of fact sheets; research-based guidelines for safely canning, freezing and drying food at home; and nutrition and storage information.

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Celebrate Independence Day with PVAS

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society to celebrate Independence Day by attending and walking with us in the Shepherdstown 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 4 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The parade will form on Church Street, then proceed down German Street to Princess Street and end there. Find us along Church Street any time after 10:30. If you have trouble finding us, ask one of the parade coordinators for help. Bring your binoculars, PVAS or camp t-shirt, a favorite stuffed animal to represent the critters we strive to protect, and/or whatever else you feel best represents PVAS.

After the parade, you are invited to attend Rotary's 4th of July community picnic. The picnic will be held from 12 to 3 p.m. at Morgan's Grove Park. There will be no fee for the picnic and no need to register in advance; just show up and have a good time. Both the parade and picnic are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shepherd-



stown. The goal is to provide festive, wholesome, family-oriented entertainment for the entire town.

While at the picnic, you can enjoy a StoryWalk® provided by PVAS. A StoryWalk® is a great way for people of all ages to read while spending time outdoors. Pages from a storybook will be attached to signs placed along a trail so people can gradually read the story as they walk through nature. The story at the community picnic is *My America*, written by Jan Spivey Gilchrist and illustrated by Ashley Bryan.

The picnic will include children's activities and live music. The Rotary Club will be selling hamburgers, hot

dogs, chips, and non-alcoholic beverages. All proceeds from those sales will be used to help cover event costs.

No need to register, just show up on Saturday, July 4th in your red, white, and blue. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact us at info@PotomacAudubon.org.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/4th-of-july-parade-picnic-story-walk-in-shepherdstown-2/>.

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

Donors needed now to keep nation's blood supply stable this summer

The American Red Cross is making an urgent call for blood donors to book an appointment to give now to ensure hospitals stay ready to help patients without delay.

As people get ready for summer adventures and big national festivities, the Red Cross and Warner Bros. Discovery Global Consumer Products are partnering to remind everyone of something important: the need for blood never goes on vacation. Individuals can join our squad to honor the country's 250th anniversary and America's spirit of service by giving blood: All who come to give June 29-July 12 will receive a classic Red Cross x Looney Tunes T-shirt, while supplies last.

See RedCrossBlood.org/LooneyTunes for details.

Celebrate stars, stripes and saving lives. Book a time to donate blood now by going to RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Summer pressures rise

This Independence Day, along with the Looney Tunes characters, we're inspiring a new generation of heroes — with a cartoon twist — at a time when every donation is critical to keeping the blood supply strong amid growing hurdles. Aside from summer travel and packed calendars, severe summer weather can also rapidly impact the ability to collect lifesaving blood products. Additionally, scheduled donations, which account for 90% of all Red Cross blood donations, have continued to drop sharply in recent weeks, highlighting just how essential it is to make and keep donation appointments all summer long.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood

types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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The Nighthawks perform Saturday in Berkeley Springs State Park

The Nighthawks will perform at the Berkeley Springs State Park on Saturday, July 4 at 5:30 p.m.

This free concert is part of the Morgan Arts Council's Summer Concert Series.

The Nighthawks have been in the music business for over four decades, with more than 30 recordings to their credit, including local and international awards. Still led by founder and harmonica master Mark Wenner, the band mixes blues, rock, soul and rockabilly into a powerhouse sound. With decades of road-tested experience, their music remains raw, real and timeless.

The concert is an opportunity for families to come together. Take a lawn chair or blankets.



The next concert of the 2026 MAC Summer Concert Series at the Ice House on the Charlotte's Café Garden Stage with Proverbs Rootz on Friday, July 10, doors open at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 7 p.m. The Weber Brothers

will be in the Berkeley Springs State Park on Saturday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, go to macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.

Freeze event in April makes county farms eligible for federal assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a Federal Secretarial Disaster Declaration for Maryland in response to the severe freeze event that occurred on April 21. The declaration was approved by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins following a formal request from Governor Wes Moore.

"This federal designation makes critical financial assistance available to agricultural producers who experienced significant crop losses due to the sudden freeze. The event caused extensive damage to perennial crops across Maryland, with losses exceeding the 30 percent threshold required for a federal disaster declaration. Many growers are now facing substantial expenses related to crop recovery, plant health, labor, and



ongoing maintenance despite having little to no harvestable yield this season," said state officials.

Many areas of the state continue to experience prolonged drought conditions, further increasing the financial challenges facing Maryland's agricultural community, the governor's office has noted.

