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Hancock at a Glance

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday, July 30, from 12-5 p.m. at Presbyterian Faith Center in Warfordsburg.

Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted when there is a lull between appointments.

Weather

Wed. 7/29 78/63
20% chance of showers and thunderstorms, northwest winds.

Thurs. 7/30 79/62
Mostly sunny with northwest winds up to 10 mph, gusts 22 mph.

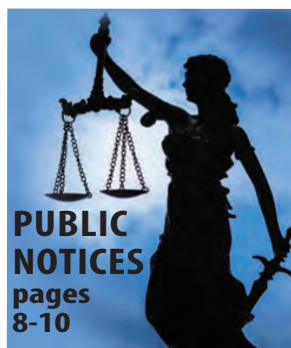
Fri. 7/31 82/63
Sunny with a high around 82 and a low near 63.

Sat. 8/1 83/66
30% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

Sun. 8/2 83/66
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.

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National Night Out will light up Widmeyer Park August 4

by Geoff Fox

Widmeyer Park will be the place to be in Hancock next Tuesday, August 4, as the Town of Hancock and Hancock Police Department have National Night Out.

There will be information tables from various organizations and businesses, bounce inflatables and games from Joint Training Commission for the kids, free hot dogs at the Lions

Pavilion, fireworks, and the splash pad being open.

Take Two will also be performing music throughout the night.

At dark, the fireworks will be set off from the flag football field to end the night.

First responders will also have their vehicles at National Night Out.

The event is free and starts at 6 p.m.



National Park Service plans to use machinery to clear canal plants

by Geoff Fox

Early last month, the National Park Service brought a machine to clear the growth from the C&O Canal in Hancock, but the project wasn't finished and the Park Service is now awaiting a new machine, called a Weedoo, to resume clearing out canal vegetation.

Former Mayor and Hancock Historical Society President Dan Murphy had been given permission in May to talk to the National Park Service on behalf of the town to get the canal cleared out.

It was his effort that got the original machine here last month.

Murphy told town officials during the July town meeting he was told the Weedoo weren't built to take care of the project Hancock was asking as it wasn't heavy enough.

In the time since Weedoo was here in June, the canal has once again grown over and the water is not visible.

"It's pretty in its own right, but it's not historic and it's not what we want," Murphy said.

Murphy said the National Park Service is going to bring an aqua harvester from Georgetown to take care of the growth in the canal.

The machine must be put into the canal via a crane because of limited access to the canal, but in Hancock, it can be backed into the canal around Pennsylvania Ave-



Early last month, the National Park Service began clearing out the growth from the C&O Canal basin in Hancock. Work should resume soon with a new machine, said town officials.

nue and the C&O Bicycle Shop.

"Hopefully the aqua harvester will be coming to Hancock to clean the way it should have been cleaned by the Weedoo that died in Hancock," Murphy said.

At the June meeting, town officials had mentioned about the National Park Service putting sterile grass carps in the canal basin to help with the growth in there.

At the time, officials said the use of the grass carps was illegal in the state of Maryland because there's a chance they could get into

the Potomac River and eat the grass in the river.

Murphy said he brought this up during his recent conversation with the National Park Service.

He said his contact agreed about it being illegal because they are an invasive species and would reproduce and invade the area.

When told about the sterile carps, Murphy said the contact got excited and is researching that option for the canal after the clearing.

It's unclear whether the Park Service or the town would supply the fish.

Murphy did add the National Park Service is not comfortable using chemicals to help with the vegetation.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said he watched videos online about the carps after the June meeting and saw one where a pond was overgrown to the point you couldn't cast a fishing line because of the overgrowth but after a couple months with the carps, there wasn't a blade of grass on the pond.

Murphy said he's still working on the project, but he's unsure when the aqua harvester is coming to Hancock.

Humane Society says disease, not poison likely to blame for cat deaths

by Geoff Fox

Two weeks after close to 20 cats died in Hancock from unknown causes, Washington County Humane Society investigators have made their findings in what was to blame for the feline fatalities.

In a phone call to the Washington County Humane Society Field Services on Friday, July 24, *The Hancock News* was told there were no signs of poisoning of the cats in the areas of Jackson Street, Washington Street and Virginia Avenue.

The organization said the deaths were an isolated incident in an isolated area.

It is in their thinking that a cat illness caused the cluster of deaths instead of poisoning.

Since those initial calls, there haven't been any calls from Hancock residents regarding cat illnesses, the Humane Society said.

Hancock woman charged with drug possession

Pennsylvania State police are charging a Hancock woman with drug possession after a traffic stop along Great Cove Road earlier this month.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, a trooper from the Pennsylvania State Police McConnellsburg barrack conducted a traffic stop in the 20900 block of Great Cove Road in McConnellsburg on July 8, just after 11 p.m.

Police said the driver, 25-year-old Hannah Hogbin, of Hancock, was found to be in possession of drugs and other related paraphernalia.

Charges were filed through district court and Judge David A. Washbaugh.

Big Pool house destroyed by fire last Wednesday

A fire last Wednesday morning did \$150,000 in damage to a house in Big Pool.

According to the Maryland State Fire Marshal, fire crews received the call at 11:07 a.m. last Wednesday morning, July 22, and responded to the house at 10049 National Pike in Big Pool for a structure fire.

A passerby noticed the fire and called first responders.

The Fire Marshal said the

fire was accidental and started in the ceiling of a bedroom.

It's unknown if a smoke alarm was in use, but no one was injured in the fire.

Fire officials said no one was displaced due to the fire.

Clear Spring was the primary responding fire department, however Hancock Fire Department responded as well.

It took 63 firefighters 20 minutes to get the fire under control.



RIGHT: An accidental fire at this Big Pool house took fire fighters 20 minutes to contain and caused an estimated \$150,000 in damage. Photo by the State Fire Marshal's Office.



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OPINIONS

Editorial

Time for us to get paid for our data

People are increasingly creeped out by the information their tech devices know about them – their location, medications, what they shopped for, items they mentioned in their living room. I talk to my mom about staining my deck and now my phone is telling me the best place to buy paint thinner. It’s disturbing.

While tech apps continue to ask “permission” to track our location or use our online search habits to “customize your experience,” the reality is that many programs and apps won’t operate as they’re advertised if those permissions are turned off or curtailed. The default setting seems for these apps and devices to collect ALL the data and leave us to comb through settings to adjust privacy protections.

Have you ever taken time to do that for every single app or program on your device? It’s complicated and seems to revert to “factory setting” when the device or app updates itself. Even the most diligent person can’t reasonably keep up. Tech writers estimate the average person has 35 to 70 apps on their phone. It’s not realistic to think even the techy-iest person is monitoring how each of those programs is collecting and sharing their data.

Why does it matter? Data collection and the sale of our information is BIG BUSINESS. And it’s the reason for data centers.

According to an analysis published in 2025, for tech users in the United States and Canada, Google and Facebook make a revenue of roughly \$200 per user per year by selling our user habits to advertisers so they can sell things to us.

The authors of this analysis estimate that the yearly value of American users’ data is more than \$700.

Anyone who has placed an ad on Facebook knows how this works – a business wants their post in front of the right demographic. Meta knows where those people are and places the ad for a fee in feeds based on where the user lives, their age, their interests and even income levels. Every time we use Facebook and Google, we’re telling those companies that information. They, in turn, sell it to advertisers and data brokers.

What do we get? More ads.

It’s long past time for tech users to be paid for the data we are supplying to these companies in our daily use of devices.

Every month, every device user in America should get paid at least \$50 automatically. Every time I download an app on my phone, give me \$5.

If we calculated the amount of personal data that has been harvested from each of us and sold around the globe, we’d each be demanding a much larger payment. One that tech companies might actually feel.

Data harvesting and brokering has made companies billions upon billions of dollars. Google reported in 2024 alone that they had \$264.6 billion in ad revenue that year. In one year.

There are platforms that promise they can provide protection for your data as you use tech programs and devices. We think that should be the case for ALL tech tools as the default. Until that time comes, each and every one of us deserves to be paid for the data that’s harvested from us without our explicit consent and sold for a profit we never see. We challenge our representatives to push for that while we start demanding a cut of this billion-dollar industry built on us.



