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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 8/19 84/66 
Sunny with calm west winds around 5 mph and a high around 84.

Thurs. 8/20 79/62 
80% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. Calm winds.

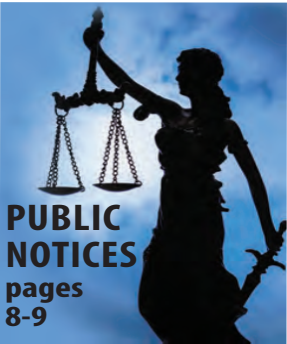
Fri. 8/21 77/64 
40% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.

Sat. 8/22 78/63 
60% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms after 2 p.m.

Sun. 8/23 78/60 
20% slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

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Town continues pressure on owners of blighted properties to advance repairs or demo

by Geoff Fox

Hancock town attorney Ed Kuczynski and Town Manager Mike Faith recently held a conference with Kenneth Apple and Jordan Butts in District Court regarding the conditions of their dilapidated properties on Main Street and High Street in Hancock. Both property owners have been notified that they must either fix or tear down the buildings because of their condition.

Kuczynski told town officials last week that Butts has said he will start to clean up his High Street property immediately. Butts sent both Faith and Kuczynski pictures of a full dumpster at the property.

“Apparently he started doing that,” Kuczynski said.

Butts had been cited for unsafe structure and junk and debris in the yard, Faith added.

Butts agreed to provide plans from a structural engineer within 60 days that can be utilized to rebuild the structure.

Kuczynski said Butts also claims he wants to repair

and rehabilitate the property to use as a rental.

If he continues to move forward in repairs, the town would continue the case. If he fails to comply, citations will be issued again.

“In these types of cases, it’s generally more productive than if you just go ahead to trial,” Kuczynski said. “If you go to trial, court would have found that they violated the ordinance.”

Kuczynski said Greg Carrette, who is the county’s Director of Permits and Inspections, is ready to help with any testimony and any information about code violations needed.

The attorney said the court would probably also issue fines around \$1,000 and issued an order of abatement.

“We still have those remedies available, so if there’s noncompliance on what they’ve agreed to do, or what he’s agreed to do, then we’ll bring it back for a final adjudication and at that point, there’ll be a formal order of abatement and we’ll take it from there,” Kuczynski said.

Kuczynski said there was



This High Street building is still the subject of negotiations between the town and owner on repairs or demolition.
photo by Geoff Fox

a similar discussion with Apple.

Apple indicated he had presented a report from a structural engineer a few

years ago that addressed the problem.

Kuczynski said Apple had interpreted the most recent letter the town sent that the

town would demolish the building.

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Flock cameras in Hancock don’t work, officials working to have them removed

by Geoff Fox

A major concern across the country within the last few months has been the increasing awareness of the number of towns having put up Flock cameras that publicly track traffic movements. The public has expressed growing outrage over the data the cameras collect about private citizen movements across the country.

In June of 2025, Hancock town officials approved having Flock cameras installed at various points throughout town to aid in police investigations with the hopes they’d communicate between similar cameras in Hagerstown.

However, in November 2025 – just a few months later -- town officials voted to remove the cameras due to their inability to share information with other municipalities.

The cameras didn’t cost the town any money as it was only a trial period.

One camera remains in Hancock at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street.

Sgt. Shawn Faith said for crime prevention reasons, he wanted to get the cameras out of town as soon as possible.

“In the nation they’re being attacked and torn up,” he said, noting that Boonsboro’s cameras just got hit “pretty heavily.”

News reports indicate that some private citizens, opposed to the public surveillance cameras, have shot them, broken them or removed them from public locations.

Councilman Josh



Hancock has one Flock camera installed but not working downtown. Officials have been making efforts to have it removed for months.

photo by Geoff Fox

McCusker made it clear the town does not have an active contract with Flock but the cameras are here. Sgt. Faith added they do not work.

Councilman David Kerns said it doesn’t give anyone the right to tear them down. The pole the camera is sitting on belongs to the town, Town Manager Mike Faith said.

Sgt. Faith said police try to prevent crime before it happens, so “I’m trying to get them out of here.”

Town Manager Faith said Flock is to be in town to remove the cameras in the next couple of weeks, but if they’re not down by the end of August, town crews

should take them down and put them in the Public Works building and tell Flock to come get them.

Axon body cameras coming

The Hancock Police Department’s Axon body and police cruiser cameras will be active beginning September 1, which is when the actual contract starts, Sgt. Faith said.

Axon will have people in Hancock setting up the cameras for officers on September 1 and 2, starting with the cameras in the police vehicles.

Sgt. Faith said they could have the work done in one day.

Hedgesville man arrested for Garrett County fire



A Hedgesville man was arrested and charged in connection with a fire in Oakland, Md., on July 30 that caused an estimated \$40,000 in damages to a greenhouse and two camper trailers.
photo by the Maryland State Fire Marshal’s Office

by Geoff Fox

A Hedgesville man is facing felony charges after an investigation of a July fire in Oakland, Maryland.

According to the Maryland State Fire Marshal, Chad Edward Care, 43, of Hedgesville, is facing first- and second-degree arson charges and two counts of first-degree malicious burning. All are felonies.

Deputy State Fire Marshals from the Western Region Office served a criminal summons on Care last Thursday morning, August 13, at Deep Creek Lake in Garret County.

On July 30, just before 5 a.m., Deputy State Fire Marshals and accelerant-detection K-9 Quinn responded to investigate a fire near Dobbin Road in Oakland.

Fire officials said the in-



vestigators determined the fire was intentionally set by one of the property owners following a family dispute.

A greenhouse and two camper trailers were destroyed in the fire with an estimated loss of \$40,000.