As a result of the disaster declaration, producers in Washington County and 11 other designated primary counties, as well as eligible contiguous counties, may qualify for low-interest emergency loans and other assistance programs through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

These resources are intended to help producers recover losses, maintain operations, and support the

long-term viability of Maryland agriculture.

Affected producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible to discuss available assistance programs and begin the application process.

The assessment of agricultural losses in additional Maryland counties remains ongoing. Additional information, resources, and updates are available through the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

"Washington County remains committed to supporting our agricultural community and encourages producers impacted by the freeze event to explore the assistance programs available through this federal disaster declaration," said county economic development officials.

Free pumpout adapter kits available to Maryland boaters & marinas

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Pumpout Grant Program is offering boat owners and marinas free pumpout adapter kits, which department staff developed to help boaters empty holding tanks securely at area pumpout stations.

The kit has a plastic adapter that screws into the existing waste discharge deck fitting on a boat, which is secured by a cam lock found on most pumpout hoses. The free kit also contains instructions, protective gloves, a storage tube, and a QR code to a list of pumpout stations in Maryland.

Maryland residents can request a pumpout adapter kit using an online form. Supplies are limited. Kits are provided with funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Clean Vessel Act Grant funding and the Maryland Waterway Improvement Fund.

The kits are part of the department's efforts to ensure boaters know how and where to properly empty their holding tanks, as overboard discharge is prohibited by state and federal law and punish-



Scan QR code to request pump adaptor.

able by civil penalties up to \$2,000.

For 30 years the Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has administered grants to marinas to install, operate, and maintain pumpout using Clean Vessel Act funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Maryland Waterway Improvement Funds.

Program funds are generated from fees and taxes paid by boaters and have built approximately 267 publicly available pumpouts across Maryland, thanks to this public-private partnership. This summer, Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff will be inspect-



Maryland DNR photo

ing grant-funded pumpouts to assess their condition and offer assistance to marinas to replace them if needed.

The program also funds three pumpout boats through the Annapolis Harbormaster, ShoreRivers, and Arundel Rivers Foundation.

In addition to the free adapter kits, the department maintains an online map of pumpout stations, developed a Clean Boating Tip Sheet,

and offers the free adapter kits.

For questions about the grant program or pumpout locations, Maryland waterway users should contact Liam McNally at 410-260-8772 or email pumpouts.dnr@maryland.gov.

To report illegal discharges, citizens should contact the Maryland Natural Resources Police at 410-260-8888.

PVAS to host Wellness Walk at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host a Wellness Walk at Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, Va. on Wednesday, July 15 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Join us for our Wellness Walk at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, where art, history, and nature come together in a beautiful outdoor setting. Our walk may explore the Glen Burnie Gardens (which are free to enter on Wednesdays when there are not special garden events), as well as the always-open trails at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. The trail system spans 90 acres and features outdoor installations and scenic paths through fields, woods, and wetlands.

As we move along the trails and garden paths, we'll

experience a mix of natural beauty and thoughtfully designed landscapes, from wooded routes and open spaces to vibrant seasonal blooms, peaceful water features, and artfully-designed veggie gardens.

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. This program has a minimum of 5 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wellness-walk-at-the-museum-of-the-shenandoah-valley/>.

For more information, contact Sonja Melander at Sonja@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

UNITED STATES TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of the history of the U.S.

1. How many original colonies were there?

2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

3. Which explorer is America named after?

4. In what year were women finally granted the right to vote in the U.S.?

5. Who are the only two non-presidents to appear on widely used U.S. currency?

6. What are the three branches of the U.S. government?

7. If someone requests your John Hancock, what are they referring to?

8. Who was the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court?

9. Which Civil Rights figure led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955?

10. True or False? Apple Pie was invented in the U.S.

11. Who was the first U.S. astronaut in space?

12. What is the United States motto?

13. When was Washington established as the capital of the United States?

14. Which state was the first admitted to the Union?

Answers: 1. Thirteen 2. Philadelphia 3. Amerigo Vesputi 4. 1776 5. Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin 6. Legislative, Executive and Judicial 7. Signature 8. Seneca 9. Martin Luther King, Jr. 10. False 11. originated in England 11. Also Shepard 12. "E Pluribus Unum." 13. 1790 14. Delaware

WORD SEARCH

PRESIDENTIAL

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83622
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Deborah Ann
Toms.

