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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 7/22 79/56
Sunny with northwest winds 5 to 8 mph, gusts as high as 18 mph.

Thurs. 7/23 76/56
Sunny with light northwest winds and a high around 76, low near 56.

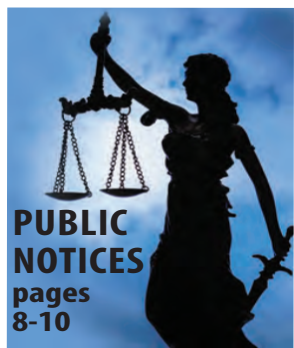
Fri. 7/24 78/61
Mostly sunny with a high near 78 and a low around 61.

Sat. 7/25 77/63
Partly sunny with a high near 77 and a low around 63.

Sun. 7/26 83/65
20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.

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Town officials stress safety for splashpad closures

by Geoff Fox

Whenever there's a storm in the area where lightning is visible or standing water is noticeable, Hancock town officials close the splashpad in Widmeyer Park.

When that happens, the town posts on their social media page to alert people about the closure. The posts appear to often trigger complaints.

Hancock Councilman David Kerns said when the splashpad is closed, there's probably a reason.

"If the splashpad gets turned off, please check your weather app," Kerns said. "It's going to tell you that, probably, there's a bad thunderstorm coming."

It's not the rain part of the storm Kerns is worried

about as people are already getting wet, it's the lightning they care about.

If town officials get lightning alerts on their phones of lightning within 15 miles, the splashpad is being turned off.

It's the rule, he said.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said he had several messages on his phone and an alert on his phone about lightning in the area.

People began "blowing up" his phone asking why the splashpad was closed.

Kerns reiterated if the splashpad is turned off, people need to check their weather apps.

"You shouldn't be there. We want you to leave," he said about the splashpad being turned off due to the

storm. "We don't want you around lightning."

Kerns pointed out the structures on the splashpad could act like lightning rods with a lot of water around during the storm.

"We're trying to do it for everybody's safety, so we just ask that you do a little diligence on your part," he said. "I'd appreciate it."

In recent posts, town officials posted that the splashpad is also closed if there is standing water, which would require a lifeguard to be on duty, which the town does not have.

The drains for the splashpad go into a holding tank, which can overflow on the pad once it is full, town officials said in a reply to a comment on the post.



Town Of Hancock, Md.

Jul 5 •

The splash pad is off due to severe thunderstorm warning and lightening in the area.

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Town Of Hancock, Md.

Jul 4 •

The splash pad is shut down for lightning in the area. It will reopen when the lightning moves out of the area.

Canadian smoke blanketed region



Smoke from Canadian wildfires reached down to the Hancock area last Friday, July 17, making it hard to breathe and causing a haziness to make entering Hancock from westbound Interstate 70 at Exit 3 a white out and making everything disappear, including Interstate 68, when looking west from the Sideling Hill overlook on National Road. The smoke coming from Quebec and Ontario in Canada is driven toward Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic by persistent northwesterly winds aloft funneling it our way.

Camp Joy returns to area for 36th year, lending hands to locals

by Geoff Fox

In 1990, members of the Hancock United Methodist Church recognized a need for helping hands for local residents, and met that need by beginning a ministry called Camp Joy.

For these last 36 years, youth groups from all over Maryland have been serving in the Appalachian region of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia by providing home repair to those who don't have the means to take on the repairs themselves.

Recipients of the help include elderly residents physically unable to do the work themselves, and/or those on a fixed or limited income.

When considering a theme for this year's Camp Joy, Pastor Becki Wessinger of the Hancock United Methodist Church said the youth on the planning team felt it was important to consider the state of the world and the need for hope.

They also noted building relationships with the home-

owners and how it brings forth hope.

With those in mind, Wessinger said the theme for this year's Camp Joy was "Building Hope... with enthusiasm."

The foundation scripture for this year is "Render service with enthusiasm, as for the Lord and not for humans..." – Ephesians 6:7.

"We are building hope through service that reflects the God we serve," Wessinger said. "We aren't looking to impress others."

This year's Camp Joy has 91 campers forming 12 work teams from six churches – Hancock United Methodist Church; Hiss UMC, Parkville; Hollywood UMC, Hollywood, Md.; St. Matthew Presbyterian, Silver Spring; Emory UMC, Street, Md.; and St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase, Md.

This year, there were 35 applications for Camp Joy to do work for homeowners in Hancock, Berkeley Springs, and Paw Paw.



Ned Flugge holds the board as Nate Kovacs saws the wood to be used for a deck at a worksite in Berkeley Springs for Camp Joy.

There are only plans to do 28 of those projects.

Wessinger said the work includes repairing and building steps, wheelchair ramps, decks and railings, painting,

replacing windows and doors, and repairing gutters.

Camp Joy is more than just repairing homes as the mission ministry provides transformative service ex-

perience for youth and their leaders.

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Bridge improvement to cause detour for Thompson Road in Fulton County

by Geoff Fox

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is alerting drivers of a planned detour of Thompson Road in Needmore that will run through October.

Beginning Monday, July 27, the contractor will be implementing a 16.2 mile detour of Thompson Road using Route 522/ Great Cove Road in Needmore to Buck Valley Road in Warfordsburg, continuing on Pigeon Cove Road/ Stillwell Road in Warfordsburg and back to Thompson Road.

That detour will be in place until October.

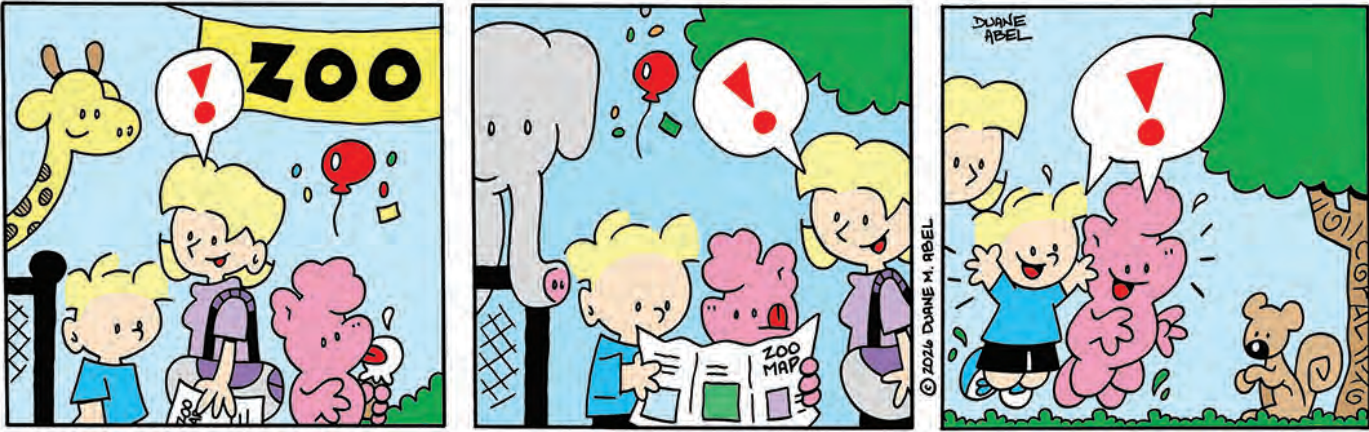
George Hann & Son, Inc. of Fort Littleton is the lead contractor for the \$834,000 bridge improvement project that includes superstructure replacement

(2-span T-beam), roadway reconstruction at the approaches, milling and paving, and guide rail replacement.

