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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 8/12 83/66
30% chance of showers, calm west winds 5 mph in the afternoon.

Thurs. 8/13 85/67
40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.

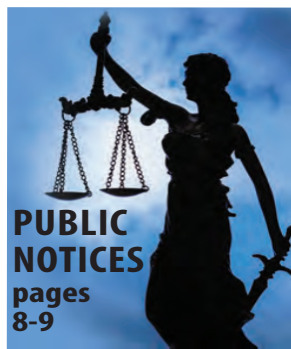
Fri. 8/14 82/60
20% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Sunny.

Sat. 8/15 79/61
Sunny with a high near 79 and a low around 61.

Sun. 8/16 82/67
40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

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Park Service clears vegetation from canal at Hancock

by Geoff Fox

What started in June with the National Park Service clearing some of the vegetative growth in the C&O Canal basin is all but finished after the work of an aqua harvester brought to Hancock last week.

Former mayor and President of the Hancock Historical Society Dan Murphy had been in contact with the Park Service since raising the issue of the vegetation in the canal during the May town meeting.

see **CANAL CLEARED**
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The National Park Service brought an aqua harvester to Hancock last week to remove the vegetation in the C&O Canal basin along Canal Street. photo by Geoff Fox

25th America's 9/11 Ride on Aug. 21-23

The largest police escorted motorcycle ride remembering the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001 will take place August 21-23.

The ride is to honor all first responders and remember those who perished.

Participants will ride from Shanksville, Pa. to the Pentagon and then to the World Trade Center.

The bikes will be traveling on Main Street through Hancock at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, August 21.

Find or create a staging location near you. For more information go to <https://americas911ride.org>.



Hot afternoon leads to perfect National Night Out

by Geoff Fox

Hancock held its annual National Night Out last Tuesday, August 4, in Widmeyer Park giving folks a nice night with their family and friends.

Organizations and businesses had tables set up across the park's open space with activities, goodies, snacks, and information.

There were bounce houses for kids to let off some energy as well as the Joint Training Commission with inflatable games like soccer and archery.

A monster truck, called Hurricane Force, stood tall in the park as a mini monster truck, called Tropical Storm, stood in front. Both were blocked off so people wouldn't climb on them or ride them.

The night kicked off with Shannon McKinley singing the National Anthem and Mayor Roland Lanehart welcoming everyone.

The mayor also thanked those who sped through the cameras in the school zone for helping to pay for the night's festivities through their tickets.

For those who needed a bite to eat, the Hancock

Lions Club served hot dogs, chips, and a bottle of water at the Lions Pavilion.

Folks also took shelter under the roof of the pavilion to get out of the sun.

Members of various law enforcement agencies were also on hand to join the Hancock Police, Hancock Fire Department, and Hancock Rescue Squad at the event.

One of the more popular places in the park was the splash pad as kids and adults could cool down with the spraying water.

There were also pickleball matches and 3-on-3 basketball games going on during the evening.

All the while, Take Two performed live music.

The night wore down and tables were being dismantled around 8 p.m., however no one left the park.

At 9 p.m., a loud boom and a flash of light signaled the start of the fireworks show that lasted roughly 11 minutes.

As the fireworks ended and smoked enveloped Widmeyer Park, everyone cheered and began heading to their cars to close the night.



As part of National Night Out, the Hancock Police Department came out in full force, including the two new officers. From left to right – Officer Stephen Carroll, Officer Jesse Walls, Officer Donnie O'Brien, Officer Todd Kifer and Sgt. Shawn Faith.



Young folks joined in the Joint Task Force inflatable soccer game, hopping into inflatable balls in pursuit of a giant soccer ball. photos by Geoff Fox and Kate Shunney



Inflatable bounce houses and slides were a favorite for youngsters at National Night Out.



Folks were sitting on the grass in Widmeyer Park as the fireworks show lit up the sky to close National Night Out last Tuesday, August 4. More photos on pages 6 and 10.

OPINIONS



Senator's Corner

by Mike McKay
Maryland House of
Delegates, District 1C
Allegany & Washington Counties



Redistricting special session was partisan power grab

The Maryland General Assembly's rushed special session and passage of House Bill 2100 is a brazen, partisan power grab dressed up as "clarification." I opposed this legislation.

In a three-day special session convened for the explicit purpose of rewriting the rules of the game, Democratic supermajorities rammed through a constitutional amendment that strips away state constitutional protections against extreme congressional gerrymandering. House Bill 2100 does not "clarify" long-standing practice. It deliberately nullifies the 2022 court ruling that applied the Constitution's requirements of compactness, contiguity, and due regard for natural boundaries and political subdivisions to congressional maps. It goes further still, declaring that "nothing" in the Maryland Constitution, including the Declaration of Rights, provides any applicable criteria for the boundaries of congressional districts. That is not technical housekeeping. That is a deliberate surrender of state constitutional constraints so the majority party can draw maps with fewer legal obstacles.

The timing and process alone expose the cynicism. Lawmakers were summoned on short notice, public testimony was tightly rationed, and the measure was engineered to hit the November ballot under compressed deadlines. All of this occurred while ordinary Marylanders continue to struggle with the cost of living, taxes, and basic governance. Instead of addressing those realities, the Assembly spent its extraordinary session insulating future partisan map-drawing from the very standards that once constrained it.

