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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 8/5 81/68
60% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Light southeast winds.

Thurs. 8/6 85/69
70% chance of showers and possible thunderstorm. Light southwest winds.

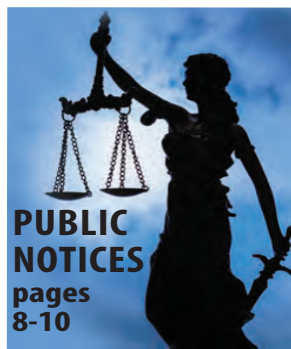
Fri. 8/7 85/68
60% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

Sat. 8/8 84/68
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

Sun. 8/9 85/69
20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

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Police charge Hancock man in Wednesday house fire

A Hancock man has been jailed on arson charges after allegedly threatening to burn down a Seavolt Road home before that residence caught fire on July 29.

According to the Maryland State Fire Marshal, Joseph Brian Potter, 40, has been arrested on charges of first-degree arson, arson threat, first-degree malicious burning and malicious destruction of property over \$1,000.

Hancock Volunteer Fire Company and nearby fire companies responded on July 29 to a house fire in the 12,500 block of Seavolt Road around 6 p.m.

"During the investigation, investigators learned the occupant had allegedly threatened to set the home on fire before the fire was reported. Based on that information, investigators issued a look-out for the occupant and the vehicle he was believed to be driving. Deputy State Fire Marshals determined the fire originated in a bedroom of the home and concluded it was intentionally set," the Fire Marshal's office said in a press release on Thursday.

Because of the arson threats, Deputy State Fire Marshals engaged with officers at the Cumberland Police Department while the

fire investigation was ongoing at the scene, and asked Cumberland police to bring Potter into custody.

Potter was then transported to the Washington County Detention Center where he was charged with the felony crimes.

"Intentionally setting a fire is a reckless act that puts lives, property, and firefighters at risk," said Acting State Fire Marshal Jason M. Mowbray. "Our investigators worked quickly to determine the cause, and we're grateful for the assistance of the Cumberland Police Department in bringing this case to a swift resolution."

Annual Helping Hands event set for this Saturday

Hancock's annual Back to School and family supply giveaway will once again be held this Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at Widmeyer Park.

Organized by a coalition of faith organizations and local businesses, this is the 13th annual event that provides backpacks with school supplies, personal care and household care items plus baby supplies and a free lunch.

Distribution of free items will be held drive-thru style. No registration, proof of residency or income are required. All individuals to receive the items must be present to collect them on Saturday.



Volunteers will hand free items to families as they line up in the park. The event will run until noon or until supplies run out.

To find out more, look for the Hancock Helping Hands social media page.

Sheetz confirms plans to remodel Hancock store



Hancock's Sheetz location will be getting a facelift, company officials have confirmed. photo by Kate Shunney

A spokesman for Sheetz has confirmed social media statements that Hancock's gas station and store location will undergo a remodel in the coming months.

In response to questions about the store plans, Nick

Ruffner, Public Affairs Manager for Sheetz, told *The Hancock News* in an email that the details of the project are still being worked out.

"While we can confirm that Sheetz is planning to re-

model its location along West Main Street in Hancock, the project is still in the preliminary stages, and it is too early in the process to share additional details," he said.

Pa. State Police investigating forgery of school check

Southern Fulton Elementary School has been the victim of a check forgery and counterfeiting scheme, according to Pennsylvania State Police who are investigating the incident.

According to police, sometime between January 16, 2026 and March 17, 2026, an unknown person intercepted a check mailed from the Southern Fulton School District and changed the name of the payee, attempting to redirect \$40,068 from the school to their personal use.

Trooper Leberfinger is investigating the incident, which took place on Great



Cove Road in Bethel Township.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact the Pennsylvania State Police Troop G in McConellsburg by calling 717-485-3131.

Look at
www.hancocknews.com
for
National Night Out photos
before next week's paper

Music, food & vendors filled out 2 Mile Fest



Performers with the Cincinnati Circus used height, hoops and physical skill to capture the attention of attendees at the 2 Mile Fest on August 1 at Kirkwood Park. More photos on page 7.



OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel

MOM GOT A NEW PILLOW WITH ALL KINDS OF SETTINGS

ARE THESE THE INSTRUCTIONS?

WHO NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS FOR A PILLOW?!

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Calendar of Events AUGUST

Saturday, August 8
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Sunday, August 9
– Hancock Museum
open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Monday, August 10
– Hancock Lioness Lions
Club meeting, Community
Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11
– 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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36. David __, US playwright
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45. Astronomical period of 18 years
46. Automobile
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62. Fail to entertain
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1. Curved segment
2. Wings
3. Yellowish volatile liquid
4. Makes less severe
5. Debit note
6. Overhang
7. The nights before
8. Type of light
9. Lacking enthusiasm
10. Tattle
11. Some is “heavy”
12. One who is canonized
14. Indicates date and place of writing
17. “Peace” in Arabic
20. “Olaf” actor Josh
21. Fragmented rock
23. They __
25. Advanced degree
26. Backside
27. Influential architect and design couple
29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived
32. 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Fungal sacs
37. The law of God revealed to Moses
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. British Air Aces
49. Large bank
50. Served as an omen
52. Cavalry sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
56. Italian Seaport
57. Hip joint
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Insect repellent
61. Constrictor snake
65 “The First State” (abbr.)

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
Is overfishing affecting the evolution of marine life?
—Katy Y., Falmouth, MA

Overfishing happens when fish are caught faster than they can be replenished, resulting in an overall depletion of the fish population. This not only poses a threat to ocean health and biodiversity but also to the well-being of the people and communities that rely on fishing. A lesser-known consequence of overfishing is a phenomenon known as Fisheries-Induced Evolution (FIE).