Calendar of Events

AUGUST

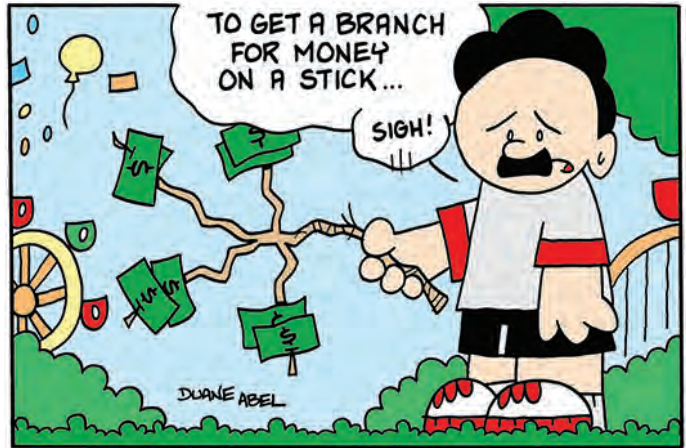
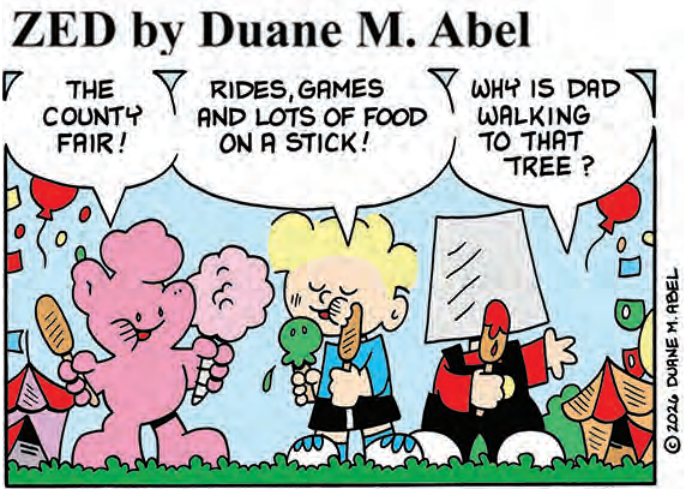
Saturday, August 1
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

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

Tuesday, August 4
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Hancock
American Legion,
12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?
To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
Have we already begun to see a significant sea level rise as a result of climate change?

— Martin Smith, Detroit, MI

According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), sea levels have been relatively well-documented throughout the course of human history, making the recent sea level rise particularly noticeable. Since 1880, the global average sea level has risen by around eight to nine inches. According to the NOAA, sea level rise may be caused by factors such as “ground settling, upstream flood control, erosion [and] regional ocean currents” on a more regional level.

On a world-wide scale, global warming due to extensive human emissions of greenhouse gases has led to the atmosphere increasingly trapping heat, and warming the ocean. As seawater gets warmer, it expands, increasing the sea level. Similarly, per SeaLevelRise.org, glaciers and ice sheets melt rapidly when faced by warmer seawater, which intensifies the rate of sea level rise. In a CNN interview, Benjamin Hamlington, a scientist in the Sea Level & Ice Group at NASA stated, “It’s like we’re putting our foot on the gas pedal,” regarding the rate of sea level rise due to global warming. While natural climate cycles contribute to sea level rise, it is exacerbated by human action.

However, sea level has consistently fluctuated with the Earth’s climate cycles, rising during warm periods and sinking during cool ones. With the definitive global increase in sea level, and the accelerated rate at which it is occurring, its clear that climate change and its human-driven exacerbation are at least partially responsible for sea level rise. Greenland’s and the Antarctic ice sheets are particularly concerning with regard to the animals there. Polar bears rely on sea ice for hunting, mating and resting. The glacial loss that contributes to sea level rise has resounding impacts for biodiversity across Earth. Further, it is likely that the global sea level will continue to rise in the coming decades, with scientific assessments projecting roughly another six to seven inches in growth of the global average sea level by 2050. This rapid sea level rise would likely lead to more high-tide flooding, storm surges, and pressure on coastal ecosystems.

Yet, sea level rise is not yet a catastrophe. Collective action can still significantly limit long-term damage. By cutting emissions through a rapid transition to clean energy, increased efficiency, and protecting valuable ecosystems, we can slow warming and its impacts. In this time coastal communities can expand their resources and infrastructure, planning for the slow sea level rise coinciding with the Earth’s natural climate cycles. To help support these efforts, advocate for reduced emissions in your own community, and coastal communities near you. Supporting communities already impacted by sea level rise can help ameliorate the impacts of the rapidly changing climate, reducing their burden.

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ACROSS

- Egyptian bull god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Santa’s helper
- Fictional Pink Floyd corporal
- Sea eagle genus
- Broad volcanic crater
- Minneapolis suburb
- Actual commercial worth (abbr.)
- Exchange rate
- Ethnic peoples in Guinea
- Men’s fashion accessory
- Craft material
- Offerings
- Early
- Large room
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- One who hauls
- Shorthand for accepting
- Promotional materials
- Loss of memory
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake
- White clerical vestment
- Partner to “oohed”
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Owl monkey genus
- Lace bug genus
- Mild expression of surprise
- Storage devices
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake
- One-time Korean president

DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky, lizard
- Rumanian river
- Missive
- Stout-bodied moths
- Brings out
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- African antelope
- Three are particularly famous
- Satisfy
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Portion of (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape or wear away by friction
- Popular vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Brazilian state capital
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN host Kimes
- One who mooseys
- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary in Orthodox churches
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave
- UNC’s chief rival
- Midway between south and southeast

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of July 20-26:

July 20

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block Fulton Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, West High Street area. Check of subjects and moved them on.

Theft reported, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Shoes stolen, report to follow.

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

July 21

Alarm, 200 block East Main Street. Accidental.

Juvenile offense, 100 block Fulton Street. Unable to locate, gone on arrival.

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

July 22

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

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

July 23

911 hang-up, first block Funk Avenue. Unfounded.

Fraud, 400 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Information taken.

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

July 24

Check well-being, 100 block East Main Street. Medical transport by EMS.

Service to advise, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject advised.

Animal complaint, first block Brent Street. Dog returned to owner.

July 25

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

July 26

911 hang-up, first block Fleming Court. Unfounded.

911 hang-up, 200 block Park Drive. Snake in parking lot. Snake gone on arrival.

Two local men arrested as police attempt to serve warrant

Police arrived at a residence on Fairbee Lane in Berkeley Springs attempting to serve a warrant on Sunday, July 26 around noon.

The wanted man, Dallas D. Carpenter, was not at the residence at the time.

However, officers spotted a maroon pickup truck consistent with one Carpenter is known to operate pull into a driveway on Fairbee Lane, according to a criminal complaint filed in Morgan County Magistrate Court by Deputy K. Yoder with Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

The driver of the pickup, identified as Michael J. Burton, 50, of Warfordsburg, parked the truck and walked into a wooded area, according to the criminal complaint.

A passenger in the pickup, identified as Julian J. Burton, 43, of Hancock, told police the driver's name was "Tom Mitchell," according to a criminal complaint filed in Morgan County Magistrate Court by West Virginia State Trooper Short.

Michael Burton was located in the woods by Trooper Short. His license was revoked for DUI in 2006, and he has previous convictions

for driving while his license was revoked in 2009 and 2011. He is also wanted by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole for parole violations with full extradition, according to the criminal complaint.

Julian Burton was arrested and charged with false information. He is incarcerated at Eastern Regional Jail on a \$3,500 bond.

Michael Burton was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked for DUI, third offense. He is incarcerated at Eastern Regional Jail on a \$20,000 bond.

Free movie Thursdays

The Star Community Centers presents The Big Trail (1930) on Thursday, July 30 at 7 p.m. at the Star Theatre, located at 49 North Washington Street in Berkeley Springs.