The Gorman Fire Department responded and extinguished the flames, fire officials said, with the Garrett County Sheriff’s Office assisting with the investigation.

No injuries were reported, fire officials said.

OPINIONS

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What’s the backstory on the so-called “Warming Stripes” visual display of climate change? —H.L., via email

In the past decade, warming stripes have become increasingly well-known data visualization graphics representing abnormalities of annual, monthly or historical temperatures for a given location. The vertical or occasionally horizontal stripes each represent a month or a year, and the color signifies the direction of deviation of the temperature from the average, with blue as cooler and red as warmer. The color’s darkness shows the size of deviation of the actual temperature from the baseline average. Much of the warming stripes’ popularity is due to their easy-to-understand yet enticing appearance.

The story of warming stripes began in 2017 when Professor Ellie Highwood of the University of Reading crocheted and posted her global warming blanket on Twitter. Each row represented the average temperature change from a baseline average. The stripes contained many more colors, including pink, green, and yellow, than the current model. A year later, Highwood’s coworker Ed Hawkins narrowed down the colors to mostly blue and red to simplify the model. Hawkins later tested his model at the Hay Festival in the U.K. and received widespread support, prompting him to launch a website in 2019.

When the website first launched, there were over a million downloads within the first week, allowing ordinary people to participate in the climate action campaign. Co-founder of Cycling for Climate, an organization using cycling to raise awareness of climate change, Joost Brinkman said, “It’s an easy conversation starter, and people are always shocked when they understand the story.” The company has since adopted the stripes as their uniform pattern. Additionally, renowned climate activist Greta Thunberg used the stripes as the cover of her work, *The Climate Book*. Some issues of *The Economist* also feature warming stripes as the front page. Warming stripes were also displayed at the Reading & Leeds music festival in 2021.

The popularity of the warming stripes culminated in the celebration of Show Your Stripes Day, an annual observance around the 21st of June that encourages people to post their region’s stripes across various social media platforms. It raises awareness of climate changes and encourages people to take action, whether on a large-scale or a small community level. Readers can participate in the warming stripes movement by posting our region’s stripes on Show Your Stripes Day each year. At the same time, we can engage with other people’s posts to start conversations, capture more attention, and encourage friends and family to participate as well.

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- Japanese city
- “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
- Hat
- Place where rockers work
- Psyche
- Snakelike fishes
- Where people live
- Body part
- Old towel
- One’s essential being
- Japanese alcoholic beverage
- Boxing’s GOAT
- Wet muddy ground
- Christian Laettner is one
- A place to store lawn tools
- Large tub for liquid
- Old World lizard
- One-time European member group
- Healing student
- Nuclear weapon
- “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia
- Silk garment
- About some Norse poems
- Woman religious community member
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Two-year-old sheep

DOWN

- An insane person
- “Homeland” actress Danes
- Buttock muscles
- US federal agency
- Birds of prey
- Electronic communication
- Ocean
- Terminates
- Low-pitched sound from a bell
- Exclamation: yuck!
- A place to attach a boat
- Exclamation of surprise
- Make a mistake
- Border line
- Have religious faith
- Klutz
- Large tree
- House of ___ rulers
- Red deer
- Small coin (French)
- Popular sandwich
- 10-year period
- Not good
- Government lawyer
- Egypt’s intelligence agency
- Without an occupant or incumbent
- Stain with one’s hands
- Crippling
- One point east of south-east
- Large, united groups
- ___ and cheese
- Alcoholic beverage



Calendar of Events AUGUST

Saturday, August 22
– Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, Sunday 23
– Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Wednesday, August 19
– Free bingo and food, Hancock Senior Center, 1 p.m., age 60 plus

Friday, August 21
– Open Mic, Hancock Community Center, 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 12:30 p.m.

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

To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancocknews.us

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Hancock Police Report

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of August 10-16:

August 10
Check well-being, Hancock area. Unable to locate subjects.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Report to follow.

911 hang-up, first block West High Street. Medical.

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Harassment, 200 block Myers Street. Subjects advised.

August 11
Alarm, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental. Parking complaint, East High Street. Owner notified. Assisted EMS, West Main Street. Subject transported.

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

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Vehicle checked.

August 12
Assisted EMS, 200 block Fulton Street. Subjects gone on arrival.

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

Warrant attempt, 100 block Fulton Street. Unable to locate subject.

911 hang-up, 100 block Limestone Road. Accidental. Service to advise, 200 block Myers Street. All subjects advised.

Check well-being, first block Parrell Street. Subject checked okay.

Service to advise, first block Fleming Court. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block Myers Street. All subjects advised.

August 13
911 hang-up, 200 block Maryland Avenue. Unfounded.

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

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

Malicious destruction of property, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Information taken.

Parking complaint, Resley Street. Owner advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Domestic, 200 block Myers Street. Verbal, all parties advised.

August 14
911 hang-up, first block Washington Street. Unfounded.

Undesirable, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate subject/gone on arrival.

Parking complaint, Church Street. Owner notified.

911 hang-up, 200 block Park Road. Accidental.

Assisted EMS, 200 block Myers Street. Overdose, subjects transported.

August 15
Assisted Hagerstown Police Department, 200 block Myers Street. Unable to locate subjects.

Traffic complaint, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate issue.

August 16
Disabled vehicle, 100 block West Main Street. Vehicle out of gas.

Carroll officially HPD officer *Open mic*



Before town officials got into the August town meeting, Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. swore in Stephen Carroll as the newest officer for the Hancock Police Department.

Hancock Community Center, located at 126 W. High Street, Hancock will have an Open Mic on Friday, August 21, 5-8 p.m. Join in with your music or stories and just listen.