FIE refers to the evolutionary pressure on marine populations resulting from excessively high fishing levels. Despite the deep-rooted assumption that evolution occurs over millions of years, FIE suggests that the gene pool of organisms can change in just a few decades. In fact, a recent study published in Science found that the average length of mature Eastern Baltic cod roughly halved from 40 cm in 1996 to 20 cm in 2019, suggesting that genetic changes have occurred over approximately 20 years. “When the largest individuals are consistently removed from the population over many years, smaller, faster-maturing fish gain an evolutionary advantage,” says Professor Thorsten Reusch, senior author of the research and lead researcher in the marine ecology research division at the Geomar Helmholtz Centre.

Marine populations are particularly vulnerable to FIE due to the aggressive nature of exploitative fishing practices. Trophy hunting and trawling often target the largest and fittest specimens, impacting the long-term health of the population. Over time, this shifts the species’ traits toward early maturation and reduced size, skewing the gene pool and thus accelerating genetic evolution.

The legitimacy of FIE is being widely contested in the scientific community, as not all scientists assign the same weight to overfishing in these genetic changes. Some researchers claim that it is unclear whether evolution occurs solely from human-driven pressures or an indirect effect due to changes in the environment. A Rutgers University study found no strong correlation between overfishing and the Atlantic cod-fish population. The findings suggest that environmental stressors, like climate change, pollution and habitat loss, may exert greater influence on the evolutionary changes of marine organisms than overfishing alone. Yet one fact holds: Fish are removed from oceans beyond sustainable levels. This alone bends the course of evolution—if not alone, then as a co-actor with the climate and pollutants.

Since human activity accelerates these harms, our collective action can also reverse these trends. Governments can enforce regulations like lowering fishing quotas and limiting destructive practices. Citizens can choose sustainably sourced seafood and supporting marine conservation organizations.

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Hagers-town Town and Country Almanack

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: For August: warm and humid with frequent mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms(1, 2, 3, 4, 5); a few downpours on the 7 and 8, otherwise dry and seasonably warm and humid (6, 7, 8, 9, 10); a shower or thunderstorm on the 12 or 13, otherwise dry and seasonably warm (11, 12, 13, 14, 15); a thunderstorm on the 18, otherwise dry and seasonable for mid-August (16, 17, 18, 19, 20); a heavy shower on the 21 or 24, otherwise, dry and cooler than the previous 5-days (21, 22, 23, 24); 26-31: dry, very hot and humid (26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31).

Severe Weather Watch: The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack predicts heavy rain with possible flooding (6, 7, 8).

Full Moon: August’s full moon will occur on August 27. Many Native American tribes called it Ripe Moon or Fruit Moon due to the many fruits and vegetables that ripen during the month.

Special Notes: Many are starting school this Fall, some for the very first time, and they may need special attention. Begin planning now and make a list of the things that need to be done and when they need to be completed. Schedule immunizations/or physicals, purchase new clothes, and assess school supplies that will be needed with ample lead time to ensure a successful ‘first day’ for your young students.

Holidays: Labor Day is Monday, September 7.

The Garden: August is the peak of the hot and dry season and your plants will need water more than anything during this time. If watering is limited or restricted in your area, concentrate on getting the most to newly planted trees and shrubs. If you use thick mulch and give it a good soak, water will be retained much better over much longer periods of time. Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Remove any dead or diseased branches. If the weather is cool, Fescue can be sown to repair lawns in the last week of August.

The Farm: Best for planting root crops (5, 6); weeding and stirring the soil (11, 12); planting above-ground crops (1, 2, 18, 19); harvesting all crops (8, 11, 12, 25, 26, 27); the best days for setting hens and incubators (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17); the slaughtering and butchering of meat (1, 2, 3, 4, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31); transplanting (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18); the weaning of all small animals and livestock (1, 2, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29); harvesting and storing grains (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11).

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of July 27-August 2:

July 27
Theft reported, 400 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 200 block Fulton Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Check well-being, first block East Main Street. Subject transported to hospital.

911 hang-up, first block Blue Hill Road. Subject upset they were not connected to internet.

July 28
Assisted Maryland State Police, 400 block East Main Street. Suspicious person. Subject given ride.

July 29
Assisted EMS, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Animal complaint, 100 block Fulton Street. Made contact with wildlife control.

Assisted Pennsylvania State Police, Hancock area. Missing juvenile.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Littering, 6000 block Hess Road. Owner of trash identified and will be advised.

Traffic hazard, 200 block High Street. Water all over roadway.

Suspicious person, 100 block West High Street. Found missing juvenile.

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Subject camping in tent was advised to move along.

July 30
Alarm, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental. Theft reported, 100 block Fulton Street. Information given.

911 hang-up, 200 block East Main Street. Accidental.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

July 31
Property accident, 100 block West High Street. Information exchanged.

Trespassing, Limestone Road area. Subjects gone on arrival, unable to locate.

Fraud, first block Brent Street. Information taken.

Theft from vehicle, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Information taken.

Littering, Sensel Road. Owner of trash identified.

Harassment, first block East Main Street. Subject advised.

August 1
Patrol checks, Hancock area.

August 2
Suspicious person, first block West Main Street. Subject checked and moved along.

Maryland man admits to role in kidnapping and multiple murders

A Carroll County, Md. man has admitted to his role in a multi-state violent crime spree involving kidnapping, murder, and witness tampering causing death following a lengthy investigation, announced U.S. Attorney Matthew L. Harvey.