This movie is the first time the big studios took a swing on old Duke. The movie is John Wayne's first leading role.

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McConnellsburg man charged with sexual abuse of a child

The Pennsylvania State Police Southwest Computer Crime Task Force (SWCCU) is actively investigating an alleged crime of sexual abuse of a minor child through communication devices and obscene materials.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, on Thursday, July 23, the SWCCU executed a search warrant on a residence located at 155 Wright Road in McConnellsburg.

The investigation was based on four National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tipline reports from Instagram regarding the possession and dissemination of child sexual abuse material.

In addition to the investigation, the suspect, Trey Ramsey, 32, of McConnellsburg, was a suspect in an investigation from the Nassau County Police Department in Beth-

page, N.Y., for communicating with a 10-year-old female.

Nassau County related the full details of their investigation to the SWCCU, police said.

Ramsey was placed into custody and charges were filed.

Police said Ramsey was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Devin C. Horne and bail set at \$100,000.

According to online court documents, Ramsey is facing 10 counts of sexual abuse of children – dissemination of child sex acts, 10 counts sexual abuse of children – child sexual abuse material, one count of unlawful contact with a minor – obscene and other sexual materials and performances, and one count criminal use of communication facility.

Pickling workshop set for Aug. 13

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a free pickling workshop next month at the church.

The workshop will be Thursday, August 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church located at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock.

Attendees will learn how to make dill pickles, bread and

butter pickles, relish, pickled beets, pickled mixed vegetables and sauerkraut.

Organizers ask those attending to take a one-gallon jug with them to the workshop. All other supplies will be provided for free.

To RSVP, contact Jennie by texting 814-617-0914.

Axon police equipment in hand, not functional yet

by Geoff Fox

Town officials last month gave the Hancock Police Department the green light to purchase new body cameras, vehicle cameras, and tasers from Axon.

Those pieces of equipment are in the hands of the police department, but they aren't functional yet.

Sgt. Shawn Faith told town officials they wouldn't be 100% functional until mid-September.

He said he notified both the Washington County Sheriff's Department and Hagerstown Police Department who told him it's common for Axon to take that long to get equipment online.

This is due to the company having to book people to fly to Hancock or subcontract it out to get it ready.

"The quicker they can get it done for you, all the better," Mayor Roland Lanehart said.

In the new cameras, officers will have a translation app that can translate 50 languages to assist in stops where the person doesn't speak English as a first language.

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

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

Proceeds from the Red-Speed cameras by the high school and elementary school will pay for the contract.

To get the cost where it is, the town is piggybacking off the contract Maryland State Police has with Axon.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 a.m. – Open Horse Show Sponsored by Laramie Clark Booth Realty One Group Golden Key and Clark Farms Quarter Horses
12:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Enter Fair Exhibits
5:30 p.m. – Vesper Services w/Pastor Joe Myers, Beaverton Church of God
Special Music by Jan Fraker and friends
7:00 p.m. Fulton County Fair Queen Contest
Sponsored by Paul and Susie Schmidt
FREE ADMISSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

♦WEST CENTRAL EQUIPMENT ♦
♦ARMED FORCES DAY ♦
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Enter Baked Good Exhibits Only
6:00 p.m. – 4-Wheeler Rodeo followed by Tough Wheel Competition
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by Chad Laughlin Music
9:30 p.m. – Baked Goods Sale - (Exhibit Building No. 1A)
Proceeds to benefit Senior Citizen's Pavilion or other Designated Event
All Veterans and Active Military – FREE REGULAR GATE ADMISSION
Sponsored Regular Gate Admission by Sideling Hill Stables – Bryan & De Yingling

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

♦HERBRUCK'S BLUE SPRING CHICKEN FARMS ♦
12:00 - 10:00 p.m. – FAMILY DAY!
1:00 p.m. – Pedal Tractor Pulls
Sponsored by McConnellsburg Motor & Implement
4:30 - 6 p.m. – Children's Craft "Willy the Wooly Worm", located in red building
Sponsored by Penn State Master Gardeners of Fulton County
6:00 p.m. – Little Miss Princess Contest Sponsored by Stone Hollow Farms
7:00 p.m. – 4x4 Pickup and Semi-Truck Pull
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by "Cody Will"
8:30 p.m. – Four Bike Giveaways & two scooters
Sponsored by McConnellsburg Vol. Fire Co.
Rides start at 2:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

♦COMMUNITY STATE BANK DAY ♦
7:00 p.m. – Antique Tractor Pulls
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by "Out of Line" Band

Gates open at 5 p.m. - \$7 admission, \$10 admission w/rides, Ages two and under free (rides not included)
Tuesday gates open at 12 p.m., Children 12 and under ride all day for \$7.00 – Rides start at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG 6

♦F&M TRUST AND UPWARD BROADBAND DAY ♦
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. – SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY!
Free Admission to Senior Citizens Age 65 and older, Free Bingo
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by "River Lee" Band
7:00 p.m. – Tractors (gas & diesel) Pulls

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

♦PHANTOM FIREWORKS DAY ♦
7:00 p.m. – ATV Dirt Drag Races
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by "Zac Grace" Band
9:30 p.m. Fireworks Sponsored by Phantom Fireworks

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

♦JLG INDUSTRIES DAY ♦
7:00 p.m. – Truck Dirt Drags
7:00 p.m. – Live Music by "Chris Woodward & Shindiggin' Band"

Free Flatscreen TV Giveaway!

Each Night- Monday thru Saturday at 10 p.m.

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Learning to Spiritually See...People I’ve Met Recently

I met Kyle & Juliet, and Bella, their daughter this past Sunday: they are seeking God and a church and asked many questions & expressed interest in becoming members of our Catholic Church... “Seek ye first the Kingdom” (Mt. 6:33).

Sr. Mary in Monrovia, Liberia. I asked her how she does minister to all the suffering, men and boys off the streets; the single young ladies with children, the handicapped and infirm, the poor, day after day--how does she “keep doing it”?

“It’s all God. He’s the One doing it all. He’s helping us. When we see someone successful we are happy. When they don’t succeed -it is sad.” ... Keep doing good. (Gal. 6:9)

Muhammad : I lost my phone at Brussel’s (Belgium) airport coming back home from West Africa. He helped me — as I urged him several times (he did have job to do other than help me!) but he got me thru the airport checkpoints and eventually to the Right Place, and they located my phone!...Seeming angels (messengers) appear at varied, needy times of our lives.

Young lady at Sheetz -she got out of the car just to greet us, me and Bella, my yellow Labrador: “I used to live by you on Church St., and remember her as a puppy — she’s so sweet...” she said with radiant smiles... Dogs are messengers too!

Jack at Bill’s Place, Little Orleans – talking at the bar, he gave me a \$100 donation for our church, cold cash...Spontaneous sacrifice.

Dave and crew at local pharmacy: They give Bella (see above) as we visit, a dog biscuit just about daily...Thanks for feeding the animals.

Jack –he’s a dad and has come from Arizona to help his daughter here—and son-in-law —bring their new baby into the world...Sacrifice is life.

“Let your light shine before others” (Mt. 5:16).

Fr. Jack Lombardi is Pastor of St. Peter-St. Patrick Catholic Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Piney Plains U.M. Church, Exit 72 off I-68, left off exit, then right at stop sign, right on Mann Road, cross back over I-68 and then left on Faith Circle, follow to end, Little Orleans, 717-658-3906 - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Jean Squires.

Hancock United Methodist Church, 170 West Main Street, Hancock, 301-678-6440 - Sunday School all ages 8:30 a.m. Worship service 9:30 a.m. Pastor Becki Wessinger.

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

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 10 a.m.

Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 10 a.m. Senior soup and sandwich first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Church Social Room. Pastor Terry Martin-Minnich.

Grace Christian Fellowship, 130 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hancock, 301-678-6036 - Sunday services: Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting. Rev. Edward Guyer.

Hancock Church of God, 7528 Millstone Road, 301-678-5390 - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Wednesday evening services 6:30 p.m. Pastor James Touchton.