A free community service activity for the tri-state area. Sponsored by the Hancock Lioness Lions Club. Everyone is welcome.

Free acoustic jam

BlackCat Music Cooperative's monthly acoustic jam Friday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Mike Kligerman of the Tri-State Ukelectic Orchestra will host this free get-together. Take acoustic instruments and voices.

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

For more information call 304-500-2696.

Police still looking for suspect in theft

by Geoff Fox

Hancock Police are looking for the suspect in a theft incident at Smoker's World in Hancock.

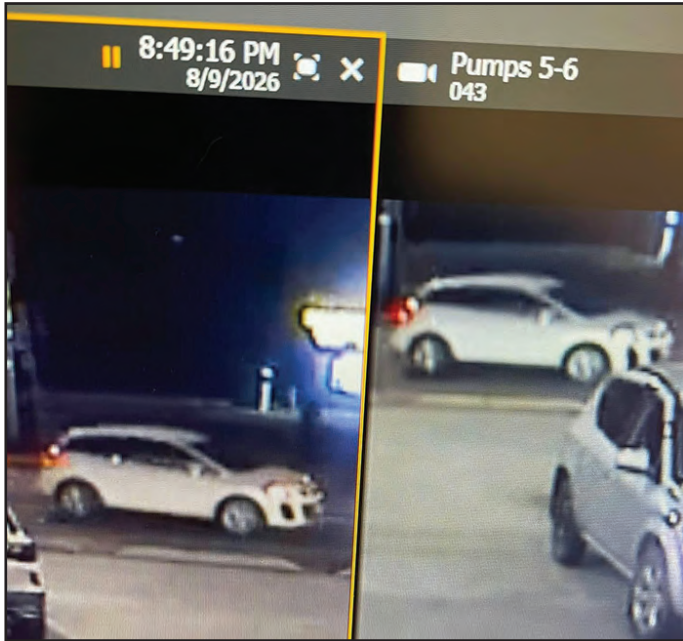
According to Sgt. Shawn Faith, the suspect came in the store around 8:40

p.m. on Sunday evening, August 9, and again on Monday afternoon, August 10, around 1:30 p.m.

In a picture on social media, the male subject is wearing what appears to be a blue hat, a dark blue puffer jacket, and

black pants. He sports a goatee on his face.

The police are asking the public's help in identifying the person and if anyone has any information, contact Sgt. Faith at 800-792-8501 ext. 5.



The suspect's vehicle on security camera. photos courtesy Hancock Police Department

LEFT: Hancock Police are asking the public's help in identifying this man in connection with an investigation into a theft at Smoker's World.

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Woodmont Lodge to host Open House Sept. 13

The Historic Woodmont Lodge west of Hancock will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, September 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located at 11761 Woodmont Road, the lodge is an historically important hunting club and property that has welcomed well-known figures throughout its operations.

The lodge and lands surrounding are overseen now by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service in conjunc-

tion with the Izaak Walton League.

Visitors will have an opportunity to talk with members of the Izaak Walton League and the Maryland DNR about the history of the lodge, its importance and the early days of conservation in Maryland.

Signs for the event will be placed on Woodmont Road, which is Exit 77 off of I-68. For questions, call Fort Frederick State Park at 301-842-2155.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH
5:30 P.M. SORCERER'S STONE (2001)
8:30 P.M. CHAMBER OF SECRETS (2002)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
10:30 A.M. PRISONER OF AZKABAN (2004)
5:30 P.M. GOBLET OF FIRE (2005)
8:30 P.M. ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (2007)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH
12:30 P.M. HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (2009)
3:30 P.M. DEATHLY HALLOWS Pt1 (2010)
6:30 P.M. DEATHLY HALLOWS Pt2 (2011)

“Do the good in front of you.”

That is a Motto of the Sitters of Charity, in Emmitsburg, Md., especially those who took care of Civil War soldiers after the Battle of Gettysburg, and such nuns were known as *Angels of the Battlefield* (See: The book by that title.).

I went to The Seton Shrine of Elizabeth Ann to take a tour on a Sunday afternoon. After two Masses that morning and two meetings following—and walking my dog—I was a bit weary, as usual, come Sunday P.M., and was slightly hesitant about the venture. Anyway I was refreshed by my fellow pilgrims as we carpooled from Hancock for an hour thru the beautiful countryside and, eventually, Catocin Mountain Park and, by Our Lady’s Mountain, Emmitsburg.

We pilgrims had a good time conversing and praying on our gentle trip. I was thankful I was on the pilgrimage. (And somebody else was driving!)

For our Introduction to the tour a gentleman mentioned how much the Charity Nuns took care of all kinds of needy people, and eventually, formed that Motto. When I heard the tour leader say it I was immediately smitten: how beautiful and needed for any Christ-follower—especially all of us today affected by so much social media, action and ever-present technology.

And: I basically thought I need to practice that Motto more consistently—in each present moment. I heard another version of this, as: “Do the good wherever it presents itself.” We then heard many stories, on the walking tour of heroic nuns—and priests- tending to the war wounded, and dead. One priest had to lie down, among the wounded, and dead, just to hear confessions confidentially.

We visited the main cemetery where one of our pilgrim’s great-grandfather’s sister, a nun, was one of the *Angels of the Battlefield* and was buried right there. So poignant. We were connected to epic history, and holiness.

Just before leaving we slipped into the giant Basilica for a prayer and were feted with the absolutely gorgeous music of a Ghana Pilgrimage group. were riveted by the Faith, devotion and sonorous music and melodic singing...All this fed me: we all need spiritual nourishment and community and God’s grace thru heroic stories and saintly lives—and God provided so richly on this adventure, which I at first wanted to discount. What can be more important?—adjusting and making effort for self-soul maintenance in ways God surprises us!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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Strong raises concern to fellow councilmembers, mayor about bid process, closed meetings

by Geoff Fox
Hancock Councilman Richard Strong aired some questions and concerns about town issues during the last council meeting.