Supporters claim this merely restores the pre-2022 status quo and leaves federal law in place. That is cold comfort. Federal requirements of equal population and Voting Rights Act compliance have never prevented aggressive partisan map making. By removing state-level compactness and community-of-interest constraints, HB 2100 clears the path for maps that more easily cross the Chesapeake Bay and other natural barriers, maps designed to further marginalize the state's already small Republican representation. The practical effect is to treat congressional districts as instruments of partisan advantage rather than coherent communities of interest.

Voters will have the final word in November. They should reject this amendment. A constitution is not a tool for the temporary majority to rewrite whenever judicial rulings inconvenience its map-making ambitions. Marylanders deserve competitive, fair districts drawn under clear, enduring standards, not a constitutional blank check issued in a special session so one party can more easily lock in power for the next decade.

My email address is mike.mckay@senate.state.md.us and our district office number is 240-362-7040. Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving as your State Senator.

State Senator Mike McKay represents District 1 which includes Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties in the Maryland General Assembly.

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Dear EarthTalk:

What's new in terms of making the construction and maintenance of roads and highways more efficient and greener?

—Wendy Streeter, Exeter, NH

Highways are changing as engineers look for ways to make roads last longer while reducing pollution. Instead of relying only on carbon-heavy paving methods and fixing potholes after they appear, many road agencies are using recycled materials, smarter technology, and artificial intelligence (AI). These new ideas help roads better handle extreme weather while cutting waste and lowering construction costs.

One of the biggest changes is the use of recycled materials. TechniSoil Industrial has developed its "Neo" paving system, which mixes recycled plastic into road construction. The company says the process can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90% while using about 150,000 recycled plastic water bottles for every lane mile of roadway. Rather than sending plastic to landfills, it becomes part of a stronger road surface.

Old tires are also finding a new purpose. Along Interstate 85 in Georgia, The Ray serves as an 18-mile "living laboratory" where new transportation technologies are tested, including Rubber Modified Asphalt (RMA), which uses crumb rubber made from discarded tires. Texas Materials has also created its Super Sand Mix, replacing more than 42% of traditional asphalt binder with recycled tires and roofing shingles. These roads are more resistant to cracking, provide better traction, and even reduce traffic noise. As Allie Kelly, Executive Director of The Ray, explained in CNN's report on the project, "We see waste as a resource."

Scientists are also improving the pavement itself. Some new asphalt contains tiny capsules filled with bio-based oils that automatically seal small cracks before they grow. Other roads use embedded steel fibers that can be heated with magnetic induction to extend pavement life up to three times longer. Porous asphalt and permeable concrete allow as much as 80% of rainwater to pass through the surface, reducing flooding, preventing hydroplaning, and helping replenish groundwater.

Technology is making road maintenance smarter as well. Intelligent Compaction rollers use GPS and onboard sensors to ensure pavement reaches the correct density during construction. Embedded sensors continue monitoring concrete long after it is poured, while AI-powered cameras and automated repair machines can detect and fix small cracks before they become costly potholes. New temperature-sensitive paint and glow-in-the-dark lane markings can also improve driver safety during icy conditions.

Looking toward the future, government agencies are also beginning to integrate renewable energy directly into the transportation grid. Solar panels and piezoelectric energy harvesters are being installed along highway shoulders and beneath surfaces to capture clean electricity from passing vehicular traffic and sunlight. As Sean Weaver, founder and CEO of TechniSoil Industrial, noted when discussing modern eco-friendly paving methods, "I'm captivated by the idea that roads are one of the first downstream applications for recycled plastic that is bigger than the size of the plastic problem itself."

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Saturday, August 15
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Sunday, Sunday 16
– Hancock Museum
open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Tuesday, August 18
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Hancock
American Legion,
12:30 p.m.

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of August 3-9:

August 3
Alarm, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental. Service to advise, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Assisted Berkeley County Sheriff's Department, 100 block Fairview Drive. Unable to locate subject.

Check well-being, 100 block Washington Street. Subject checked okay.

Traffic complaint, Fleming Court. Attempt to locate vehicle, unable to locate.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block West Main Street. Subjects advised and moved along.

August 4
911 hang-up, 200 block Baptist Road. Unfounded.

Malicious destruction of property, 100 block West High Street. Juvenile caught destroying gates at the playground.

Service to advise, 200 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Community policing, Widmeyer Park. National Night Out.

Weapons discharge, 200 block West Main Street. Fireworks at National Night Out.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

Domestic reported, 100 block West High Street. Report taken.

DUI, 100 block West Main Street. Cole William Nichols, 19, of Hancock, arrested for DUI.

August 5
Property damage accident, first block South Street. Information exchanged.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

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

August 6
Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. Subject gone on arrival.

Alarm, 100 block East Main Street. Unfounded.

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

Assault reported, Hancock area. Report to follow.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

August 7
Theft reported, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Domestic in progress, 100 block West Main Street. Verbal, subjects advised.

911 hang-up, 100 block West Main Street. Accidental.

Suspicious vehicle, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate, owners gone on arrival.

August 8
Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. Check, all secured.

Service to advise, 200 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Unsecured door, 100 block East Main Street. Owner notified.

Domestic, first block South Street. Verbal, all subjects advised.

August 9
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Tractor-trailer fire halts traffic

by Geoff Fox

Traffic on the north end of downtown Berkeley Springs was brought to almost standstill on Saturday when the brakes of a northbound tractor-trailer caught fire along Washington Street.

The call for the fire came in around 12 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, August 8, for a vehicle fire at the intersection of Union Street and Washington Street.

