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Hancock at a Glance

Free community Christmas dinner

Hancock Lions/Lioness and Hancock Lions Club will be sponsoring the annual Community Christmas dinner Saturday, December 17, from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Hancock American Legion. It is a free event.

Weather

Wed. 12/14 38/28
Increasing clouds with light and variable winds, high near 38.

Thurs. 12/15 36/32
100% chance of snow and sleet. East winds 10-14 mph, gusts 20 mph.

Fri. 12/16 43/24
30% chance of rain and snow. Mostly sunny.

Sat. 12/17 39/22
Mostly sunny with a high near 39 and a low around 22.

Sun. 12/18 36/20
Mostly sunny with a high near 36 and a low around 20.

Letters to the Editor

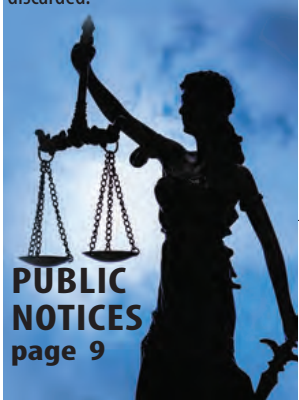
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Health officials seeing surge in “triple threat” of respiratory illnesses

by Kate Evans

Health officials continue to worry about an onslaught of respiratory illnesses – COVID-19, seasonal influenza and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) – during this holiday season. There has been a wave of respiratory illness in West Virginia, Maryland and nationwide.

Health officials have continued to urge everyone to get an updated COVID-19 booster shot and their annual seasonal influenza vaccine now. Pneumonia vaccines are also recommended for children and adults of all ages.

Health departments tracking

Maryland Health Department officials said the state had seen an early surge of severe respiratory illness in very young and school-age children.

Morgan County/Berkeley County Health Department Health Officer Dr. Kevin McLaughlin said that flu is starting to surge here. Healthcare providers are also seeing plenty of RSV cases in kids along with COVID. Most flu cases are Influenza A, which is caus-



ing a lot of body aches, sore throats and high fevers of 103 and 104 degrees.

The area has low vaccination rates, but those who have gotten their flu vaccine are not getting this round of Influenza A, McLaughlin noted.

McLaughlin said the prevention precautions for flu and RSV are the same as for COVID-19. He said to be smart. If you have a fever, a nasty cough and cold and are sneezing with typical flu symptoms, you should stay home and stay away from public areas and other people.

Rest, drinking lots of fluids and taking Vitamin C, D

and zinc should help recovery, he said.

Hospital cases

War Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Manager Chris Parsons said that their COVID-19 numbers had remained steady but flu and RSV case numbers had increased a great deal.

In November, the emergency room had seen over 80 flu cases and more than 30 RSV cases in adults and in children. COVID cases remained around the same at 30 cases.

Parsons said she couldn't stress enough the importance of getting a flu shot.

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BlackCat to host free Christmas Revels caroling event



BlackCat Music Cooperative and The Hancock Arts Council presents a “Christmas Revels and Community Carol Sing” on Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at the Hancock Performing Arts Center, 126 West High Street.

The entire BlackCat Music Cooperative family with some community guests, will play and sing

many of your favorite holiday classics.

There will be a blend of adults and students providing a gift of yuletide spirit. Then, get ready to join in and have a festive carol sing and fill the Arts Center with the sounds of the season.

Admission is free with plenty of parking.

For more information call 304-500-2696 or 717-294-3182. Everyone welcome.

Trees planted at elementary school



Young minds won't be the only thing growing at Hancock Elementary in the coming years as about 350 trees were planted at Hancock Elementary and Hancock Middle-Senior High School recently. The seedling trees in Hancock, which cover .7 acres at the high school complex and .71 acres at the elementary school, are part of 28.8 total acres planted on Washington County Board of Education properties and schools.

New town parking kiosks active, enforcement starts first of year

by Geoff Fox

The parking kiosks in town are active and accepting payment for parking along Main Street and two lots, but enforcement hasn't started just yet. Instead, that will begin the first of the year.

Town Manager Mike Faith said town officials decided January 1 would be the start date for parking enforcement.

Rates will remain 75 cents an hour, which can be paid for in coin or by credit/debit card. Faith did note the kiosks do not give change if using coins.

“So you want to pay with quarters. You can't put a dollar bill in there,” he said.



The parking kiosks in town are currently live. Signs offer a guide to using the new technology in Hancock.

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Yuletide touches



Vintage Christmas dolls and decorations fill the window at the newly-reopened Historical Society Museum.



Willie's Primitive Attic placed their Christmas spirit right out front so it can't be missed. photos by Kate Shunney

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Calendar of Events DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 20
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

Letters To The Editor
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will not be published.

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EARTH TALK

Questions &
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About Our
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Dear EarthTalk:

Is Google doing anything to prevent the propagation of climate disinformation on the internet?

—P. Hanson, Washington, D.C.

The advent of the internet and smartphone innovations have brought information to our fingertips. As the number of users skyrockets, advertisers have identified lucrative opportunities to meet people where they are. Google is a household name, holding 87% of the market share and hosting billions of users. Polls of Google users show that they trust that it produces credible search results. Seventy-three percent of users believe that most or all of the information they find in a search is accurate and trustworthy; however, 68% of users were unable to identify the difference between an ad and an organic search result. This gives a leg up to potentially nefarious advertisers spreading climate disinformation.

Google addressed the problem of pervasive climate disinformation prior to the United Nations (UN) Conference of the Parties (COP) 26th annual meeting in 2021; the internet giant pledged to halt the display of ads that promoted climate disinformation. This commitment came in tandem with other advertisers pressuring Google not to display their products alongside climate disinformation.

The commitment that Google made has come under fire as there are questions about the legitimacy of their pledge. Michael Koo, co-chair of the climate change disinformation coalition at Friends of the Earth, stated, "It appears Google is spreading disinformation about its efforts to fight disinformation." In the span of two years, Google has accepted nearly \$24 million in advertisements from oil giants. Of that \$24 million, \$10.9 million was spent on greenwashing ads that were seen