During the meeting, Strong read from a prepared statement and provided a copy to *The Hancock News* prior to the meeting.

Strong said he had been approached by an individual with concerns about the process the town uses for putting jobs out for bid.

The town has a \$15,000 ceiling for public job costs. Up to that point, no bid is required to hire a contractor to perform work. Anything with a price tag above \$15,000 is required to be put out to competitive bid.

Strong was told rumors were circulating town officials had a way to circumvent that policy.

While he didn't say who the vendor was, Strong said he was told a vendor was told to submit two invoices for work below the \$15,000 limit rather than one work invoice that would have taken the job over the bid limit.

Strong stated he had two copies of two checks that total over \$26,000 for work on the splash pad.

"I would also like to say, if this is true, I don't condone what the practice is and reinforce that the work should be bid out fairly and honestly," Strong said.

He also submitted an information request for the last 12 months for a list of all vendors who have received payments totaling \$14,999 or more.

The request includes copies of all checks, e-payments, the like and including all backup documents including, but not limited to emails, text messages, and invoices.

Sheetz plans?
Strong also mentioned he had been told the town government had given Sheetz its blessing to build a new store.

He pointed out that he had meant to ask Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. about Sheetz.

"I would like to know who made the decision to move forward with an opinion without a discussion that included all council members," he said. "These are types of decisions we are all elected to make and it's inappropriate to learn of such important decisions from citizens."

Lanehart told him no decision was made with Sheetz and officials from the convenience store never contacted the town about constructing a new building.

Town Manager Mike Faith said he had received an email prior to the meeting from Sheetz regarding renovating the inside of the current building.

Strong said, as a town official, when people approach him, he wants to know what's going on.

Lanehart said what Strong is hearing is just Facebook and people at his bar.

Strong is part owner of the Apple Tree Inn west of town.

Closed sessions aired
Strong said another of his concerns did, in fact, have something to do with his bar.

Town officials met last month in a closed session to discuss a situation that involved Town Manager Faith and how it would be handled by the town.

In the meeting, officials voted to suspend Faith for three weeks while a misdemeanor charge was handled in county court.

Strong said he is "thoroughly disgusted" with how that meeting and how the vote took place in closed session.

"It was my belief that anything discussed in closed session was to remain confidential," he said.

He said it was inappropriate that someone came into the Apple Tree Inn and while drinking, told him they were disappointed with his vote.

"They told me everything I said in that meeting. Everything," he said. Strong also said the person told them what other officials said during the meeting as well.

Strong added there was disrespect given toward Sgt. Shawn Faith and the Hancock Police Department.

"Me personally, I'm sorry for what they've done to you and your staff," Strong said to Sgt. Faith.

Strong said everyone is talking about it and they're coming to him about the situation.

"I had to get this off my chest," he said.

Town Manager Faith said the process for any kind of construction within the town limits must get permits.

Sheetz sent Faith drawings, asking if they were approved for town center district. He'd look at the zoning ordinance, talk to the Planning Commission, and give an opinion.

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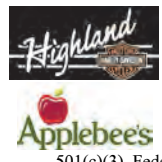
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Fulton County teen one of Pennsylvania 4-H delegates chosen for National Wildlife Habitat Education Program

Recently, Penn State Extension sent four 4-H members as delegates to participate in the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program competition, held in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The initiative, organized by 4-H and FFA, is designed to teach youth the fundamentals of wildlife through interactive, hands-on experiences. Participants travel to the national competition to test their wildlife expertise.

Participants included Tyler Depman, of Montgomery County; Seth Brehm, of Huntingdon County; Ross Hixon, of Fulton County; and Chance Kirby, of Butler County.

Each year, the event highlights a different ecoregion. This year's focus was the Southeastern mixed.

"I really enjoyed learning more about wildlife species and a new ecoregion," Brehm said. "This contest gives you a chance to learn about different ecoregions and the animals that live in those regions."

Participants learn about many concepts related to wildlife, such as identification, characteristics, how to judge the quality of wildlife habitat, and on-site recommendations, culminating in a written wildlife management plan followed by oral reasoning to justify the plan.

The 4-H delegates qualified to represent Pennsylvania at the national event through their participation in the wildlife and forestry field day in May, which gave 4-H members from across Pennsylvania an opportunity to explore their interest in wildlife and forestry.

"Studying for and competing in this contest increased my knowledge of wildlife," Hixon said. "I appreciate the opportunity to compete and to shadow a Pennsylvania Game Commission forester to learn more about the role."

Justin Heasley, a 4-H youth development extension educator and the team's coach, explained the benefits of the 4-H program for youth members.



"A lot of the youths move into natural resource management and wildlife programs after they age out of 4-H, and this program gives them skills for that," he said. "Even outside of 4-H, the program helps them develop their decision-making and teamwork skills that will benefit them as adults."

Administered in Pennsylvania by Penn State Ex-

tension, 4-H is a nonformal educational youth-development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that helps young people develop knowledge and skills to become capable, caring and contributing citizens. To find your local program, go to the Pennsylvania 4-H website at <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/counties>.

Maryland dedicates newest state park: Wetipquin Creek State Park

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offered local officials and special guests a preview of Wetipquin Creek State Park on Tuesday, July 21 as the state celebrated the acquisition of the 445-acre property that will become Wicomico County's first state park.

The Maryland Park Service named this newest park in honor of the creek that flows through it and empties into the Nanticoke River.