Notice is given that Bradley Poffen-
berger, 12247 Ashton Rd., Clear
Spring, MD 21722-1903 was on June
12, 2026 appointed Personal Repre-
sentative of the estate of Deborah Ann
Toms who died on May 26, 2026 with a
will.

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

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

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

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tive 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 deliv-
ers to the creditor a copy of this pub-
lished 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 be-
fore that date, or any extension pro-
vided by law, is unenforceable there-
after. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Bradley Poffenberger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83628
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patricia Ann Os-
borne.

Notice is given that Jack Edward Os-
borne, Jr., 21617 Black Rock Rd., Hager-
stown, MD 21740-1833 was on June
16, 2026 appointed Personal Repre-
sentative of the estate of Patricia Ann
Osborne who died on May 18, 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 16th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 16th day
of December, 2026.

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tive 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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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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representative mails or otherwise deliv-
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lished 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 be-
fore that date, or any extension pro-
vided by law, is unenforceable there-
after. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Jack Edward Osborne, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83612
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Doris Jean Jen-
kins.

Notice is given that Lelia Cacciola,
20204 Old Forge Rd., Hagerstown, MD
21742-4842 and Susan Herbst, 20204
Old Forge Rd., Hagerstown, MD
21742-4842 were on June 12, 2026 ap-
pointed Personal Representatives of the
estate of Doris Jean Jenkins who died
on May 25, 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 attor-
ney.

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

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

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tives 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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decedent's death, except if the decedent
died before October 1, 1992, nine
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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.
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vided by law, is unenforceable there-
after. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Lelia Cacciola
Susan Herbst
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83620
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Bonita Kay Cun-
ningham.

Notice is given that Brian Scott Cun-
ningham, 1347 Williamsport Pike, Mar-
tinsburg, WV 25404-4205 was on June
15, 2026 appointed Personal Repre-
sentative of the estate of Bonita Kay
Cunningham 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 15th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 15th day
of December, 2026.

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tive 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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tained from the Register of Wills.

Brian Scott Cunningham
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83633
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kenneth Robert
Finkelsen.

Notice is given that Jennifer Hulvey,
5327 Concord Ct., Mount Airy, MD
21771-5860 was on June 16, 2026 ap-
pointed Personal Representative of the
estate of Kenneth Robert Finkelsen
who died on April 15, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 16th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
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tained from the Register of Wills.

Jennifer Hulvey
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd6-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83624
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marjorie Lea Mur-
phy.

Notice is given that Elizabeth Ann
Wahl, 13638 Village Mill Dr., PO Box
417, Maugansville, MD 21767 was on
June 17, 2026 appointed Personal
Representative of the estate of Marjorie
Lea Murphy who died on March 26,
2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 17th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 17th day
of December, 2026.

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vided by law, is unenforceable there-
after. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Elizabeth Ann Wahl
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83629
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gerald Andrew
Yaukey.

Notice is given that Kevin Yaukey,
1019 Israel Creek Ct., Knoxville, MD
21758-1355 was on June 17, 2026 ap-
pointed Personal Representative of the
estate of Gerald Andrew Yaukey 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 representative or the attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 17th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 17th day
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fore that date, or any extension pro-
vided by law, is unenforceable there-
after. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Kevin Yaukey
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83627
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lovetta Vaughn-
netta Lyons.

Notice is given that Keith Leroy
Lyons, 11822 Peacock Trl., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-4447 and Lori Ann
Gearhart, 13813 Windy Hill Ln., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-1434 were on June
17, 2026 appointed Personal Repre-
sentatives of the estate of Lovetta
Vaughnetta Lyons who died on May 11,
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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 17th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 17th day
of December, 2026.

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tives 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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months from the date of the decedent's
death; or

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lished 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 be-
fore that date, or any extension pro-
vided by law, is unenforceable there-
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tained from the Register of Wills.

Keith Leroy Lyons
Lori Ann Gearhart
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83634
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gladys Margarette
Hoffman.

Notice is given that Peggy Shatzer,
1 S. Mont Valla Ave., Hagerstown, MD
21740-5105 and Howard Hoffman,
2289 W. Harewood Pl., Beverly Hills,
FL 34465-3153 were on June 18, 2026
appointed Personal Representatives of
the estate of Gladys Margarette Hoff-
man who died on June 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 representatives or the attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tives shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 18th
day of December, 2026.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 18th day
of December, 2026.

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tives 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
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lished notice or other written notice,
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Peggy Shatzer
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Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83529
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Joseph Andrew
Powell.

