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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 12/7 57/44
6% chance of rain with calm winds, mostly cloudy.

Thurs. 12/8 53/37
Mostly cloudy with calm winds becoming north around 5 mph.

Fri. 12/9 45/36
60% chance of rain mostly before 1 p.m., mostly cloudy.

Sat. 12/10 46/34
Mostly cloudy with a high near 46 and a low around 34.

Sun. 12/11 44/32
Mostly cloudy with a high around 44 and a low near 32.

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County seeing progress in restoring websites, phone access after cybersecurity hit

by Geoff Fox

Washington County is seeing progress in restoring county systems after a cybersecurity incident on November 24.

The Town of Hancock office was not affected by the incident, but the Hancock Police Department has had to change how they log response calls.

On Monday, when asked if there was a police report from last week, Sgt. Rich Miller said in a text message to *The Hancock News* that the reporting system was down, but the department is manually logging events.

Even though the offices and site were not affected, town officials are monitoring the situation.

As for Washington County, its top priority continues to be ensuring the community members are safe and can access county government services they rely on.

Due to the ongoing investigation, county officials haven't provided specific details about the nature of the cybersecurity incident.

The county's focus, right now, will continue to be getting the county systems and services up and running as safely and quickly as possible, said officials.

Additional web pages are being added to the temporary Washington County website (<https://washco-md.net/>) daily. The pages provide residents with information on how different divisions and departments are operating and providing services.

Vendors now have the ability to view and download open bids by going to the Purchasing Department's temporary page (<https://washco-md.net/purchasing/>).

The main number at the Office of the State's Attorney is still down as of last

Friday. The county provided a new number for that office, should anyone need to contact the office.

To reach the State's Attorney Office, call 240-313-2024.

Citizens can now view and apply for Washington County Government job openings through the website at <https://washco-md.net/jobs>.

The Division of Permits and Inspections is unable to access permit records, process permit applications, and/or issue permits.

Paper applications are available at 747 Northern Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Online and IVR inspection requests are also unavailable but anyone needing an inspection can request on by calling the office at 240-313-2460.

What's up with egg prices?

by Kate Shunney

Inflation has hit grocery shoppers hard in the last year, spiking the prices of nearly every item at least 30%. In the case of eggs, that price jump has been startling.

Last week, a dozen medium eggs at the Hancock Save-A-Lot were \$2.79 and \$3.99 per dozen for large eggs.

It's not just holiday demand for baking supplies at work, driving up the cost.

According to an article in *Forbes* magazine on November 26, the nationwide price of eggs has nearly doubled in two years.

The cause, they say, is three-fold.

First, the supply of chickens laying eggs has dropped due to a bird flu outbreak that has hit particularly hard in the last 8-12 months. When the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI) infects birds, they generally die quickly. Some poultry operations in Maryland have also had to "depopulate" their flocks to stem the spread of the respiratory disease, which is not



Eggs on the shelf at Hancock Save-A-Lot on December 1.
photo by Geoff Fox

new. Fewer chickens mean fewer eggs.

Luckily, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that national egg production is likely to go up again soon as chicks of the egg-laying variety of chicken hatched at a higher rate this year than in 2021. In August, the hatch rate went up 13%, the USDA said. As soon as those chicks mature to laying age, egg production should swing back up.

Second, the eggs that are being laid in commercial operations cost more to produce and transport due to

general inflation. Chicken feed, the wages of farm workers and the cost of fuel to ship eggs have all gone up in price as part of the global inflation trends.

Third, supply-chain issues have hit poultry farmers the same way they have affected many other industries. Farm supplies that are more difficult to find or cost more to buy will raise the price of the finished product – in this case, that dozen of eggs you need to make breakfast and those batches of Christmas cookies.

State Police give warning about vehicle thefts during holiday season

by Geoff Fox

Maryland State Police are warning motorists during the holiday season and to take proper precautions to reduce their vehicles being stolen.

Police said this is especially true for owners of Hyundai and Kia vehicles, which have been stolen at an increased rate in Maryland and nationwide, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Nationally, there have been a combined 59,991 Hyundai and Kia vehicles stolen this year through August 31. This compares to 58,683 for all of 2021.

The Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council recommends if you have a 2016 to 2021 Hyundai or 2011 to 2021 Kia model that is started by a key, consider taking a few preventive measures.

Police suggest purchasing a steering wheel lock, which are relatively inexpensive and are an excellent visual deterrent to thieves.

Purchase a security kit recently released by both Hyundai and Kia. Owners of those brands can contact a local dealership for more information.

Practice standard vehicle theft safety measures such as

parking in a secured access lot or personal garage if you have one.

According to the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, a car is stolen every 49 minutes in Maryland and every 39 seconds across the United States.

Overall, 10,683 vehicles were stolen in Maryland in 2020, down from 11,255 in 2019. Of those stolen vehicles, 50% had keys inside the vehicles and 60% of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

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Hancock COVID vaccine clinic set for Thursday, December 8

by Geoff Fox

The Washington County Health Department is following up its recent flu clinics at local public schools with COVID-19 vaccination clinics at middle schools in the county.

Hancock Middle-Senior High School was originally supposed to host a clinic on November 17, but it was rescheduled for this Thursday, December 8.

The clinic will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Washington County Public School staff, parents, and students ages five and older are encouraged to register for their COVID-19 initial series of vaccines or boosters.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for the school clinics, although walk-ins are welcome.

Registration is available online at <https://washco-health.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/wchd-covid-19-vaccine-clinics/>

Anyone in need of assistance with registering should call 240-313-3456, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



A parent or guardian must be present for vaccination appointments for minors.

All vaccine products will be available for eligible attendees.

"People might want COVID-19 to go away, but it's still here and hundreds of people are dying from it every day around the country," said Dr. Diana Gaviria, deputy health officer and medical director for the Washington County Health Department.

"There is also concern for a potentially more severe flu season this year than the previous one, so the most important message is that everyone who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination and a flu shot should get them to lower their chances of severe sickness and potentially hospitalization from these viruses," said Gaviria.