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

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

1ST Evangelical Methodist Church, 11510 Price Road, Little Orleans, 240-609-6770 - Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible study 7 p.m. Darhl Trail, Jr.

Bethel Community Church, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Rev. Gary Quackenbos.

Berkeley Baptist Church, 300 Winchester Grade Road, 304-258-4101 - Wednesday prayer and study 6:30 p.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m. Food pantry distribution site call for more info. Pastor Joey N. Giles, Jr.

Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-2212 - Sunday school and life groups 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Monday 8:45 a.m. ladies Bible study. Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Awana for children. Pastor Doug Poffenberger.

Hope Community Church, 31 Buzzard Acres Lane, Berkeley Springs - Sunday service at 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m., Kids Ministry infant-fifth grade, Youth Ministry Sunday nights 6 p.m. Pastors Skip Euler.

Gospel Light Tabernacle, 21 Gospel Lane on Williams Street, Berkeley Springs - Sunday school and worship/children’s church 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Shane Boyer.

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, 14464 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-678-5340 or 717-294-6494. Bible study, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Second Friday of each month prayer service 6 p.m. Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Emmanuel Ensor and Deacon Shadrach Ensor.

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Robert Burton.

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church 12517 St. Patrick Road, SE, Little Orleans, 301-678-6339 - Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Rev. John Lombardi.

Needmore Full Gospel, six miles north of Hancock on Rt. 655, 717-294-3100 - Regular services: Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Evangelistic service 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. Rev. John Lewis.

Cedar Grove Christian Church, Rt. 522 at 643 near Dott, Pa. - Sunday school 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:30 a.m. Timothy B. Close.

Chapel of Praise - 14457 Buck Valley Road, Warfordsburg, Pa., 717-294-3184 - Worship services: Sunday morning 10 a.m. Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. Pastors Jack and Lola Hiles.

Whips Cove Church, Rt. 643, three miles east of Town Hill, Exit Rt. 156, 717-294-3229 - Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

Faith Assembly of God Church, Amaranth, Pa. - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday CA service 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Delmas F. Bard.

Buck Valley Christian Church, 717-375-5881 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:20 a.m. Primary church and junior church are held 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bill Croteau, Jr.

New Testament Church, Buck Valley, Pa., Warfordsburg exit on 484 west, six miles on right - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pastor R. Bobby Layman.

Damascus Christian Church, 717 Big Cove Tannery Road, BCT, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 a.m.

Bethel Independent Church, Sleepy Creek - Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday worship 7 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study 7:30 p.m.

Amaranth Church of the Brethren, Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday kids program 6 p.m. Pastor Michael Lida.

Calvary Bible Church, 2065 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, just south of Dairy Queen on top of hill, 304-258-1099 or 304-579-9389 - Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor B.J. Worley.

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 205-492-9989 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Murvin Camatchee.

Oasis Community Church, 1121 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, located in the South End shopping center across from South High, 301-745-6183 - Sunday worship 6:30 p.m. Rev. Bill Lynn.

Unity of Berkeley Springs, New Earth Granary, 143 N. Mercer St., Berkeley Springs, 304-268-4222 or 304-258-2954. Celebration service, 10 a.m. Rev. Anne Murphy-Oswald.

Mountain Top Church, one mile east of Rocky Gap State Park on Rt. 144, Flintstone, 301-777-0923 - Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m., evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 7:30 a.m.

LifeHouse Church Bethel, 515 E. Wilson Blvd., Hagerstown, 301-739-1167 - Sunday life classes 8:30 a.m., worship gathering 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday family life 7 p.m.

Church of Christ, 290 South Green Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-5175 - Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. for all ages. Evangelist Van Sprague.

Parkhead Union Church, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-639-9154 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Randy Bivens.

Hilltop Christian Fellowship, 12624 Trinity Church Drive, Clear Spring, 301-842-2225, Early Bible class 8:15-9 a.m. Sunday school 9:15-10:15 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7:15-8:15 p.m. Pastor John Miller.

Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, 717-294-3028 - Fellowship 9 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Bible basics class for children K through fourth grade. 12941 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg.

Unitarian Universalist, 626 Washington Avenue, Hagerstown, 301-745-6576 - Sunday service 10:45 a.m. youth religious education 10:45 a.m. Minister Valerie Wills.

Pleasant Grove Christian Church, four miles west of Needmore, Pa. - Sunday worship 10 a.m., Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Rev. Denver Plessinger.

Green Ridge Assembly of God, Green Ridge - Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 9 a.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

Blairs Valley First Church of God, Clear Spring, 301-842-2663 - Sunday school 10, worship 9 a.m. Bible study Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Pastor John Cook.

St. Catherine’s Eastern Orthodox, 433 Liberty Street, Hagerstown, 301-739-5237 - Saturday 6:30 p.m. Vesper service Sunday 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Rev. Dennis Buck.

Rehoboth New Life, 8159 Great Cove Road, (U.S. 522), 717-496-7558 - Services Sunday, 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible based, spirit-filled church and discipleship center. Pastor Lowell Bard.

Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Exline Road, Hancock, 301-678-6038 - Church service 9:30 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Carroll Philip Peck
1946-2026



Carroll Philip “John Gobble” Peck, age 79, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at War Memorial Hospital.

Born December 9, 1946 in Great Cacapon, W.Va., he was the son of the late Curtis Brook and Eva Zorich Peck.

He attended Berkeley Springs High School. Gobble was an over the road truck driver with his CB radio handle being “Mountain Man.” He started his truck driving career at T.H. Compton when they

had their location in Great Cacapon, W.Va. before moving to Berkeley Springs, W.Va. After working with T.H. Compton, he went to drive with Klockner Pentaplast of America in Gordonsville, Va. until his retirement. Gobble enjoyed watching In the Kitchen with David and watching westerns.

Carroll is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Anna Marie Fritzman Peck, at home, one son, Jeremy Phillip Peck of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., one brother, Kenneth Douglas “Poke” Peck of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., many nieces and nephews and his fur baby, Marilynn and two fur grand babies, Sasha Jo and Sunni Rae.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Joyce Connie Martain, Deborah Elaine Peck and Mary Etta Youngblood and two brothers, Curtis S. Peck and James Norman Peck.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Rodney Truax officiating. Burial will be in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 & 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. There will be a Jr. O.U.A.M. memorial service conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carroll’s name may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 290 Turnpike Road, Suite 5-315, Westborough, MA 01581.

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

Roger Lee Bivens



Roger Lee Bivens, 79 of Hancock, Md., opened the doors of heaven on July 24, 2026. He was surrounded by his four daughters and eldest granddaughter.

Roger was preceded in death by parents Roger C. and Opal Bivens of Hancock, Md.

Upon entering heaven he was immediately greeted by Jesus. And though he was ready for Jesus he walked behind Jesus to find the love of his life, JoAnn Bivens. She had been waiting for him since 2009. Roger and JoAnn were married in 1965.

Once Roger and JoAnn were finished dancing the Tennessee Waltz, he proceeded to teach her the card game, Shanghai. As this was something he played with his girls daily.

Roger and JoAnn are responsible for more than forty family members.

Roger said “see ya later” to daughter Cindy Phillips and husband Jeff, Dawn Souders and husband Darrin, Paula Bivens, Angie Faith and husband Ricky.

He was also blessed with many grandchildren, Brian, Brandon and Jordan Phillips, Roger and Mark Souders, Carlos Calderon, Morgan Younker, Michael Bain and Rachel Faith.

Great-grandchildren include Caton and Lindy Phillips, Aunna Phillips, Kaylee and Aaron Phillips, Madison Souders, Hunter and Presley Souders, Heath, Claire, Joel and Ryan Souders, Avery Younker, T.J. and Cooper Lawson, Paisley Shives, Matty and Nico Black, Ella and Lana Calderon.

Roger also dearly loved spending time with his brother David Bivens and wife Joan, his sister Barb and husband Tom and his sister Diane and husband Andy.

Roger was a forman at R.F. Kline for over 40 years. After retiring from the blacktop journey, he was employed at Woodmont Lodge, Hancock, Md. where he enjoyed working with his peers and meeting “city people.”