Notice is given that Megan Powell,
1707 Hollins St., Baltimore, MD 21223-
2310 was on June 23, 2026 appointed
Personal Representative of the estate
of Joseph Andrew Powell who died on
April 25, 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 23rd
day of December, 2026.

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

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
the undersigned personal representa-
tive 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
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Megan Powell
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

Charles F. Gormly, Esq.
10605 Concord Street
Suite 307
Kensington, MD 20895
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83499
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mouy Op.
Notice is given that Charles F.
Gormly, Esq., 10605 Concord Street,
Suite 307, Kensington, MD 20895 was
on June 23, 2026 appointed personal
representative of the estate of Mouy Op
who died on April 18, 2024 without a
will.
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by reviewing the estate file in the office
of the Register of Wills or by contacting
the personal representative or the attor-
ney.
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claimants having any objection to the
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Personal Representative
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Letters To The Editor over 400 words will not be published.

GO, USA!

While making your way through the maze, write down each letter you encounter along the correct path. These letters will spell out three words that pertain to the United States of America.

WORDS:

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Finish

This Week's Crossword Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83652
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Martha Mae Gos-
sard.

Notice is given that Wayne Dennis Clever, 2805 Lysander Pl., Oklahoma City, OK 73128-5822 was on June 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Martha Mae Gos-
sard who died on June 8, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of 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 23rd 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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Wayne Dennis Clever
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 81436
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Stephen Allen.

Notice is given that Melissa Allen, 12 Marietta Ln., Falling Waters, WV 25419-4665 was on June 23, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Stephen Allen who died on May 24, 2024 without a will. There was a prior small estate proceeding.

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

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Melissa Allen
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-3th

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83559
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Eliza-
beth Carr.

Notice is given that Regina Keefe, 13502 Paradise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2420 was on June 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Margaret Elizabeth Carr who died on January 31, 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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Reginia Keefe
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83658
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Zachary Allan Hillis.

Notice is given that Michele Zaruba, 6548 Twin Lake Dr., New Market, MD 21774-6691 was on June 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Zachary Allan Hillis who died on March 8, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Michele Zaruba
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83648
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF James Gordon Haskell.

Notice is given that Diana J. Pettit, 4907 Montgomery Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043-6748 was on June 18, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of James Gordon Haskell who died on January 25, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Diana J. Pettit
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83646
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Neil Ranney Meiners.

Notice is given that Lee Robert Meiners, 27018 Rigbylot Rd., Easton, MD 21601-7666 was on June 23, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Neil Ranney Meiners who died on April 19, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Lee Robert Meiners
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-1-1thn

PVAS to host Full Moon Walk in July

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for an evening stroll to explore the sights and sounds of the nocturnal world under the full moon on Tuesday, July 28 from 8:30-10 p.m. at Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg, W.Va.



If the sky is clear, we will hike by the light of the full moon along the trails at Yankauer Nature Preserve. If the evening is cloudy, we will still take an evening stroll as a group. Regardless of the weather, we will experience the unique sights, sounds and smells of the nocturnal world together.

Note that Yankauer Nature Preserve is normally open only from dawn to dusk, but is accessible at night through special nighttime events like these. 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 <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/full-moon-walk-at-yankauer-nature-preserve-21/>. For more information, contact Sonja Melander at Sonja@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

PVAS is hosting StoryWalks®

Read a storybook on a nature walk at Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg, W.Va. and Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. anytime from dawn to dusk from Saturday, July 4 through Sunday, July 12.



A StoryWalk® is a great way for people of all ages to read while spending time outdoors. Pages from a storybook will be attached to signs placed along the trail, allowing people to gradually read the story as they walk. This StoryWalk® will be spread over a trail length of no more than 1/4 mile.

Yankauer Nature Preserve and Cool Spring Preserve are open daily from dawn to dusk. These self-guided StoryWalk®s are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.

The story at Yankauer Nature Preserve is *Sweep Up The Sun*, written by Helen Frost and illustrated by Rick Leider.

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

The story at Cool Spring Preserve is *Fireflies, Fireflies, Light My Way*, written by Jonathan London and illustrated by Linda Messier.

For more information, contact Sonja Melander at Sonja@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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Washington County Health Department Behavioral Health Services
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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Valid Driver's License and ability to pass a background check and drug screening.

APPLY IN PERSON:
SENIOR LIFE SERVICES
OF MORGAN COUNTY
106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 1
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-3096

APPLY ONLINE:
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Senior Life Services of Morgan County (SLSMC), A community-focused organization, is seeking qualified and motivated individuals to join our team.