Avian flu confirmed on Washington County farm

State agriculture officials have said federal laboratory testing has confirmed a case of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry at a Washington County farm.

Following an investigation by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratory has confirmed poultry has tested positive for HPAI.

State officials said they have quarantined all affected premises.

"Birds on the properties have been depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease. Birds or poultry products from affected flocks will not enter the food supply chain," said agriculture officials.

"Avian influenza does not affect poultry meat or egg products, which remain healthy and safe to eat and handle. All poultry growers, operators, and owners, including those who manage backyard flocks, must remain vigilant," said Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder.

He said the state and USDA and other agencies are working to "localize the situation, including quarantining and testing nearby flocks."

Avian influenza is a highly contagious airborne respiratory virus that spreads easily among birds through nasal and eye secretions. The virus can be spread in different ways between flocks, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers.

"This virus affects poultry, like chicken, and turkey,



along with some wild bird species such as duck, geese, shorebirds, and raptors," state officials say.

Since March of this year, the H5N1 avian flu has been detected in egg layer and pullet operations in Cecil County, and a broiler operation in Queen Anne's County.

Protecting flocks

Poultry owners are being educated on how to protect their flocks and nearby farms from the influenza outbreak.

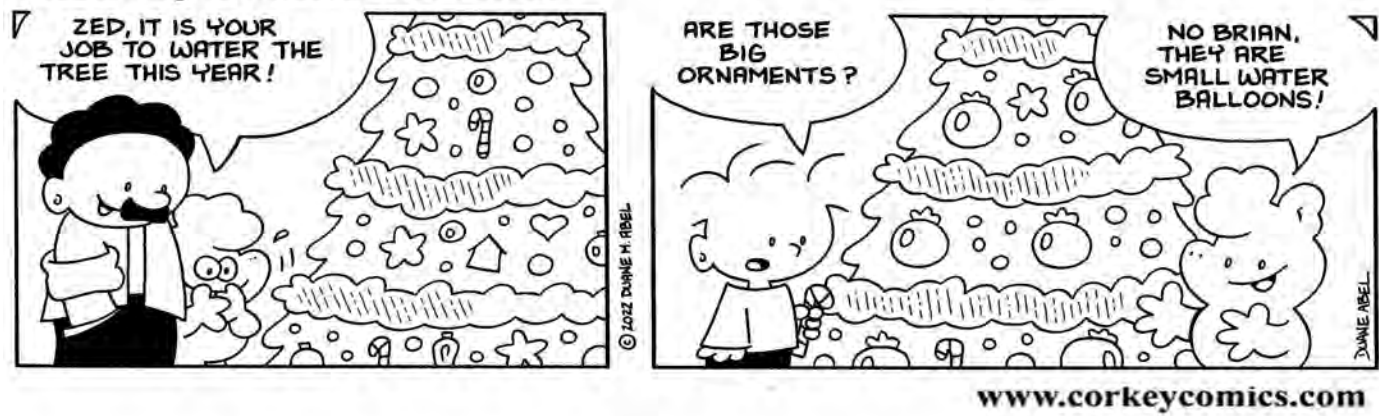
The Maryland Department of Agriculture has shared a list of common-sense biosecurity steps if people suspect HPAI in their backyard, wild birds, or a commercial operation.

Key biosecurity practices:

—Clean and disinfect transportation. Don't walk through or drive trucks, tractors, or equipment in areas where waterfowl or other wildlife feces may be. If you can't avoid this, clean your shoes, vehicle, and/or equipment thoroughly to prevent bringing agents back to your flock. This is especially important when visiting with farmers or those who hunt wild fowl such as when gathering at a local coffee shop, restaurant, or gas station.

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ZED by Duane M. Abel



History Matters

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The Grateful American Book Prize

by John Grimaldi & David Bruce Smith



December 1 to December 15



America is a “melting pot”: a country composed—generously—of immigrants. In 1938, Enrico Fermi immigrated from Italy after garnering the Nobel Prize in physics. Afterwards, he obtained a professorship at the University of Chicago, conceived the world’s first nuclear reactor, designed the atomic bomb, and advanced the applications of statistical mechanics and quantum theory.

According to History.com, Fermi “created a jury-rigged laboratory with the necessary equipment, which he called an ‘atomic pile,’ in a squash court in the basement of Stagg Field at the University of Chicago. With colleagues and other physicists looking on, Fermi produced the first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction and the ‘new world’ of nuclear power was born.” A cryptic message was sent to President Roosevelt to signal the success. It read, “the Italian navigator has just landed in the New World.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Last Man Who Knew Everything: The Life and Times of Enrico Fermi, Father of the Nuclear Age* by David N. Schwartz.



At 2:10 p.m. on December 5, 1945, five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers lifted off for a routine training mission from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station:

“Two hours after the flight began, the leader of the squadron, who had been flying in the area for more than six months, reported that his compass and backup compass had failed and that his position was unknown. The other planes experienced similar instrument malfunctions. Radio facilities on land were contacted to find the location of the lost squadron, but none were successful. After two more hours of confused messages from the fliers, a distorted radio transmission from the squadron leader was heard at 6:20 p.m., apparently calling for his men to prepare to ditch their aircraft simultaneously because of lack of fuel,” reports History.com.

At 7:27 p.m. a search and rescue Mariner aircraft departed with a 13-man crew to search for the lost squadron. It was never seen again.

“Naval officials maintained that the remains of the six aircraft and 27 men were not found because stormy weather destroyed the evidence, [but] the story of the ‘Lost Squadron’ helped cement the legend of the Bermuda Triangle, an area of the Atlantic Ocean where ships and aircraft are said to disappear without a trace.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Into the Bermuda Triangle: Pursuing the Truth Behind the World’s Greatest Mystery* by Gian Quasar.



Most American women did not nab the vote until 1920—except those residing in Wyoming. Their rights were bestowed on December 10, 1869.