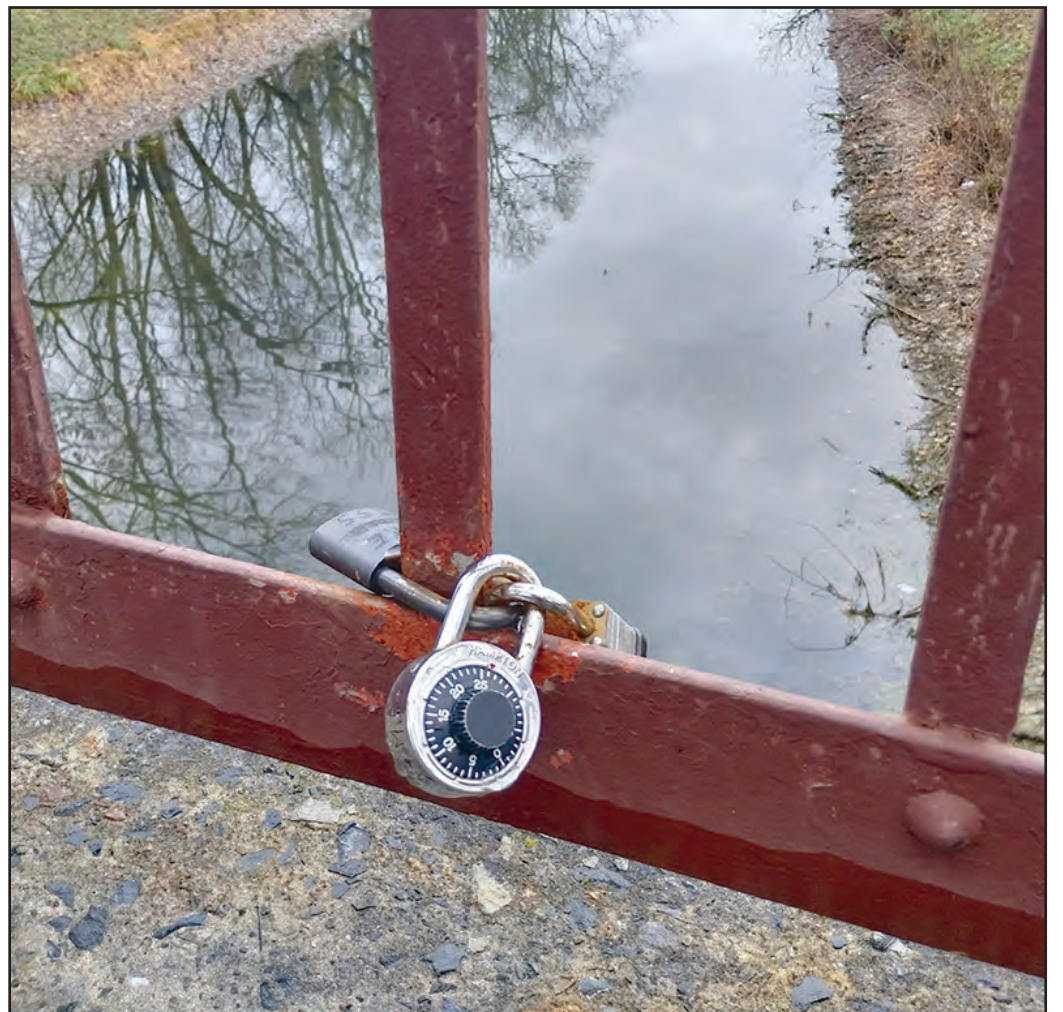
58.6 million times, according to the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH). These ads were targeted to key-word searches including: greenhouse gases, renewable energy and information about "eco-friendly" companies. Additionally, since their pledge, Google has accepted \$421,000 for ads from climate denial groups with taglines like "climate campaigners hype the risks of global warming," and "fossil fuels make the planet safer."

CCDH has outlined steps that Google needs to take to actualize the claims they've made on their stance on climate disinformation. Step one would be to halt climate denial ads and ads promoting greenwashing. Additionally, CCDH suggests that Google introduce a transparent library of their advertisements so that the public can examine how ads are being placed and how they may distort search results. Lastly, CCDH suggests that a legislative framework be established to ensure the transparency, accountability and responsibility of not only Google, but all online platforms.

These recommendations are a good starting point, but there is no guarantee that Google will follow them. That being said, users should be armed with skills to identify climate disinformation. Common tactics that proponents of climate disinformation utilize are: false expertise, logical fallacies, impossible expectations, conspiracy theories and cherry-picked data. The best way to combat these tactics is to be a cautious consumer of online information. Be prepared to vet the source of the information that you find, and get in the habit of developing a mixed-news diet.

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Hancock – the new Paris?



Hancock's iconic red bridge over the C&O Canal appears to be taking over where Paris left off. On the bottom rung of the steel bridge, several locks are attached to the railing and each other.

The practice of snapping a lock onto a public bridge as a symbol of romantic love became a tradition in the French city of Paris.

There, the Pont Des Arts, a bridge over the river Seine, was renamed the Love Lock bridge after padlocks starting appearing on the cast iron railings. Lovers would write their names and a date on the padlock, close it around the railing, and then throw the key into the river. Between the mid-2000s and 2014, more than 700,000 locks appeared on the bridge. The

City of Paris finally removed the locks, which were adding too much weight to the historic structure. Many of those locks were kept and are placed on display by the city periodically.

Perhaps Hancock's bridge will pick up where Paris left off...

Holiday Event Calendar

Friday, December 16

6 p.m. – Berkeley Springs High School Winter Concert. The concert will feature the Berkeley Springs High School band and choir conducted by band director and music teacher Bob Myers. The concert will start at 6 p.m. in the Berkeley Springs High School auditorium with the choir's performance. The band will perform at 7 p.m.

7 p.m. – Hancock Arts Council and BlackCat Music Coop present Christmas Revels & Community Carol Sing at the Hancock Town Hall Performing Arts Center, 126 W. High St., Hancock. Free admission.

Saturday, December 17

10 a.m.-12 p.m. – Christmas at Cacapon at The Old Inn, pictures with Santa. Make a Christmas ornament with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and face painting.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Hancock Lions/Lioness and Hancock Lions Club will be sponsoring the annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Hancock American Legion. This event is welcome.

1:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert songs by Doug and Darinda Sherbert followed by an old fashion Christmas carolling.

6 p.m. – Live nativity at Pleasant Ridge Church of the Brethren, 2507 Pleasant Ridge Road, Needmore, Pa.

7 p.m. – Christmas with Tajci and David at the MAC Ice House Theater. Admission is free. Program is 90 minutes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

10 a.m. – Word of Deliverance Church will be having a Christmas service with communion.

6-8 p.m. – Live nativity at Widmeyer Park, Hancock. Interactive with live animals and authentic actors. Free community event.

Saturday, December 24

5 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship service at Catalpa United Methodist Church, 12314 Willow Road, Hancock.

7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship service at Piney Plains United Methodist Church, 12708 Faith Circle NE, Little Orleans.

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas to All!

To place your free holiday event in this calendar, contact us by Monday at noon.



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New Commissioners sworn in



The 2022-2026 Board of County Commissioners were sworn in Tuesday, December 6. Pictured, left to right: Vice-President Jeffrey A. Cline, Commissioner Wayne K. Keefer, President John F. Barr, Commissioner Derek J. Harvey and Commissioner Randall E. Wagner.

The newly-elected Board of County Commissioners officially began their four year term on Tuesday, December 6, with a swearing-in ceremony at Washington County Circuit Court.

The Honorable Judge Brett R. Wilson officiated the ceremony. Kevin Tucker, clerk of the Circuit Court, led the swearing-in of the commissioners.