The brakes on the trailer's right rear had caught fire and pulled off to the side of the road in the 400 block of Washington Street, however police had the driver move the tractor-trailer about a half mile north across from the Berkeley Springs Post Office as a safety precaution for the buildings where the tractor-trailer first stopped.

Black smoke and the smell of burnt rubber filled the area

as the Hancock Fire Company and Hancock Rescue Squad arrived and put out the fire.

Town of Bath Police had Washington Street closed off with northbound traffic heading up St. George Street to Wilkes Street and back to Washington Street via Legion Street.

Northbound tractor-trailers pulled to the side of the road by the old train station.

Southbound traffic in the area of the fire attempted to use Legion Street and Wilkes Street as well. Those outside used Jimstown Road and Harrison Avenue to get into town.

The brakes were the only thing caught fire and the contents of the trailer were not damaged.

No injuries were reported.



The brakes on the right rear of Speed Force Transport tractor-trailer caught fire Saturday afternoon, August 8, around 12 p.m. and brought traffic on northbound Washington Street to an almost standstill and a halt for southbound traffic as a fire crew from Hancock put the fire out.



A fire crew from Hancock Fire Department works to get the final hotspot of the brakes of a Speed Force Transport tractor-trailer. The brakes on the right rear of the trailer caught fire in Berkeley Springs on Saturday afternoon, August 8. photos by Geoff Fox

Cacapon Resort State Park schedule for August 13-15

Thursday, August 13

1 p.m. - Microworlds Around Us. We will take microscopes of various sizes and magnification to look at living and non living objects. 3-D observations and slide observations will occur. Focus on pollinators.

2 p.m. - Visit Our Small Herb Garden. Let's make some herbal teas. Take a small bag of herbs home.

3 p.m. - A Bear's Life. Explores the American Black Bear's life from birth through adulthood. Learn some facts. Feel a skull, claw and a pelt. Become black bear aware. If time permits, play a black bear game to see if you could survive as a black bear.

Friday, August 14

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

1 p.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.

4:30-6 p.m. - Meet & Greet at the Lodge. Welcome to Cacapon. The park naturalist is on site to share nature center programming and weekend events.

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

Saturday, August 15

10 a.m. - Monarch Hour. Learn all about our WV State butterfly: life cycle and the great migration. Videos, games & crafts.

Washington County Board of County Commissioners seeks applicants for Animal Control Authority

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants interested in serving as the attorney on the Animal Control Authority. The attorney is responsible for chairing the meetings and drafting decisions. This is a paid position.

The purpose of the Animal Control Authority (the "Authority") is to hear and decide cases referred by the animal control agency concerning the enforcement of the provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance for Washington County.

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profession; One sworn officer from the Sheriff's Department; and One member from the general public. The Authority may also have Two or more alternate members.

Members of the Committee may serve two, three year terms, meeting the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. as needed.

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August 2026

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
3 10 am - Coffee & Talk 10:15 am - Business Mtg. 12 pm - Lunch 1 pm - Puzzles	5 10 am - Coffee & Talk 12 pm - Lunch 1 pm - Cards	7 10 am - Coffee & Talk 11 am - Show & Tell 12 pm - Lunch 1 pm -
10 10 am - Coffee & Talk 11 am - Hall Walk 12 pm - Lunch 1 pm - Cornhole	12 10 am - Coffee & Talk 10:30 am - Praise in Motion 12 pm - Lunch 1 pm - Bingo with Dru	14 10 am - Coffee & Talk 11 am - Share a Photo of your young self 12 pm - Lunch
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31 10 am - Coffee & Talk 11 am - Beach Party 12 pm - Lunch		

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One Wedding and One Funeral: Messages Abound

Charles died recently –of cardio myopathy (heart attack) –but his wife said it was of a broken heart.

His daughter wouldn’t let him see her children, his grandchildren.

Charles had a great heart. He was both businessman and government security worker, had all kinds of influence and business ties and often helped myriad kinds of people in (dire) need. At the funeral reception I met a lady whom Charles helped survive while she was in an abusive relationship. She later continued working for Charles and then she herself adopted a young lady in trouble, who was sitting next to me; I was completely unaware of all these “connections.” –I thought the two ladies were sisters. It was like a miracle was appearing before me and, also, Charles, though dead, was still living + orchestrating magnificently with God Love in this world. Later, while awaiting to officiate at a wedding I met Richard and Gay. She realized I was a priest and blurted out, “Oh, I’m a Believer!”

I invited her to explain. She said in 1976 (recounting the exact day and time which I now forget) she heard a verbal voice, with a light and “shock,,” saying: “My Son died for you.”

Ever since she has been attending daily Mass with Richard in Towson, Md. He also said she then wanted to “practically live out the Message” and find a place of worship, and this was Christ the King Church near northern Baltimore where they now attend.

As we were speaking, the whole time, Gay was smiling, radiating.

A day later, at the wedding Nancy and Ed wed. It was marvelous and picture-perfect. Precocious Flowers girls and toy-soldier-like tuxedoed ring-bearer boys, all dressed to the nines. The bride and groom are Catholics, and both their families are steeped in the faith. After the Mass, and the rain cleared and sun shined, they and parents + friends expressed to me how beautiful and wondrously everything went.

In this current world, I hope it keeps going so, as in the Gospel reading Jesus said to them, all of us, “You are the light of the World” (Mt.5:14).

Rev. John J. Lombardi is pastor of St. Peter-St Patrick 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 Exline..