PennDOT stresses extra caution in all work zones and drivers should drive slowly, eliminate all distractions, and stay alert for direction from advanced signage and flaggers.

OPINIONS

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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
What are some ways that fashion is getting more sustainable?

—H.M., Via email

When we think of the main sources of carbon (CO₂), three main things come to mind: industry, transportation, electricity. But what many people miss is that a major contributor to global CO₂ emissions is on their very body: clothes. According to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, fashion accounts for 10% of global CO₂ emissions. While clothing remains an essential part of daily life, a growing number of innovations and initiatives are helping make the fashion industry more sustainable.

Sustainability in fashion starts from the source by implementing sustainable practices during textile production. In regular textile production, hazardous chemicals like polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) are used extensively—chemicals that can bioaccumulate in the environment and contaminate water and soil. To combat this, researchers like Professor Julia Eastoe at Bristol’s School of Chemistry have developed sustainable alternatives, replacing fluorine groups with those containing only carbon and hydrogen while still maintaining its original stain-resistance and oil-repellence qualities.

Another step for sustainability within the fashion sector is redefining the idea of a “circular economy.” At the frontlines of this movement include companies like FabScrap, which diverts textile waste from landfills by reusing and recycling fabric scraps collected from partnered clothing brands. These collected scraps are then repurposed into products like insulation and carpet padding, giving “waste” fabric a second life.

Companies aren’t alone championing a more sustainable, circular economy. As Accenture finds, 83 percent of U.S. shoppers reported increased sustainable shopping behaviors in the last 12 months, including buying from secondhand sellers like Thredup and Poshmark. Also, with clothing rental companies like Girl Meets Dress, customers can rent garments for one-time, special occasions instead of purchasing items to only gather dust in the closet. Moreover, calls to mandate microplastic filters in new washing machines are increasingly championed by organizations like A Plastic Planet and Planet Care.

Together, these innovations redefine what sustainability means in fashion, from chemicals used in textile processes to large-scale adoptions of sustainable shopping habits. Achieving total sustainability is far from over. As Elisa Tonda, Chief of the Resources and Markets Branch of the United Nations Environmental Programme, states, “We need everyone pulling together if we’re going to make the systemic change necessary to transform the fashion industry into a force for environmental good.”

CONTACTS: Five ways to reduce waste in the fashion industry, [unep.org/news-and-stories/story/five-ways-reduce-waste-fashion-industry](https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/five-ways-reduce-waste-fashion-industry); Nonprofit cuts the climate impact of fashion, one scrap at a time, yaleclimateconnections.org/2026/01/nonprofit-cuts-the-climate-impact-of-fashion-one-scrap-at-a-time/;

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ACROSS

- Listen to
- Presents
- A type of guitar
- Actor Idris
- A citizen of Iran
- Pretentiously artistic
- Harness
- Diamond weight measurement
- “Better Call ___”
- Fervent support
- Male cat
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Disposed to venture or take risks
- A way to nail
- Cool!
- Women’s ___ movement
- “Losing My Religion” rockers
- Step-shaped recess
- A princess can detect it
- Tractor-trailer
- Leslie and Leon are two
- Color at the end of the spectrum
- Lines where fabrics are sewn
- Dodgers great Her-shiser
- Floor covering
- Traveled aimlessly
- Rocker Stewart
- Body art
- Congressman (abbr.)
- No seats available
- Breaks apart
- Hand gesture
- Ballplayer’s tool
- Sword
- Baseball team
- Upper bract of floret of grass
- Italian Seaport
- Mars crater
- Tube on a shoelace
- U. of Miami mascot
- South American nation
- Video game series
- “Max ___”
- Upper body part

DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Ancient Greek personification of mercy
- Jewish calendar month
- Family of long-legged frogs
- Photo
- Delivered a speech
- Lute used in Indian music
- Decorated
- Cease to stand
- The bottom layer
- Member of a Semitic people
- Part of a ticket
- Defunct monetary unit
- Challenges
- Body part
- Tell on
- By way of
- Shady green alcove
- Egyptian city
- ___ and flowed
- Widens a hole
- Eurasian wheat
- Act incorrectly
- “Be back later”
- Al Bundy’s wife
- Ocean
- Large root eaten as a vegetable
- Units of subjective loudness
- Music genre
- A way to drench
- Popular hot beverage
- Silk-like cotton fabric
- Rumanian city
- Come back
- Vaccine developer
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- Observational comedian Bill
- Small fry
- ___ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Semi-liquid food for babies
- Consumed food



Calendar of Events JULY

Wednesday, July 22
– Free bingo and food, Hancock Senior Center, 1 p.m., age 60 plus

Saturday, July 25
– Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, July 26
– Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Monday, July 27
– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Community Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28
– 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@hancocknews.us

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of July 13-19:

July 13

Harassment, 400 block Whispering Wind Road. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious other, first block East Main Street. A subject threw a bag of trash over embankment.

July 14

Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.

Parking complaint, 100 block East Main Street. Owner moved vehicle.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

911 hang-up, first block East Main Street. Subject transported by EMS.

July 15

Disorderly conduct 100 block East Main Street. Subjects advised.

Suspicious person, Pennsylvania Avenue. Unable to locate subjects.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

July 16

Animal complaint, 200 block West Main Street. Dog in car. Vehicle gone on arrival.

Mental health disturbance 200 block Jackson Street. Subject transported to hospital.

Service to advise, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Subject given ride.

Suspicious person, Joseph Hancock Park. Subject advised.

Assault in progress, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subjects advised.

Summons service. Summons served on William Spencer Whiteside, 31, of Warfordsburg, for theft.

Check well being, Joseph Hancock Park. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

July 17

Medical emergency, 400 block North Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject advised.

Parking complaint, McKinley Drive. Checked okay.

Assault reported, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

July 18

Suspicious person, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject gone on arrival/unable to locate.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Assisted Pennsylvania State Police, Hancock area. Missing juvenile. Juvenile seen and ran when attempted to speak to.

July 19

911 hang-up, 100 block Franklin Street. Accidental.

Theft reported, 100 block East Main Street. Theft of scrap metal.

Service to standby, 100 block West High Street. Child custody.

Service to advise, 10000 block McKinley Drive. Subject advised.

Residents warned of planning and zoning email scam

Washington County Government is warning residents and businesses about a fraudulent email circulating that falsely claims to be from the Washington County Planning & Zoning Department.