The 2022-2026 Board of County Commissioners are: Vice-President Jeffrey A. Cline, a fourth-term County Commissioner, is a resident of Williamsport. He is a graduate of Williamsport High School and Hagerstown Community College. Cline has experience as a realtor since 2003. He graduated from the Maryland Association of Realtors' 2008 Leadership Academy and received the Graduate of Realtor Institute (GRI) designation. Cline served on the Williamsport Town Council from 2005 to 2009. He is also a graduate of Leadership Washington County Class 26.

Commissioner Wayne K. Keefer, a third-term County Commissioner, is a life-long resident of Washington County. A graduate of Hancock Middle-Senior High School, Keefer continued his

education locally at Hagerstown Community College, then earned his B.S. and M.B.A. from Frostburg State University. He also graduated from the Academy for Excellence in Local Government Certificate Program. Keefer has over a decade of experience as a community banker with roles in consumer lending and corporate accounting; he is currently the Assistant Vice President/Controller for a local bank. He has also taught courses in business, economics, banking and finance as an adjunct professor with his alma mater, FSU and with the West Virginia School of Banking; he also holds a Maryland Real Estate License. An active member of the community, he has served in leadership roles with many non-profit organizations. Keefer lives in his hometown of Hancock with his wife, Janine and daughter, Lillie.

President John F. Barr, a third-term County Commissioner, was first elected in 2006. He was raised in Boonsboro and is a Master Electrician in five states. In high school, Barr worked for his father as a field technician at M/L Electric, Inc. In 1984, Barr bought the company from his father and changed the name to Ellsworth Electric, Inc. He remained president and owner until his son purchased the business in 2020. Barr is active in various service organizations and community projects. He also served a one-year term as President of the Maryland

Association of Counties (MACo) in 2016. He still assists at MACo events as past president.

Commissioner Derek J. Harvey, a first-term County Commissioner, is a retired USA Colonel who worked on Capitol Hill as the Lead Investigator and Senior Advisor to the House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee and in the White House National Security Council under President Donald J. Trump. Airborne Ranger Infantry Officer and decorated ARMY Colonel, including a Bronze Star and multiple Meritorious Service Medals, he transitioned into government service as a Senior Intelligence Executive. He has been an adjunct professor for the University of Maryland, Central Texas College and a Fellow at Carnegie Mellon University. He is a Member of the Morris Frock American Legion, and resides in Smithsburg with his wife, Beth.

Commissioner Randall E. Wagner, a second-term County Commissioner, was born and raised in Washington County. Wagner graduated from North Hagerstown High School and is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, where he served for 4 years. Wagner worked at Mack Truck for 17 years before becoming a small business owner in Washington County, owning and operating 40 West Marine in Clear Spring for eight years. He has served the local community as a realtor for the past 21 years and is a licensed private pilot. Wagner is a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church and is married to Patricia Wagner, they have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

For additional information, contact Washington County's Public Relations and Marketing Department at 240-313-2380.

Two injured in crash on I-70 in Fulton County

Two people were injured in a vehicle crash on Interstate 70 in the Warfordsburg area on Wednesday, December 7.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, the crash occurred in the area of the 160-mile marker as a 2021 Mitsubishi Mirage was traveling east on I-70.

Police said the car was traveling too fast for the conditions while traveling in the right lane.

The car left the roadway, striking a guardrail on the right side of the road with the

right front before spinning around.

Police said the car crossed back over the right lane and over the left lane, striking a guardrail on left side of the interstate before coming to a final rest in the left lane, facing west.

The front and side curtain airbags deployed as a result of the crash, police said.

Neither the driver, Shea S. Lee, 27, Philipsburg, Pa., nor the passenger, Kevin P. Sybert, 30, of Hagerstown,

were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Hancock Rescue Squad transported Lee to Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown with minor injuries. Police said Sybert suffered a possible injury but refused treatment and was not transported.

Needmore Fire Department and PennDot also assisted at the scene.

The Mirage was towed by Fischer's Towing.

Agreement of over \$434.5 million reached with JUUL Labs

Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced on December 6, an agreement of over \$434.5 million between JUUL Labs and 33 states and territories that resolves an investigation into the e-cigarette manufacturer's marketing and sales practices. In addition to the financial terms, the settlement forces JUUL to comply with a series of injunctive terms restricting its marketing and sales practices. Maryland is to receive at least \$13 million from the settlement.

"JUUL's marketing practices were aimed directly at children, setting them up for a lifetime of addiction," said Attorney General Frosh. "This settlement will prohibit JUUL from using flavors, cartoons and other marketing tactics that target kids."

JUUL was, until recently, the dominant player in the vaping market. The attorneys general contend that JUUL rose to this position by willfully engaging in an advertising campaign that appealed to youth, even though its e-cigarettes are both illegal for them to purchase and are unhealthy for youth to use.

The attorneys general allege that JUUL relentlessly marketed to underage users with launch parties, advertisements using young and trendy-looking models, social media posts and free samples. It sold its product in flavors known to be appealing to underage users. The attorneys general further allege that, to preserve its young customer base, JUUL relied on age verification techniques that it

knew were ineffective.

The attorneys general allege that JUUL's original packaging was misleading in that it did not clearly disclose that the product contained nicotine and implied that it contained a lower concentration of nicotine than it did. The attorneys general also allege that consumers were misled to believe that consuming one JUUL pod was the equivalent of smoking one pack of combustible cigarettes. The attorneys general further allege that the company misrepresented that its product was a smoking cessation device when it lacked FDA approval to make such claims.

The settlement will be paid out over a period of five to nine years, with the amounts paid increasing the longer the company takes to make the payments. If JUUL chooses to extend the payment period up to nine years, the final settlement would reach over \$472.5 million.

As part of the settlement, JUUL has agreed to refrain from:

- Youth marketing;
- Operating or directly funding youth education programs;
- Depicting persons under age 35 in any marketing;
- Using cartoons in any marketing;
- Selling flavors not approved by the FDA;
- Comparing the amount of nicotine in its products with other e-cigarettes or cigarettes in its advertising unless authorized by the FDA;
- Making statements about nicotine content in marketing

materials without disclosing the specific nicotine content of the product, unless the FDA requires a different disclosure;

- Advertising on billboards;
- Using outdoor advertising near a school;
- Using paid influencers to promote on any social media platform; and
- Using direct-to-consumer ads unless consumers are age-verified.


Also, as part of the settlement, JUUL has agreed to refrain from the following conduct for six years:

- Using paid product placement intended for the public, unless the audience is within an adult-only facility;
- Selling brand name merchandise;
- Allowing access to websites without age verification on the landing page;
- Utilizing paid sponsorships for use of its brand name outside of adult-only facilities;
- Advertising in outlets unless at least 85 percent of the audience is adult;
- Public transportation advertising;
- Social media advertising (other than testimonials by individuals over the age of 35 on certain channels, with no unauthorized health claims); and
- Providing free samples.

The agreement also includes sales and distribution restrictions, including where the product may be displayed/accessed in stores, online sales limits, retail sales limits, age verification on all sales, and a retail compliance check protocol.

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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, five miles west of Hancock on Resley Road, 301-678-7180 - Adult Bible and Sunday school classes for all ages, 8:45 a.m., worship service 10 a.m. Pastor W. Kenneth Stottlemeyer.