History.com tells us that “though some men recognized the important role women played in frontier settlement, others voted for women’s suffrage only to bolster the strength of conservative voting blocks. In Wyoming, some men were also motivated by sheer loneliness—in 1869, the territory had over 6,000 adult males and only 1,000 females, and area men hoped women would be more likely to settle in the rugged and isolated country if they were granted the right to vote.”

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *New Women in the Old West: From Settlers to Suffragists, an Untold American Story* by Winifred Gallagher.

EARTH TALK

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Answers
About Our
Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

What is the EPA’s new Green Bank all about?

—Rick D., Asheville, NC

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently proposed the creation of a so-called green bank, known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to help leverage the power of traditional financial markets in solving the climate crisis. Investing in carbon offset projects from lower income communities across the United States, the GGRF, at face value, has a social-ecological conscience. However, beneath the guise of green goodwill, darker forces are at play.

As a by-product of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), there are fears that the GGRF is a ‘green trojan horse’ created to give fossil fuels another chance and push out foreign business. “The IRA is rife with corporate giveaways and handouts aimed at allowing the fossil fuel industry to continue business as usual,” says Ebony Twilly Martin, the Executive Co-Director of Greenpeace USA. Meanwhile, Frederick Erixon, the Director of the European Centre for International Political Economy adds that the European Union (EU) has concerns about the discrimination inherent in the IRA: “Many of the IRA policies take an ‘America first’ attitude that will hurt European green industries and cleantech.”

Furthermore, the new independent national green bank, by virtue of its association with the IRA, may struggle to convince a crucial player in the climate war, the risk-averse private sector, to invest in the development of low emissions services and products from disadvantaged communities.

Delegates to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) stressed that not enough finance is supplementing the right sectors of the economy to create green technologies and infrastructure.

In theory, championing green banks as an effective means of financing climate action and optimizing social-ecological system resilience is a good idea — especially for communities that have been left behind in the transition to cleaner energy, transport and living. However, green bank models like the GGRF can only succeed when detached from the design of coal barons, protectionist policies and political squabbling.

Global biodiversity is in the headlights of the climate crisis. With a burgeoning population of 8 billion, humans must take account of our carbon footprint and develop innovative strategies that lift nature and all walks of society to reduce our impact. Green banks can be part of ‘the solution’ but must first escape fossil fuel interests and discriminatory bills to coax the private sector to follow them into a brave new world of green financing.

“The climate test is simple. It requires jobs, justice and restoration of the environment,” says Edward Markey, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. An independent national green bank could be the answer. Through the GGRF, funding can be leveraged to advance green initiatives and infrastructure in disadvantaged communities while creating good, local jobs.”

With less than six months for EPA to distribute funds to eligible projects across the U.S., stakeholder input on the implementation, design and structure of the GGRF is currently being sought. Now is the time for the public to question the evolution and motives of the scheme, so that when a national green bank does arrive, it is truly transformational to the global economy, ecology and climate.

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Calendar of Events DECEMBER

Monday, December 12

– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha’s House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police Chief James Robison reported the following arrests and incidents from the week of November 30-December 4:

November 30
Traffic enforcement in Hancock area. One stop.

December 1
Assisted EMS in the 1400 block of White Oak Ridge.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Two stops.

December 2
Assisted EMS in the 1200 block McKinley Drive.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office with reports of a suspicious person in the 4000 block Creek Road.

Check well-being in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

Theft report on Hess Road. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area. One stop.

December 3
Community policing on first block West Main Street. Helped with Shop With a Cop.

Suspicious person in the 200 block West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

Service to advise on Maryland Avenue. Lost dog. Unable to locate.

Traffic complaint on Pennsylvania Avenue. Unable to locate.

Suspicious vehicle on Terrace Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area. One stop.

Check well-being in the 100 block East Main Street. Charges pending for DUI on subject from Hancock.

December 4
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office to check well-being in the 5000 block Creek Road. Checked okay.

Traffic hazard on East Main Street. Unable to locate.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area. Two stops.

Winter ban on spreading manure begins December 16

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds farmers that the winter ban on spreading manure and other nutrient sources on cropland, including food processing residuals (FPRs) begins December 16.

Farmers may resume spreading on March 1, 2023, based on their nutrient management plan recommendations as long as fields are not saturated, snow-covered, or hard-frozen.

Maryland's nutrient management regulations prohibit farmers from spreading manure and other nutrient sources on

fields in winter due to the increased risk of runoff into local waterways. Liquid manure sources generated on farms must be stored in structures. MDA is authorized to work with livestock farmers to prevent overflows from storage structures and minimize impacts on water quality. In these instances, farmers must contact the Nutrient Management Program for emergency authorization before any spreading occurs.

Temporary field stockpiling of "stackable" poultry litter and other qualifying organic nutrient sources is allowed if the

moisture content is 60% or less. Stackable organic nutrient sources may not be applied to fields in winter under any conditions.

Farmers should contact their regional nutrient management specialist if they have storage concerns, questions about the regulations, or need guidance on storage requirements for FPRs. For more information, go to the department's Nutrient Management Program website.

Avian flu

(from front)

—Remove loose feed. Don't give wild birds, rodents, and insects a free lunch. Remove spilled or uneaten feed right away, and make sure feed storage units are secure and free of holes.

—Keep visitors to a minimum. Only allow those people who take care of your poultry to come in contact with your birds, this includes family and friends. Make sure everyone who has contact with your flock follows biosecurity principles.

—Wash hands before and after coming in contact with live poultry. Wash with soap and water (always your first choice). If using a hand sanitizer, first remove manure, feathers, and other materials from your hands because disinfectants will not penetrate organic matter or caked-on dirt.

—Provide disposable boot covers (preferred) and/or disinfectant footbaths for any-

one having contact with your flock. If using a footbath, be sure to remove all droppings, mud or debris from boots and shoes using a long-handled scrub brush before stepping into the disinfectant footbath, and always keep it clean.

—Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property. Visitors should wear protective outer garments or disposable coveralls, boots, and headgear when handling birds, and shower and/or change clothes when leaving the facility.

—Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility. Before allowing vehicles, trucks, tractors, or tools and equipment, including egg flats and cases that have come in contact with birds or their droppings to exit the property, make sure they are cleaned and disinfected to prevent contaminated equip-

ment from transporting disease. Do not move or reuse items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected such as cardboard egg flats.

—Look for signs of illness. Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases.

Report suspected sick birds

To report a possible case of HPAI, call the Maryland De-

partment of Agriculture at 410-841-5810.

Commercial chicken growers and backyard flock owners can email questions about the outbreak to MD.Bird-flu@maryland.gov.

For more information on avian influenza, go to: mda.maryland.gov/Pages/AvianFlu.aspx

Vehicle thefts

(from front)

Maryland State Police also want to remind motorists that leaving any vehicle running while unattended not only increases the chances of it getting stolen, it is also illegal.

According to state law, police can issue a ticket with a \$70 fine and one point against your driving record for such violations.

Also, if the vehicle slips out of gear and causes an accident, you could be issued a ticket with a \$110 fine and three points against your driving record.

Police said simply taking a few steps greatly reduces the chance a motorist having their vehicles stolen.

Those steps include – close and lock all windows and doors when you park, park in

well-lit areas, do not leave the area while you vehicle is running, do not leave your keys or key fob in your vehicle, and always stow away your valuables.

The Maryland General Assembly created the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 1994 as a statewide planning and dedicated funding resource.

The council embraces a statewide strategy directed at public awareness, vehicle theft by juveniles, law enforcement and prosecution through a grant award process.

Efforts by the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council have led to a more than 72% reduction of vehicle thefts in Maryland over the past 28 years.

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

Hancock Assembly of God, 431 North Pennsylvania Avenue, 301-678-5313 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship service and kid’s church 11 a.m. Evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Women’s ministries first Tuesday of each month. Pastor David Luffy.

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. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Family Communion 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and adult education 5 p.m. youth fellowship. Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall. Rev. Magaret S. Brack, Priest-in-charge.

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

Buck Valley Zion Lutheran Church - Monthly church services will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Mother Marguerite Brack.

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

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

Sideling Hill Charge: Catalpa U.M. Church, Rt. 144 west of Hancock about two miles, turn left on Willow Road. Go about five miles, bear right at fork. Church about one mile on right. Sunday service 8:30 a.m.

Piney Plains U.M. Church, Exit 72 off I-68, left off exit, then right at stop sign, right on Mann Road, cross back over I-68 and then left on Faith Circle, follow to end, Little Orleans - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Barbara Suffecool.

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.

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.

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

Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 11 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 - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services 7 p.m. Pastor James Touchton.

Tri-State Community Church, 326 E. Main St., Hancock, across from CNB Bank, 301-302-6412 - 6 p.m., Saturday, Adult truth, teen thrust sixth grade and up. Children blast fifth and under. Pastor Alan Myers.

Orchard Ridge First Church of God, 13642 Orchard Ridge Road, 301-678-7267 - Sunday morning worship 9 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Kids club and youth group 6 p.m. Rev. Jeffrey Hawbaker.

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Bethel Community Church, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday night fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Rev. Joe Martin.

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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.

Love Assembly of God, 4 miles south of Berkeley Springs on Rt. 522 - Sunday praise & worship 10 a.m., children’s church and youth services 11 a.m., Tuesday family night and kid’s club 7 p.m. Pastor Dave Kidwell.

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 - Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Warren Ensor and Deacon Emmanuel 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, 717-294-3940 - 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.

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., 717-573-4581 or 814-392-3070 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Preston Monterrey.

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.

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.

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.

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Parkhead United Methodist Church, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-842-3212 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Len Horst.

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.

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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.

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Most of us have experienced times when all seemed lost, but with Christ in our lives, we can never lose hope. Just when all seemed lost, Christ rose again, giving hope to His disciples and all who believe in Him.

Weissman alludes to faith in young adult works

Elissa Brent Weissman grew up on Long Island, New York in a Jewish community and then attended Johns Hopkins College in Baltimore where she met her future husband and where she ended up teaching. She has been writing, “ever since I could pick up a pencil.”

She wrote her first novel, *The Ryland Revolt*, when she was 10 and tried to get it published but to no avail. She kept writing and is now best known for her *Nerd Camp* series which features Gabe, a probable nerd, who has the summer of his life at camp. It’s a summer filled with crazy bunkmates, a mysterious lice epidemic, a karaoke showdown, an intense Color War and a midnight journey to Dead Man’s Island.

“I always imagine that my characters are Jewish,” said Weissman who as a child attended both Hebrew school and the local public school. This comes out in small references in her books, usually in cultural situations or normal conversation. For example, in *Standing for Socks* and *The Short Seller*, the use of grandparent names, holidays or an upcoming bar mitzvah give the clues, but they are not a major part of the story. The exception is Weissman’s

"I'm secretly still 11 years old in my head."
Elissa Brent Weissman

eighth children’s book, *The Length of a String*, which follows the quest of a now 12-year-old black girl, adopted as an infant by a Baltimore Jewish family, to find her birth family.

Weissman’s books have been featured in *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *NPR’s “Here and Now,”* and more. She finally published *The Ryland Revolt* (first chapter only) when she included it in her anthology titled, *Our Story Begins*. It’s a compilation of the stories that, now famous, children’s authors and illustrators wrote and drew when they were children.

Weissman moved away from Baltimore and currently lives in Christchurch, New Zealand with her husband and their two children.

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Elissa Brent Weissman

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OBITUARY

Patsy Ann McCumbee 1952-2022

Patsy Ann McCumbee, age 70, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, December 2, 2022 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born September 13, 1952 in Oldtown, Md., she was the daughter of the late John William and Elma Virginia Brown Miller.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Berkeley Springs. Patsy was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. She had worked as a receptionist with Brentwood Industries in Martinsburg and most recently worked in deposit operations at Citizens National Bank in Berkeley Springs. She loved to shop on QVC and enjoyed baking and spending time with her grandchildren.