Wetipquin Creek State Park, currently in the planning phase, will conserve and foster an appreciation of the natural resources of the Delmarva Peninsula. The property contains the historic and architecturally significant house known as Long Hill, which dates back to the mid-18th century and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

"Places like Wetipquin Creek State Park remind us that conservation is about more than protecting land. It is about protecting memory, culture, and opportunity for future generations," said Maryland DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz.

The Park Service plans to offer a variety of interpretive and educational programs, tours, and events exploring the region's history, including the Long Hill plantation house, the lives of enslaved people at Long Hill, the history of Indigenous peoples in the region, and 18th- and 19th-century farm life on the Eastern Shore.

"Maryland State Parks are managed to reflect the natural and historic character of the communities they represent for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors," said Maryland Park Service Director Ranger Angela Crenshaw. "That's what we will provide here at Wetipquin Creek State Park."

Upon Wetipquin Creek State Park's opening, every county in Maryland will contain at least one state park.



Wetipquin Creek State Park in Wicomico County includes the house and grounds of the historic Long Hill house, the creek for which the park is named, and more than 400 acres of marsh and forest showcasing the Delmarva Peninsula's natural features.

photo by Maryland Department of Natural Resources

DNR received approval to purchase the 445-acre property in 2024 and completed the \$3.3 million transaction earlier this year. Previous owner Donald Graham was in attendance and delivered remarks. Long Hill derives its historical significance from its long association with the Dashiell family, several of whom took an active role in the affairs of colonial Maryland. Graham, a descendant of the Dashiells, acquired the property because of its historical and personal significance. He and his family meticulously cared for the home's historic features and also protected the environmental significance of the property, including working with DNR's Maryland Environmental Trust to create a conservation easement in 2016.

As with many large Maryland farms in colonial times and the early years of the republic, Long Hill used many enslaved African Americans for labor. Local descendants of these enslaved workers were in attendance for the dedication event.

The park's historic presentations and signage will tell the stories of those enslaved and the importance of sharing

the honest and complete history of American slavery.

Dr. Bryant Mitchell of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Emmett Dashiell, a descendant of enslaved workers at Long Hill, delivered remarks on behalf of the community of Wetipquin.

Another important aspect of the park will be educating the public about the Indigenous people who inhabited the land.

DNR hosted representatives of the Pocomoke Indian Nation and the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, who continue to maintain a relationship with the lands. The Nause-Waiwash Band are descendants of two Nanticoke villages who encountered English explorer John Smith in the 1600s.

"Places like Wetipquin Creek State Park help us honor those that came before us and see more clearly who we are and where we have come from," said Chichi Nyagah-Nash, deputy chief of staff to Gov. Wes Moore. "They remind us that the story of Maryland, and the story of America, is only complete when we tell the truth about the people who built this nation, sustained its

communities, cared for its landscapes, and expanded our understanding of freedom and belonging. Wetipquin Creek State Park does this and today we're making a promise to carry this legacy forward."

The Maryland Park Service continues dedicating and celebrating several new properties around the state as part of its work to expand access to public lands.

As the United States celebrates its 250th year of independence, many of these new parks and public lands tell important stories about Maryland's history. Earlier in the year, the Maryland Park Service accepted the donation of two acres of land, including a historic African-American cemetery at the Revolutionary War-era Cactoin Furnace and added it to Cunningham Falls State Park, and celebrated the dedication of Freedman's State Park in Montgomery County, which encompasses 1,000 acres of land once owned and farmed by a formerly enslaved family who were able to self-emancipate and whose descendants shaped the Civil Rights Movement in Maryland.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	W/L SCORE
Sept. 4	Berkeley Springs	6 p.m.	
Sept. 11	Green Street	6 p.m.	
Sept. 18	at Northern Garrett	7 p.m.	
Sept. 25	Bath County	6 p.m.	
Oct. 2	at Valley	6 p.m.	
Oct. 9	North Star	6 p.m.	
Oct. 16	at Stonewall Jackson	7 p.m.	
Oct. 23	at Tussey Mountain	7 p.m.	
Oct. 29	SEED School (Under Armour)	6 p.m.	

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	W/L SCORE
Sept. 9	Forbes Road	6 p.m.	
Sept. 14	at Berkeley Springs (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	
Sept. 17	Paw Paw	5:30 p.m.	
Sept. 22	Lighthouse Christian (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	
Sept. 23	Southern Fulton (JV/V)	6 p.m.	
Sept. 26	at St. James Tournament	10 a.m.	
Sept. 28	Faith Christian (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	
Sept. 29	at McConnellsburg (JV/V)	6 p.m.	
Oct. 1	at Paw Paw	6 p.m.	
Oct. 5	at Faith Christian (JV/V)	6 p.m.	
Oct. 7	Allegany (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	
Oct. 12	Berkeley Springs (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	
Oct. 19	at Southern Fulton	6 p.m.	
Oct. 22	at South Hagerstown (JV/V)	6 p.m.	
Oct. 26	Northern Garrett (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	

* Games that are both JV/V - Times are for JV which plays first.

Hancock groups get \$40,000 in gaming funds

by Geoff Fox

The Washington County Gaming Commission last Tuesday, August 11 announced the distribution of gaming funds to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and 54 local charitable organizations.

Of those 54 organizations, three of them are Hancock-based. They received a combined \$40,000 from the gaming funds.

Gaming funds totaled \$2,367,846 for fiscal year 2026, which ended June 30. The total is an increase of over \$20,000 compared to fiscal year 2025's gaming funds.

Out of the \$2.3 million, Hancock Flag Football received \$10,000, Interfaith Service Coalition received \$15,000, and Main Street Hancock received \$15,000.

State law requires funds be divided equally between the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and local charities.