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 7 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Women’s ministries first Tuesday of each month. Pastor David Luffy.

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. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Family Communion 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and adult education 5 p.m. youth fellowship. Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall. Rev. Magaret S. Brack, Priest-in-charge.

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

Buck Valley Zion Lutheran Church - Monthly church services will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Mother Marguerite Brack.

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 - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Barbara Suffecool.

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.

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.

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

Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 11 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 - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services 7 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 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday night fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Rev. Joe Martin.

Berkeley Baptist Church, Route 522 and 13, 304-258-4101 - Youth Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service and children’s church 10:45 a.m. Food pantry distribution site call for more infor. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Joey N. Giles, Jr.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 9 a.m.

Damascus Christian Church, Big Cove Tannery, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 a.m. Pastor Travis Mellott. Sunday services online.

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.

Love Assembly of God, 4 miles south of Berkeley Springs on Rt. 522 - Sunday praise & worship 10 a.m., children’s church and youth services 11 a.m., Tuesday family night and kid’s club 7 p.m. Pastor Dave Kidwell.

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 - Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Warren Ensor and Deacon Emmanuel Ensor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-4581 or 814-392-3070 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Preston Monterrey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parkhead United Methodist Church, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-842-3212 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Len Horst.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Roy Fischer, Jr. 1966-2022

Raymond “Jr.” Roy Fischer, Jr., 56, Hancock, Md., passed away December 10, 2022, in Hagerstown, Md.

Born November 9, 1966, in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Frances May (Hiles) Thompson and Raymond Roy Fischer, Sr., and the step-son of the late Earlston Eugene Thompson, Sr.

He was employed as a hauler operator at C. William Hetzer, Hagerstown, Md. He also worked as a tree trimmer for many years and gas attendant at Little Sandys Truck Stop in Hancock.

He enjoyed fishing, camping and had a love for working on lawn mowers.

His favorite holiday was Christmas. He loved to decorate the outside of his home for everyone to enjoy.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Lynch Fischer, Hancock, Md.; one daughter, Samantha Sowers, and husband, Michael, Hancock, Md.; two grandchildren, Ethan Sowers and Annabell Sowers, Hancock, Md., two sisters, Virgie Iden, Hagerstown, Md., and Malindia Miller, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In addition to his parents and step-father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Earlston Eugene Thompson, Jr.; and two step-brothers, Roger Thompson, and Thomas Thompson, Sr. Services will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St, Hancock, MD. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.



Wilma Jean Palmer Valentine 1939-2022



Wilma Jean Palmer Valentine, 83, Warfordsburg, Pa., passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022, at her home, surrounded by love.

Born August 3, 1939, in Hancock, Md., she was the daughter of the late Otis Winfred and Martha Ellen (Coffman) Stanley and the widow of George Valentine.

She was a member of Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a retired Hancock Elementary School teacher.

She touched many lives with her love, care and concern. She was happiest spending time with family and being of service to others.

She is survived by one son, Mark Palmer (Tammy), Warfordsburg; one daughter, Brenda Bard (Denvin), Warfordsburg; three grandsons, Brian Palmer (Stephanie), Carl Stohl IV and Sean Palmer (Brandi); three granddaughters, Amanda Hendershot (Josh), Kristin Cook (Chris), and Nina Skinner (Stephen); and seven great-granddaughters, Mackenzie, Isabella, Freya, Natalie, Isla, Avie and Robin; two great-grandsons, Noah and Everett; three brothers, Owen, Ronald and Robert Stanley; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen “Tootles” Gladhill and a son, Dennis Edward Palmer.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St, Hancock, MD. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.

Larry Daniel Kyne, Sr. 1958-2022



Larry Daniel Kyne, Sr., age 64, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester, Va.

Born September 6, 1958 at War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Robert Daniel and Jessie Mae Machonaughey Kyne.

He was a Christian. Larry attended Berkeley Springs High School and worked as a tree trimmer with various companies. He loved to go mushroom hunting, fishing with his grandchildren and hunting.

Larry is survived by his children, Heather Nichole Michael and her husband Lucius, Larry Daniel Kyne, Jr. and his wife Amanda and Amber Dawn Springer and her husband Kirk, all of Berkeley Springs, his former wife, Vanessa Gale Vanorsdale Ricker of Berkeley Springs, his siblings, Robert “Gene” Kyne of Falling Waters, W.Va., John David Kyne, Linda M. Silvers, Paul Vernon Kyne and Frances Diane Cain, all of Berkeley Springs, Charles William Kyne, of Florida, Phillip W. Kyne of Hedgesville, Rose E. Justice of North Carolina and Emily Sue Wolfe of Big Cove Tannery, Pa., six grandchildren, Lucius Todd Michael, Jr., Abbie Leigh Springer, Brady Daniel Kyne, Clara Lyn Michael, Lilly Grace Michael and Jordan Alexander Springer, all of Berkeley Springs and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Henry Kyne.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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

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

Community resources that can help people

Interfaith Service Coalition 116 W. High Street, Hancock 301-678-6605

- Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Food bank
- Assistance with food stamp applications
- Loaves and Fishes Thrift Store
- Good Samaritan House – transitional housing for those in need
- Information and referrals for individual and family services

Hancock Activity Nutrition Site 126 W. High Street, Hancock 301-573-6295

- Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with our usual activities.
- Meals at 11:30. Meals need to be ordered on Monday for the following week.
- Masks are optional.

Washington County Commission on Aging 301-790-0275

- Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors in Hancock and surrounding areas

Life or Drugs Tri-state Support 106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 7, Berkeley Springs 301-331-2916

- Substance use and mental health disorders group meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m.
- Presentations to schools and local organizations on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous 1-800-333-5051

- Weekly meetings at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock – 301-678-6569

Narcotics Anonymous 1-888-773-9999

Washington County Health Department 240-313-3200

- Vaccines and immunizations
- Cancer screenings
- Diabetes management
- Child hearing tests and dental care
- Family planning
- Substance abuse and mental health services

Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) 240-313-3330

- Health insurance for children up to age 19, pregnant women of all ages; extended family members may be eligible for services

Washington County Public Schools 301-766-2800

- Free and reduced meals for students
- Student support services

Hagerstown Community College 240-500-2313

- Help with GED prep classes
- English language classes

Washington County Department of Social Services 240-420-2100

- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Emergency temporary help
- Food stamps and cash assistance
- Prescriptions and medical assistance
- Utility and transportation assistance
- Eligibility determined during office visit

Washington County Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Program 240-313-3335


- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Financial assistance for healthy foods
- Breastfeeding support
- Nutrition counseling and education
- Health screenings, immunizations and referrals
- Income eligibility guidelines

National Suicide Prevention Life Line 1-800-273-8255

- Text “hello” to 741741 for a trained counselor to call you back

National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453

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Free Christmas concerts being held for community



Tatiana Cameron and David Langley

Two free Christmas concerts will be held in Berkeley Springs on December 17 and 18.