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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

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Parkhead 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.

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

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OBITUARIES

Lisa Kay Lafollette
1965-2026

Lisa Kay Lafollette, age 61, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026 at WVU Medicine Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Born March 5, 1965 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Donald Lee and Ruth Marie Woods Lafollette.

Lisa was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. She was employed as a secretary at Sunset Water Services in Martinsburg, W.Va. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her friends.

She is survived by her brother, Dennis Lee Lafollette and his spouse, Lisa M. Stotler, one nephew, Corey Lafollette and two great nieces, Gracelyn and Lainey.

The family will receive friends at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 3-7 p.m. Services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to help defray funeral expenses may be made directly to the funeral home.

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

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

Joshua Brennan Walls
2008-2026

Joshua Brennan Walls, age 18, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born May 5, 2008 in Winchester, Va., he was the son of Terry Lee Walls, Jr. and Lisa Bernadette Rutter Walls of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

He was a 2026 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School where he was a star athlete on the Track and Cross-Country team. Josh earned the Governor's Award from James Rumsey Technical Institute and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He enrolled at West Virginia University to earn his Biomedical Engineering degree. Joshua worked with his father with the family business Walls Remodeling. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his two brothers, Aiden Jacob Walls and Ryder Lee Walls, his paternal grandfather, Terry Lee Walls, Sr., uncle Mike and aunt Nicole Higham, uncle Marc and aunt Mary Rutter, cousins, Caedyn Higham, Michael Higham and Sammy Rutter and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Jacqueline Walls and his maternal grandparents, Donald Edward and Bernadette Helen Rutter.

Celebration of Life Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at Berkeley Springs High School Gymnasium, 149 Concord Avenue, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family will receive friends one hour prior to services. Pastor Lisa Unger will be officiating. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joshua's name may be made to BSHS Athletic Boosters, 149 Concord Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or to Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, PO Box 206, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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Robert Faust Banks
1934-2026

Robert Faust Banks, age 92, of Winchester, Va., formerly of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Bob was born on May 13, 1934, in Mount Union, Pa. He was the son of Robert Newton Banks and Charlotte Zerbe Banks of Mount Union, Pa. He was also the brother of Nancy Jo Banks. He was married to his wife Janie Marie Banks for 63 years.

Bob was a family-oriented person his entire life. He was a loving father to David Brian Banks (Paula), Michael Ray Banks (Elizabeth), and the late Robert Benner Banks (Jennifer). He cherished the role of grandfather to his grandchildren Tara Elizabeth Payton (Lee), Corey James Banks (Kenzie), Kathryn Taylor Lackey (Ayden), Alex Ellen Banks, and Karalyne Elizabeth Banks and great-grandchildren Quinn Marie Banks, Isla Jane Banks, Anna Grace Payton and Steven Lee Payton.

Bob's strong faith was exemplified throughout his life. Those around him knew he loved to express his faith through singing and music. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Nancy, his wife Janie, and his son Robert.

Bob grew up in Mount Union, Pa. and graduated from Captain Jack Joint High School in 1952. He graduated from Penn State University with a Business Administration degree in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army, including being stationed in Korea. On June 16, 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Janie. They had three sons together. He worked at PGS (U.S. Silica), moving to Berkeley Springs, W.Va. in 1967. He served in the accounting department for 31 years.

He was a selfless member of the Berkeley Springs Community. Bob loved to sing and was a member of various local choirs. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Berkeley Springs and attended Union Chapel United Methodist Church later in his life. His devotion to Berkeley Springs athletics was unmatched. Whether you needed a volunteer for the concession stand, an organizer for events, or a fan in the stands, he was always ready to step up and help in any way he was needed. He helped coordinate the creation of the track and softball field in front of Widmyer Elementary school and was an advocate for youth sports of all kinds. He was also the director of Morgan County Parks and Recreation and was a member of the board at War Memorial Hospital for many years. He was well known in the community as a selfless giver throughout his entire life.

While his community saw a dedication to his work and giving back, his family saw a dedication to compassion, kindness, and in his words, tomfoolery. Formally known as Pappy Bob, he could always be found outside shooting hoops with his sons, meticulously mowing his lawn, building Lincoln-log towers with his grandkids, or telling stories in the living room while his granddaughters played hair salon with him as the customer. He put his family first in all that he did.

The family will receive visitors from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14, at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. A second visiting hour session will be held on Saturday, August 15 from 10-11 a.m. at Union Chapel United Methodist Church. A celebration of life service will be held at Union Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday August 15 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Berkeley Springs Athletic Boosters in memory of Robert Banks. Checks can be made payable to the BSHS Athletic Boosters and sent to 149 Concord Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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



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

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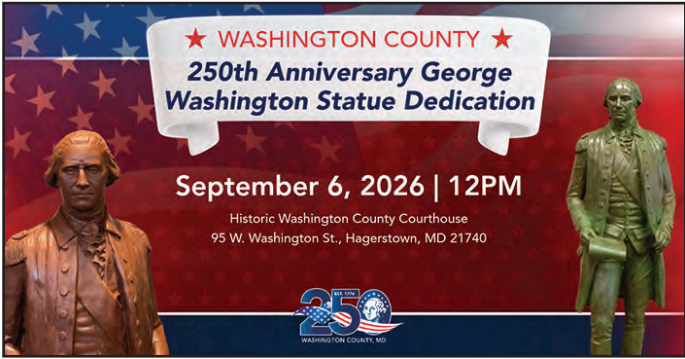
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George Washington statue to be dedicated at 250th Anniversary Celebration

Washington County Government welcomes residents, visitors and history enthusiasts to attend the Washington County 250th Anniversary George Washington Statue Dedication on Sunday, September 6, at 12 p.m. at the Washington County Courthouse, 95 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown.