Patsy is survived by her husband of 50 years, Rusty Layne McCumbee, at home; her children, Stacy Lane and her husband Ronald Ross Clatterbuck, Rusty Andrew and his wife Josi McCumbee and Eric Kevin and his wife Melissa McCumbee, all of Berkeley Springs; two sisters, Sarah Sue Foltz of Hartford, N.C. and Donna Lynn Miller of Martinsburg; four brothers, Fred Miller, Dennis Miller, Edward Miller and Steve Miller, all of Berkeley Springs; six grandchildren, Chaston Clatterbuck, Caybrie Clatterbuck, Brandon Kidwell, Nick Kidwell, Steven McCumbee and Shawn McCumbee, all of Berkeley Springs; five great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Tyler Ross McCumbee, two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. where the family received friends from 4-6 p.m. Pastor Kenny Mason officiated. Interment was private.

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ACROSS

1. Chop up

5. Ones who utilize

10. Sings with closed lips

14. South American hummingbird

15. Serves as a coxswain

16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice

17. Spur

18. Senile

19. Tanzanian people

20. Cruel

22. Boxing's "GOAT"

23. Yokels

24. London soccer team

27. Chinese chess piece

30. Supervises flying

31. 007's creator

32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

35. A spider makes one

37. Liquefied natural gas

38. Opaque gem

39. Brazilian palm

40. Periodical (slang)

41. You might step on one

42. Marvin and Horsley are two

43. Partner to cheese

44. Unpleasant smell

45. Field force unit (abbr.)

46. Fashion accessory

47. Cool!

48. Time zone

49. Songs to one's lover

52. German river

55. Go bad

56. Sword

60. Very eager

61. Leaf bug

63. Italian seaport

64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle

65. Member of Jamaican religion

66. Large wading bird

67. Carries out

68. Eternal rest

69. It holds up your head-words

9. Midway between south and southeast

10. Arabic masculine name

11. Type of acid

12. Popular 1980s Cher film

13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools

21. Chinese city

23. "Star Wars" character Solo

25. The bill in a restaurant

26. Old, ugly witch

27. Burn with a hot liquid

28. To claim or demand

29. "A Doll's House" playwright

32. Involuntary muscular contraction

33. Pea stems (British)

34. Double or multiple fold

36. No longer is

37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)

38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru

40. Cloth or fabric

41. Flanks

43. Disfigure

44. Angry

46. Baltic coast peninsula

47. Large, flightless birds

49. Plants of the lily family

50. Medieval Norwegian language

51. Polio vaccine developer

52. Not soft

53. Exchange rate

54. Voice (Italian)

57. Baseball's Ruth

58. Famed guitarist Clapton

59. Take a chance

61. Wife

62. Elaborate handshake

Answers for November 30, 2022

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Holiday Event Calendar

Saturday, December 10

6:30 p.m. – Free Christmas movie. Showing of “White Christmas” at Berkeley Springs High School auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

10 a.m. – Duckwall Church of Christ is welcoming the community to hear guest speaker Dick Bartrug.

2 p.m. – Warm Springs Middle School Winter Concert. The Warm Springs Middle School Music department will present its Winter Concert in the middle school gymnasium. The concert will feature the middle school sixth grade band and the seventh/eighth grade combined band conducted by band director Ian Helmick, along with the seventh/eighth grade combined choir directed by choir teacher Lora Hetrick.

2 p.m. – Damascus Christian Church, Big Cove Tannery will have a Christmas program. Program will feature holiday musical selections from Russ and Donna Miller’s “Take Two Variety Band.” All welcome.

4 p.m. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church will be having a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Reception to follow.

6 p.m. – Word of Deliverance Church will be having a Christmas program.

Friday, December 16

6 p.m. – Berkeley Springs High School Winter Concert. The concert will feature the Berkeley Springs High School band and choir conducted by band director and music teacher Bob Myers. The concert will start at 6 p.m. in the Berkeley Springs High School auditorium with the choir’s performance. The band will perform

Saturday, December 17

10 a.m.-12 p.m. – Christmas at Cacapon at The Old Inn, pictures with Santa. Make a Christmas ornament with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and face painting.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Hancock Lions/Lioness and Hancock Lions Club will be sponsoring the annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Hancock American Legion. This event is welcome.

1:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert songs by Doug and Darinda Sherbert followed by old fashioned Christmas carolling.

6 p.m. –Live nativity at Pleasant Ridge Church of the Brethren, 2507 Pleasant Ridge Road, Needmore, Pa.

7 p.m. – Christmas with Tajci and David at the MAC Ice House Theater. Admission is free. Program is 90 minutes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

10 a.m. – Word of Deliverance Church will be having a Christmas service with communion.

Saturday, December 24

5 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship service at Catalpa United Methodist Church, 12314 Willow Road, Hancock.

7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship service at Piney Plains United Methodist Church, 12708 Faith Circle NE, Little Orleans.

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas to All!

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People Told Us...

– PUNSTER JOKED: My wife warned me not to steal the kitchen utensils. But it’s a whisk I’m willing to take.

– December’s full moon – the Cold Moon – shines tonight, December 7.

– OLD WEATHER LORE: A warm clear day in winter is a weather breeder.

– Today, December 7, is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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Mellott Tech offers area students hands-on path into specialty careers

by Kate Shunney
By the time students at Mellott Tech make it to the classroom portion of their training program every day, their hands have already been busy learning the ins and outs of a real-life job that could be theirs for the taking.

Mellott Company of Warfordsburg, Pa. is just a few months into the training effort, which is open to local high school and vocational students who qualify.

Mellott just marked their 100th year in business in 2021, and the company isn't slowing down. Their growth from a regional quarry business to an equipment supplier and leader in the aggregate industry has posed a special challenge – how to hire and train enough employees to keep up with demand for and maintenance of quarry machinery.

The company has always offered training to their new hires on the specialty work involved in building and operating hefty quarry equipment, said training supervisor Les Morris.

This year, they opened up a new pathway to attracting qualified employees – offering on-the-job and classroom training to high schoolers.