Christmas with Tajci and David is a 90 minute program and will be held at the Morgan County Arts Ice House Theater on Saturday, December 17, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

“Emmanuel” The Story of Christmas is presented by Tajci and she is accompanied by David Langley. The event is being held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m.

“Emmanuel” presents the story of Advent, featuring original and traditional songs and stories from the Bible. This event is non-denominational and all are welcome.

Tatiana Cameron (Tajci) has a inspirational and emotional story to tell. She left

her popularity in Europe to start over and immigrated to the United States in 1992 after her homeland of Yugoslavia broke up into civil war. She attempted to build careers in New York City and Los Angeles, but left those due to the behind-the-scenes abuses.

In recent years, she has toured the nation with David Langley and her sister.

Langley is a country music artist from Nashville, Tenn. He was born and raised in California. Langley started playing little bars out West when he was 16. He has been lead guitarist and background singer for many including Ray Price, Jeannie C. Riley and Buck Owens. Langley has also opened for George Strait, Merle Haggard and Randy Travis, just to name a few.

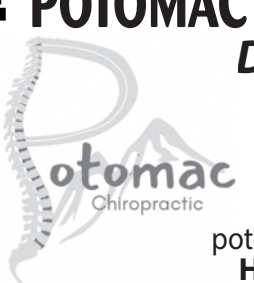


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Triple threat

(from front)

Flu

Seasonal flu activity began early and continues to increase across the United States with the majority of states reporting high levels of flu activity. The majority of flu cases have been Influenza A.

Virginia and Maryland are both currently experiencing very high influenza-like illness (ILI) activity while Pennsylvania's levels are considered high. West Virginia is showing moderate ILI activity. ILI is respiratory illness that includes fever plus a cough or sore throat.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there have been at least 13 million illnesses, 120,000 hospitalizations, and 7,300 deaths from flu so far this season.

There have been 21 pediatric deaths from influenza so far nationwide with the first pediatric death in West Virginia occurring on November 11.

COVID

Morgan County is currently at a low level for COVID-19 infection. The county had 12 new COVID cases and seven active COVID cases as of Monday, December 12.

To date Morgan County has seen 4,273 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 757 probable cases – a total of 5,030 COVID cases. Some

4,947 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. In Morgan County, 76 resident deaths have been attributed to COVID-19.

Morgan County has 33.8% of its population fully vaccinated from COVID-19.

Washington County has had a total of 608 resident deaths due to COVID-19 and 40,009 confirmed COVID cases as of December 12. Washington County has 61.8% of its population fully vaccinated.

RSV

Cases of Respiratory syncytial virus (known as RSV) have been diminishing nationwide after a number of outbreaks. Symptoms of RSV infection include runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever and wheezing.

Individuals are generally infected with RSV as an infant or toddler and almost every child will have had an RSV infection by their second birthday, said CDC officials. People of any age can be infected.

Treatment involves over the counter fever reducers like acetaminophen and ibuprofen (don't give children aspirin) and drinking plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

RSV is the leading cause of pneumonia and bronchiolitis in children younger than one year old, according to the CDC. Some older adults and

infants younger than six months may need hospitalization if they are having trouble breathing or are dehydrated.

Emergency symptoms

Dr. Jose Romero, Director of the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said in a November 4 media briefing that emergency warning signs to watch for in children and young infants include fast breathing or trouble breathing, blue lips, face/chest pain, muscle pain, (child refuses to walk or cries excessively when picked up), dehydration shown by no urine over an eight-hour period, a dry mouth, crying without tears and a child that isn't alert or interactive when awake.

If your child is experiencing any of these warning signs, seek medical attention immediately, Romero said.

Prevention

Preventing RSV, flu and COVID-19 involves the same measures, say healthcare providers.

—Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve-not your hands.

—Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

—Stay home if you or your child are sick, except to get medical care.

—Don't send a sick child to school or day care.

—Avoid close contact with others, such as kissing, shaking hands and sharing cups and eating utensils.

—Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, telephones, counter-tops, cell phones and keyboards.

—Consider wearing a face mask, especially if you develop a runny nose, cough or fever.

—Stay up to date on your vaccinations. Get the yearly influenza vaccine and the updated COVID booster vaccine to ensure that you and your family are protected during the holidays.

Yuletide touches at every turn

Anyone who takes time to walk through downtown Hancock this holiday season will see that residents and business owners have put little Christmas touches along every block. From old Christmas doll displays to tempting gift offerings in shop windows, there are signs of the season just about everywhere.

Hancock Presbyterian Church proclaims the joy of the season with twin wreaths and evergreens lit with twinkling lights.



Parking kiosks

(from front)

A third payment option would be paying through the Pango app.

Faith said if someone were to park in Hancock and head out on one of the trails, the app would notify them their time on the meter was almost up and they could pay on the app while still on the trail.

He wasn't sure and had to check about paying on the app, but Faith said there would be a service charge if using a card. There's no charge for using coins.

Throughout town, there are signs on the old meter poles with the corresponding zone numbers, telling you which zone you should pay in.

"If you pay in one zone, you want to make sure you park in that zone," Faith said.

From an enforcement point of view, Faith said if someone paid for parking and parked in the wrong zone, he doesn't see any citations issued for that instance.

The company that installed the kiosks is footing the bill for them and Faith said the kiosks are expensive.

The town receives a portion of the credit card transactions with the other portion to Pango. Faith said any coin transaction goes directly to the town.

The town has a lease agreement for the Rail Trail parking lot on Church Street and the town is in charge of the upkeep of the lot.

Faith said funds from the meters would maintain their part of the Rail Trail, which would include the concrete curb stops in the lot.

Faith noted parking on the west end of town near the likes of Grove Funeral Home is a hike to the nearest kiosk.

"We're in the process of getting other kiosks installed in that area so they're more convenient for people," he said. "That's just going to take a little bit of time."

The town would have the ability to turn off parking for the kiosk in that area, or any area, if the need comes up.

Faith said if there were an event in town, such as the returning Barge Bash next year or Trail Days in June, kiosks could be turned off to allow for free during those times.

"I'm not saying that's what we're going to do. That's a decision the mayor and council have to make," Faith said.

Of course, people live along Main Street and in turn park along Main Street.

Faith said parking passes will be issued to those folks, but it won't be for Main Street.

Instead, the passes will be for the Canal Street parking lot, Faith said. Rates haven't been decided on, which Faith said needs to happen pretty quickly, but there'd be a monthly fee for that pass.

"That won't be convenient because if they're living on the north side of Main Street, why would you want to park the whole way down," Faith said. "I understand that, but in the past, the town has never issued parking passes for Main Street."

That decision would fall to the discretion of the mayor

and council if they would want to make any changes.

Faith did say there is no charge for off-street parking or side street parking.

"All these parking spots are public parking so you can't reserve a spot," Faith said about the Main Street parking.

There had been discussions about businesses having a "wallet" where they can pay for two spots, but they don't get to pick those two spots.

Faith admitted no one, including himself, likes to pay for parking but the reality is, as a small town, there needs to be some control over parking.