The dedication marks another milestone in the county's yearlong 250th Anniversary celebration, commemorating Washington County's founding on September 6, 1776. The seven-foot bronze statue honors General George Washington, the county's namesake, and celebrates Washington County's distinction as the first county in the nation to be named in his honor.

Created by renowned local sculptor Toby Mendez, the statue stands at the entrance to the historic Washington County Courthouse. The memorial features educational inscriptions highlighting George Washington's life,



leadership, and lasting contributions to the nation while creating a welcoming gathering space for residents and visitors alike.

"This statue is more than a work of art, it is a tribute to the legacy of the man for whom our county was named and a lasting symbol of the values that have shaped Washington County for 250 years," said John F. Barr, President of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. "As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we are proud to dedicate a memorial that will educate, inspire, and welcome future generations."

Designed to endure for generations, the George Washington statue will serve as a permanent landmark recognizing the county's rich history and its unique place in the nation's story. It stands as both a tribute to the past and an invitation for future generations to learn about the people and events that shaped Washington County.

The public is welcome to attend this historic ceremony and be part of a lasting addition to the community as Washington County continues its celebration of 250 years of history, heritage, and service.

Participate in Monarch Tagging

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for an evening learning about and tagging Monarch butterflies. This workshop will be held at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Tuesday, September 1 from 5-6:30 p.m.

The Monarch Watch Tagging Program is a large-scale community science project that was initiated in 1992 to help understand the dynamics of the monarch's spectacular fall migration through mark and recapture. The Monarch butterfly's migration to Mexico began in early August, near Winnipeg, Manitoba. The migration peaks in our area in mid-September, so this is a perfect time for Monarch tagging. Learn about the monarch life cycle and how to conduct this community

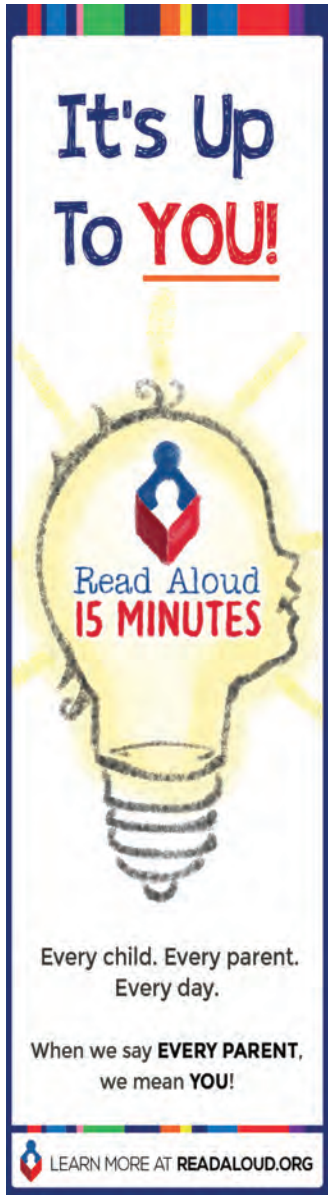


science with PVAS Naturalist Laurel Schwartz.

This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 12 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event-monarch-tagging-workshop-at-cool-spring-preserve-4/.

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



NOTE OF THANKS
The Family of
BELVIN LEROY MANN
would like to thank everyone who offered sympathies and prayers during our time of grief. Special thanks to Father Jack Lombardi for not only officiating the funeral mass, but for his spiritual guidance and kindness. The Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Hancock, deserve much gratitude for the beautifully prepared meal and Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home for making arrangements. Thanks to all those who sent notes of sympathy, made phone calls, sent flowers and made donations and ensured many special masses in Belvin's name. A heartfelt thanks also goes to caregivers and those who visited with Belvin during his extended illness, especially his brothers Larry and Joann Mann, Bob and Shirley Flowers and families.
With Grateful Thanks,
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"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal;
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Big Night Out at Widmeyer Park



As the fireworks show came to an end, the Hancock sky lit up with red, green, and yellow fireworks.



Chandler Fishback of the Washington County Fire & Rescue Association was ready to guide visitors on a tour of the mobile safety trailer at National Night Out.



Bouncing balls into jars of colored water earned kids small prizes and stickers.



Tri-State Community Health had kids filling containers with multi-colored sand to make unique works of art.



Sticky ball darts were a favorite activity at National Night Out, as youngsters aimed for the bulls-eye.

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With temperatures in the high 80s most of the night, the CNB snow cones were among the most popular things at National Night Out last Tuesday, August 4.

People Told Us...

—ARBORIST JOKED: What's a tree's favorite drink? Root beer!

—This Saturday, August 15 is National Honey Bee Day. Plant some wildflowers for our pollinator friends!

—OLD WEATHER LORE: As high as the weeds grow, so will the bank of snow.

—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.