The scam email notifies recipients that an "Application Review and Approval Fee" must be paid by wire transfer in order to continue processing a planning or zoning application. The email instructs recipients to reply for wire transfer instructions and to submit proof of payment.

This email is fraudulent. Washington County Government does not request application or permit payments through email using wire transfers. Residents should not respond to the email, provide personal or financial information, or send any payments.

If you receive this email:

- Do not reply to the sender.
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- Delete the email.
- If you are unsure whether

a communication from Washington County is legitimate, contact the Planning & Zoning Department directly using the official contact information available on the Washington County Government website.

County officials are aware of the scam and are taking appropriate steps to address the issue. Anyone who has already responded to the email or sent payment should immediately contact their financial institution and report the incident to law enforcement.

Washington County Government remains committed to protecting residents from fraud and encourages everyone to remain cautious of unsolicited emails requesting payment, especially those involving wire transfers or urgent payment demands.

For additional information, contact the Washington County Planning & Zoning Department at 240-313-2430.

Washington County now accepting Farm of the Year applications



The Washington County Department of Business and Economic Development announces applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 Washington County Farm of the Year award.

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tion efforts, and the use of technological advancements. Applicants may submit an application on behalf of their own farm or nominate a farm they admire for its contributions to local agriculture.

Eligible farms must be located primarily in Washington County and generate an annual gross income of at least \$2,500. All applications

must be submitted by September 11, at 11:59 p.m.

For further information or to obtain an application, please visit Farm of the Year - Washington County or contact Kelsey Keadle at 301-573-7039 or kkeadle@washco-md.net.

West Virginia snakes

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Trooper rescues biker in Rocky Gap State Park

by Geoff Fox

Maryland State Police Aviation Command performed an aerial hoist rescue for a mountain biker who had a medical issue while in Rocky Gap State Park in Cumberland on Sunday, July 19.

State Police said just after 11 a.m. this past Sunday, rescue personnel from Allegany County were dispatched to a remote area on a trail within Rocky Gap for a mountain biker who had experienced a seizure and subsequently fell.

Due to the remote location of the victim, extended extrication time, and the nature of the injuries, Maryland State Police Aviation Command was requested to perform an aerial hoist rescue.

Trooper 5, the State Police helicopter based in Cumberland, responded to the area, police said.

Local emergency medical services and rescue personnel maintained patient care on the ground and assisted in getting them ready for transport.

Once Trooper 5 was overhead, a trooper/rescue technician was lowered down to the scene into a clearing of trees where the patient was prepared for aerial extraction via an aerial rescue vest device.

The pilots of Trooper 5 hovered over the wooded area, successfully and safely hoisting the victim into the aircraft, police said.

Once the patient was inside, the flight crew transitioned directly into a medical evaluation role, transporting the victim to a local hospital for treatment for their injuries.

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Structured training activities will last no more than two hours, to allow plenty of time for questions, hands-on exploration of the space and supplies, and anything else you need to get comfortable.



This event is free and open to the public. This program is generally for adults, although teenagers 14 years and older may attend but must be accompanied by adults on all future volunteer shifts. Pre-registration is required and limited to 10 participants. For additional details and

to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/volunteer-training-animal-ambassador-caretakers-5/>. For more information, contact PVAS Staff at info@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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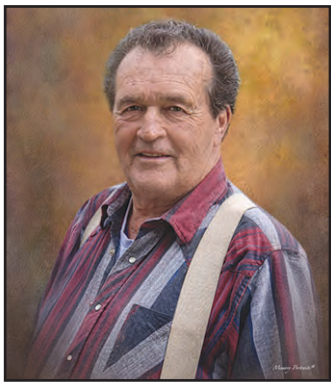
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For details, contact *The Hancock News* at 301-678-6255.

OBITUARY

Belvin Leroy Mann 1943-2026



Belvin Leroy Mann, 82, of Hancock, Md., passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Born Sunday, August 1, 1943, in Washington County, Md., he was the son of the late Espey and Margaret Roman Flowers Mann.

Belvin was a 1961 graduate of Hancock High School. He was the founder of Mann's Construction and worked for more than fifty-five years. He was a life member and former president of Tonoloway Rod and Gun Club, Hancock, Md.

He was a farmer at heart. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Belvin is survived by his loving wife of sixty-four years, Margaret Mann; two daughters, Pamela Mann of Hancock, Md., Teresa 'Joy' Mann McSparron, of Hancock, Md.; three sons Belvie 'Leroy' Mann and wife Teresa of Hancock, Md., Steven Mann and wife Annie of Williamsport, Md. and Dale Mann of Hancock, Md.; eight grandchildren, Jayme Bartles, Jennifer Otwell and husband Jacob, Maxwell Reynolds and wife Autumn, Jodie McSparron and companion Conner Lachemann, Sarah Norris and husband Brady, Ean Mann and wife Abigail, Holden Mann, and Hudson Mann; five great-grandchildren, Clayton Bartles, Jean Bartles, Maxwell Reynolds, Oaklyn Reynolds, and Wrenley Norris; and two brothers, Larry Mann and Carl 'Bob' Flowers.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by seven brothers, Albert Mann, Marvin Mann, Bruce Mann, Melvin Mann, Donald Mann, Homer Flowers and Harold Flowers; three sisters, Pauline Mann Hixon, Delores Flowers Lucas, and Shelly Jean Flowers McCusker; and one son-in-law, Joseph McSparron.

Visitation will be held at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 W. Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750, on Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 16 E. High Street, Hancock, MD 21750. Celebrant Father Jack Lombardi will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Belvin's name can be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, Hancock, Md.

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



EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What can we do to get away from hazardous agricultural fertilizers and pesticides?

—Mark Winston, New York, NY

Hazardous agricultural fertilizers and pesticides have had a long history. A previously commonplace and insidious pesticide, Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, or DDT, was determined to be an ecosystem and human life disruptor. These scientific findings, supported by public outcry through the tireless work of individuals like Rachel Carson (author of *Silent Spring*), resulted in 1972 legislation that still exists today. However, other hazardous agricultural chemicals, like Paraquat and Phorat have yet to be fully regulated, leaving gaps within the move away from these harmful pesticides and fertilizers.

Regulation doesn't necessarily mean removal of a chemical. Fifty years after DDT's banning in the U.S. and global efforts to move away from it in select anti-malaria uses, concern from historical use still remains. Effects persist for decades after the last wide-scale use—making regulation as urgent as can be.

In regulating hazardous fertilizers and pesticides, understanding the importance of agriculture is key. Agriculture has long served as the basis for the global economy, providing products that are vital to human life as well as employment. Fertilizers and pesticides are undoubtedly harmful, but they are often essential to farming operations to meet demand. Recognizing the environmental effects presented by the use of these chemicals, many farmers have moved to sustainable practices, making eco-friendly switches within their farming operations.