The moral of his story wasn’t work... it was family and making people laugh.

If you knew Roger, we would love to have you celebrate his incredible life’s journey on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3119 National Pike, Hancock, MD 21750, 1-4 p.m. Please bring a camp chair and a dish if you would like.

Gary L. Scriver
1949-2026



Gary L. Scriver, 76, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., passed away Thursday, May 21, 2026, at UPMC Altoona Hospital.

He was born June 27, 1949, in Hagerstown, Md., a son of the late Reed Scriver and Laura Shaw.

In 1973, he married the former Kay Seville in Whips Cove Tannery, Pa., sharing more than fifty years of marriage together.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Kay Scriver; a daughter, Tara Dunio and husband, Stephen; a cherished granddaughter, Gia Dunio; a brother, Greg Yost and wife, Mary Ann; aunts Bonnie Ward and Helen Layton; uncle Marvin Northcraft and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was a 1967 graduate of Hancock Senior High School in Maryland and later attended Hagerstown Junior College. He worked for Lowe’s as a Store Manager until his retirement in 1996.

Gary was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Corvettes, and, most of all, spending time with his family.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 27, at The Good Funeral Home, Inc., 108 Alto Reste Park, Altoona, Pa. Interment was held at Alto Reste Park, Altoona, Pa.

Arrangements are by The Good Funeral Home, Inc. and Alto Reste Park, Altoona, Pa.

Obituary policy

Obituaries will be printed for a fee based on the amount of information that is provided by a licensed funeral home. A photo of the deceased can be included.

Death Notices will be printed for free in *The Hancock News* as a public service which will only include name, age, date of death, residency and services.

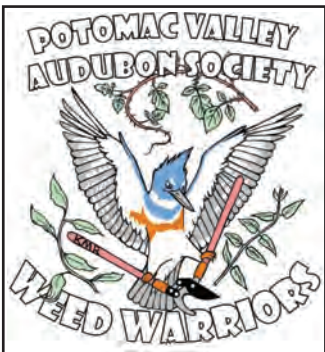
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Train to be a weed warrior

If you want to volunteer at Potomac Valley Audubon Society’s (PVAS) nature preserves but can’t make it to the scheduled volunteer workdays, this training is for you. Join PVAS on Wednesday, August 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Weed Warrior Training at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va.

Our Associate Director of Conservation and Operations – KC Walters – will lead this PVAS Weed Warrior Certification training. Certified Weed Warriors will be given the knowledge and the tools needed to tackle invasive species at the preserves on their own schedules. Plus, they will be connected with other Weed Warriors to work together. No work gloves or tools are needed for the training, but long pants and bug spray are recommended.

After successful completion of training, participants will become certified PVAS Weed Warriors. This certification comes with distinc-



tion, an awesome t-shirt to wear while performing duties, and exclusive access to the best tools of the trade.

This is a free/donation-based program for ages 12 and older. All youth (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. This program has a max of 15 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event-weed-warrior-training-at-cool-spring-preserve/.

For more information, contact KC Walters, at katelyn@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

Dragonfly Days -
Nature Journaling

Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host Nature Journaling - Dragonfly Days on Saturday, August 15 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Poor House Farm Park, Poor House Rd., Martinsburg, W.Va.

Capture the energy of late summer as dragonflies, insects, and vibrant activity fill the air. Sketch, note patterns, and engage your senses in a playful exploration.

This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are

welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 12 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event-nature-journaling-at-poor-house-farm-park-dragonfly-days/.

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



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Roaring twenties flair from Blair Crimmins & The Hookers

The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) welcomes the community to step back in time for an evening of toe-tapping, high-energy music as the Saturday Concerts in the Park series continues on Saturday, August 1, with a free performance by Blair Crimmins & The Hookers. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m. in the beautiful Berkeley Springs State Park and is free and open to the public.

Known for their infectious energy and unmistakable sound, Blair Crimmins & The Hookers breathe new life into the hot jazz, ragtime, blues, and swing music of the 1920s. While inspired by the great traditions of early American music, Blair Crimmins brings his own Southern charm, lightning-fast lyrics, and charismatic stage presence to every performance, creating a show that is both nostalgic and refreshingly original.

Set in the heart of historic Berkeley Springs, the Saturday Concerts in the Park series offers a one-of-a-kind concert experience surrounded by the beauty of Berkeley Springs State Park.

Guests are encouraged to take a lawn chair or picnic



Blair Crimmins and The Hookers

blanket, gather family and friends, and settle in for an unforgettable evening of live music by the springs. All concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free for everyone.

The Saturday Concerts in the Park series has been a cherished Berkeley Springs tradition since 1987, bringing exceptional regional and national performers to the community each summer.

For more information about the Morgan Arts Council's 2026 MAC Summer Concert Series, visit the Morgan Arts Council website or follow MAC on social media.

Join us for our next concert

of the 2026 MAC Summer Concert Series at the Ice House on the Charlotte's Cafe Garden Stage with Dawn Drake & ZapOte on Friday, August 14; doors open at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 7 p.m.; and Kiti Gardener & The Drifting Valentines in the Berkeley Springs State Park on Saturday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, go to macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.

History Alive! Gabriel Arthur: Cacapon Resort State Park

This free first person portrayal of Gabriel Arthur is a History Alive! Program of the West Virginia Humanities Council. On Saturday, August 1 at 7 p.m., Doug Wood will portray this character in the Morgan Conference room at Cacapon Resort State Park.

This one hour program will include a first person monologue where the character introduces the historical, social, and political issues that influenced their life. Then the character will initiate a discussion with the audience allowing for questions. The program will end with a discussion with the presenter, breaking character, to answer questions and continue any discussions.

Arthur is believed to be the first European-American to see the Kanawha Valley while he traveled with a band of Yuchis in 1674. He was sent by his master, Abraham Wood, with a partner and Appamattuck guides from Fort



Doug Wood portrays Gabriel Arthur in the History Alive! program at Cacapon Resort State Park.

Henry (present Petersburg, Virginia) to explore western lands and trade with the Indians west of the Blue Ridge. Though his traveling partner was killed, Arthur traveled widely with the Tomahitans, participating in their battles against Spaniards and enemy Indians in the Ohio Valley and elsewhere, during the

Beaver Wars. He entered the Kanawha River Valley, where he was welcomed by Tomahitan allies, the Mone-ton, into their large village. After two near brushes with death, Arthur returned to Fort Henry with hope of extending his master's fur trade westward. Portrayed by Doug Wood of Hurricane.

Washington County to host Emergency Preparedness Expo



The Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Relations and Marketing, and the Public Safety Training Center welcome residents of all ages to attend the 2026 Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Washington County Public Safety Training Center.

This free, family-friendly event is designed to educate, engage, and empower the community by providing valuable emergency preparedness resources and hands-on experiences. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with emergency response professionals, explore emergency vehicles and equipment, and learn how to better prepare themselves and their families for emergencies.

The Expo will feature a variety of interactive activities, educational exhibits, and demonstrations from local public safety agencies and community organizations. Families can participate in kid-friendly activities while learning important preparedness skills in a fun and engaging environment.

Special guests Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol will be on-site throughout the event to meet with children and families, making the day both educational and entertaining for attendees of all ages.

Additional event information, participating organizations, activities, and attractions will be announced on the Facebook Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BMA2zqPET/>

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Football season almost here, practices starting soon

by Geoff Fox

The 2026 football season is almost here for the Hancock Panthers and Coach Greg Cartrette is giving players and parents a heads up on dates leading up to opening night’s game against Berkeley Springs.

On Saturday, August 8, at 10 a.m., football equipment will be handed out to players who are coming out for the team.

That Wednesday, August 12, at 5 p.m. will be the first practice of the season and will be helmets only.

A week before the season starts, the Panthers will have a scrimmage at Southern Garrett on Friday, August 28, at 6:15 p.m.

The season itself opens on Friday, September 4, at 6 p.m. against the Berkeley Springs Indians at Paul Imphong Field in Hancock.

All student-athletes must have a current physical and



be registered on Family ID, which is now known as Arbiter, Cartrette said.