Monroe Merrell, 29, of Westminster, Md., pled guilty on July 28 to three charges, admitting he worked with others to kidnap and murder J.R. in an apartment in Westminster, Md. in March 2020.

Victim J.R. was severely beaten and stabbed multiple times before Merrell and others transported him across state lines into West Virginia. During J.R.'s transport, Merrell stabbed him multiple times, killing him. Merrell and others attempted to dispose of his body in the woods of a rural, isolated section of Rippon in Jefferson County by dousing him with gasoline and burning his body. The following morning, a nearby resident driving by called in a report for emergency services after seeing a body burning in the woods near the roadway, prompting a multi-state investigation involving collaboration between state and federal agencies.

In April 2020, Merrell became concerned that two witnesses to J.R.'s beating and kidnapping, D.T. and H.G., would communicate what they knew to law enforcement. Merrell and others brought the pair from Maryland to the Falling Waters area of Berkeley County, W.Va., where they drugged and partially incapacitated them. D.T., 18, of Taneytown, Md., and H.G., 33, of Westminster, Md., were then both killed, their bodies burned, and their remains dis-

posed of in the Potomac River.

By entering his plea of guilty, Merrell is the last defendant in the multi-defendant case to accept responsibility for the kidnapping and murders.

Merrell's acceptance of responsibility encompasses a fourth victim, E.D. (previously identified in Counts Eight and Nine of the Indictment as "Jane Doe"), who Merrell targeted in a solicitation of murder plot in his continued effort to conceal the crimes. Merrell is facing a life sentence on each of the counts to which he has pled guilty after a United States motion to re-seek the death penalty was denied in October 2025.

Three other co-defendants named in the Indictment, all Maryland residents, David Sanford, Jr.; John Black, III; and Jeffrey Smith, Jr.; previously pled guilty for their roles in the kidnapping and murders. Additionally, April Braner, 43, of Falling Waters, W.Va., and Norman Bradford, 55, of Martinsburg, W.Va., also entered guilty pleas by Information for their roles in the crimes. All sentencing hearings are scheduled for January 25, 2027.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberley D. Crockett and Kyle R. Kane are prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, and the Berkeley and Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorneys' Offices investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert W. Trumble presided.

Free movies on Thursdays at the Star Theatre

Star Theatre will have free movies every Thursday hosted by the Star Community Center.

The movies start at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

August 6 - Safety Last (1923) is a silent, slapstick, stunt filled, spectacle, starring Harold Lloyd.

August 13 - The Goonies (1985) celebrate back to school with one more adventure for the whole family.

August 20 - Citizen Kane (1941) directed and starring Orson Wells. See the movie they are still calling the greatest movie ever made.

August 27 - Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game (2022). See the true story of Roger Sharpe, the man who proved pinball was not a game of chance, but a game of skill.

SingBig! 26 show

Open mic night

BlackCat Music Cooperative would like to welcome the public to the SingBig! 26 show at the MAC Ice House on Friday, August 7 at 2 p.m. The performance culminates two weeks of hard work by 14 area teens under the guidance of Joel Newman for BCMC.

BlackCat Music Shop's Free Open Mic Night Friday, August 7 from 7-10 p.m.

House band, Stereo Spacecraft will host. This monthly event is open to all musicians, singers and songwriters. Show up, sign up, play or listen.

All ages are welcome. BlackCat Music is located at 155 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs.

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Herps Alive!

Cacapon Resort State Park will hold Herps Alive! on Saturday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at Cacapon Bath House (beach entrance).

This free presentation will feature award winning Herpetologist Keith Gisser and will feature nearly 20 different reptiles which attendees get to touch and hold.

Herps Alive! The Interactive Reptile and Amphibian Experience, is a traveling, educational Herpetology program. The Herps Alive Foundation is a non-profit reptile rescue and education organization.





Who's Havin' a Birthday?
Thursday, August 6
Tad Hendershot

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Relaxation. Restoration. Celebration.

We're all usually looking for some good vibe to "connect to". You know, something or someone to get caught up in, flow with, harmonize. Maybe it's football game thrills or a cooking channel's serenity or feeling some friends' joviality—these all deliver some "good vibes".

Our minds, hearts and senses are trained to channel good events, sounds and sensations—and in our Mass, or Sunday worship service, we are, hopefully, to be "caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10).

In another, like way, Christians are reminded: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ" (Phil. 2:5)-- so we begin thinking like—and with—God Himself. I was thinking of all this recently... After I made my pilgrimage to Liberia, West Africa, a few weeks ago, I thought of those words in the bold headline above, describing my experiences.

I realized I was in a kind of "flow state" African style (See the famous book, "Flow," by Mihaly Robert Csikszentmihalyi, basically describing complex events or activities which humans do in a smooth, effortless way bringing gratification.)

I realized my "Africa experience" embodied this, err helped develop it (as, I believe Spiritual Flow is a lifelong process. Oneness with Christ—in Him, thru & with Him, harmonious in our actions and thoughts which both elicits and delivers Godly Peace Relaxation—describes my Sunday -Sabbath experience with St. Mulkata priests & staff, after a 2 1/2 hr. Mass and our couple-hours long luncheon: We leasured—and Sabbath-ed (it's a verb, too!). No one was in a hurry to go anywhere—it was Sunday. Africa, in this senses, means "Make the shift."

You can't keep travelling like your on the Indy-500 speedway... Next, in the middle of my trip we got a flat tire out in the wilderness. Instant thought: we're doomed for hours. Well, along comes one motorcycle with boys stopping to help (yes boys: age 15 or so), then another and a third: all teens. One of them, Anthony, knew Sr. Annie, who was my guide for the day. The boys were in no hurry, were naturally charitable and friendly: African style.