Dr. Jose Ramirez, an expert in entomology expounded upon the viability of eco-friendly alternatives to agricultural chemicals: "Microbial pesticides and parasitic insects offer an environmentally-friendly alternative with the potential to alleviate huge economic losses to U.S. agriculture and benefit public health." With these scientific advances, the global community has been able to continue its crack-down on hazardous agricultural chemicals without severely impeding agricultural production. Though most regulation is "patchwork," meaning that it varies from country to country, governing bodies in most nations have taken charge in regulating the most harmful substances previously used.

Looking ahead, the best way to move away from these fertilizers and pesticides is through innovation and regulation. By empowering scientific efforts to find sustainable yet equally if not more effective alternatives, the agricultural community can remain strong and eco-friendly. Regulation can be supported through similar outreach and advocacy efforts, encouraging stronger limits and rules about hazardous chemicals, specifically based on what science dictates to be safe.

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Camp Joy

(from front)
“We have first-timers and those that return to Camp Joy as leaders who participated in Camp Joy when they were a teen,” Wessinger said.

Relationships are formed with each other and the homeowners as the teams serve, stories are shared and the love of God is experienced, she added.

“We see smiles on the tired faces of the work teams and the faces of the homeowners when a project is complete knowing that they would be a little safer, a little warmer, and/or even a little drier!” Wessinger said.

Last Tuesday, July 14, a group of seven teens from St. John’s was working at a home on Crone Road in Berkeley Springs to make the deck safer.

It was their second day of working.

The team of teens learned how to properly and safely use saws to cut the wood and make sure deck components were level.

Liam Jackson was participating in his first year at Camp Joy.

He said he had a lot of

friends taking part in the camp and it’s through his church, so “it just made sense.”

Jackson said it’s been great and has been doing more construction work than he has done before.

“And we’re helping people,” he said.

On the day they were out working, it was in the heat-wave that was over the area last week.

Jackson said the kids were drinking a lot of water and taking breaks in the shade for a few minutes every hour.

His favorite part about working with Camp Joy has been knowing he can do these things.

“At school, it’s mostly mental work and learning that I’m able to do physical work,” he said.

While Jackson was the rookie of the crew, Maddy McMahon was the veteran of the group, as this was her third year participating.

McMahon said when she first started, it was because they were helping people and her church hadn’t participated in a long time, but one of the adults had in the past.

“She just described it as a really grounding experience,” McMahon said.

In her three years, McMahon said there have been a lot of skills learned like carpentry and construction, and there’s the satisfaction of connecting with people.

“It’s also a great experience for people, especially from where we live, you don’t see a lot of this type of situation,” she said. “It’s a really good eye-opening experience.”

McMahon said her favorite thing about doing Camp Joy has been at the end of the job and seeing all the new wood and being able to say “yeah, we did that.”

Even though they focus on doing the work and getting it done, McMahon said the kids also have a lot of fun with Camp Joy.

When they aren’t working on a project, the youth groups tent camp at Camp Harmison in Berkeley Springs.

Their days begin with the sun rising over the mountains and breakfast cooked and served by the ministry team.

They then gather and pray



Jim Mullkin demonstrates to the work team from Camp Joy how to properly use the saw to make sure the railing post is level when it’s cut.

before heading out their worksites.

Each evening, the work teams are fed by a different church in the region with dinners this year provided by Mt. Zion UMC in Berkeley Springs, Hancock Presbyterian Church, Hancock Assembly of God, Hancock UMC, Union Chapel in Berkeley Springs, First UMC in Berkeley Springs, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hancock, and Trinity-Asbury UMC in Berkeley Springs.

Vespers services are held each evening at God’s Open Window, a peaceful outdoor chapel that includes the kids leading spirit-filled singing, a time of prayer and devotion as well as reflection on the day, and sharing where they saw God present and working.

Vespers on Friday is held around a bonfire and all who participated in Camp Joy are invited to share how this experience has impacted them.

That evening is a time of powerful testimony to God’s transformative power and love, Wessinger said.

Camp Joy for 2027 is scheduled for July 11-17.

For more information on how you, your youth, and/or church can participate, contact Pastor Becki Wessinger at pastorbecki@hancockumc.org or by calling 301-678-6440.

Homeowner applications will be available beginning in February 2027 at the senior centers in Hancock, Berkeley Springs, Warfordsburg, and Paw Paw; Loaves and Fishes in Hancock; the Hancock Library, and Hancock United Methodist Church, Wessinger said.



The veteran and rookie. The sawdust flies as three year camper Maddy McMahon cuts the beam that will be part of the deck railing to the deck of a house in Berkeley Springs as first year camper Liam Jackson stands by ready to help.



RIGHT: Jim Mullkin and Joe Benemati show Carter Samuel the proper way to set and use the clamp that will hold the wood being cut.



Desmond Ryan digs the earth to make a setting for a stand that will hold the leg of a deck. John Tollison and Carter Samuel were helping to make sure the hole was level.

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PVAS to host program: Not just a forecast: What our region’s climate trends mean for you

Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) welcomes Peter Girard, presenter from C-Change Conversations on Monday, August 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. The program will be at Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education at Shepherd University, 213 N. King Street, Shepherdstown, W.Va. We will also be offering this program virtually on Zoom. No registration is required, admission is free, and all ages are welcome to attend.

This presentation will explore how climate change affects not only the

environment, but also human health, personal security, and economic and geopolitical stability. Drawing on local and regional examples, this program will connect global climate trends to the impacts already being experienced in our communities.

C-Change Conversations is a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to making climate discussions accessible, respectful, and productive. Using data from trusted sources and a practical, non-threatening approach, C-Change helps audiences move beyond polarization and engage thoughtfully with

both the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Through its signature Climate Primer presentation, C-Change has reached more than 25,000 people across 34 states and internationally. Tailored to the interests and concerns of this community, the presentation will provide a locally relevant, fact-based perspective and practical tools for understanding and discussing climate change.

For additional details, including the Zoom link, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/not-just-a-forecast-what-our-regions-climate-trends-mean-for-you/

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Hancock’s Meyers named FFA national ambassador

by Geoff Fox

The National FFA is looking ahead to the next school year and the teachers who will be helping bring agriculture education to life in classrooms across the country.

FFA announced 88 agriculture teachers from 37 states will serve as National Teacher Ambassadors for the upcoming school year and one of them will be at Hancock High School.

Hancock’s Bethany Meyers was selected to be one of two from Maryland to serve as an ambassador this coming school year. Emily Muller from Winter Mills High School in Westminster is the other.

Meyers said the purpose of serving as an ambassador is to share resources made by national FFA to other agriculture teachers.

“Through this role, I plan to share resources out through social media and through professional learning communities in Washington County and Maryland,” Meyers said.

She also hopes that by sharing these resources she can help lighten the load of other agriculture teachers.

Meyers said she’ll be facilitating various agriculture teacher workshops throughout the year to share information.

“It’s an amazing opportunity to help serve my state and other agriculture teachers,” she said about being named an ambassador. “I’m excited to help others and support them to help keep them teaching ag.”

National Teacher Ambassadors support more than 13,000 FFA advisors in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands during their year of service, which begins this month.

This year’s cohort includes more than 20 additional ambassadors from the previous year, adding even more opportunities to train up agriculture teachers through educational workshops and mentorship programs.