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Local favorite Take Two provided live classic songs that got the crowds singing and moving all evening.

photos by Geoff Fox & Kate Shunney

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Interact Club touch up map Beginning of school just around the corner



In 2017, the Hancock Rotary painted three maps of the United States in Hancock - Widmeyer Park, Hancock United Methodist parking lot, and Hancock Elementary. During the nine years since being painted, the colors have started to fade, but the map at Hancock Elementary just got a touch up thanks to the Hancock Interact Club who took on the job last Tuesday, August 4, as Kerrie Ruiz Martinez, Nyla Spielman, Taylor Weller, Leland Clark and Kynzie Boyer painted the states various colors. Rotarians Dan Murphy, Autumn Williamson, and John Cohill were at the elementary school to check out the work.

photo by Amanda Norris

Joshua Schetrompf earns degree from University of Maryland Global Campus

Joshua Schetrompf of Hancock, earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2026.

Schetrompf was one of more than 7,300 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMG in the spring 2026 term.

Seth Bivens lands Academic All-District Honors



The Wilson College baseball team received postseason honors as three Phoenix were named to the 2026 Academic All-District Team. The trio consisted of Seth Bivens from Hancock; Chase Sumpensky from Baltimore and Tyler O'Brien from Frederick.

The CSC Academic All-America program separately recognizes baseball honorees in four divisions - NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA.

The Division II and III CSC Academic All-America programs are partially financially supported by the NCAA Division II and III national governance structures to assist CSC with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2025-26 Divisions II and III Academic All-America programs. The NAIA CSC Academic All-America program is partially financially supported through the NAIA governance structure.

Marty Snook Park playground area closed for new project

Washington County Parks & Recreation announces that the playground area near Pavilion 2 at Marty Snook Park closed Monday, August 10, for construction on a new, fully accessible and inclusive playground.

The project will replace the park's two existing play areas with a new play space designed to provide children of varying ages and abilities with opportunities for active, sensory, and imaginative play. The new playground will feature poured-in-place surfacing, providing a durable surface designed to improve safety and accessibility throughout the play area.

Planned improvements will include: Age-appropriate modular play structures, accessible swings, a hill climb



area, sensory boards, a shade structure, a combination climbing and spinning feature and poured-in-place safety surfacing.

The playground area near Pavilion 2 will remain closed for an extended period throughout construction. Visitors are asked to respect all posted signage and construc-

tion barriers and to avoid entering the closed area for their safety.

For more details contact Washington County Parks & Recreation at parks.support@washco-md.net or 240-313-2700.

by Geoff Fox

It seems like school just let out last week, but students in the area will be heading back to school in the coming weeks.

Morgan County and Southern Fulton both begin next week with Morgan starting on Tuesday, August 18, and South-

ern Fulton starting Wednesday, August 19. Hancock is the last to start.

Hancock students get an extra week to prepare for school as they start on Tuesday, August 25.

Students heading back to Hancock Elementary have a Back to School Night on Thursday, August 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Hancock Elementary School



Hancock Middle Senior High School

Study up on essential safety tips for the first weeks of school

As school comes back into session, drivers and families are reminded to pay special attention to the movement of school buses on local roads and of students in the vicinity of buses and school zones. The first week of classes can change traffic patterns in all areas of the county, and drivers are urged to drive more slowly and with caution as school traffic resumes. Leave earlier than usual so you aren't tempted to be in a hurry around school zones and buses.

Slow down for school traffic
If you are driving, remember these simple rules:

—Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.

—Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.

—Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon, around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway, or drive through a

neighborhood, school zone or bus stop.

Safety around the bus
Many students rely on school buses to get them to and from school safely. Parents and family members should also talk to students who ride buses about how to protect themselves as they get on, ride on and exit the buses throughout the year.

Parents - talk bus safety with your children:

—Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Teach them to play it SAFE:

—Stay at least ten feet — five giant steps — away from the curb.

—Always wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.

—Face forward after finding a seat on the bus.

—Exit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.

If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Walking safety

For students who walk to school, the following safety rules should be reviewed with families:



• Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing traffic

• Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming

• Make eye contact with drivers before crossing, and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections

• Stay alert and avoid distracted walking like looking at devices or being distracted by conversation

• Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.

• Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

• Never talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

Make students informed

Other safety tips for the first week of school include equipping students with the knowledge of what to do in an emergency and how to reach parents or guardians.

If your student is younger or going to school for the first time, teach them:

—Their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 911.

—The name of their school and their main teacher.

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council, The American Red Cross.

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!

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**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
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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. 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

**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

Timothy C. Price
100 N. Court Street
Frederick, MD 21701

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate No. 83717

Notice is given that the Court of Common Pleas of 9th District court of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania 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 Lehmanns 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
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-29-3th

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

Notice is given that Chadwick A. Zeger, 1005 Hunters Kni., 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
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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 Downsville 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., Pottomac, 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.

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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
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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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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 Daugherty, 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 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.

Alan Michael Turner
Hope Elizabeth Daugherty
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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(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

Julian J. Moss, ESQ.
Parker Simon Attorneys at Law
401 N. Washington St. Ste. 445
Rockville, MD 20850-0707
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83617
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF George William Gipe, Jr.

Notice is given that Michelle Simon, ESQ., 401 N. Washington St. Suite 445, Rockville, MD 20850 was on July 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of George William Gipe, Jr. who died on May 4, 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 31st 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 31st 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.

Michelle Simon, ESQ.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-12-3th

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83355
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robin Lynn Kelley.

Notice is given that Charity Kelley, 38 S. Mulberry St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-5735 was on July 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Robin Lynn Kelley who died on December 20, 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.

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

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Charity Kelley
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-12-1thn

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Estate No. 83739
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donna Marie Rudisill.