Celebration. last day I celebrated Mass at St. Anthony church and electricity went off and on several times, and people didn't blink, we sang sonorously and worshipped solemnly and people were so appreciative of an American and priest visiting them.

Contra all this was an article I just read in a real newspaper about some youth protesting iPhone and techno-takeovers, the loss of human relationships and personal peace + composure. How sad—people are becoming addicted to plastic and "virtual reality". The Gift of Africa for me was beautiful relationships developed & varied personal interactions which were spontaneous and off-line, real time and Christ's shine coming thru the people.

Rev. John J. 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.

IST 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 6 p.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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Washington County Museum of Fine Arts welcomes new members to its Board of Trustees

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts (WCMFA) has appointed five new members to its Board of Trustees.

According to the museum, the new trustees bring with them expertise in business, law, healthcare, tourism, community development, and the arts.

"These new trustees strengthen the museum's commitment to preserving its legacy while expanding its impact throughout the region," said museum officials in a press release about the appointments of Jason M. Divelbiss, Nick Mohar-Schurz, Thomas B. Riford, Kathleen Su, and Bruce Wilder.

Divelbiss is a real estate and land-use attorney with more than 25 years of legal experience representing developers, builders, lenders, and commercial clients. Licensed in multiple states and before the United States Supreme Court, his practice focuses on complex real estate transactions, zoning, subdivision, financing, and land development.

Nick Mohar-Schurz combines international experience with a strong commitment to Washington County. Educated at Saint James School, Kenyon College, Middlebury College, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, he has worked in international business and economic development before returning

home. He now leads the adaptive reuse of Williamsport's historic Rehoboth United Methodist Church into a boutique inn and restaurant while serving on several local nonprofit boards, including the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Washington County Historical Society, and the Community Free Clinic.

Thomas B. Riford brings decades of leadership in tourism, nonprofit management, marketing, communications, and public service. Most recently serving as Maryland's Commerce Assistant Secretary overseeing Tourism, Film, and the Arts. Riford has spent his career championing Maryland's cultural institutions and promoting heritage tourism. He is a decorated Marine Corps veteran, published historian, and longtime advocate for nonprofit organizations.

Kathleen Su brings a lifelong commitment to healthcare, education, athletics, and community service. After beginning her nursing career at NYU Medical Center, she later managed a successful medical practice in Hagerstown for 15 years. Her volunteer leadership includes service with Mercersburg Academy and the Community Action Council, and she currently works alongside local artist Allie Dattilio as a studio assistant.

Bruce Wilder is a lifelong Washington County resident. He has built a career as a



craftsman, entrepreneur, photographer, and community volunteer. After a career in carpentry and custom homebuilding, he and his wife, bestselling author Nora Roberts, established several well-known businesses in Boonsboro, including Turn the Page Bookstore and the Inn Boonsboro. Wilder is also a photographer whose work has been exhibited at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and other regional venues.

"As the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts continues to expand its educational programming, exhibitions, and community partnerships, these new trustees will play an important role in helping shape the institution's future while honoring its nearly century-long legacy," said museum officials.

The Museum also recently recognized the passing of Dr. George Edward Manger, Jr., whose many years of ded-

icated service as a member of the Board of Trustees reflected his deep commitment to the Washington County community and its cultural institutions.

Known throughout the region for his distinguished career as an obstetrician-gynecologist spanning more than four decades, Dr. Manger touched countless lives through compassionate medical care while generously giving his time and leadership to organizations that enriched the community beyond medicine.

"The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is profoundly grateful for Dr. Manger's thoughtful guidance, steadfast support, and enduring belief in the importance of art and culture. His generosity, wisdom, and commitment helped strengthen the museum and will remain part of its legacy for years to come," the museum said in their tribute.

OBITUARIES

Cheryl Ann Fox 1950-2026

Cheryl Ann Fox, age 75, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., died on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at Harmony Nursing Home in Martinsburg, W. Va.

Born September 19, 1950 in Baltimore, Md., she was the daughter of Samuel Joseph, Sr. and Agnes Ilean Sheridan Scalzi.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Cheryl graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree and from West Virginia University with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She retired after 34 years as an elementary school teacher. She loved all of her students, baking and listening to Jack Jones and George Strait.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, George William Fox, Jr., at home; one son, Geoffrey William Fox and her fur baby, Caesar.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Francis Scalzi and Samuel J. Scalzi, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, W. Va., with Rev. Fr. Jack Lombardi officiating. Burial was in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery following the Mass.

Arrangements were handled by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

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



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Davita Foltz recognized for saving a life

A heartfelt moment took place at the Washington County 9-1-1 Center as James and his wife Georgia visited to personally thank Emergency Communications Specialist Davita Foltz, whose calm voice and professional guidance helped them through a life-threatening medical emergency.

On June 3, 2026, James called 9-1-1 after recognizing that Georgia was exhibiting signs of a possible stroke and was unable to get up. Foltz answered the call and remained on the line throughout the incident, providing reassurance, monitoring the patient's condition, gathering critical information and relaying updates to responding emergency personnel until help arrived.

After Georgia made a remarkable recovery, the couple asked to visit the Washington County 9-1-1 Center to meet Foltz and express their sincere appreciation for the compassion, professionalism and support she provided during one of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Joining the couple and Foltz for the special occasion were Washington County Commissioners John Barr, Jeff Cline and Randy Leatherman; County Administrator Michelle Gordon; Division of Emergency Management and Communications Director Alan Matheny; and Emergency Communications Center Deputy Director Kelly



Fisher. The visit recognized the critical role emergency communications professionals play in the county's public safety system and the lasting impact they have on the lives of those they serve.