Ambassadors are also relied on for their advice on FFA educational resources.

Twelve of the ambassadors have been named Teacher Ambassador Mentors due to their previous experience in the role.

“We’ve seen tremendous growth in the Teacher Am-



Bethany Meyers with a Hancock FFA group.

bassador program over the past ten years, and that growth reflects the value these educators bring to FFA chapters and states nationwide,” said Ambra Tannery, director of educational programs in the program and events division of the National FFA Organization.

Tannery said starting with just 24 teacher ambassadors and growing to more than triple that number shows how committed teachers are to supporting students, peers, states, and strengthening agricultural education.

HCC Foundation receives grant from NACCE

The Hagerstown Community College Foundation has received a \$5,000 grant from the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) through its Everyday Entrepreneur Program, Level One: Educate. The one-year grant will support entrepreneurship education and student innovation through HCC’s David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs.

Through the grant, HCC will provide entrepreneurship programming through credit, non-credit, or bootcamp-style learning opportunities and will host a student pitch competition. The initiative is designed to help students strengthen entrepreneurial skills, develop business ideas, and gain experience presenting their concepts in a supportive, real-world setting. The grant period will continue through June 2027.

“We’re incredibly excited to bring this opportunity to our students,” said Maureen Kolb, business and culinary incubator director. “Entrepreneurship is about empowering individuals to see possibilities and act on them, and this program provides a powerful platform for students to explore their ideas, build skills, and gain confidence in a supportive environment. Through this hands-on learning and pitch competition experience, we are helping students develop ideas with the potential to



contribute to the economic vitality of our community.”

NACCE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing entrepreneurship education and fostering economic vitality through partnerships with community colleges, technical colleges, universities, and entrepreneurial ecosystem partners. Its Everyday Entrepreneur Program supports community colleges by providing resources, curriculum, and funding to help students develop entrepreneurial ideas and pursue business opportunities.

The David W. Fletcher Incubator + Labs serves as a hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, and business development at Hagerstown Community College. Through programming, mentorship, and access to resources, the incubator supports emerging entrepreneurs and strengthens connections between HCC and the regional business community.

Cacapon Resort State Park shares weekly activities

Thursday, July 23

10 a.m. - Beading. Whether it’s a friendship bracelet or a beading necklace (nature theme), we have the materials and instructions to help guide you. You can also try your hand at Yucca bush craft cordage.

1 p.m. - Nature Journaling. What do you like about nature? Sketch, paint, or write in your nature journal.

2 p.m. - Black Bear Game. Learn about black bears while playing this fun game.

2:30 p.m. - Camouflage Chameleon. Just like a chameleon, we will play 2 games that are about camouflage. In one game you are the chameleon.

Friday, July 24

1 p.m. - Blueberry & Wine Berry Picking. Let’s meet at the nature center and then we’ll drive to 2 spots to pick berries. Take your own bags/pails or use one of ours. Dress in long pants and long sleeves.

3 p.m. - WV Mammals. Fun facts for all ages. Pelts, taxidermy scat models, track models, some skulls and bones, and animal calls will help us to use our senses for this program. Followed by a make & take your own track mold craft.

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

8:30 p.m. - The Great Glow Stick Walk. Meet the naturalist outside on the North Terrace patio for this night hike on the golf course. Free glowstick bracelets, necklaces and more. Observe night sounds and evening wildlife too. Fun for all ages.

Saturday, July 25

9:30 a.m. - Fishing 101. Meet at the nature center. Grab a fishing pole and let’s head to the lake. Fishing poles & bait provided.

11 a.m. - Sassafras & Birch: Nature’s Flavor Trail. Step into the woods to find and identify these two trees. A flavorful adventure connecting nature, history and taste buds.

3:30 p.m. - All About Bats

Meet at the nature center. Bats are important to ecosystems. We’ll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.

7 p.m. - Special Snake and Reptile Program. Join snake enthusiasts and volunteer educators Rick and Nancy Debb for a presentation that will feature several live West Virginia snakes and reptiles. Program location at lodge conference room.

8:30-10 p.m. - Music Around the Campfire. Meet at the Nature Center Campfire Circle with a rain location in the nature center. Take your musical instrument or singing voice to share with others around the campfire. Just listeners are welcome too. Campfire song sing-alongs will occur too. Marshmallows and sticks will be provided.

Sunday, July 26

9-11:30 a.m. - Berkeley Springs State Park: 1. Critter Find: Use nets to catch critters found in the warm springs stream. 2. Snake Sightings: Share any recent snake sightings and we’ll do the same. See our snake models and Reptile pamphlets. 3. Beading: Whether it’s a friendship bracelet or a beading necklace, we have the materials and instructions to help guide you.

1 p.m. - Cordage. You can try your hand at cordage bush craft. We’ll use various plants for rope, string, and bracelets.

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

Monday, July 27

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

10 p.m. - Pollinator Pursuit. Join us to fill out a pollinator journal and learn more about pollinators and pollination. After, we will conduct a citizen science survey to determine what lives in the garden and what flowers they are attracted to.

1 p.m. - Stream Study. Learn about stream macroinvertebrates and how they let



us know a stream’s health. We’ll go to a nearby stream and find macroinvertebrates, tiny fish and crayfish. Wear shoes you are willing to get dirty/wet.

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

3 p.m. - Monarch Life Cycle. Game. Join us for an exciting game to discover the monarch’s life cycle.

Tuesday, July 28

10 a.m. - Woodpecker Wow. Meet at the nature center. West Virginia has a wide variety of woodpeckers with many right here in Cacapon. Join us for a talk on woodpecker facts & calls and a short walk to ID them.

1 p.m. - WV Snakes. Let’s explore venomous vs. non venomous snakes of WV. See and feel snakeskin, snake bones and replicas. We will also ID some identifying characteristics of some common snakes. Milk snakes get confused with copperheads. Can you tell the difference?

3 p.m. - Butterfly Bonanza. July and August are when most species of butterflies are present. Let’s identify and take in the beauty of common WV butterflies in our Monarch Waystation at the nature center and the pollinator field.

Wednesday, July 29

9:30 a.m. - Water Wonders. Let’s simulate the movement of water on the Earth in this interactive game of chance. Open to all ages and can be done indoors.

10 a.m. - A Lizards Life.

We’ll learn about WV lizards. If it is sunny, there’s a good chance we’ll see 1 or 2 different species around the nature center.

10:30 a.m. - Every Tree for Itself. Play this interactive game learning about what trees need and hazards trees encounter.

11 a.m. - Walking Stick Craft. Stick bugs are unique insects. Let’s learn about this insect while doing a craft.

11:30 a.m. - Migratory Games. Join us for 2 fun interactive games on migratory birds.

1 p.m. - The CCC Boys, A West Virginia Legacy. This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930’s were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests. A short guided history walk to follow the video weather permitting.