Over the years, before zoning, Faith said buildings in town were sub-divided and the owners put the burden of parking on the municipality.

"There's plenty of places in town that have all these rentals and don't have off street parking," Faith said, "and now you can't do that."

There could be a discount on handicapped parking, but that is something to be discussed with town officials.

Faith said with the way the state came through with their streetscape project, there's not a lot of space for handicapped parking along Main Street.

There is handicapped parking in the side lots.

Faith said there have been a few times where he's had to help people on the kiosks, such as helping a person who accidentally overpaid.

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The Hancock News

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

— CLOSED —

Thursday, December 22 at 1 p.m. through Sunday, January 1

REGULAR HOURS

Monday, January 2

The Hancock News Will Not Be Printed December 28

The deadline for the January 4, 2023 issue will be noon on Monday, January 2.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

- Sports
- School News
- Public Notices
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Winter sports are heating up at Hancock High School

by Lisa Schauer
The 2022-23 winter sports season is underway at Hancock High School, lead by athletic director Kermit Moyer.

Hancock boys' varsity basketball team (1-1) pulled out a win on the road 68-58 over Paw Paw in their season opener December 7, lead by head coach Ed Morris.

Following a loss 82-35 to Allegany at home last week, the Panthers boys' varsity basketball team hits the road again this week to tip off against Turkeyfoot Valley on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

The Panthers' next home game is this Friday, December 16 at 6 p.m. when they host Heritage Academy in the main gym.

Meanwhile, the Lady Panthers girls' varsity basketball team (0-2) also travels to Turkeyfoot Valley this Wednesday, December 14 for tip off at 5:30 p.m.

Following a loss of 28-49 on the road December 5 to Broadfording Christian Academy, and another loss at home 54-9 against Clear Spring on December 7, the lady Panthers took on Northern Garrett County at home on Monday, December 12.

The Lady Panthers' are lead by head coach Todd Ruppenthal. Their next home game will be on Monday December 19 at 6 p.m. when they host Grace Academy in the main gym.

Hancock High School's varsity indoor track team heads to Hagerstown Community College on Friday, December 16 to line up for the Smithsburg Invitational at 4 p.m.



Ethan Calhoun-Hill shoots the ball for the Panthers.

photos by Lori Younker



Sarah Mellon shoots the ball for the Lady Panthers.



Kaelyn Seal passes the ball to another Panther while the Clear Spring players looks around.

Hancock High School Girls Varsity Basketball Winter 2022-23 Schedule

Monday, December 5, at 5 p.m. vs. Broadfording Christian Academy - away game

Wednesday, December 7, at 6 p.m. vs. Clear Spring High School - home game

Monday, December 12, at 6 p.m. vs. Northern Garrett County - home game

Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Turkeyfoot Valley Area - away game

Monday, December 19, at 6 p.m. vs. Grace Academy - home game

Tuesday, December 20, at 6 p.m. vs. Northern Garrett County - away game

Thursday, December 29, tournament TBA

Friday, December 30, tournament TBA

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Berkeley Springs - away game

Friday, January 6, 2023 at 5 p.m. vs. Grace Academy - away game

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Forbes Road - away game

Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Faith Christian Academy - home game

Friday, January 13, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Turkeyfoot Valley Area - home game

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Maryland School for the Deaf - away game

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Union - away game

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Forbes Road - home game

Friday, February 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Berkeley Springs - home game

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6 p.m. vs. Clear Spring High School - away game

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Calvary Christian Academy - home game

Friday, February 10, 2023 at 6 p.m. vs. Faith Christian Academy - away game

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. vs. Broadfording Christian Academy - home game

Friday, February 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Union - home game



Alyssa Moore goes to take the ball down the court against Clear Spring.

Hancock High School Boys Varsity Basketball Winter 2022-23 Schedule

Wednesday, December 7, at 6 p.m. vs. Paw Paw - away game

Friday, December 9, at 6 p.m. vs. Allegany - home game

Wednesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. vs. Turkeyfoot Valley Area - away game

Friday, December 16, at 6 p.m. vs. Heritage Academy - home game

Monday, December 19, at 6 p.m. vs. Northern Garrett County - away game

Tuesday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Salisbury Elk Lick - tournament at home

Wednesday, December 28 TBA tournament continues - at home

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6 p.m. vs. Hyndman - away game

Friday, January 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. vs. Grace Academy - away game

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Forbes Road - away game

Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. vs. Faith Christian Academy - home game



Jacob Anderson goes for the basket against Allegany.



Isaiah Demory takes to the air to shoot for the basket.



Jeremiah Thomas takes the shot while an Allegany players attempts to block.

How to get in the sports section

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

--Bring information to the news office at 263 Pennsylvania Avenue Extended (next to the optical practice) during our regular business hours, or use the drop box next to the front door for after-hours submissions.

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!

Maryland fifth graders can enter 2023 Arbor Day poster contest

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Forest Conservancy District Boards have announced that all Maryland fifth graders in private and public schools are eligible to participate in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The theme for 2023 is: "Trees Are Terrific...and Cool our Communities!"

All entries must be delivered to a local Maryland Forest Service office by noon, January 20, 2023.

Washington County's Forest Service office is located at 14038 Blairs Valley Rd. in Clear Springs. Their office number is 301-791-4733.

Students are encouraged to share their appreciation for Maryland's forests and trees through original works of art. Poster size must be no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches

and no larger than 22 by 28 inches. They must be drawn in acrylic, crayon, ink, marker, paint pens, regular or colored pencil, tempera paint, or watercolor.

Posters will be judged on a county level and then submitted to the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee to compete at the statewide level. A select panel will then choose the top three winning posters that will receive tree plantings at the artists' schools — first place will win 15 trees, second place will receive 10, and third place will receive five.

Teachers will be notified by March 3, 2023, and school plantings will be scheduled in spring.

Contest comments or questions may be directed to Anne Gilbert at 410-260-8510 or anne.gilbert@maryland.gov.



Camden Steiner of Harford County won first place honors in the 2022 Arbor Day Poster Contest, with a prize of 15 trees to his school for planting.

Audubon Christmas bird counts

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society has set Saturday, December 17 and Monday, January 2, as the dates for this winter's annual Christmas Bird Counts.

These local-area counts are part of a massive, historic 120-year-old citizen science project: a volunteer-based Christmas Bird Count that has been conducted throughout the western hemisphere every year since 1900 under the auspices of the National Audubon Society.

The purpose is to monitor the status and distribution of early-winter bird populations.

Count volunteers join teams that go out in the field and follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day.

Experienced and novice birders are always welcome to join these teams. Novice volunteers will be teamed with those who have more experience.

Alternatively, people who live within the circle areas can simply count the birds they see at their feeders during the day and submit a record of their sightings to PVAS.

All those who participate as a field team member must register beforehand on the PVAS website or with one of the PVAS representatives noted below.