"Emergency Communications Specialists are the first first responders," said Alan Matheny, Director of the Washington County Division of Emergency Management and Communications. "Before an ambulance, fire engine, or law enforcement officer arrives, our dispatchers are already making a difference. They provide lifesaving instructions, gather critical information, coordinate resources, and offer reassurance during what is often the worst day of someone's life. Davita's professionalism and compassion exemplify the outstanding service our team provides every day."

Emergency Communications Specialists answer thousands of 9-1-1 calls each year, serving as the critical link between the public and emergency responders. Their ability to remain calm under pressure and communicate effectively helps ensure patients receive the right care as quickly as possible.

For Foltz, meeting the couple she assisted was a meaningful reminder that every call matters. While dispatchers rarely have the opportunity to learn the outcome of the emergencies they handle, this visit highlighted the profound difference emergency communications professionals make through their dedication, professionalism, and compassion.

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Maryland employment rose by 900 jobs in June, unemployment rate fell slightly to 4.3 percent

New employment estimates released late last month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicate total nonfarm employment in Maryland rose by 900 jobs in June. BLS also revised its preliminary estimates of Maryland employment in May down by 1,100 jobs to a gain of 4,000 jobs.

In total, BLS estimates that Maryland added 17,800 total jobs in the first six months of 2026 and grew at a 0.64 percent rate, which outpaces the national employment growth rate of 0.35 percent. While Maryland continues to recover from a year of federal job losses, BLS data suggest the state's economy is resilient.

BLS estimates that Maryland's unemployment rate fell slightly to 4.3 percent, slightly above the national average of 4.2 percent. Maryland's labor force participation rate remained at 63.9 percent, above the national average of 61.5 percent.

The five sectors with the largest estimated employment gains in June were: Government (a net gain of 300 federal government jobs and a gain of 1,000 jobs in state and local government); Private Educational Services (1,100 jobs); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (1,100 jobs); Other Services (600 jobs); and Health Care and Social Assistance (600 jobs).

The five sectors with the largest estimated employment losses in June were: Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-1,900 jobs); Manufacturing (-700 jobs); Retail Trade (-600 jobs); Wholesale Trade (-400 jobs); and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation (-400 jobs).

Note: Data is transferred to the Maryland Department of Labor's website directly from BLS servers. The database may be refreshed with a brief lag. For more immediate access to this month's jobs data, visit the BLS website. Visit the Maryland Department of Labor's website to view the current employment situation.

Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, August 6
10:30 a.m. - Wildflower Stroll. Discover wildflowers & birds during our walk into the two acre wildflower meadow. Meet at the lodge front desk.

1 p.m. - Pond Life. We will stroll around our lower lake and observe birds, turtles, snakes, frogs, salamanders and fish. We'll use nets to catch benthic Macroinvertebrates, minnows, crawfish and beetles.

2:30 p.m. - Who Done It? Discover the Mysteries of Cacapon. Become a forensic scientist and discover the mystery animal by following the clues left behind.

Friday, August 7
10 a.m. - Beading. Whether it's a friendship bracelet or nature themed beading, we have the materials and instructions to help guide you. You can also try your hand at Yucca bush craft cordage.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - NABA: National American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count. This volunteer event is open for visitors to join. Local entomologist will demonstrate a butterfly count in our two acre meadow, before counting other local sites outside the park. Meet at the nature center. Long sleeves, pants, boots recommended. Adults Only.

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3:30 p.m. - Butterfly Bingo. August is full of butterflies. Learn some species of butterflies while playing this game. Also, win a prize.

6 p.m. - Irish Road Bowling. In honor of National Bowling Day, we'll do West Virginia Irish Road Bowling. We use a small cannonball, divide everyone into teams and bowl around our Nature Center Circle Loop to play. The lowest score wins.

8:30-10 p.m. - Glowstick Games & Moth Magic. Meet at the Tennis Court and play some fun glow in the dark games. Badminton, frisbee, volleyball, cornhole, putt-putt (not a whole course) with necklace and bracelet glowsticks will be provided. You can take your own glow items. Also, there will be a moth sheet & blacklight set up to see moths, beetles, and macro invertebrate adults.

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

1 p.m. - Camouflage Chameleons. Two games. Game one: Birds & Worms: Use your bird skills to find worms in the yard. Game two: Can you camouflage like a chameleon and not be seen by the hawk?

2 p.m. - Yucca Bush Craft. Cordage can be made from many natural items. Different plant materials will be discussed. We'll use fibers from Yucca and a few other plants to make cordage.

3:30 p.m. - Monarch Life Cycle Game. Join us for an exciting game to discover the monarch's life cycle.

Tuesday, August 11
10 a.m. - Woodpecker Wow! Meet at the nature center. West Virginia has a wide variety of woodpeckers with many right here in Cacapon. Join us for a talk on woodpecker facts & calls and a short walk to ID them.

1 p.m. - 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.

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

Sunday, August 9
10-11:30 a.m. - At Berkeley Springs State Park: 1. Critter Find: Use nets to catch critters found in the warm springs stream. 2. Snake Sightings: Share any recent snake sightings and we'll do the same. See our snake models and reptile pamphlets.

9:30 a.m. - Birding Hour. At Cacapon Resort State Park. Meet at the lodge. Let's walk & learn & look and listen for birds. Binoculars provided or take your own. Dress for the walk, weather and bugs.

1 p.m. - Beading/Cordage. At Cacapon Resort State Park. You can try your hand at cordage bush craft. We'll use various plants. Beading will also occur.