Morris, the company's new technical trainer, is spearheading the program with the help of seasoned welders, engineers and technicians.

He and other company officials have visited area high schools, hosted tours of Mellott operations in Warfordsburg, and reached out to educators to shape a nine-month training program.

Right now, eight students are part of the training program. Two are students from Berkeley Springs High School, one student comes from McConnellsburg and five students are enrolled in Southern Fulton High School. Another trainee is a full-time employee at Mellott Company who is a recent graduate.

Five of the trainees are following a Service Technician track, learning how to maintain and repair Mellott Company equipment operating at quarries and aggregate sites across the U.S.

The other four are training to be Welders/Fabricators, learning how to cut, assemble and weld custom steel structures that are built for quarries, construction operations, highway paving projects and industrial sites.

Monday through Thursday, the young men come to the Mellott Company and spend two hours doing hands-on training and two hours of academic learning. On Fridays, the students spend all four hours in hands-on work.

Morris said he and the other instructors reinforce the idea that the academic side of the training supports the students' hands-on work.

In the company classroom, students face a smartboard screen that links them to on-line classes or shows information from mentors who help train them.

Students take a schedule of courses from ToolingU – an online manufacturing training organization. They'll complete classes like Blueprint Reading, Introduction to Welding, Intro to Fluid Sys-

tems for hydraulics, Electrical Safety, Arc Flash Safety, Automation, Lifting and Moving Equipment, Basic Measurement, Rigging Inspection and Safety, and more.

A look inside real work
Willie Nutter, a 2021 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School, is taking the Service Tech training in hopes of learning the skills needed to have a job that will allow him to travel to different places.

"I like learning new things," said Nutter. "I get to be hands-on. Everybody is really nice and explains things," he said.

Nutter said unlike some classes in technical school, the training at Mellott Tech has a direct connection to a job in real time.

"This shows you what it's actually going to be in the real world," he said.

Noah Paul said he, too, likes the hands-on training that will be used right on the job.

In early November, Morris took his Tech students to a quarry in Porter, Pa. where they got to see Mellott Company machinery in use at a working mine.

Students said it was cool to see equipment in action.

"We've seen them build those," they said of the aggregate equipment.

Mentoring the next generation

Matt Sweitzer, Process Engineer for Mellott Company, has helped Morris shepherd the training program into existence. He said the company has experienced, knowledgeable employees who are great



Thousands of pounds of steel components, welded at Mellott, wait to be assembled into custom machinery for the aggregate industry.

teachers for anyone willing to learn from them.

"Young people should want to work here. These guys really know what they're doing," he said.

Pointing to a busy fabrication floor, where steel is measured, cut and assembled into units the size of small vans, Sweitzer said students learn all aspects of the Mellott operation from experts in the company.

"This stuff isn't taught in a book," he said.

Perry Schooley, welding supervisor for Mellott Company, said good workers are needed in their field. Even students who are trained as welders at tech school still have to learn how Mellott makes their custom components, how they are assembled and finished. Schooley

has been with Mellott for 11 years. He said the company needs more workers who "show up, do the job and have the capacity to learn."

Kegan Zeger, another company welder, said he got into the field because he was intrigued by welding at an early age. At Mellott, the work stays interesting, since every project is custom.

Having mentors for the trainees is an important part of the Mellott program, said Morris. Not only do the mentors share their professional knowledge, they also shepherd the young people as they learn to become employees and adults.

Trainees are taught how an interview is run, how an employee evaluation will go, and even how to plan for their financial future.

"The mentor program is an important part of that," said Morris.

At the end of nine months, students who complete the program will be offered a job at a set hourly rate, with the opportunity to raise that wage as they master more skills.

"This is something that hits on a national problem – we don't have skilled labor. We're not seeing kids banging down the door wanting to do manual labor," said Morris.

The preparation Mellott Company will give the trainees is transferable anywhere in the aggregate industry, Morris said. The young men will be able to work where they like in an industry that's going strong. It's the company's hope they'll decide to stay with Mellott as their career takes off.



Les Morris, technical trainer for Mellott Company, talks to trainees in his Mellot Tech program at the company classroom in Warfordsburg.



A finished component piece – shot blasted and painted – waits to be loaded for delivery.



Welders work in Mellott Company's fabrication area, joining steel pieces into equipment components. Trainees learn on the job under the leadership of mentors.



Mellott engineer Tyler Elbin directs a group of service tech trainees at the company's service area.



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League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Tri-State Mixed on November 21:

High scratch game: Mike’s Scrap Metal 612, Git-R-Done 495 and The Concorde 488.

High scratch series: Mike’s Scrap Metal 1,671, Git-R-Done 1,474 and The Concorde 1,372.

High scratch game men: Jamie Stoner 242, Mike Burks 234 and Bobby Farris 204. Women: Bernadean Michael 193, Deloris Stotler 182 and Gilda Blank 175.

High scratch series men: Jamie Stoner 594, Bobby Farris 540 and Mike Burks 537. Women: Deloris Stotler 530, Bernadean Michael 496 and Susie King 484.

High average men: Pete Coe 179, Jamie Stoner 176 and Mike Burks 164. Women: Deloris Stotler 156, Shirley Whittaker 151 and Sandy Bettag 147.

Standings: Mike’s Scrap Metal 22-22, Git-R-Done 18-26, Spare Me 18-26, Old Vets 11.5-32.5, The Con-

cords 18-26, Kaponites 16-28 and Team Name Here 18.5-25.5.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on November 17:

High scratch game: Mike’s Scrap Metal 549, Country Side Doodles 485 and King Pins 476.

High scratch series: Mike’s Scrap Metal 1,601, Country Side Doodles 1,385 and King Pins 1,362.

High scratch game men: Mike Burks 213, Pete Coe 209 and Bobby Farris 192. Women: Sandy Bettag 164, Susie King 160 and Debbie Wachter 159.

High scratch series men: Mike Burks 594, Bobby Farris 542 and Dick Voorhaar 533. Women: Deloris Stotler 465, Susie King 458 and Debbie Wachter 417.