There will be two counts. The Christmas Bird Count in Charles Town, WV will be held on Saturday, December 17. In the Eastern Panhandle, the Charles Town count has been held every year since 1952. The Inwood count will be held on Monday, January 2, and has been held every

year since 1953. Bob Dean will head both the Charles Town count and the Inwood, W.Va. Christmas Bird Count.

To learn more and to register for the Charles Town count, register at <https://www.potomac.audubon.org/event/christmas-bird-count-charles-town-wv-4/>

For details and to register for the Inwood Christmas Bird Count go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/christmas-bird-count-inwood-wv-5/>

If you cannot register on the website, contact Bob Dean at bobdean52@gmail.com.

For further details on participating, either as a field team member or by recording birds at home feeders, you can also head to the PVAS website at www.potomac.audubon.org.

The data collected from each year's Christmas Bird Count are folded into what is now the longest-running database in ornithology, representing over 100 years of continuous information. This database is used to help spot trends in bird populations, which in turn can help identify shifts in environmental conditions.

The data from previous year's counts and other information about the CBC are available online through the National Audubon Society website at <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>

To view data from the Eastern Panhandle counts, enter their official 4-letter Count Codes, WVCT and WVIN, in the appropriate field.

Bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will provide its monthly bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve on Wednesday, December 21. The walk will be led by Beth Poole from 7 to 10 a.m.

The trails at Cool Spring Preserve travel through a variety of habitats and provide lovely views.

Species likely to be seen in December include White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Wren, Chickadees, Titmouse, Nuthatches and lots of woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Some hopeful sightings include: Winter wren, Brown Creeper, Rusty Blackbirds, Swamp Sparrow and Red-breasted Nuthatch.

This walk is open to the public at no cost. Anyone with an interest in birding is welcome to attend, regardless of experience. Children ages 12 and up will be welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required at <https://www.potomac.audubon.org/event/third-wednesday-bird-walk-at-cool-spring-preserve-55/>

PVAS sponsors these bird walks regularly, on the third Wednesday of every month.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes (trails can be slippery), and take drinking water. Binoculars will be provided if needed.

Contact Kristin Alexander at Kristin@potomac.audubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions.

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

Reading to Make Cents fundraiser

Four countywide winners of the Reading to Make Cents fundraiser were announced at a ceremony on November 29, 2022 at the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Branch of Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown.

Sponsored by the Books for Babies program, grand prizes were awarded to the four students who raised the most money in the fundraiser. The money raised allows each baby born at Meritus Medical Center to receive a brand new board book.

First prize: Olivia Shay, Smithsburg Elementary, a gift card tour of Washington County.

Second prize: Ashton Tulloch, Salem Avenue Elementary, a \$100 Walmart gift

card.

Third prize: Owen Gibson, Sharpsburg Elementary, a book prize pack.

Fourth prize: Khimani Raymond, Ruth Ann Monroe Primary, a \$50 Sky Zone gift card.

Lisa Ritenour, a teacher at Sharpsburg Elementary, was awarded a classroom prize of \$100 for her library for the most money raised by one classroom. Owen Gibson is in Mrs. Ritenour's class.

The Books for Babies program is a collaboration with Washington County Free Library, Washington County Public Schools, Meritus Medical Center and the Books for Babies Coordinating Committee.



Winners of the Reading Make Cents fundraiser are, front row, left to right: Khimani Raymond (Ruth Ann Monroe Primary), Ashton Tulloch (Salem Avenue Elementary) and Owen Gibson (Sharpsburg Elementary). Back row: Abigail Andrews (Washington County Free Library/ Books for Babies Coordinating Committee), Lisa Ritenour (Sharpsburg Elementary) and Jenny Bakos (Executive Director, Washington County Free Library). Not pictured: Olivia Shay (Smithsburg Elementary).



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Estate No. 79696

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margarete Coffman.

Notice is given that James Coffman, 16508 Willoughby Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795 and Scott Coffman, 16618 Spielman Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795 were on November 18, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Margarete Coffman who died on November 3, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th day of May, 2023.

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.

James Coffman
Scott Coffman
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-30-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79725

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Harvey Adam Hogamier.

Notice is given that Rebecca Hogamier, 5813 Emerson Court, The Villages, FL 32163 was on November 22, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Harvey Adam Hogamier who died on September 13, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 22nd day of May, 2023.

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79709

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Katherine Faye Canfield.

Notice is given that Scott Anthony Canfield, 112 W. Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on November 23, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Katherine Faye Canfield who died on September 19, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of May, 2023.

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.

Scott Anthony Canfield
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79718

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kathryn Arlene Drawbaugh.

Notice is given that Gina Anne Baker, 10602 Connor Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795 and Tina Lynne Leimbach, 199 Zachary Drive, Westminster, MD 21157 were on November 23, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Kathryn Arlene Drawbaugh who died on October 25, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of May, 2023.

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.

Gina Anne Baker
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Estate No. 79723

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Glenn Garfield Ghee.

Notice is given that Leah G. Littlefield, 5617 Belle Vista Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206 was on November 21, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Glenn Garfield Ghee who died on October 5, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 21st day of May, 2023.

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.

Leah G. Littlefield
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
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pd11-30-3th

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

Estate No. 79772

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Herschel Xavier Burns.

Notice is given that Douglas Burns, 523 N. Locust Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on December 12, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Herschel Xavier Burns who died on November 28, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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(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.

Douglas Burns
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pd12-14-1thn

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

Estate No. 79762

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Theresa Janet Rutkowski.

Notice is given that Deborah Anne Babbie, 13909 McIntosh Circle, Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on December 9, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Theresa Janet Rutkowski who died on November 3, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79687

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Luray Clem Ausherman.

Notice is given that Shanna E. Muschik, 5658 Amos Reeder Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713 was on November 18, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Luray Clem Ausherman who died on October 21, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th day of May, 2023.

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

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Shanna E. Muschik
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pd11-30-3th

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

Estate No. 76473

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dominic James Little.

Notice is given that Nicole Little, 121 N. Locust St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on March 11, 2020 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Dominic James Little who died on November 15, 2019 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 persons 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.

Nicole Little
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd12-14-1thn

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

Estate No. 79724

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald E. Shirk.