2:30 p.m. - Pollinator Pursuit. Join us to fill out a pollinator journal and learn more about pollinators and pollination. After, we will conduct a citizen science survey to determine what lives in the garden and what flowers they are attracted to.

3:30 p.m. - Butterfly Bingo. Play this fun game while learning about butterflies. Winners earn a prize.

8:45-10:15 p.m. - Full Moon Night Hike. Meet at the lodge front door area. We will walk to the upper lake for everyone and further to the North Fork cabins for those interested. See bats, the full moon and stars. Possibly hear the whippoorwill and an owl. Learn some park history. It’s the buck moon. Possibly we will see a deer. Moonrise occurs at 8:45 p.m.

PVAS to host ‘A Swift Night Out’ in Shepherdstown August 7



Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society to celebrate Chimney Swifts in Shepherdstown for “A Swift Night Out” on Friday, August 7 from 7-9 p.m. A Swift Night Out is a continent-wide effort to raise awareness about and encourage interest in Chimney Swifts and Vaux’s Swifts.

How to Participate:

- Meet us at the Chimney Swift Tower off of University Drive near Dunlop Hall on Shepherd University’s campus.
- Visit all five stations at the tower to learn about Chimney Swifts.

After visiting all the stations, you will receive a sweet Swift treat.

- After receiving your treat, either sit and watch Swifts enter the tower. Be prepared to witness a mesmerizing bird display.

This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required but is appreciated for planning purposes. (All registered participants are guaranteed a sweet treat).

For more information, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/a-swift-night-out-6/>.

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Estate No: 83681 NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE To all persons interested in the above estate: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Betty Lee Johnston, 1221 Horners Sawmill Rd., Gerrardstown, WV 25420-4277 for judicial probate of the will dated June 7, 2006 and for the appointment of a personal representative. A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on August 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills. Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills 100 W. Washington St STE 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896 Phone: (301)-739-3612 pd7-15-2th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR (OR) BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND IN THE ESTATE OF: Larry Vernon Schildtknecht

Estate No: 83561 NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE To all persons interested in the above estate: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Gary Schildtknecht, 708 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2724 for judicial probate of the will dated and for the appointment of a personal representative. A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on August 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills. Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills 100 W. Washington St STE 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896 Phone: (301)-739-3612 pd7-15-2th

Michael G. Day, ESQ. Michael G. Day & Associates, PC 10715 Downsville Pike PO Box 889 Hagerstown, MD 21740 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83665 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Janet Snyder. Notice is given that Karen Dillard, 13121 Hepplewhite Cir., Hagerstown, MD 21742-1709 was on June 26, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Janet Snyder who died on June 5, 2026 with a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th 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 26th 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: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Karen Dillard Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-8-3th

Michael G. Day, ESQ. Michael G. Day & Associates, PC 10715 Downsville Pike PO Box 889 Hagerstown, MD 21740 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83682 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Edward Kunkleman, Jr. Notice is given that Julie Lough, 10728 Connor Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-3165 was on July 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Paul Edward Kunkleman, Jr. who died on June 17, 2026 with a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Julie Lough Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-15-3th

PUR-1825 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT CAD INTERFACE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND ANNUAL LICENSING FEES DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On June 9, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement to Keystone Public Safety, Inc. of Maple Shade, NJ in the amount of \$143,588 for CAD Interface software, maintenance and annual licensing fees at the Washington County Division of Emergency Management.

This procurement is permitted under Section 1.106.2. (a)(1) & (2) of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland stating that a sole source procurement is permissible when (1) only one source exists that meets the County's requirements.

By Authority of: Brandi J. Kentner Purchasing Director 7-22-11th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83671 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Patrick James Carpegna. Notice is given that Andrew Scott Carpegna, 605 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6250 was on June 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Patrick James Carpegna who died on June 9, 2026 without a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th 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 29th 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: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Andrew Scott Carpegna Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-8-3th

Michael G. Day, ESQ. Michael G. Day & Associates, PC 10715 Downsville Pike PO Box 889 Hagerstown, MD 21740 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83682 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Edward Kunkleman, Jr. Notice is given that Julie Lough, 10728 Connor Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-3165 was on July 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Paul Edward Kunkleman, Jr. who died on June 17, 2026 with a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Julie Lough Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-15-3th

PUR-1828 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT ELECTRONIC DOOR CONTROL AND INTERCOM SYSTEM AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

On June 9, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement to Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC of Greenville, AL in the amount of \$255,000 for Electronic Door Control and Intercom System at the Washington County Detention Center.

This procurement is permitted under Section 1.106.2. (a)(1) & (2) of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland stating that a sole source procurement is permissible when (1) only one source exists that meets the County's requirements.

By Authority of: Brandi J. Kentner Purchasing Director 7-22-11th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83643 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Diane Romaine Clifford. Notice is given that Wayne Dean Clifford, 1323 W. Church St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-3502 was on June 25, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Diane Romaine Clifford who died on May 16, 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 25th 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 25th 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: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Wayne Dean Clifford Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-8-3th

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ. Robinson & Robinson 152 W. Washington Street Hagerstown, MD 21740 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83686 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ruth McNeill. Notice is given that Barbara McNeill Belz, 13410 Mercersburg Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1349 was on July 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Ruth McNeill who died on February 28, 2026 without a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Barbara McNeill Belz Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-15-3th

Donald H. Sheffy 1402 Eisenhower Avenue Unit 104 Valparaiso, IN 46383 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83698 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Cedric Scott Williams. Notice is given that Thomas J. Thomas, 2425 Northglen Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76119-2747 was on July 8, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Cedric Scott Williams who died on February 10, 2026 without a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of January, 2027. 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 8th day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Thomas J. Thomas Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-22-3th

PUR-1830 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT TWO (2) LIFEPAK35 MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR

On June 30, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement of Two (2) Life-Pak35 Monitor/Defibrillators in the amount of \$124,990 from Stryker Sales LLC of Chicago, IL.

This procurement is permitted under Section 1.106.2. (a)(1) (2) of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland stating that a sole source procurement is permissible when (1) only one source exists that meets the County's requirements and (2) The compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is the paramount consideration. Publication of this notice is in compliance with Section 1.106.2.(e)(1) & (2) (1)of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland.

By Authority of: Brandi J. Kentner Procurement Director 7-22-11th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83642 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Campbell. Notice is given that Todd Campbell, 114 W. Antietam St., PO Box 19, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on July 6, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Jane Campbell who died on June 15, 2026 with a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 6th day of January, 2027. 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 6th day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Todd Campbell Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-15-3th

Donald H. Sheffy 1402 Eisenhower Avenue Unit 104 Valparaiso, IN 46383 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83698 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Cedric Scott Williams. Notice is given that Thomas J. Thomas, 2425 Northglen Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76119-2747 was on July 8, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Cedric Scott Williams who died on February 10, 2026 without a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of January, 2027. 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 8th day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Thomas J. Thomas Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-22-3th

The Law Office of Barry A. Haberman Pallavi R. Kachoria 51 Monroe St. Ste. 1507 Rockville, MD 20850-2430 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Estate No: 83700

Notice is given that the Circuit court of Palm Beach County, Florida appointed Barnette W. Druskin, 525 S. Flagler Dr., Unit 12A, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 as the Personal Representative of the estate of Kenneth P. Druskin who died on March 21, 2026 domiciled in Florida, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for service of process is Pallavi R. Kachoria, whose address is 51 Monroe St. Suite 1507, Rockville, MD 20850.