Notice is given that Christine Constable, 11985 Old Forge Rd., Waynesboro, PA 17268-9365 was on July 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Donna Marie Rudisill who died on July 12, 2026 with a will.

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Christine Constable
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-12-1thn

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This Week's Crossword Answers

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**SMALL ESTATE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83729
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jennifer Marie Zeger.

Notice is given that James Zeger, 335 Daycotah Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-3519 was on July 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jennifer Marie Zeger who died on July 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.

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James Zeger
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-12-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83416
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Richard Eugene Eichelberger.

Notice is given that Darrin Eichelberger, 7826 Fairplay Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1033 was on July 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Richard Eugene Eichelberger who died on November 22, 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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Darrin Eichelberger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-12-1thn

Another full weekend of music with the Morgan Arts Council

The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) welcomes the community to another weekend of live music as the 2026 MAC Summer Music Series continues with two free concerts featuring acclaimed regional and national artists. From the Charlotte's Café Garden Stage at the Ice House to the Berkeley Springs State Park, music can be heard with two unique evenings celebrating live music, community and the arts.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, August 14, with Dawn Drake & ZapOte taking the Charlotte's Café Garden stage at the Ice House. Doors open at 6 p.m., with music beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and guests should enter through the Mercer Street entrance.

Dawn Drake & ZapOte is a female-led ensemble blending Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms with elements of pop, funk and world music. Their original music explores themes of love, community, resilience, and social justice, creating an uplifting experience that encourages audiences to dance, sing, and connect through music.

The music continues on Saturday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m., when the Saturday Concerts in the Park series returns to Berkeley Springs State Park with Kiti Gardner & the Drifting Valentines.

Drawing inspiration from the golden era of American roots music, Kiti Gardner & the Drifting Valentines de-



Dawn Drake & ZapOte.



Kiti Gardener & the Drifting Valentines.

liver a blend of western swing, rockabilly, classic country, and jump blues. Their music pays tribute to the sounds of the 1940s through the early 1960s, celebrating the legacy of legendary recording studios and musical traditions, from Nashville's Quonset Hut and RCA Studio B to Memphis' Sun Records and the iconic Bakersfield sound.

Guests attending either concert should take lawn chairs or blankets. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

For more information on this and other MAC activities, go to www.maciecehouse.org and go to our Facebook page @MACicehouse.

FCMC receives \$750,000 RACP Grant for Long Term Care HVAC System

The Fulton County Medical Center in McConnellsburg, Pa., received a \$750,000 grant through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Funding Round to be used for an HVAC project in Long Term Care.

The grant was submitted by the Fulton County Medical Center Foundation. RACP is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the design, acquisition and construction of the regional economic, cultural, civic,

recreational and historical improvement projects. The FCMC project entails removing and disposing an existing HVAC system and many construction components to install an extensive new system inclusive of horizontal ducted air handling units, wall mounted air handling units, heat recovery branch boxes, 20-ton air source heat pump units, packaged makeup air units, and duct mounted filter boxes for hallway units.

“FCMC is grateful to receive this funding to replace

our aged and obsolete air conditioning system in our nursing home,” said Mike Makosky, FCMC President and CEO. “The new system will not only provide a more comfortable living space for our residents and workspace for our employees, but also be more energy efficient, thereby extending our energy savings for many years to come.”

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Master Gardeners offer garden tours & teaching during Spud Fest August 22

The Washington County Master Gardeners will offer garden tours and educational activities in three gardens during Spud Fest on Saturday, August 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center at 7303 Sharpsburg Pike in Boonsboro.

At the butterfly garden, the Children's Learning Activities team will teach children how to grow sweet potatoes as houseplants and how to plant seeds. A Master Gardener will also demonstrate how to dig and divide perennials.

In the historic 4-square garden, guests will learn how to grow potatoes in grow bags.

Visitors will create a tussie-mussie, a small bouquet of flowers and herbs in the medicinal herb garden,

Spud Fest is an annual potato-themed event sponsored by the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum which is dedicated to the preservation of Maryland agricultural history. The museum includes a 1800s outdoor rural village, period gardens and indoor museums.

Volunteer educators with the University of Maryland Extension, Master Gardeners teach people safe, effective gardening practices that build healthy gardens and communities. They give educational talks, create teaching gardens, offer therapeutic horticulture programs, recognize Bay-Wise landscapes, and host information booths at community events.

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender iden-



A 4-square garden on display.

tity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance,

or any other legally protected class.

RIGHT: Hex-sign painting will be taught among other educational offerings.



National Night Out offered community fun



Hundreds of folks came out last Tuesday for a community connection at the 2026 National Night Out event. photos by Geoff Fox and Kate Shunney



As the fireworks burst overhead, those in Widmeyer Park, be they civilian or first responder, stood to watch.



The Monster Truck and accompanying mini truck drew lots of attention throughout the night.



Big checkers made big moves during National Night Out.

Canal cleared

(from front)

Town officials had given Murphy permission to speak on their behalf regarding the clearing of the canal.

Murphy's argument was the fact the vegetation growing in the basin of the canal was not historically accurate with officials adding it would be economical for the town, it would also be a safety cleanup as well as the canal area had become stagnant, attracting mosquitos.

It took a crew from the Park Service about two days, using specialized equipment and hand removal to clear the canal, a spokesperson said. All vegetation taken out of the basin is composted.

The C&O Canal's calm waters naturally support a variety of aquatic plants, of which seasonal growth is a normal part of a healthy waterway, park officials said.