The website is go.arbiter sports.com.

Cartrette said all parents and student-athletes can message him (Coach C) on the Remind app and send a text

to 81010 and text this message - @hancockfoot to register.

Even if they were on the Remind App last year, Cartrette said the players would still need to resend to him to be added to this year’s team app on Remind.

Town officials look at redoing rental terms for Lions Pavilion

by Geoff Fox

The next time you go to rent the Lions Pavilion in Widmeyer Park, there are going to be a few changes in place that may affect what is allowed at the pavilion. Town officials voted to make changes to the usage agreement at their last council meeting.

When the public rents the pavilion, Mayor Roland Lanehart said people would come to the town office just before closing time on Friday to get the keys to the restrooms and kitchen at the pavilion as part of their rental.

That won’t be the case in the future.

Town officials discussed the liabilities and logistics of including the kitchen and separate bathroom building in with the pavilion rental.

“The Lions Club does a wonderful job. The kitchen is completely full of their equipment,” the mayor said.

There are two stoves and a six-foot grill in the kitchen and the only way the kitchen can be used is to move the grill, which Lanehart said weighs about 500 pounds.

Lanehart suggested the kitchen not be part of the rental of the pavilion because of the liability of someone or a child going in the kitchen and getting burned on equipment there.

“If it’s a Town of Hancock organization, if it’s a Lions Club, Lioness, if it’s the Girl Scouts, if it’s one of our town organizations where somebody’s going to be in charge, I have no problem with them using the kitchen,” he said.

Councilwoman Terry Breakall-Smith said when the Girl Scouts would use the pavilion’s kitchen, none of the



Town officials unanimously agreed on changing the language in the agreement for renting the Lions Pavilion in Widmeyer Park to remove usage of the kitchen and separate bathroom building as part of the rental.

equipment was touched but they used it to wash up equipment or supplies they were using while camping in Widmeyer Park.

“But for the public, I would say no,” she said.

Lanehart said the restrooms present a problem at the pavilion because just about every weekend, his phone starts ringing with people asking for the keys to bathrooms or the keys to the kitchen.

“You can’t call somebody in on Saturday or Sunday to find you keys to unlock doors for you,” Lanehart said.

He noted there are restrooms at the bathhouse by the splashpad that are open, handicapped accessible, and even have showers available.

Councilman David Kerns said when there’s a big crowd, the town would open the bathrooms and kitchen, but not for normal everyday private rentals.

Lanehart said it’s his opinion the restrooms and kitchen

shouldn’t be open as part of the Lion’s Pavilion rental.

Councilman Richard Strong mentioned there are grills alongside the pavilion if things needed to be cooked.

Right now, in the contract for the rental of the Lions Pavilion, it’s written that the renter must stop at the town office before the end of day on Friday to get keys or confirm the rental.

Any language about not being able to use the restrooms and kitchen at the pavilion would have to be added to those contracts.

Lanehart said people have called office workers on their private numbers asking about the keys.

“It’s not right for employees if it’s their day off to be called in to unlock for a bathroom,” he said. The town has spent a lot of money fixing up the restrooms at the bathhouse by the splashpad and those are available very near to the Lions Pavilion.

2 Mile Music Fest will be held at Kirkwood Park this weekend

Interludes with Impact Music Publishing will present the 2 Mile Music Fest on Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine, at Kirkwood Park, 5231 Creek Road in Hancock.

The 2 Mile Music Fest is a fundraiser to benefit causes in the Tri-State area. This year the event will benefit the Mason Dixon Scholarship Fund, Inc., which will get 50% of net funds raised.

October Rose will be performing from 2:30-4 p.m. The group is Nashville based touring artists with Pennsylvania roots. Derek Allan and Leanne Weiss formed their duo after years of performing as solo artists in the Pittsburgh and New York City areas. Since their formation, October Rose’s momentum grows stronger by the day. “Heartbreak Song,” the emotional single that started it all, gained critical acclaim and traction on the country music charts.

Chris Hughes will perform 10:30-11:30 a.m. Hughes writes and performs country music grounded in faith, resilience and everyday life. His songs speak to those navigating loss, doubt, hardship, and redemption — offering encouragement without pretense.

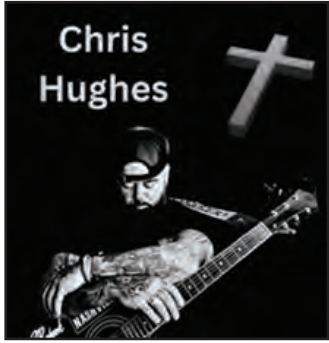
Aaron Hymes will perform 12:30-1:30 p.m. Hymes is a positive country storyteller



October Rose



Cincinnati Circus



Chris Hughes



Aaron Hymes

who transforms real-life struggle, faith and redemption into emotionally honest songs that speak to the everyday believer and the weary soul alike.

Also performing this year will be the Cincinnati Circus. Event times will be 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. They are a group of professional aerialists and circus-style artists who will keep you amazed and entertained.

The event is family friendly with free parking and restrooms. It has open outdoor seating, so take chairs or blankets. There will be no outside food or drinks allowed. Food will be available for sale.

There will be activities, raffles, giveaways, local vendors, car show and other events.

Any questions call Rick Bibbee at 301-991-7799.

For tickets and info, go to ffm.bio/2mile.

Bird walks offered in August

Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) announces bird walks on the following dates and locations in August.

Rolling Ridge Conservancy, 138 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Tuesday, August 11 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Join birders Bill Telfair & Scot DeGraf to explore the habitat and bird life with others on the gorgeous trails of Rolling Ridge Conservancy, the largest privately-owned wilderness area near Washington, DC. Anyone 8 years of age and older with an interest in birding is welcome to join trip leaders Bill and Scot as they explore some of the 1500 acres of protected woodlands. These walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/rolling-ridge-conservancy-bird-walk-26/.

Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. Wednesday, August 19 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

BIRD WALK

Join trip leader Bill Telfair for a bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve. Anyone aged 8 and older with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. The trails at Cool Spring Preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained footpaths to gorgeous views, the 74 acres of this preserve are home to much wildlife. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is

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Watch for additional walks on our website: www.potomacaudubon.org. For more information, contact PVAS staff at info@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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--Bring information to the news office at 105 West Main Street (next to the arcade) during our regular business hours, or use the drop box next to the front door for after-hours submissions.

--Email information and photos to the news desk at news@hancocknews.us.

--Call *The Hancock News* at 301-678-6255.

A deadline of Monday at noon is set for all regular submissions, Results from Monday night sporting events should be submitted by 8 a.m. on Tuesday to make it in that week’s newspaper.

See you in the sports section!

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Estate No. 83682
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Edward Kunkle-
man, Jr.

Notice is given that Julie Lough,
10728 Connor Dr., Williamsport, MD
21795-3165 was on July 2, 2026 ap-
pointed 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
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ney.

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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

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Estate No. 83642
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Camp-
bell.

Notice is given that Todd Campbell,
114 W. Antietam St., PO Box 19,
Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on July 6,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive of the estate of Betty Jane Camp-
bell who died on June 15, 2026 with a
will.

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Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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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 representa-
tive of the estate of Ruth McNeill who
died on February 28, 2026 without a will.

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Barbara McNeill Belz
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-15-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83382
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cathy Anne Scott.

Notice is given that Dana Barr,
17000 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharps-
burg, MD 21782-1612 was on July 9,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive of the estate of Cathy Anne Scott
who died on March 5, 2026 with a will.

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of the Register of Wills or by contacting
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ney.

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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
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Donald H. Sheffy
1402 Eisenhower Avenue Unit 104
Valparaiso, IN 46383
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83698
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cedric Scott Wil-
liams.

Notice is given that Thomas J.
Thomas, 2425 Northglen Dr., Fort
Worth, TX 76119-2747 was on July 8,
2026 appointed personal representa-
tive of the estate of Cedric Scott Wil-
liams who died on February 10, 2026
without a will.

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ney.