At the time of death, the decedent owned real or leasehold property in the following Maryland counties: Washington County and Queen Anne's County.

All persons having claims against the decedent must file their claims with the Register of Wills for Washington County with a copy to the foreign personal representative 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 foreign personal representative mails or delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

Barnette W. Druskin Foreign Personal Representative Honorable Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills Washington County, MD 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-22-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 83382 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Cathy Anne Scott. Notice is given that Dana Barr, 17000 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1612 was on July 9, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Cathy Anne Scott who died on March 5, 2026 with a will. Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney. All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027. 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 9th day of January, 2027. Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates: (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills. Dana Barr Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd7-22-3th

This Week's Crossword Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83685
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marsha Ann Knicley.

Notice is given that Jordon Renee Knicley, 19018 Rock Maple Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2459 was on July 9, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Marsha Ann Knicley who died on June 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027.

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 9th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Jordon Renee Knicley
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 59998
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert D. O'Boyle, Sr.

Notice is given that Peter Weaver O'Boyle, 13010 Cathedral Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert D. O'Boyle, Sr. who died on December 13, 2006 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 13th day of January, 2027.

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 13th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Peter Weaver O'Boyle
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83707

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lorena Mae Stearns.

Notice is given that Eric Michael Stearns, 480 Red Thorn Lane, Owenton, KY 40359 was on July 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lorena Mae Stearns 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 representative or the attorney.

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Eric Michael Stearns
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83592
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Judith Ann Ruth Acard.

Notice is given that Elizabeth R. Warrenfeltz, 11709 Peacock Trl., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4450 was on July 14, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judith Ann Ruth Acard who died on April 20, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Elizabeth R. Warrenfeltz
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

Ann Marie Rotz, ESQ.
Rotz Law Offices, LLC
PO Box 4628
Hagerstown, MD 21792
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83526

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Thomas Louis Babeor.

Notice is given that Brandy Neil, 12403 Emory Ln., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1942 was on July 10, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Thomas Louis Babeor who died on January 4, 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 10th day of January, 2027.

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 10th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Brandy Neil
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
Robinson & Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 77865

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Yvonne S. Thomas AKA: Yvonne Shirley Thomas, Yvonne Jeanette Thomas.

Notice is given that Scott Forrest Thomas, 4 Oaktree Ln., Apt. E, Williamsport, MD 21795-1249 was on July 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Yvonne S. Thomas who died on April 9, 2021 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 14th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
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Scott Forrest Thomas
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 59999

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jane W. O'Boyle.

Notice is given that Peter Weaver O'Boyle, 13010 Cathedral Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jane W. O'Boyle who died on December 21, 2005 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 13th day of January, 2027.

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 13th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

Peter Weaver O'Boyle
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pd7-22-3th

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83693

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lawrence Wesley Bodine, Jr. AKA: Lawrence Bodine.

Notice is given that Aida Mercedes Bodine, 62 Madison Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-5345 was on July 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lawrence Wesley Bodine, Jr. who died on May 9, 2026 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th day of January, 2027.

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

- (1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
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Aida Mercedes Bodine
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF HANCOCK
HANCOCK, MARYLAND
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PUMP STATION and
GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT

Town of Hancock (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PUMP STATION AND
GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Hancock **Town Hall** located at **126 West High Street, Hancock, Maryland 21750** until **Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., Hancock Town Hall, 126 High Street, Hancock, Maryland.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. **This is not a mandatory pre-bid but bidders are strongly encourages to attend.**

The Project includes the following Work:

For the Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Replacement and all other work necessary to complete the project as detailed in the contract documents and specifications. The plans and specifications are intended to cover a complete project, and it shall be thoroughly understood that a failure to mention specifically any work which would naturally be required to complete the project shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to perform the work.

The Project has an expected duration of **180** days and will use the two-envelope system for the bidding process. All Bids shall remain open for **150 days.**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

RK&K, LLP
159 Plaza Drive
Keyser, WV 26726

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and** may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Digital copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be available via a link upon request from the Contractor. Should the Contractor wish to have hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, they can be obtained from the office of the Engineer, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, 159 Plaza Drive, Keyser, WV 26726, Phone (304) 788-3370, **upon a non-refundable payment of \$500.00 plus shipping charges.**

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be **examined** at the following locations:

Town of Hancock
126 West High Street
Hancock, MD 21750

Dodge Data and Analytics
2860 S State Hwy 161, Suite 160 #501
Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7361

RK&K, LLP
159 Plaza Drive
Keyser, WV 26726

Altoona Builders Exchange
1927 Union Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

Contractors Association of West Virginia
2114 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25311

Construct Connect
30 Technology Parkway, Suite 100
Norcross, GA 30092

Construction Employers Association
2611 Fairmont Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

Pennsylvania Builders Exchange
1813 N. Franklin Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

A five percent (5%) Bid Bond or certified cashier's check must accompany all Bids.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

"DOMESTIC PREFERENCE"

This Project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-580, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:

- BABAA DeMinimis;
- Small Grants;
- Minor Components.

There will be wage rates requirements for this project.

The Town of Hancock reserves the right to waive any informality in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Town of Hancock**
By: **Roland Lanehart**
Title: **Mayor**
Date: **July 22, 2026**

Project Engineer:
RK&K, LLP
159 Plaza Drive
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Many people think they're stuck with their timeshare forever—but that's often not the case. Wesley Financial Group has helped more than 50,000 families break free from unwanted timeshares, and we may be able to help you, too. If you were misled, pressured, or deceived during your purchase, you could qualify for cancellation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83683
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Thomas D. Barber.

Notice is given that Loretta A. Palmer, 10206 Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740-1480 was on July 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Thomas D. Barber who died on June 17, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

(2) Thirty days after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claims will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

Loretta A. Palmer
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83654
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Chauncey Pernell Randolph, Sr.

Notice is given that Betty Bumbray, 12406 Great Park Cir. Apt. 102, Germantown, MD 20876-5963 was on July 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Chauncey Pernell Randolph, Sr. who died on May 20, 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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(2) Thirty days after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claims will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

Betty Bumbray
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-1thn

Michael G. Day, ESQ.
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**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83653
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF John William Smith.

Notice is given that Linda L. Thomas, 15930 Broadfording Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1189 was on July 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of John William Smith who died on June 3, 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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Linda L. Thomas
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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. 83659
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Steve Allen Arnsperger.

Notice is given that Debra Palmer, 16317 Wright Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-4085 was on July 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Steve Allen Arnsperger who died on June 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 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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Debra Palmer
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83244
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF John Charles Betts.