High average men: Pete Coe 174, Mike Burks 170 and Dick Voorhaar 166.

Standings: Mike’s Scrap Metal 28-8, Country Side Doodles 24-12, King Pins 23-13 and Strikers 13-23.



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ANSWER: PICTURE BOOKS

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The Board reserves the right to reject all or any parts of any bid.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Hancock will conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community, economic development and housing needs to be considered for submission of an application to the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss proposed projects and to provide input on other needs to be considered. The hearing will be held at the Community Center, 126 W. High Street, Hancock, Maryland on December 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The draft application will be available for the public to review on December 8, 2022 until December 15, 2022 at 126 W. High Street, Hancock, Maryland during normal business hours.

Citizens will be furnished with information including but not limited to:

- the amount of CDBG funds available for State Fiscal Year 2023;
- the range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds; and
- the proposed projects under consideration by (Jurisdiction).

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program designed to assist governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services. It is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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1. benefit to low- and moderate-income persons and households;
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Citizens may also submit written comments to Michael Faith, Town Manager, 126 W. High St., Hancock, MD 21750.

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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Picture

SPANISH: Imagen

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ANSWER: BOOK

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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. More hair on woman 2. Scarf is a different color 3. Yellow circle on coat 4. Extra button on back person's coat

What’s the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Knife is shorter 2. Sandwich has a bite taken out of it 3. Stain on table 4. Missing bread slice

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1 p.m. - No Leaves, No Problem: All You Need is a Twig. Learn how to identify a tree in the winter time by its twig.

Friday, December 9
10 a.m. - Snowflake Crafts. Let's get ready for the holiday season and learn about a variety of snowflakes.

1-3 p.m. - Christmas Nature Crafts and Holiday Cartoons. Don't forget about the birds, they need a gift too. Make and take a bird pinecone craft.

Saturday, December 10
10-11:30 a.m. - Holiday Stationary Cards. Join local artist Tania Cowles class to create one of a kind holiday card. Class if free and for all ages. Donations welcomed.

Sunday, December 11
9:30 a.m. - Winter Birding Walk. Meet seasonal park naturalist at the lodge for a hike along the Piney Ridge Trail. Binoculars provided.

1:30 p.m. - Weed Warrior Program. Learn what non-native plants Cacapon State Park is threatened by and how you can help. Take a guided hike and help pull young shoots of the Japanese Barberry.

3:30-5 p.m. - Afternoon Activities South Lodge. Before dinner join park seasonal naturalist for weekly updates,

any park questions and games like trivia and bingo. Warm up by the fire in the lobby of the south lodge.

Monday, December 12
10 a.m. - All about Woodpeckers. Learn about their adaptations and how to identify them by sight and sound. Who is at the bird feeder?

1 p.m. - Non-Native Invasive Plant Walk. Learn how to identify the fall berries and leaves of Oriental Bittersweet and what projects the park is involved with. Help pull a few along the way.

Tuesday, December 13
10 a.m. - The CCC Boys: A West Virginia Legacy. The CCC boys left a legacy that can still be seen all over WV in the forests they planted and parks they helped to build. Thirty minute film.

10:30 a.m. - Spirit of Cacapon History Stroll. Meet at the Nature Center to take a short walk and discover how the CCC boys...the Civilian Conservation Corps left its mark on Cacapon.

Wednesday, December 14
10 a.m. - West Virginia Wildlife. Come and find out what variety of wildlife is at the park. There are many wildlife pelts you can touch. Fox, bobcat, coyote, beaver and more.

1 p.m. - Christmas Crafting with Nature. Make and take holiday ornaments using cardboard and milkweed seeds.

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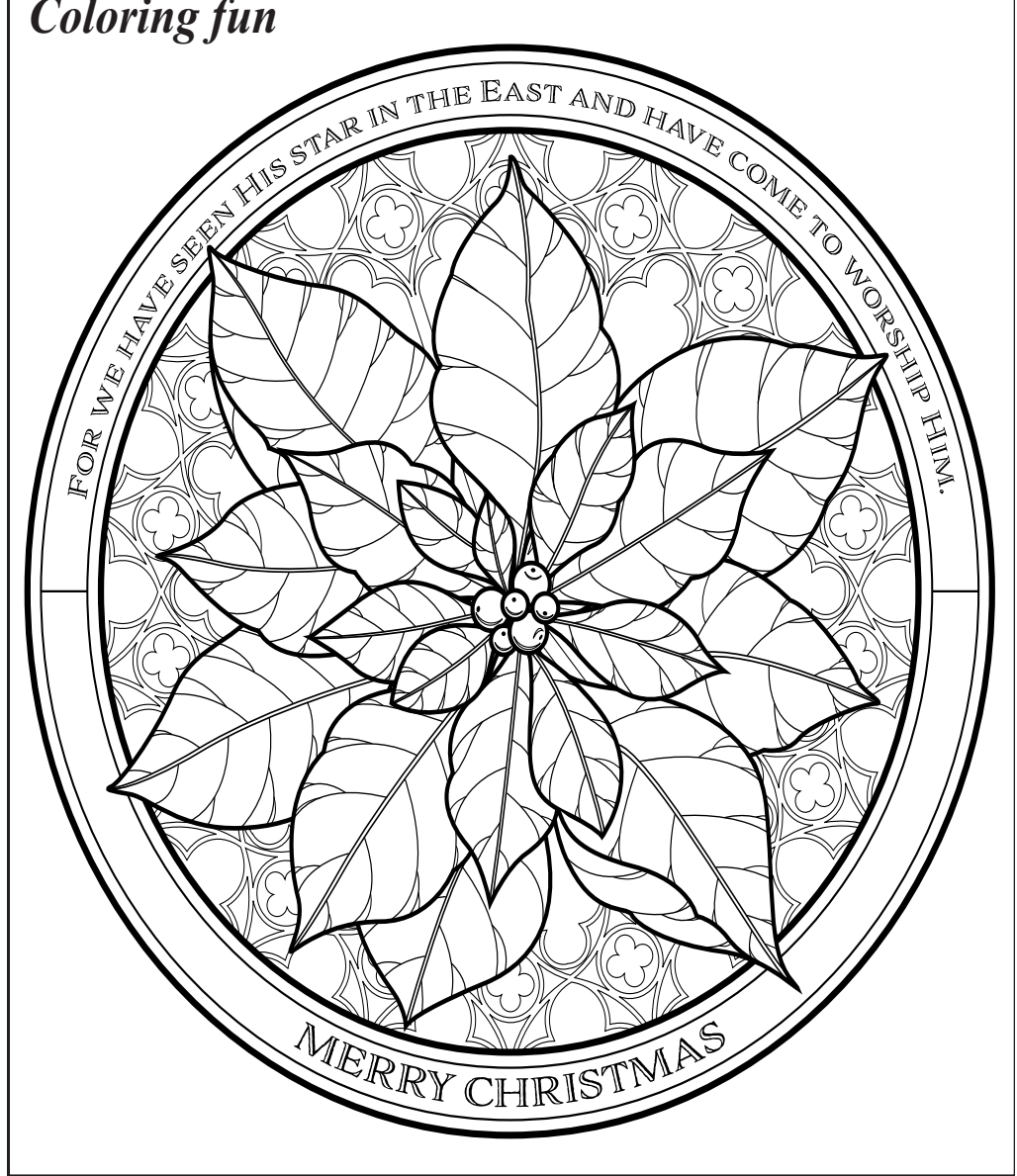
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CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