The spokesperson said the park regularly monitors vegetation and uses different approaches, sometimes letting plants complete their life cycles, other times removing growth to keep the canal accessible and thriving.



photo by Geoff Fox

"In Hancock, the park is watching both native white lilies (Nymphaea odorata ssp. odorata) and the non-native sacred lotus (Nelumbo nucifera)," the spokesperson said.

The lotus bloomed with a creamy yellow flower.

Plant management follows federal and state best-practice guidelines.

The section of the canal from the bridge over the canal to the river to the Rt. 522 will remain untouched for now, but the spokesperson said the park will continue to monitor the Hancock area and may adjust if

needed. Lily pads there are interspersed with bright pink flowers.

"Overall, plant growth in the canal is expected and the park works proactively to maintain a balanced, healthy environment," they said.

Murphy said he saw the apparatus the day of the cleaning but hasn't really looked yet at the canal.

He did say he was appreciative of the National Park Service for coming up and clearing the canal basin and hopes they'll continue to monitor it a little closer moving forward.

WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

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CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20

It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Capricorn. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has since mended their ways.



CANCER — Jun 22/Jul 22

There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.



AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18

Unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.



LEO — Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and be mindful of what you support in social media groups.



PISCES — Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that isn't turning to gold. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head.



VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22

Family matters require your undivided attention this week, Virgo. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story.



ARIES — Mar 21/Apr 20

Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Aries. You may not get many chances to test your mettle in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.



LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, just when you started to lose hope, the new horizon you were seeking comes into view. It is well-deserved.



TAURUS — Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then make your move.



SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time? This can be a great way to meet people.



GEMINI — May 22/Jun 21

Let loose and have fun for a change, Gemini. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes."



SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21

When plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation, Sagittarius. Higher-ups may get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

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Too many tomatoes? Make ‘em an offer they can’t refuse

by Lisa Schauer

Late summer in our area has long signaled the onslaught of tomatoes. Plants carefully tended all growing season are now yielding their perishable fruit. Time is of the essence when a bumper crop of tomatoes presents itself. Blanching makes sense. Just boil tomatoes for a couple minutes, long enough to peel the skin, bag and freeze. Use the frozen tomatoes to start a homemade marinara sauce any time of year. Making delicious marinara sauce doesn’t have to take all day. Here’s an authentic Italian American sauce recipe that’s ready to serve in under 30 minutes.

An Italian American tradition

After World War II, one of the country’s first subdivisions was built a few miles

from Norfolk Naval Base, in the bayside area of Virginia Beach.

The Aragona family were builders of Aragona Village, a working-class neighborhood. They were Sicilians by way of New York and were rumored to have unsavory ties, although, unlike the Bonano family, that has never been confirmed.

One day, Mr. Aragona invited a couple of visitors to his opulent home to learn how he made his famous marinara sauce.

He greeted them at the door wearing a velour jogging suit, dripping in gold jewelry.

His mise en place was assembled in the kitchen. Using his big, beefy hands, Aragona began squeezing tomatoes into a pan with olive oil.

The sauce was ready in

about 20 minutes, and his guests packed it up to go, savoring its simplicity and replicating it for years to come.

So, when your next hungry crowd shows up, just forget about it, and make ‘em an offer they can’t refuse.

Serve this Italian classic and everyone will be happy. Momma Mia!

Aragona Red Sauce

Large can of whole tomatoes, or a gallon bag of de-frosted blanched tomatoes.

A tablespoon of olive oil

Garlic and chopped onions to taste

Small can of tomato paste

Pinch of sugar

Italian herbs to taste (oregano and basil)

Splash of red wine, if desired

Heat the olive oil, garlic and onions over medium heat in a large cast iron skillet.

Crush the tomatoes into the pan. Add remaining ingredients and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve over noodles cooked al dente in salted water. Top with fresh grated parmesan cheese.

Meatballs or cooked and drained ground beef may be added to the finished sauce but is not integral to the dish.

Any leftover sauce improves overnight. Make bruschetta the next day, by re-heating and topping it on toasted bread.

RIGHT: Heirloom tomatoes were for sale at Glascock’s roadside stand on Friday, August 7. A worker there said they should have tomatoes until October. Local tomatoes are also available at farmer’s markets and roadside stands.



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ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy’s wife

15. Derived from ammonia

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest rate

18. Experts

20. Vascular tissues

22. Smooth and glossy

23. Administrative region in S. Korea

24. One from Damascus

28. Special interest group

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Twelfth star in a constellation

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in grades of size

41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. “The Great Lakes State”

43. Having earlike appendages

44. Momentarily stop

46. Ancient kingdom

49. Of I

50. White clerical vestment

51. Songs to one’s beloved

55. Charges

58. Computer application originator

59. A place to dock a boat

60. One guided by reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger

67. Screen type

68. Country legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you anticipate arriving

DOWN

1. Involuntary muscular contraction

2. Eastern US transit agency

3. Leaves a place

4. Cease to participate

5. Current units

6. Cease to exist

7. General’s assistant (abbr.)

8. Earth vibration

9. Very strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie ___ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Indonesian island

25. Educational environment

26. Namibian peoples

27. Bring out or develop

31. Moves into a place of thought

32. Out of the way

34. Loads a ship

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. The ancient Egyptian sun god

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Relating to a wing

47. One who gives a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Sweet persons

56. Put into play

57. Small cattle breed

59. Millisecond

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They ___

62. Moon crater

63. A place to stay the night