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Thomas J. Thomas
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True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
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Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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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 ap-
pointed Barnette W. Druskin, 525 S.
Flagler Dr., Unit 12A, West Palm
Beach, FL 33401 as the Personal Rep-
resentative 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. Kachor-
ia, 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: Washing-
ton 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 per-
sonal representative on or before the
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sonal representative mails or delivers to
the creditor a copy of this published no-
tice or other written notice, notifying the
creditor that the claim will be barred un-
less 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
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Estate No. 83685
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marsha Ann Kni-
cley.

Notice is given that Jordon Renee
Knicley, 19018 Rock Maple Dr., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-2459 was on July 9,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive of the estate of Marsha Ann Knicley
who died on June 19, 2026 with a will.

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Jordon Renee Knicley
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Washington County
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pd7-22-3th

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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., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive of the estate of Robert D. O'Boyle,
Sr. who died on December 13, 2006
with a will.

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ney.

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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
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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, Owen-
ton, KY 40359 was on July 14, 2026 ap-
pointed personal representative of the
estate of Lorena Mae Stearns who died
on June 7, 2026 with a will.

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ney.

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claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 14th
day of January, 2027.

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the probate of the will of the decedent
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ister of Wills on or before the 14th day
of January, 2027.

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with a copy to the undersigned on or
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months from the date of the decedent's
death; or

(2) Two months after the personal
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notifying the creditor that the claim will
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the claims within two months from the
mailing or other delivery of the notice.
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ter. 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
Acord.

Notice is given that Elizabeth R.
Warrenfeltz, 11709 Peacock Trl., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-4450 was on July 13,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive of the estate of Judith Ann
Ruth Acord 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 attor-
ney.

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claimants having any objection to the
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notifying the creditor that the claim will
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the claims within two months from the
mailing or other delivery of the notice.
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vided by law, is unenforceable thereaf-
ter. 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 Ba-
beor.

Notice is given that Brandy Neil,
12403 Emory Ln., Hagerstown, MD
21740-1942 was on July 10, 2026 ap-
pointed 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 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 Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 10th day
of January, 2027.

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the Register of Wills.

Brandy Neil
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., Hager-
stown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13,
2026 appointed Personal Representa-
tive 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal representa-
tive shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 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 Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 13th day
of January, 2027.

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tive or file it with the Register of Wills
with a copy to the undersigned on or
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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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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, Wil-
liamsport, MD 21795-1249 was on July
14, 2026 appointed personal repre-
sentative 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 attor-
ney.

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claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative 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 Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 14th day
of January, 2027.

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tained from the Register of Wills.

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

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. 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative 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 Reg-
ister 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 representa-
tive or file it with the Register of Wills
with a copy to the undersigned on or
before the earlier of the following dates:

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ent died before October 1, 1992, nine
months from the date of the decedent's
death; or

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representative mails or otherwise del-
ivers to the creditor a copy of this pub-
lished notice or other written notice,
notifying the creditor that the claim will
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the claims within two months from the
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tained from the Register of Wills.

Aida Mercedes Bodine
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

Jeanne F. Singer, ESQ.
864 Jefferson Blvd.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83708
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Florence J.
Greene.

Notice is given that Cynthia A. Tru-
jillo, 5155 Red Hill Rd., PO Box 188,
Keedysville, MD 21756-1449 was on
July 15, 2026 appointed personal rep-
resentative of the estate of Florence J.
Greene who died on June 23, 2026 with
a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 15th
day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 15th day
of January, 2027.

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

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decedent's death, except if the deced-
ent 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 del-
ivers to the creditor a copy of this pub-
lished notice or other written notice,
notifying the creditor that the claim will
be barred unless the creditor presents
the claims within two months from the
mailing or other delivery of the notice.
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tained from the Register of Wills.

Cynthia A. Trujillo
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

Adam Greivell, ESQ.
The Greivell Firm
5 Cornell Ave.
Hagerstown, MD 21742-6551
SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83710
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gladys Jeannette
Condon.

Notice is given that Stephen Bradley
Sagi, 10028 Old National Pike, Hager-
stown, MD 21740 was on July 21, 2026
appointed personal representative of
the small estate of Gladys Jeannette
Condon who died on November 8,
2024 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment shall file their objections
with the Register of Wills within 30 days
after the date of publication of this no-
tice. All persons having an objection to
the probate of the will shall file their ob-
jections 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 representa-
tive 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 deced-
ent 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 del-
ivers to the creditor a copy of this pub-
lished 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.

Stephen Bradley Sagi
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-1thn

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Connell Luther Lankford

Estate No: 83704
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the
above estate:

You are hereby notified that a
petition has been filed by Neil R.
Gibbs-Lankford, 18419 Wissett
Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740-
1699 for judicial probate of the will
dated and for the appointment of a
personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Wash-
ington County Orphans' Court,
100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500,
Hagerstown, MD 21740 on Sep-
tember 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

This hearing may be transferred
or postponed to a subsequent
time. Further information may be
obtained by reviewing the estate
file in the office of the Register of
Wills.

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd7-29-2th

Timothy C. Price
100 N. Court Street
Frederick, MD 21701
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate No: 83717
Notice is given that the Court of
Common Pleas of 9th District court of
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania ap-
pointed Susan E. Lederer, 5011 Locust
Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109 as the Ex-
ecutor of the estate of J. Edward
Clouse who died on September 19,
2024 domiciled in Pennsylvania, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for
service of process is Timothy C. Price,
whose address is 100 N. Court Street,
Frederick, MD 21701.

At the time of death, the decedent
owned real or leasehold property in the
following Maryland counties: 20434
Lehmans Mill Road, Harrisburg, MD
21742.

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 per-
sonal representative on or before the
earlier of the following dates:

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

(2) Two months after the foreign per-
sonal representative mails or delivers to
the creditor a copy of this published no-
tice or other written notice, notifying the
creditor that the claim will be barred un-
less 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.

Susan E. Lederer
Foreign Personal Representative
Honorable Lacy M. Flook
Register of Wills
Washington County, MD
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83661
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Anne
Swaim.

Notice is given that Julia Sampier,
11037 Lincoln Ave., Hagerstown, MD
21740-7769 was on July 21, 2026 ap-
pointed Personal Representative of the
estate of Mary Anne Swaim who died
on May 3, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 21st
day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 21st day
of January, 2027.

Any person having a claim against
the decedent must present the claim to
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tive or file it with the Register of Wills
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thereafter. Claim forms may be ob-
tained from the Register of Wills.

Julia Sampier
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

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Articles submitted to *The
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the newspaper's policies
and protect against libel.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83699
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Doris Loucille
Smith.

Notice is given that Cathy Heagy, 11
Carriage Hill Dr., Hagerstown, MD
21742-3474 was on July 20, 2026 ap-
pointed Personal Representative of the
estate of Doris Loucille Smith 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 attor-
ney.

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 20th
day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 20th day
of January, 2027.

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tained from the Register of Wills.

Cathy Heagy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83544
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Shirley Ann
Zeger.

Notice is given that Chadwick A.
Zeger, 1005 Hunters Knl., Myersville,
MD 21773-8603 was on July 16, 2026
appointed Personal Representative of
the estate of Shirley Ann Zeger who
died on April 30, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid
claimants having any objection to the
appointment of the personal repre-
sentative shall file their objection with the
Register of Wills on or before the 16th
day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to
the probate of the will of the decedent
shall file their objections with the Reg-
ister of Wills on or before the 16th day
of January, 2027.

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

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vided by law, is unenforceable
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tained from the Register of Wills.

Chadwick A. Zeger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

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This Week's Crossword Answers

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF HANCOCK
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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

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1927 Union Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

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2114 Kanawha Blvd., East
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30 Technology Parkway, Suite 100
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1813 N. Franklin Street
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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) require-
ments under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L.
117-580, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufac-
tured 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83694
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF James Richard Sine.

Notice is given that Jessica Marie Sine, 21206 Twin Springs Dr., Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on July 20, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of James Richard Sine who died on July 1, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 20th 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 20th 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.