2:30 p.m. - A Lizard's Life. We'll learn about WV lizards. If it is sunny, there's a good chance we'll see 1 or 2 different species around the nature center.

3 p.m. - Turtle Talk. Discover all about the woodland box turtle while playing this fun game.

Monday, August 10
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Wednesday, August 12
10 a.m. - I Spy Monarch Butterflies. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden? Children can win a sticker. Fun for all ages.

1 p.m. - The CCC Boys, A West Virginia Legacy. This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930s were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests.

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

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Tommy Raskin struggled with depression. His name is now a symbol of hope for those struggling with mental health. His legacy inspired the Thomas Bloom Raskin Act/211 Health Check. Tommy is the late son of Congressman Jamie Raskin, of Takoma Park and Maryland's 8th Congressional District.



Raskin family

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Singing and swinging at the 2 Mile Fest on Saturday



Aerial acrobatics were part of the skills on display by the entertainers of the Cincinnati Circus at 2 Mile Fest at Kirkwood Park on Saturday, August 1.



Headliners October Rose, Nashville-based touring artists with Pennsylvania roots, presented the main musical entertainment for this year's 2 Mile Fest in Hancock on August 1.



A variety of handmade and specially-crafted items were for sale by vendors at last Saturday's 2 Mile Fest at Kirkwood Park. photos by Lori Younker

Oakley Kendall participated in Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Program

Oakley Kendall of Hancock participated in the Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Program at McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland. Kendall, a Social Work major, collaborated with Social Work Professor Jim Kunz on "Assessing the Im-

pact of Campus-Based Efforts to Address Food Insecurity." Undergraduate students from all majors are annually selected to collaborate with their professors on hands-on research through this donor-supported program.

Early Deadline

All correspondents and advertisers are reminded the deadline for submitting copy to this publication is Friday this week, due to the holiday.

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Washington County Schools are less than three weeks away from starting, including back to school events will be coming soon.

How to get in the sports section

Getting your team's scores, team photos and schedules into *The Hancock News* is easy! Coaches and representatives of school teams, adult and youth leagues are encouraged to report their schedules and results in *The Hancock News*, and there are several ways to do it.

- 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!

SUMMER ESSENTIALS:



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1402 Eisenhower Avenue Unit 104
Valparaiso, IN 46383
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83698
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cedric Scott Williams.

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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 Babear.

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

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

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

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 10th day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83707
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lorena Mae Stearns.

Notice is given that Eric Michael Stearns, 480 Red Thorn Lane, Owenton, KY 40359 was on July 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lorena Mae Stearns who died on June 7, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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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

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
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152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 77865
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Yvonne S. Thomas AKA: Yvonne Shirley Thomas, Yvonne Jeanette Thomas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1612 was on July 9, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Cathy Anne Scott who died on March 5, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027.

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

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

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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
pd7-22-3th

The Law Office of
Barry A. Haberman
Pallavi R. Kachoria
51 Monroe St. Ste. 1507
Rockville, MD 20850-2430
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate No: 83700
Notice is given that the Circuit court of Palm Beach County, Florida appointed Barnettte W. Druskin, 525 S. Flagler Dr., Unit 12A, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 as the Personal Representative of the estate of Kenneth P. Druskin who died on March 21, 2026 domiciled in Florida, USA.

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

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

All persons having claims against the decedent must file their claims with the Register of Wills for Washington County with a copy to the foreign personal representative on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

(2) Two months after the foreign personal representative mails or delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

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

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 county of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania appointed Susan E. Lederer, 5011 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109 as the Executor 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 personal representative on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

(2) Two months after the foreign personal representative mails or delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

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

**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 Nell 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 Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on September 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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83685
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marsha Ann Knicley.

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of January, 2027.

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

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert D. O'Boyle, Sr. who died on December 13, 2006 with a will.

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

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

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 13th day of January, 2027.

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

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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

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83693
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lawrence Wesley Bodine, Jr. AKA: Lawrence Bodine.

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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
pd7-22-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 59999
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jane W. O'Boyle.
Notice is given that Peter Weaver O'Boyle, 13010 Cathedral Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2942 was on July 13, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jane W. O'Boyle who died on December 21, 2005 with a will.

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

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

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 13th day of January, 2027.

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

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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

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. Trujillo, 5155 Red Hill Rd., PO Box 188, Keedysville, MD 21756-1449 was on July 15, 2026 appointed personal representative 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 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 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 Register 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 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.

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

This Week's Crossword Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

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

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PUMP STATION AND
GRAVITY SEWER REPLACEMENT

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

The Project includes the following Work:

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

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

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

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

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

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

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Town of Hancock
126 West High Street
Hancock, MD 21750

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

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

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

Construction Employers Association
2611 Fairmont Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

Altoona Builders Exchange
1927 Union Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601

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

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

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

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

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

“DOMESTIC PREFERENCE”

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

The following waivers apply to this Contract:

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

There will be wage rates requirements for this project.

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

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: Town of Hancock
By: Roland Lanehart
Title: Mayor
Date: July 22, 2026

Project Engineer:
RK&K, LLP
159 Plaza Drive
Keyser, WV 26726

7-22-3thn

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.

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.

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

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 appointed 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 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.

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 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 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 Register 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 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.

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

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 appointed 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 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 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 Register of Wills on or before the 21st 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.

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

Michael G. Day, ESQ.
Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
10715 Downsview Pike
PO Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83728
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF William R. Henneberger.

Notice is given that Amy S. Henneberger, 14403 Woods Walk Ln., Midlothian, VA 23112-2411 and Jamey W. Henneberger, 9121 Paddock Ln., Potomac, MD 20854-2336 were on July 23, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the estate of William R. Henneberger who died on July 9, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd 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 23rd 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.