Notice is given that Robin Sword, 13519 Chads Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on December 6, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Donald E. Shirk who died on November 5, 2022 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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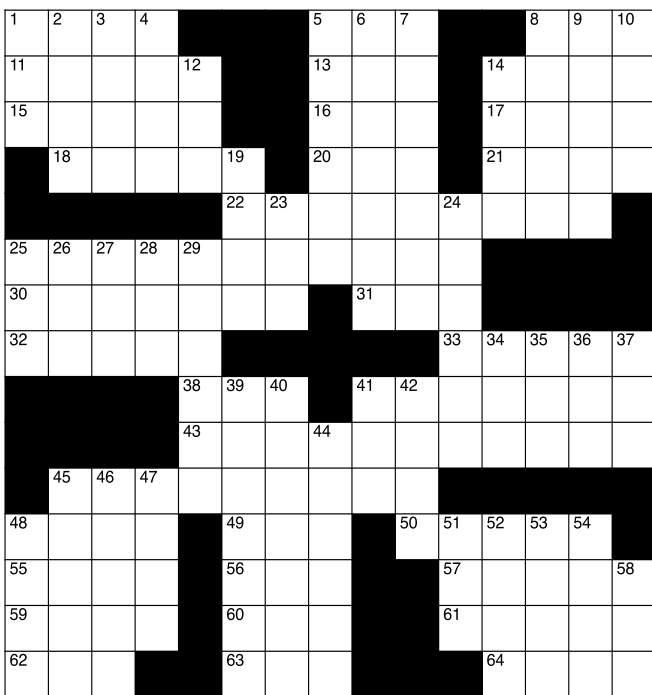
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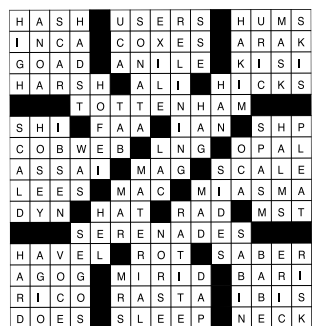
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Answers for December 7, 2022



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beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Sealed bids will be received in the District Office until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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Light up the holiday spirit by reading a new or classic Christmas story with the kids

by Kate Evans

There are so many enchanting new and treasured classic children's Christmas stories to enjoy reading to your kids, grandchildren or students over the holiday season. Pick a few as holiday gifts, bedtime stories or classroom activities.

Area children's librarian Genevieve Miller shared some of her favorite Christmas book recommendations for children of different ages:

The Little Red Sleigh

by Erin Guendelsberger
Ages two-seven

The Little Red Sleigh has one big dream—to one day become Santa's big red sleigh! But all her life, she's been told she's too small, she's too young, she can't fly, and she certainly can't meet Santa. This Christmas, with the help of some friends, she's determined to do the impossible. Full of winter joy

and holiday magic, *Little Red Sleigh* is a heartwarming children's Christmas book that will remind readers of all ages that no dream is out of reach if you believe.

The Night Before Christmas by Jan Brett Ages two and up

Jan Brett's interpretation of the Christmas classic *The Night Before Christmas* has been a holiday classic since it was published and is a visual masterpiece. Not only will readers delight in watching St. Nick delivering his presents to the family, but they will love the addition of two elf stowaways from the North Pole, creating mischief and mayhem under a midnight sky.

There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell by Lucille Colandro Ages two-eight

This new version of the "There Was an Old Lady" song is a great read-aloud.

The hungry old lady swallows a bell, bows, gifts, a sack, a sleigh and some reindeer. She's about to swallow a candy cane for dessert when she hears a jolly "Ho! Ho! Ho!" from Santa Claus, who is waiting for a ride. With rhyming text and funny illustrations, this version of a classic song will appeal to young readers.

The Christmas Owl by Gideon Sterer Ages three-eight

The Christmas Owl is based on a true story of a little owl named Rockefeller. The story about a little owl that was found in the world's most famous Christmas tree captivated the country.

When Little Owl's home is cut down by people saying it will make a beautiful Christmas tree, she's not sure she wants to have anything to do with Christmas. Then she is saved by a woman named Ellen, whose house is merrily decorated for the holiday, and filled with birds who need someone to care for them. Surrounded by kindness and new friends, Little Owl begins to wonder if Christmas might not be such a bad thing after all.

The Best Worst Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson Ages seven-11

This year's Christmas pageant is definitely like no other, but maybe that's what makes it so special.

Laughter abounds in this bestselling Christmas classic by Barbara Robinson. *The Best Worst Christmas Pageant Ever* follows the outrageous shenanigans of the Herdman siblings or the "worst kids in the history of the world."

Other story suggestions

Another children's librarian Janice Ross suggested the following children's Christmas books as an enjoyable read: *The Little Red Sleigh*, *Elf* the original *Night Before*

Christmas by Clement Moore, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and other classics.

Ross said that she just read *Snowmen at Christmas* to her storytime group on Friday and made snowman ornaments with the kids. She often shows a movie of the book after they read it, if there is one. Christmas books with movie too that Ross enjoys with kids include "Polar Express," "Elf" and "Prancer" by Stephen Cosgrove.

More reading choices

Other endearing children's Christmas books to consider include:

Miracle on 34th Street by Valentine Davies Estate (author), Susanna Leonard Hill (author) and James Newman Gray (illustrator)

Valentine Davies' 70-year-old magical Christmas tale is now in picture book format. It tells the story of a young girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus, magic or miracles at all. But when she meets Kris Kringle and tells him what she most wants for Christmas, she hopes that maybe he's the real thing. Based on the original "Miracle on 34th Street," the book is timeless and full of Christmas spirit.

Polar Express: 30th Anniversary Edition by Chris Von Allsburg. *Polar Express* is a wonderful tale of a young boy on Christmas Eve who takes a magical train ride to the North Pole to make his Christmas wish. On his adventure, he learns about friendship, bravery and the spirit of Christmas.

The story has become a treasured Christmas classic and holiday movie. The 30th anniversary edition of *Polar Express* comes with a keepsake ornament.

A *Charlie Brown Christmas* by Tina Gallo, (adaptor) Charles Schultz (author) and



Scott Jeralds (illustrator). Enjoy Christmas with Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang in this book version of the beloved Charlie Brown Christmas television special.

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Bear Stays Up for Christmas (The Bear Books) by Karma Wilson (author) and Jane Chapman (illustrator). Bear's friends are determined to keep Bear awake for Christmas. They wake Bear up and have him help them find a Christmas tree, bake cakes, hang up stockings, and sing Christmas songs. Bear discovers that giving is one of the best Christmas presents of all.



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Don't fret, Aries. No news is good news while you're waiting around to hear about something important. Give it a few more days and your waiting time will be over.



When someone turns to you for help, you do not hesitate to do all that you can, Cancer. Just be sure you do not to overwork yourself. Take on only what you can manage.



You've been placed in a new role and you're loving every minute of it, Libra. Enjoy the moments while they last. This may be what you're meant to do.



You have a plan but others are not falling in line right now, Aquarius. It may take time before others come around to your way of thinking. Be a little more patient.



If you are thinking about changing careers, you probably should wait until the holidays are over. No one's mind is on the job these days, so waiting is the wiser move.



You've bitten off quite a lot lately, Leo. Fortunately, you have a good support system that can help you out when you need a helping hand. Rely on them as much as necessary.



Scorpio, you might want to take it easy and stick close to home for the time being. You need to regroup and focus anew. You can do that more easily without distractions.



It's a fine balance between work and play right now for you, Pisces. You're tempted to forego all responsibilities, but that wouldn't be smart.



Consider all sides of a situation before you offer your opinion, Gemini. This way you have the facts and will not inadvertently alienate someone.



Take a few days to sit back and rest and recharge. It will afford you an opportunity to plan for the future, as this may be a period of unrest for you.



Sagittarius, your to-do list might be growing longer, but tackle one thing at a time rather than getting overwhelmed. Reach out to a loved one for assistance.

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