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The Southern Fulton School District
Is Seeking Applications Until the
Position is Filled, for a
**VARSITY ASSISTANT
BASEBALL COACH**
For the 2026-2027 School Year

Contact MaryAnn Johnson in the district office for an application, 717-294-2203.

Completed Applications and Clearances Should Be Returned To:
Jamie Bivens, Athletic Director
Southern Fulton School District
13083 Buck Valley Road
Warfordsburg, PA 17267

COACH VACANCY

The Southern Fulton School District
Is Seeking Applications Until the
Position is Filled, for a
**JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS
ASSISTANT
BASKETBALL COACH**
For the 2026-2027 School Year

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June 28 - July 1, 2026

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
A small adjustment to your budget now may lead to a big payoff later on. Your financial discipline is a superpower this week, so stick to the plan.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
You are feeling extra sensitive to others' energy right now. It is alright to decline social invitations to protect your peace of mind. A creative breakthrough may emerge while alone.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Others are finally catching up to all of your big ideas, Aquarius. Pitch that unconventional plan you have been holding back and you'll likely have some fans.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't shy away from the microphone or the spotlight. Whether it is at work or in your personal life, your charisma will be your greatest asset this week. You will be the star of the show.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pay attention to any coincidences that pop up during the next several days, Pisces. The universe is trying to tell you something about your next move.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Decluttering can go a long way to making you feel better. Clear your desk to clear your mind. Once the physical chaos is gone, you may find the answer to the problem you have.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you are a powerhouse this week. Your energy levels will remain steady as the days go on, and people will notice your drive. Channel this energy into something positive.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
The scales start to tip toward your personal life instead of your professional one this week. Focus on your spouse or special someone and make time for extra moments together.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
It's your week right now, Taurus, and the stars want to indulge. Indulge in something luxurious and enjoy yourself. You have earned the right to some pampering.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Let go of a habit or a resentment that no longer serves you. Just like a snake sheds an old skin, you'll feel lighter and ready to tackle anything.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Use your gift of gab to mend a relationship issue that stemmed from a misunderstanding, Gemini. Expect some invitations to come your way and a surprise text mid-week.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You might be ready for a trip. Even if you can't take a flight right now, explore a new neighborhood or try a different restaurant you've been meaning to check out.

Way down along the creek July 4



Dating back to the days of the C&O Canal, the Fifteen Mile Creek Aqueduct still stands in Little Orleans. It was built sometime between 1838 and 1850 of hard flint stone cut from Siding Hill on the West Virginia side of the Potomac River. Photographer Justin Mellott took this portrait of the structure during a recent visit to the area, where the Western Maryland Rail Trail and C&O Canal Towpath are in close proximity, just where Fifteenmile Creek empties into the Potomac River.



(from front) Shuttle service will operate throughout the day from the Washington County Transit Transfer Station, located at 123 W. Franklin Street in Hagerstown, directly to the Agricultural Education Center.

Additional event parking and shuttle service will also be available from the Fairplay Volunteer Fire Company beginning at 3 p.m. Attendees should note that parking is strictly prohibited along Sharpsburg Pike.

For the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and emergency responders, no roadside parking will be permitted. Visitors are encouraged to use designated event parking areas or take advantage of the free shuttle services available throughout the day.

The Commissioners encourage all residents to attend this historic gathering and take part in a once-in-a-generation celebration marking Washington County's founding in 1776. The celebration will conclude with a spectacular drone show and fireworks display.

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Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and spend the day experiencing the entertainment, exhibits, vendors, activities, and special programming planned for this historic celebration.

The evening will culminate in a drone show followed by a fireworks display beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m.

The drone show is proudly sponsored by Volvo, which is celebrating 65 years of manufacturing in Washington County.

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—This Saturday, July 4, is a celebration of America's 250th Independence Day.

—Dog Days of summer are the 40 days between July 3 and August 11, usually the hottest and most sultry time of the summer. The name came about because the "dog star" Sirius visibly rose in the summer. Sirius represented the hound of the mythological Roman hunter Orion in the constellation named for him.

—OLD FARM LORE: All crops that produce their yield above the ground should be planted in the new of the moon.

—Remove and destroy the dead tops of any white pines to eliminate white pine weevil, say the tree experts.

—Veteran in crisis? The Veterans Crisis Line can be reached at any time by dialing 988 and pressing 1 or texting 838255.

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