Amy S. Henneberger
Jamey W. Henneberger
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Judy Ellen Isner Green

Estate No: 83730

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Nicole Shandelle Ritchey-Conway for judicial probate of the will dated February 12, 2025 and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on September 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd8-5-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83741
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Edward Vincent Potts.

Notice is given that Gwen Diane Barron, 308 Overbrook Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3482 was on July 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Edward Vincent Potts who died on November 11, 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 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 28th 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 28th 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.

Gwen Diane Barron
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83718
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF David Musick Kennedy.

Notice is given that Margaret Galasso, 2403 Hightee Ct., Crofton, MD 21114-2540 was on July 27, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Musick Kennedy who died on June 16, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 27th 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 27th 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.

Margaret Galasso
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

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The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. Answer elsewhere in paper.

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Estate No. 83712
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Roger Leatherman Fiery, Jr.

Notice is given that Douglas Fiery, 280 E. Magnolia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3426 was on July 22, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Roger Leatherman Fiery, Jr. who died on July 6, 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 22nd 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 22nd 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.

Douglas Fiery
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83649
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Samuel Filmore Turner.

Notice is given that Alan Michael Turner, 11222 Cristins Cir., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4419 and Hope Elizabeth Daughtery, 13547 Donnybrook Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2502 were on July 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Samuel Filmore Turner who died on April 11, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd 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 23rd day of January, 2027.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representatives 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.

Alan Michael Turner
Hope Elizabeth Daughtery
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

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. 83014
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Larry Douglas Artz.

Notice is given that Kimberly Artz, 120 Old National Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740-1575 was on July 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Larry Douglas Artz who died on September 4, 2023 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 22nd 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 22nd 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.

Kimberly Artz
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-3th

SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83640
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Anna Virginia Stull.

Notice is given that Angel Michele Stull, 23 E. James St., Winchester, VA 22601-4514 was on July 27, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Anna Virginia Stull who died on May 31, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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Angel Michele Stull
Personal Representative
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83723
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Allan Ricardo Nunez.

Notice is given that Nilson Flores, 2133 1st Ave. Apt. 2, New York, NY 10029-3331 was on July 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Allan Ricardo Nunez who died on January 19, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83733
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Carol Ann Auxier.

Notice is given that Samuel J. Auxier, Jr., 118 Plantation Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-3000 was on July 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Carol Ann Auxier who died on June 5, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Samuel J. Auxier, Jr.
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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Estate No. 83553
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF William Walker Saxman.

Notice is given that Kathy Carolyn Saxman, 4610 Mainfield Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214-2803 was on July 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of William Walker Saxman who died on December 15, 2025 with a will.

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

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

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Kathy Carolyn Saxman
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-5-1thn

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Estate No. 83678
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Reatha Catherine Kline.

Notice is given that Robert Lee Kline II, 620 Cornell Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4500 was on July 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Reatha Catherine Kline who died on June 21, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83743
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Alice Fay Straitiff.

Notice is given that Troy Straitiff, 9408 Morning Walk Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1484 was on July 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Alice Fay Straitiff who died on July 15, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Troy Straitiff
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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kelly.marquart@maryland.gov

Project Act Now
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CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

There are a lot of ideas floating around in your head, Capricorn, but none have solidified into action just yet. Seek the opinions of others to identify a path forward.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

The stars are washing over your emotional sector, making you confront what you have been sweeping under the rug for some time. Trust your feelings.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, every time you think you have a plan in place, the variables change. That's alright because you always have a backup idea should different scenarios present themselves.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

The universe is asking you to give others a shot to shine and for you to step into the background. Use this week to refine your talents out of the spotlight.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You can't predict where a relationship will go, Pisces. This week it is best to simply maintain the status quo. Things will be revealed soon enough.



VRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, keep your eyes open for a chance encounter mid-week that could spark a great new idea. Let go of the need to control the outcome and just go with the flow.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You have been burning the candle at both ends, Aries. You can't run on caffeine and grit all of the time. Find a day to rest before your body makes that decision for you.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Collaboration is your superpower this week. If you've been stuck on a professional problem, run it by a colleague. The answer may lie in a perspective you haven't considered yet.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Someone is testing your patience this week, Taurus. Before you stick to your guns, ask yourself if this is a battle worth fighting and then proceed.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your financial intuition is incredibly sharp. Trust your instincts right now. It's a great week to pitch a big idea, ask for a raise or reevaluate your budget



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

It's time to mute as much internal noise as possible, Gemini. Focus on one project and make a concerted effort to finish it before jumping to the next thing on your to-do list.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You are feeling an itch to break free from your routine but don't know where to begin. Don't drop everything just yet. Explore little adventures first.



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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.

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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.

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DEADLINE

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

Black Cat Zydeco featuring Dwight Carrier brings Louisiana Rhythms

The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) welcomes audiences to experience the infectious rhythms and high-energy spirit of Louisiana with Black Cat Zydeco featuring Dwight Carrier performing on Saturday, August 8, at 5:30 p.m. in Berkeley Springs State Park as part of the 2026 MAC Summer Music Series.

Known as "The Black Cat," Dwight Carrier is one of today's most exciting zydeco accordionists. Raised in Church Point, La., Carrier comes from the legendary Carrier family, where generations have helped shape the rich traditions of Creole and zydeco music. His energetic performances blend traditional zydeco with blues, country, R&B, and Cajun influences, creating an irresistible sound that keeps audiences dancing from the first note to the last. Throughout his career, Carrier has performed across the United States and internationally, sharing the joyful spirit of Louisiana music with audiences around the world.