Capricorn, after a tumultuous few weeks, things in your life finally settle down. Embrace the opportunity to rest and do not take on any new projects until next year.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19

No matter how much you try to tip the odds in your favor, this week is much more about the luck of the draw. Keep a positive outlook and things may turn out in your favor.



CANCER
June 22 - July 22

Cancer, you lean toward an optimistic view on most things, but it is alright to be realistic at some points along the way, or even slightly skeptical. Balance is key.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

A companion animal in your life needs some attention, Libra. There may be some vet bills to contend with, but luckily you can handle that without much issue.



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18

Aquarius, things may not be going completely according to plan on the professional front. But at home you have gotten into a solid groove. Use this win to boost your mood.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

Taurus, if winter's chill is getting you down, you may want to plan a getaway to somewhere warmer. That may be just what you need to recharge.



LEO
July 23 - August 22

Leo, if you are feeling under the weather this week, you will have to put on a smile and push through. It is the holidays, after all. Seek as much help as others can muster.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

The activity you have been turning to provide mental stimulation just may not be cutting it any longer. Start to explore some other options and see if there may be a better fit, Scorpio.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20

There is much more to a situation than meets the eye, Pisces. Delve deeper to learn about a person's true motivation.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

The two sides of your personality are lately at odds with one another, Gemini. You have to make an important decision, so seek out a friend for advice.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

Virgo, you are on borrowed time regarding your finances. Take a careful look at your budget this week and make the tweaks necessary to stay afloat if income wanes.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

A health issue that has been getting the better of you for some time will be resolved for in the days to come, Sagittarius. It'll be birthday good news. Start celebrating.

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DEADLINE

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

Department of Health launches program to reduce suicides among Maryland service members, veterans

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) fully launched the Trained Military Assistance Provider (TMAP) Program, a new initiative to reduce suicides and increase lethal-means safety for service members and veterans.

Developed by the Maryland Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families, this training is free to all Maryland-based primary care staff. The initiative was first launched as a pilot program in 10 Maryland primary care practices.

"Maryland's service members and veterans benefit from specially targeted medical and mental health care," said MDH Secretary Dennis R. Schrader (CAPT, U.S. Navy, Retired). "With this new resource, we aim to reach providers and practices and let them know we have the information and the tools to help this population before they reach a crisis."

Maryland is home to approximately 350,000 veterans, 30,000 active duty service members and 18,000

reservists/national guard members, according to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

According to the National Library of Medicine, 45% of people who died by suicide saw their healthcare provider the month prior and 84% the year prior to their death.

"Educating doctors and nurses, as well as front desk staff and lab techs, is vital. The healthcare team can be appropriately utilized to recognize a service member in need," said Dr. Lisa Burgess, MDH Acting Deputy Secretary for the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). "It is important that we train everyone on how to recognize warning signs as well as how to have conversations about safely storing weapons, what medications the patient can access, and what protections they can put in place."

Participants are trained on mental health, suicide risk assessment and intervention. The curriculum helps providers better understand military and veteran culture, and create a safety plan in a military-culturally competent

way.

Led by Maryland's Commitment to Veterans (MCV) a division within BHA, TMAP offers three and a half hours of online training, over 10 self-paced courses on topics including: Military culture, safety planning, barriers to care, lethal means counseling and risk assessment tools.

Once completed, providers will become "Trained Military Assistance Providers" and will receive a physical and a virtual toolkit with resources, including gun locks, locking medicine bags, as well as promotional materials.

TMAP training is provided by PsychArmor, a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and preferred training provider for military cultural awareness. Their podcast, Behind the Mission, will feature an interview with MCV Director Joy Ashcraft on December 6, to discuss the TMAP program.

For more information or access the training at bit.ly/MDHTMAP.

HCC to hold fall student art exhibit & ensemble performances

The English and Humanities Division at Hagerstown Community College will host its fall student art exhibit from Thursday, December 8, through Friday, December 16, in the Kepler Center on HCC's main campus.

The exhibit will feature artwork from students enrolled

in the visual arts studio courses this fall, including two-dimensional design, drawing, painting, photography, and sculpture. The exhibit is open daily to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The opening reception will be held on Thursday, December 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the

Kepler Center. The event will feature musical performances from HCC's Guitar Ensemble and Contemporary Music Ensemble. The reception is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Margaret Yaukey, visual arts program coordinator, at 240-500-2221 or mayaukey@hagerstowncc.edu.



Passion #22, acrylic painting from HCC student Shalin Thomas.



Sprouting, photograph from HCC student Alyssa Neff.

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