Jessica Marie Sine
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83709
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Douglas Raymond True.

Notice is given that Irene Anna Little, 12832 Cathedral Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2903 was on July 20, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Douglas Raymond True who died on July 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.

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Irene Anna Little
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

**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 Tanernery, 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 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 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:

(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.

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
pd7-29-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83668
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Alice Murphy.

Notice is given that Kenneth Scott Murphy, 917 Mount Aetna Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6802 was on July 17, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Barbara Alice Murphy who died on June 14, 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.

Kenneth Scott Murphy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83521
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Doris Elizabeth James.

Notice is given that Karen Ann Hallam, 841 Dominion Rd., Gerrardstown, WV 25420-4401, Linda Kay Bielarski, 16719 Longstreet Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-1414 and Debbie Elaine Barkdoll, 20614 Reno Monument Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2757 were on July 15, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Doris Elizabeth James who died on February 13, 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.

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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Karen Ann Hallam
Linda Kay Bielarski
Debbie Elaine Barkdoll
Personal Representatives
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Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, July 30
9:30 a.m. - Ziler Trail Walk. In honor of National Climb a Mountain Day, we'll lead a guided hike up & down the Ziler Trail. Wear proper shoes. Take water and any repellent. Meet at the nature center. Anyone can go on other trails if you want to make your hike longer. We'll check out a cave, overlooks, and rock formations. This trail is rated moderate and some may consider it difficult but you can turn around when needed. There are switch backs and a 1,000 ft. elevation change which is hard on the knees.

10:30 a.m. - Who Done It? Discover the Mysteries of Cacapon. Become a forensic scientist and discover the mystery animal by following the clues left behind.

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.

2:30 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.

Friday, July 31
10-11:30 a.m. - Berkeley Springs State Park. 1. Critter Find. Use nets to catch critters found in the warm springs stream. 2. WV Snakes. 3. Beading. Whether it's a friendship bracelet or a beading necklace, we have the materials and instructions to help guide you.

10:30 a.m. - Tree ID Walk with Leaf Pounding. We'll do a leisure walk looking at different ways to ID trees. For those that would like to, you can collect leaves and use those in a leaf pounding craft. Flowers could also be added.

1 p.m. - Spider Splash. We'll learn about the superhero of the animal world: spiders. They help humans in more ways than we can

count. A small walk will occur to find spiders & webs. With this small craft we'll make web prints.

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

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

Saturday, August 1
10 a.m. - Medicinal, Edible & Useful Plants of Native Americans. Join Doug and Dianne Wood for a slide show following a short guided walk.

3:30 p.m. - WV Owls & Owl Pellet Dissection. Are owls out at night? Do all owls make a hoot sound? A few facts will be presented about each WV owl, along with owl strengths, owl sounds and an owls diet. We will dissect owl pellets.

8-10 p.m. - Cryptid Night Around the Campfire. Campfire and spooky stories about a few WV cryptids. If you have any cryptid stories of your own, share those as well. Marshmallows & Pie Iron Treats & Creatures of the Night Hike At the Nature Center Campfire Circle, let's make marshmallows & pie iron treats followed by a night hike on the Rock & Roll Trail.

Sunday, August 2
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 calls and a short walk to ID them.

1 p.m. - Friendship Bracelets. Make bracelets for your friends. Learn several techniques.

3 p.m. - Turtle Talk Game. Join us for this fun game and learn about Eastern Box Turtles. Let's take a lake walk and look for aquatic turtles.

Case Nature Center announces open days

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for days of discovery at Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Wednesday, August 5, 12, and 26 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Meet our Nature Center Ambassadors, friendly volunteers who are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about nature and PVAS preserves. Get hands-on with our touch table filled with fascinating nature objects, check out gear like binoculars and field guides, and meet our Animal Ambassadors. Whether you're curious about local wildlife, PVAS programs, or just want to



spend a day outdoors, our docents are here to answer your questions and help you connect with nature.

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

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

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July 26 - August 1, 2026


CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Your creativity is off the charts right now, Capricorn. You might find that you are better positioned to problem-solve when you're doing things unrelated to the task at hand.


AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It is a wonderful time to redecorate the garden or spend quality time with family, Aquarius. Nurturing yourself will give you the stamina to tackle the world outside of your home.


PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, people are generally interested in what you have to say this week, so be sure to speak up. Your message may inspire others.


ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your bold approach is magnetic right now. If you have a big idea that you've been waiting to share, present it now. Everyone is ready to listen.


TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Think about how you can treat someone else to something nice, whether it is a gift, time spent with you or whatever it is that they desire. Build the foundation for a stronger friendship.


GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
This week is all about clearing out the old to make room for the new. Begin decluttering your physical space and then move on to clearing out your mind.


CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your social circle is a great asset this week. Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. You might find the conversation sparks a great new collaborative idea.


LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your hard work is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Don't be afraid to accept any praise that comes your way. You will inspire others with your natural leadership and confidence.


VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, whether it is picking up a new hobby or diving into a book you have been meaning to read, you are craving knowledge this week. Your mind is hungry for growth, so feed it.


LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Right now you are able to resolve lingering tensions with ease. Lean into your diplomatic nature; you have the power to turn a complicated situation into a win-win for everyone.


SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
The connections you nurture this week will prove incredibly lucky for you, Scorpio. You will come across as deeply authentic, which can draw people to you like a magnet.


SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Getting details handled early on will clear the path for a much more open week as the weekend approaches. Take to the task at hand now and reap the rewards later.

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GETTING AN ITEM PUBLISHED

The Hancock News does not charge for publication of any news items and photos, including anniversaries, weddings, social events, clubs, organizations, churches and reunions. Just send us your news release.

We prefer typewritten, double-spaced copy to minimize errors, but we will accept legible, handwritten stories.

If you are not sure how to write your story, please contact the office for assistance. We will be glad to help you.

If you have a suggestion for a story or photograph or a question about a news item, please call The Hancock News office.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are invited. They must be signed, typed and double-spaced. The writer must include a phone number and address for verification.

No more than two letters from any individual will be printed in a four-week period.

Letters are subject to editing. Letters longer than 400 words will not be published. Nor will letters that are libelous or too personal and not of general interest to the public.

Thank you notes and political endorsements are considered advertising, not subjects for letters. Form letters are often discarded.

OBITUARIES

Death Notices of residents of Hancock and immediate area will be printed for free in The Hancock News as a public service which can include name, age, date of death, residency and services.

Obituaries will be printed for a fee based on the amount of information that is provided by a licensed funeral home. A photo of the deceased can be included.

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RESOLVING PROBLEMS

If you have a question, suggestion or problem with something that appears in The Hancock News, please contact us.

If we have made a correctable error, corrections will be published in the same section of the newspaper where the original article appeared.

DEADLINE

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

Cloudy? I can still see for miles and miles



Despite the clouds rolling in, you could still get a clear view to the west toward Belle Grove and Orleans as Interstate 68 cuts through the area and to the northwest into Pennsylvania from the overlook at the Sideling Hill Scenic Overlook Picnic Area earlier this month. photo by Geoff Fox

People Told Us...

—GARDENER JOKED: What kind of flower looks like it just came back from a fight? A Black-Eyed Susan! --July's full moon – the Full Buck or Meadow Moon – shines tonight, July 29. —In Ireland, it was tradition to offer a basket of blueberries to a sweetheart on August 1, known as Lammas Day. —OLD WEATHER LORE: The number of fogs in August will equal the number of snows in the next winter.

—Take care of those broadleaf weeds in your lawn soon, before you plant new lawns and reseed thin ones this month. —Charitable contributions of food and money to help needy local people can be sent to the Interfaith Service Coalition, 116 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750. —Tell our advertisers you read about them in The Hancock News.

Nature Center open house to be hosted by PVAS

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for a Special Weekend Open House at the Case Nature Center at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Saturday, August 8 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to explore our interactive touch table filled with interesting nature objects, check out binoculars, field guides, and other gear, and meet our Animal Ambassadors. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required. For additional details, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/nature-center-open-house-5/. For more information, contact PVAS Staff at info@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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