In January, the Association received \$526,871 and as of

last Tuesday, an additional \$657,051 was distributed to bring the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,183,923.

In April, the county's Gaming Commission received 89 eligible applications from 74 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$3.025 million.

After hosting a gaming hearing and a one-day workshop in June, the commission was able to either partially or fully fund 58 of the 89 requests. Of those 89 applications, 38 received full funding, 20 partial funding, and 31 were denied funding.

A total of \$1,183,923 of the 2026 gaming funds plus \$1,850 reallocated 2025 gaming funds were awarded to 58 of the 74 charitable organizations applying.

The largest awards were given to the Washington Community Action Council and Walnut Street Community Health Center, each receiving \$100,000. R.E.A.C.H. of Washington County received \$75,000.

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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.

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

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

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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. 83741
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Edward Vincent Potts.

Notice is given that Gwen Diane Barron, 308 Overbrook Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3482 was on July 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Edward Vincent Potts who died on November 11, 2025 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 27th day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 27th day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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

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

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

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

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
Robinson & Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83014
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Larry Douglas Artz.

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 22nd day of January, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 22nd day of January, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83588
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF James Clepper Failor.

Notice is given that Pamela Kay Porter, 4322 42nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20016-2152 was on August 5, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of James Clepper Failor who died on May 21, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of February, 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 5th day of February, 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.

Pamela Kay Porter
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

Jessica H. McConnell
Jimeno & Gray, P.A.
231 Najoles Rd. Ste 400
Millersville, MD 21108-2682

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83755
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert George Lashway.

Notice is given that Robert Brennen Lashway, 617 Hollywood Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146-3411 was on August 11, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert George Lashway who died on May 27, 2026 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 11th day of February, 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 11th day of February, 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.

Robert Brennen Lashway
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83721
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Sheri Lynne Custer.

Notice is given that Danielle Renee Shank, 13617 Creek View Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1195 was on August 3, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sheri Lynne Custer who died on June 27, 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 3rd day of February, 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 3rd day of February, 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.

Danielle Renee Shank
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

PUR-1833 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT PEER RECOVERY SERVICES AT THE DAY REPORTING CENTER

On July 21, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement for Peer Recovery Services at the Day Reporting Center in the amount of \$64,500 from Recover and Rise, LLC of Frederick, MD.

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

By Authority of:
Brandi J. Kentner
Procurement Director
8-19-1th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83758
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Josephine Manspeaker.

Notice is given that Amanda Marie Manspeaker, 11504 Twinebridge Ct., Hagerstown, MD 21742-8179 and Matthew Wesley Manspeaker, 154 Canal Rd., Falling Waters, WV 25419-4804 were on August 10, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Mary Josephine Manspeaker who died on July 25, 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 10th day of February, 2027.

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

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

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

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

Amanda Marie Manspeaker
Matthew Wesley Manspeaker
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83735
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Diana Lisle Turner.

Notice is given that Christine Dawn Turner, 110 Catawba Pl., Hagerstown, MD 21742-6518 was on August 11, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Diana Lisle Turner who died on July 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 11th day of February, 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 11th day of February, 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.

Christine Dawn Turner
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

MID-CENTURY HOUSEHOLD ESTATE AUCTION

LOCATED AT 111 BARNETTS RUN ROAD
WARFORDSBURG, PA
Saturday, August 22 • 9 a.m.

Most of the items in this sale are dated from the 1930s to 1980s with there being very few antiques. Many of the items, especially the furniture, is in very good condition for its age. Some of the items to be sold include: jewelry, retro toys, dolls, vintage Christmas items, very clean furniture, gliding rockers, coffee table, beautiful Mid-Century dining table, vintage children's tricycles, galvanized wash tubs, Pyrex, depression glass, film projector, pottery, vintage kitchenware, Bassett Mid-Century bedroom set, curio cabinet and trinkets, tin and cast iron toys, artwork prints, watches, old photos, some carnival glass, scales, collectible cans, some tools, outdoor hand tools, plastic garden wagon, child's dresser and other glassware, collectibles and more.

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AUCTIONEER: Carter Reed AU006447
PHONE: 717-729-0544

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Estate No. 83404
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Eileen Mary Beck.
Notice is given that Richard Paul Heffner, 2019 Beacon Pl., Reston, VA 20191-4843 was on August 03, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Eileen Mary Beck who died on March 28, 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 objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of February, 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 3rd day of February, 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.

Richard Paul Heffner
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-3th

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

Estate No. 83767
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Edgar Long, Sr.

Notice is given that Robert E. Long, Jr., 310 E. Franklin St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4924 was on August 10, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Robert Edgar Long, Sr. who died on May 11, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Robert E. Long, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-1thn

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

Estate No. 83759
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Roger Lee Bivens.

Notice is given that Dawn Marie Souders, 195 Klondike Rd., Warfordsburg, PA 17267-8724 was on August 7, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Roger Lee Bivens who died on July 24, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Dawn Marie Souders
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-19-1thn

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

Estate No. 83752
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Evan Lynn Munson.

Notice is given that Belinda Ann Bowers, 20511 Trovinger Mill Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-5208 was on August 6, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Evan Lynn Munson who died on July 20, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83561
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Larry Vernon Schildtknecht.

Notice is given that Kelly Bedient, 708 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2724 was on August 10, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Larry Vernon Schildtknecht who died on April 8, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Estate No. 83057
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Wilbur Allen Itnyre, Jr.

Notice is given that Richard Itnyre, 51 Stanford Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4519 was on August 11, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Wilbur Allen Itnyre, Jr. who died on October 16, 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.

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Estate No. 83706
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kenneth Eugene Angle.

Notice is given that Dorothy Marie Ritenour, 742 Medway Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4130 was on August 4, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Kenneth Eugene Angle who died on June 4, 2026 with a will.