Notice is given that Raymond Betts, 2626 Laurel Ridge Rd., Big Cove Tannery, PA 17212-9527 and Carolyn Obert, 5 Foxden Ct., Rockville, MD 20850-3401 were on July 9, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of John Charles Betts who died on November 21, 2025 with a will.

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

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

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representatives 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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Raymond Betts
Carolyn Obert
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83635
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Frances Catherine Younker.

Notice is given that Jerome Eugene Younker, 521 N. Paradise Rd., Aberdeen, MD 21001-1114 and Kimberly Lynn Fox, 21656 Kelso Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-9317 were on July 9, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Frances Catherine Younker who died on February 20, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Jerome Eugene Younker
Kimberly Lynn Fox
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Letters To The Editor
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will not be published.

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83680
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Terry Lee Moats, Sr.

Notice is given that Gidget Moats, 18622 Crestwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2752 was on July 10, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Terry Lee Moats, Sr. who died on June 22, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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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Gidget Moats
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-22-1thn

CNB FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. Announces Results For the Second Quarter

Mark D. Harrell, President/CEO of CNB Financial Services, Inc. (CNB), the parent company of CNB Bank, Inc. announced for the three months ended June 30, 2026, CNB had consolidated net income of \$2.0 million or \$5.09 per common share and \$5.60 per Class A common share as compared to \$1.3 million, or \$3.24 per common share and \$3.56 per Class A common share for the three months ended June 30, 2025. For the six months ended June 30, 2026, CNB had consolidated net income of \$3.5 million, or \$8.93 per common share and \$9.83 per Class A common share as compared to \$2.1 million, or \$5.41 per common share and \$5.95 per Class A common share for the six months ended June 30, 2025.

Capital is a key measure of a bank's financial health and CNB continues to be rated a well-capitalized financial institution by regulatory authorities. CNB's capital totaled \$50.1 million or 6.2% of total assets as of June 30, 2026.

CNB, with total assets at June 30, 2026 of \$804.4 million, has two full service offices and ATMs in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The Bank has three full-service branch offices and ATMs in Berkeley County, West Virginia. Our Berkeley County office locations are in Hedgesville, South Martinsburg and Falling Waters, West Virginia. The Bank has four full service branch offices and ATMs in Washington County, Maryland. Our Washington County office locations are in Hancock with our Hagerstown offices located at 1625 Dual Highway, 17803 Virginia Avenue and 13527 Pennsylvania Avenue.

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

Articles submitted to *The Hancock News* may be edited for clarity, style and content and to conform to the newspaper's policies and protect against libel.

EARTH TALK Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Why are Arctic rivers and streams turning orange? – Will Mortimer, Largo, FL

Over the past decade, an increasing number of orange rivers and streams have been found in Arctic Alaska's Brooks Range. These waters tend to be more acidic, turbid, and have higher concentrations of iron than their clearwater counterparts. As the Brooks Range is one of the least populated regions of North America, the typical cause of coloration of these water sources, namely excessive mining, is not probable.

More broadly, these orange rivers and streams are part of the Arctic Network, a larger regional area containing 19.3 million acres of land. In 2018, the National Park Service received reports of one of the first orange streams in the Brooks Range. By utilizing crowd-sourced observations from bush pilots, wilderness guides, other scientists, and rural and Indigenous communities, they found that over 75 streams had become orange in the Arctic Network. The findings of such an extensive number of orange rivers and streams led to growing research into the cause of the issue.

After extensive research using what scientists call the Redness Index, researchers determined that the coloration of the rivers and streams was caused by the thawing of permafrost, which is ground that has remained frozen for extended periods of time, due to global warming. As a result, water and oxygen are able to easily enter the soil, breaking down sulfide-rich rocks to create excessive amounts of sulfuric acid that leaches naturally occurring metals into water sources. In particular, researchers found that oxidized iron was what turned the river streams, not oxidized iron, nickel, zinc, cadmium or copper.

The most obvious effect of orange streams and lakes is the lack of habitat for subsistence fish, such as Dolly Varden, chum salmon and whitefish. In addition, the change in color of these water sources also reduces the amount of light that reaches the bottom, lowering insect larvae numbers. As fewer fish and insects are available, there is an increased amount of stress placed on organisms directly above and below in food chains. Another potential impact of orange streams and lakes are the contamination of drinking sources in the surrounding areas, as there are higher levels of dangerous chemicals.

"There's no fixing [permafrost melting] once it starts...It's another irreversible shift driven by a warming planet," reports Timothy Lyons, a biogeochemistry researcher at the University of California, Riverside. But ordinary people can help by changing small, everyday actions to protect the planet. From using more eco-friendly transportation options to conserving electricity, people can take on multiple approaches to reducing global warming to eliminate the root of the issue.

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It is important to be direct with others about your limits, Capricorn. Identifying what you are willing to do and what you are not can help you and others to achieve your collective goals.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
A shift in your perspective this week helps everything make more sense to you, Aquarius. You may feel tension, but take a moment to think before responding to others.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You may be pulled to either avoid a topic or resolve it quickly, Pisces. Progress builds when you stay present and define what's actually beneficial.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
How you respond to a situation matters more than how quickly you react, Aries. Interactions with others will feel more charged than expected, but will be effective.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Slow down so you can see what actually matters right now. You may feel slightly off if you move too quickly; give yourself time to respond to those seeking your help.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You may want to say yes to something quickly, Gemini, without giving it ample time for consideration. Do not jump into things without careful reflection.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
What you prioritize this week will shape how stable you feel. Focus on those things that matter to you the most and give them your full attention.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, when your messages are clear and direct, others will understand you more easily and this will keep discussions moving forward. Clarity comes from simplicity.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you may feel a pull between staying comfortable and going deeper into something that has been on your mind, Virgo. When you stay grounded, your decisions will be easier.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Tell others what you need without conforming to what you think they want you to be. You may feel pulled between your needs and theirs. Stay clear about what works for you.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Set clear boundaries around your time this week, Scorpio. Your work will be consistent and controlled. This is how to find success.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Plans will move better this week when you keep them simple and flexible. Progress will build when you have a clear and manageable plan.

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Friday's performance brings local band Rusted Blue to the stage. Fronted by Berkeley Springs' own Michael Gregg, Rusted Blue is a five-piece band blending blues, classic rock, and '90s alternative with original songs. They bring energy, talent, and a love of live music to every performance.

Saturday's performance features the Eric Byrd Trio, an award-winning jazz ensemble led by pianist Eric Byrd. Known for their dynamic interpretations of jazz standards, original compositions, and soulful improvisation, the trio delivers an engaging performance that appeals to both dedicated jazz fans and first-time listeners.

We recommend taking lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating. This program is presented



Rusted Blue



Eric Byrd Trio

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Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg, W.Va., Tuesday, August 4 from 4-6:30 p.m., Monday, August 10 from 8-10:30 a.m. and Thursday, August 27 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Road, Hedgesville, W.Va., Tuesday, August 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Friday, August 28 from 8-10:30 a.m. Eidolon Nature Preserve,



Monday, August 3 from 8-10:30 a.m.

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