Black Cat Zydeco is renowned for delivering an authentic Louisiana dance party wherever they perform. Whether you're a longtime fan of zydeco or discovering the genre for the first time, audiences can expect lively accordion melodies, driving rhythms, and an unforgettable evening filled with music, dancing, and celebration.



Dwight Carrier

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. Take a lawn chair or picnic blanket.

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, go to 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.

2026 Remembrance in the Park

The Washington County Office of Emergency Management welcomes you to the annual "Remembrance In The Park" memorial ceremony happening Tuesday, September 8, in the Washington County Emergency Services Tribute Gardens at Hagerstown City Park. The ceremony will start at 6 p.m.

This year's ceremony holds special significance as the nation marks the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. The gathering will provide an opportunity for the community to pause, reflect, and remember the lives lost and the extraordinary courage demonstrated by first responders, service members, law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, and ordinary citizens in the days and years following the attacks.

The memorial ceremony will serve as a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice, unity, and resilience displayed by those who answered the call to serve. The ceremony will honor the fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, as well as recognize



the emergency responders, law enforcement officers, service members, volunteers, and citizens who continue to dedicate themselves to protecting and serving our community.

As we commemorate 25 years since September 11, the ceremony will also reflect on the lasting impact of that day and the importance of remembering those who were lost while honoring the individuals who continue to safeguard our communities and freedoms.

The Washington County Office of Emergency Management welcomes residents, families, community members, first responders, veterans, and local organiza-

tions to join us for this meaningful evening of remembrance and reflection. Your presence and support are an important way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and show appreciation for those who continue to serve.

Attendees should plan to take chairs. Handicap parking will be available but limited.

This event is sponsored by the Washington County Emergency Management, Washington County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Hagerstown.

For additional information, contact Washington County's Public Relations and Marketing Department at pr@washco-md.net.

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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

People Told Us...

- GRANDPA JOKED: I always say that before I criticize a man, I like to walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when I do criticize him, I'm a mile away and I have his shoes!
- If the first week in August is unusually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long.
- OLD WEATHER LORE: A falling star is a sign of falling weather.
- Watch for powdery mildew on pumpkins and winter squash, the WVU Extension Service says.
- 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*.



Dear EarthTalk:
What is "soilless" farming and is it better for the planet?
— B.R., via email

Farming is far from friendly to the environment. According to Our World in Data, 26 percent of greenhouse gas emissions come from food production and 50 percent of the world's habitable land is used for agriculture. The Green Revolution solved the food shortage problem, but now, we humans need a new revolution to preserve and conserve natural resources—a "soil-less" revolution.

Three main types of soil-less farming are in practice today: hydroponics, aeroponics and aquaponics. Hydroponics, like its name suggests, cultivates crops in a nutrient-rich water supported by an inert medium such as perlite, coconut coir or rock wool. In aeroponics, plants are suspended in air and their roots are misted with a nutrient solution. Aquaponics has its roots in ancient China and Babylon. Essentially, it combines hydroponics and aquaculture in a symbiotic relationship. Fish and crops are raised together: fish waste fertilizes plants and plants purify water for fish.

A shift to soil-less farming can revert our current environment into a healthier, more balanced one. According to the World Wildlife Fund, "greenhouse hydroponics uses only 10 percent of the water needed for traditional farming." Additionally, soil-less cultivation yields more crops and produces fresh fruits and vegetables on a year-round basis, thanks to the controlled growing environment. With reduced exposure to pests and diseases, crops require little to no herbicide, lowering the amount of toxic water run-off. Finally, soil-less farming is more compact. Acres of land once used for cultivation can be returned back to nature, increasing biodiversity.

However, challenges persist in making the switch. For one, the initial cost is tremendous. Soil-less farming relies more heavily on technology; in consequence, equipment and set-up costs run in the tens of thousands (\$50k for 500 sq. ft.). Hydroponics, aeroponics and aquaponics also need more attention and technical expertise. Farmers must learn to manage new high-tech equipment and keep a watchful eye on the delicate nutrition balance. Besides the cost and human capital needed, soil-less farming is a high energy investment, which may offset any environmental gains. One study by World Wildlife Fund shows that the carbon footprint of lettuce grown on a traditional farm in California is less than that of a soil-less agricultural system. With more efficient technology, though, energy input can be reduced. Soil-less cultivation is the future for cleaner and more sustainable agriculture. Curious how plants can grow without soil? Try it yourself! Search up "at home hydroponic systems" and plenty of online resources can help you get started to an eco-friendly future.

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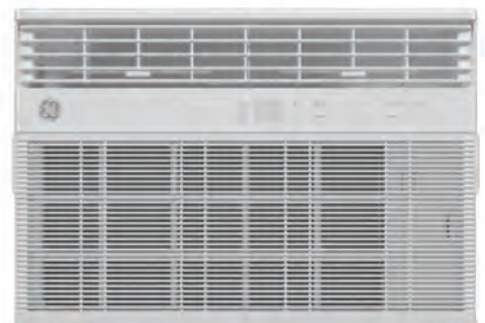
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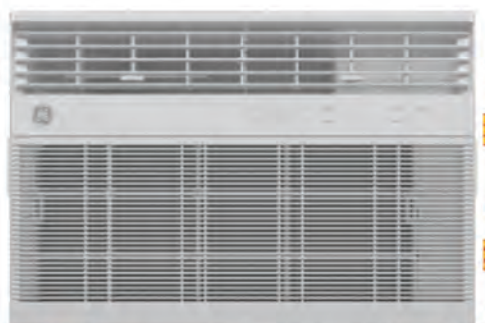
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