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Estate No. 83139
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Joseph Walton McJilton.

Notice is given that Darryl Joseph McJilton, 648 River Oak Ct., Salisbury, MD 21801-5366 and Charles McJilton, 300 Lassen Ct., Bel Air, MD 21015-6222 were on August 7, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Joseph Walton McJilton who died on December 3, 2025 with a will.

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

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

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Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, August 20

10 a.m. - Leaf and Flower Pounding. With the use of hammers or rocks, we'll pound leaves onto a muslin cloth to make designs. Learning about various leaves and flowers will also occur.

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

2:30 p.m. - Adult Monarch Survey. Help the park naturalists conduct a survey for Monarch Joint Venture. Count monarchs in our 2 acre wildflower field and monarch waystation.

Friday, August 21

10 a.m. - Microworlds Around Us. We will use microscopes of various sizes and magnification on a walk to look at living and non living objects. 3-D observations and slide observations will occur. Focus on Pollinators.

1 p.m. - Monarch Hour. Learn all about our WV State butterfly: life cycle and the great migration. Videos, games, & crafts. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden?

3 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. Eggs, caterpillars, and adults have been found.

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

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

Saturday, August 22

9:30 a.m. - Nature Hike. Join park volunteer and Potomac Valley Master Naturalist to learn about the park's geology. Nature Center.

1 p.m. - Homestead Fossil Search Hike. Join us on the Hovemale Homestead loop. We will search for fossils along the trail. We'll talk about local geology and WV's state fossils.

3 p.m. - I Spy Monarch Butterflies. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden?

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

8-10 p.m. - Night Hike Sights & Sounds plus a Moth Magic Blacklight Sheet. Starting at the Lower Lake Boat Dock, we'll seek out night creatures. From there

we'll walk up to the Middle Fork Cabins taking in the night skies and night sounds. You are welcome to do a portion of this walk or the entire stretch. At the end, we'll stop at the nature center and see what moths, macroinvertebrates or beetles our blacklight may have attracted.

Sunday, August 23

9-11:30 a.m. - At Berkeley Springs State Park: 1. Critter Find: Use nets to catch critters found in the warm springs stream. 2. Mammal Mania: Stop by and see our mammal pelt of WV.

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

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

Monday, August 24

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

10 a.m. - Meadow Walk. Discover the many pollinators and look for monarch caterpillars. Meet at the nature center.

1 p.m. - I Spy Monarch Butterflies. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden?

2:30 p.m. - Butterfly Bingo. Learn all about butterflies while playing this fun game.

Tuesday, August 25

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

1 p.m. - All About Bats. Meet at the nature center. Bats are important to ecosystems. We'll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.

3 p.m. - Monarch Life Cycle. Did you know that the monarch butterfly undergoes complete metamorphosis? Let's find out more about what's happening in the chrysalis.

Wednesday, August 26

10 a.m. - Insect Safari. Learn about insect body structure and capture various pollinator garden insects, colony insects and stream benthos macroinvertebrates.

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

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

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Washington County to dedicate 250th Anniversary Time Capsule during ceremony

Washington County Government welcomes residents, community partners and visitors to join the official dedication of the Washington County 250th Anniversary Time Capsule on Tuesday, September 29, at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the Marty Snook Park Pool Area, located at 17901 Halfway Boulevard, Hagerstown.

This dedication marks a highlight of the County's yearlong 250th Anniversary celebration. The time capsule will safeguard artifacts, photographs, letters and memorabilia that embody the spirit, achievements and history of Washington County in 2026. It will remain sealed until 2076, when it will be opened in conjunction with the nation's 300th anniversary celebration.

The public ceremony will honor this historic milestone by recognizing the people,



organizations and events that have shaped Washington County over the past 250 years, while preserving today's narrative for future generations. The 250th Anniversary has provided an opportunity to reflect on our rich history and envision the

future. The time capsule stands as a testament to our community's legacy, offering future generations a window into the people, traditions and accomplishments that define Washington County today. Residents are welcome to attend this meaningful event

as the County concludes one of its signature 250th Anniversary initiatives. The ceremony will celebrate our shared history and ensure that a snapshot of life in Washington County is preserved for those who will call it home 50 years from now.

Trail Steward volunteer opportunities

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society for Trail Stewards volunteer workdays in September. Help us maintain the trails and preserve features for all of our visitors. All hands are welcome and helpful. See the following list for the dates and locations of Trail Stewards volunteer workdays.

Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va., Friday, September 11 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Yankauer Nature Preserve, 438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg, W.Va., Tuesday, September 1 from 3-5:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 10 from 9-11:30 a.m. and Friday, September 25 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Road, Hedgessville, W.Va., Wednesday, Sep-



tember 9 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and Tuesday, September 22 from 4-6:30 p.m.

Eidolon Nature Preserve, Wednesday, September 2

from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

These events are free and open to the public. Note that we may not have an age-appropriate task for children, as these volunteer workdays are geared towards ages 16+. Children under 16 are welcome to attend, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Throughout the year, we periodically host family-oriented volunteer workdays. Registration is not required, but is appreciated for planning purposes. If you do not register, we cannot contact you about event changes or cancellations. For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/calendar/>.



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Rick Reeves Jazz Orchestra to close out the Berkeley Springs State Park Concerts



Rick Reeves jazz orchestra

The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) announces the final concert of its Saturday Concerts in the Berkeley Springs State Park, part of their 2026 Summer Concert Series, featuring the Rick Reeves Jazz Orchestra.

Led by Rick Reeves, the Rick Reeves Jazz Orchestra brings the energy, sophistication and excitement of a full jazz orchestra to the stage. Audiences can expect an entertaining evening filled with the rich sounds of big-

band jazz, making it the perfect way to cap off another successful summer of live music presented by the Morgan Arts Council in the Berkeley Springs State Park.

Guests are welcome to take a lawn chair or blanket, settle into the park, and experience an evening of free live music surrounded by the historic charm of downtown Berkeley Springs.

The concert is free and open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

One concert remains for the Friday Concert Series on the Charlotte's Café Garden Stage. The Jessie Milnes Band will be performing on Friday, August 28. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m.

For detailed information on the concert series and participating performers, go to macicehouse.org or call 304-258-2300.

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Virtual trivia night



Play a live, online quiz game. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, September 17 from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Join Master Naturalist Roy Boyle for a fun night of trivia and learning as we explore this month's theme, The Secret Science of Fall Leaf Colors. This engaging evening program is held over Zoom, so you can join in from the comfort of your favorite chair.

This month's Kahoot will examine how and why leaves change color in the fall.

Kahoots are best played in a group setting, so we are excited to join together with fellow players virtually. We will play as a group with Boyle as

our team leader and host. Brand new to Kahoots? Roy will be available to answer any questions you may have at the beginning and along the way.

This event is free and open to the public. Anyone is welcome to join in. Pre-registration is required and limited to 25 participants.

For more information and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/kingfisher-kahoot-virtual-trivia-night-the-secret-science-of-fall-leaf-colors/.

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“I made it very clear to him that the town was not going to tear the building down on the town’s dime, that the last thing the town wanted to do was spend a couple hundred thousand dollars to tear his building down, and that he was responsible for it and the letter was not to be interpreted that way,” Kuczynski said. “It was meant to do to get him to do something with the building.”
Apple apparently said he’d provide engineer documents in terms of what action would be taken, Kuczynski said.
Faith said Apple had applied for building permits, he just didn’t follow through. He

also told Kuczynski he had received an email from Apple’s contractor saying they were in Hancock a year ago doing excavation work on the building.
Kuczynski said Apple indicated at their conference he’s waiting for the engineer and would move forward with whatever he said to fix the hole in the back of the building.
Kuczynski noted Apple was also wanting to repair the building and put it “back in service” instead of tearing it down as he had made money from it in the past.
“It wasn’t necessarily a delicate conversation,” Kuczynski said. “I wasn’t

outwardly rude, but I wasn’t also forgiving.”
Kuczynski reiterated the town hasn’t lost the ability to issue citations if they need for municipal infractions to get them into compliance.
If that fails, the town can follow up with what they started.
Faith said he’d contact Carrette every two weeks to come to Hancock and document what progress, if any, is being made on the two properties and use that to apply more pressure.
“I’m cautiously optimistic we’ll get somewhere productive,” Kuczynski said.



A Main Street building is still the subject of negotiations between the town and owner on needed repairs.
photo by Geoff Fox

Hunter’s has new owners with plans for new additions to historic hardware business

One of the oldest continually operating businesses in Morgan County has entered a new era with new owners.
Local businessman Jay Patel purchased Hunter’s Hardware, located on Washington and Independence Streets, from Danny Davison on July 23. Patel has owned and operated the 7-11 in downtown Berkeley Springs for more than a decade in addition to owning several other business and residential properties in the county.
Davison has owned the hardware store since 2000 when he transitioned from being a longtime employee to boss.
Under Patel’s ownership the downtown hardware and building supply business will be managed by Jay and Biren Patel. Davison will keep working at the store on a part-time basis as he heads into semi-retirement.
“One thing we want everyone to know is that Hunter’s Hardware is, and still will be the same Hunter’s Hardware you’ve known and loved. This means the same screws, tools, supplies, gear, friendly service, and commitment to our community aren’t going anywhere,” the store said in a social media post announcing



Pictured from left, in front, are Jay Patel, Danny Davison and Biren Patel. Hunter’s Hardware employees pictured in the back row will remain on staff.
photo by Hunter’s Hardware

the official change in ownership last week.
“For more than 150 years, Hunter’s Hardware has been part of Berkeley Springs. Jay wants to honor that legacy while building on it for the future for at least 150 years

more,” they said in the announcement.
Upcoming changes under the Patel ownership could include the addition of a U-Haul Service, a new drinks cooler, additional fishing gear, packaged waters, fire-

wood for campers and a new ReadyIce cooler outside for contractors and customers.
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Bird walks offered in September



BIRD WALK



Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) announces bird walks on the following dates and locations in September.
Rolling Ridge Conservancy, 138 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Tuesday, September 8 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Join birders Bill Telfair and Scot DeGraf to explore the habitat and bird life with others on the gorgeous trails of Rolling Ridge Conservancy, the largest privately-owned wilderness area near Washington, D.C. Anyone 8 years of age and older with an interest in birding is welcome to join trip leaders Bill and Scot as they explore some of the 1500 acres of protected woodlands. These walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All

youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/rolling-ridge-conservancy-bird-walk-27/.
Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. Wednesday, September 16 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Join trip leader Bill Telfair for a bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve. Anyone aged 8 and older with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. The trails at Cool Spring Preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained footpaths to gorgeous views, the 74 acres of this preserve are home to much wildlife. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/bird-walk-at-cool-spring-preserve-23/.
Watch for additional walks on our website: www.potomacaudubon.org. For more information, contact PVAS staff at info@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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—KID JOKED: Where do pencils go on vacation? Pencil-vania!
—Drivers, pay attention. School is back in session.
—OLD PLANT LORE: When the goldenrod is in bloom, the first frost is about six weeks away.
—Take down those gypsy moth traps if you have them and this is the peak time for box elder bugs and giant hickory aphids. Watch for them.
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