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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 8/26 83/64 
Mostly sunny with calm south winds around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Thurs. 8/27 84/64 
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Light south winds.

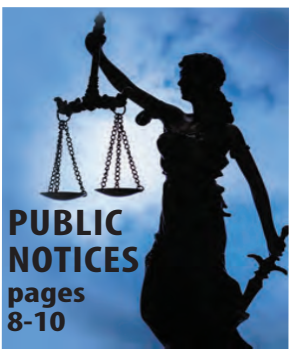
Fri. 8/28 82/62 
20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

Sat. 8/29 81/62 
Mostly sunny with a high around 81 and a low near 62.

Sun. 8/30 84/66 
Mostly sunny with a high around 84 and a low near 66.

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Hancock Panthers won't hit the football field in 2026 due to shortage of players

by Geoff Fox

Paul Imphong Field at Hancock Middle-Senior High School will be quiet on Friday nights this fall following the news that the school doesn't have enough student athletes to field a football team in 2026.

The school announced the change last Friday afternoon, August 21.

In a post on social media, new school principal Andrew Kaetzel shared the news, noting the school wouldn't be able to put a team on the field this year.

"Over the past several weeks, school staff have worked to recruit enough student athletes to support a football program this fall," he said.

Despite those efforts, not enough students committed to participate, making it impossible to field a team for

competitive play, he added.

Because of this, Hancock had to notify the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association it wouldn't be able to field a varsity team this year. That decision had to be made by a certain deadline so that the fall schedule could be finalized for all schools fielding a team.

This is the first time in 70 years the Panthers won't have a football team competing against area schools.

"HMSHS recognizes that football has a long history in our community, and we understand this news will be especially disappointing to our students, families, alumni, and community members who have supported the Panthers through the years," Kaetzel said.

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Hancock football won't be filling Paul Imphong Field on Friday nights this year, as there weren't enough committed players to field a team.

photo by Geoff Fox

America's 9/11 Ride roars through Hancock

by Geoff Fox

If you were in town around 11 a.m. Friday morning and heard a steady rumbling, it wasn't an earthquake, it was the sound of over 400 motorcycles making their way through town.

In the past, the motorcycles would stay on Interstate 68 and Interstate 70 as they traveled to Washington D.C. and then on to New York City.

The ride started Friday morning, August 21, in Somerset, Pa., with riders and support vehicles rolling out at 6:45 a.m.

After fueling stop in

Cumberland and a break at Rocky Gap State Park, the riders made their way to National Pike/Western Pike and onto Main Street in Hancock.

The end of the road for the riders on Friday was Arlington, Va.

This marks the 25th annual ride for the America's 9/11 Ride as they remember the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001 and honoring all first responders and remembering those who perished.

The trek covers the locations where the planes crashed on that 9/11 – Som-

erset County (United Airlines Flight 93), the Pentagon (American Airlines Flight 77), and the New York City (North Tower American Airlines Flight 11 and South Tower United Airlines Flight 175).

RIGHT: One of the over 400 motorcycle drivers salutes as he rides by as part of the America's 9/11 Ride. The annual motorcycle ride that runs from Somerset County to Washington, D.C. to New York City, is memorializing the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, with their 25th annual event. More photos, page 6.



Splash pad lightning issue remains, roof project & more

by Geoff Fox

Last month, Councilman David Kerns raised the issue of public complaints when the town closes the splash pad for weather-related concerns.

Those issues still remain a month later as Kerns said "people can't use any common sense" when using the splash pad.

He said if people would download the lightning app, they'd see there'd be a circle around Hancock and if there's a lightning strike inside that circle, the splash pad would not be turned on.

"Don't be calling the

town. Don't be calling anybody to ask why the splash pad ain't running," he said. "I don't care if the sun is shining or not, the rule is 15 miles. Period. It's not getting turned back on," he said.

Kerns said if they continue to call and ask about the splash pad, since there is a fence around the splash pad, the town would start charging for the splash pad and hire a babysitter to sit at the splash pad all day.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said the Saturday before the town meeting, he had turned

off the splash pad due to lightning.

The Hancock Police officer on duty received 15 calls asking why the splash pad was off and there was even a 911 call wanting to know who to call because the splash pad wasn't on because there was no lightning.

"I can't believe people would call 911 or keep calling our police," Lanehart said.

He added he pulled up the camera at the splash pad on his phone at the time of the complaint and noticed about four inches of standing water on the pad.

Lanehart also mentioned he had a person message him asking about the splash pad being closed. While talking to the person, he pulled the camera up and saw lightning in the background.

"We try to do some good things, so everybody has to work with us on that, too," Kerns said.

On the rules of the splash pad posted at the entrance it mentions inclement weather stating: "The Splash Pad must be vacated when the conditions for dangerous, inclement weather are present. Patrons must wait 30



A crew from Norris Building Contractors were in Widmeyer Park on Monday, August 24, working on the pavilion roofs after being awarded the contract to do so on the pavilions in Widmeyer Park and Joseph Hancock Park.

photos by Geoff Fox

minutes after last sign of dangerous weather before returning."

The town also posts on social media when the splash pad is closed for inclement weather.

There are only a few more weeks to spend time at the splash pad as it closes on Sunday, September 13.

Pavilion roof projects

Bids for the repair and painting of the pavilions in Widmeyer Park and Joseph Hancock Park were opened during the June town meet-

ing but weren't approved as town officials needed time to look over each one more closely.

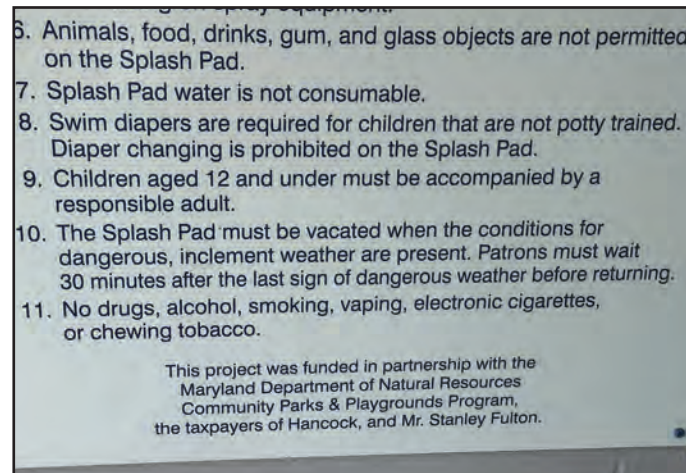
Town Manager Mike Faith said officials could award a bid or reject the bid during the August meeting.

Lanehart said the town has the grant money to do the project if they decide to go ahead and award the bid that night.

That grant money would cover \$59,220 of the cost.

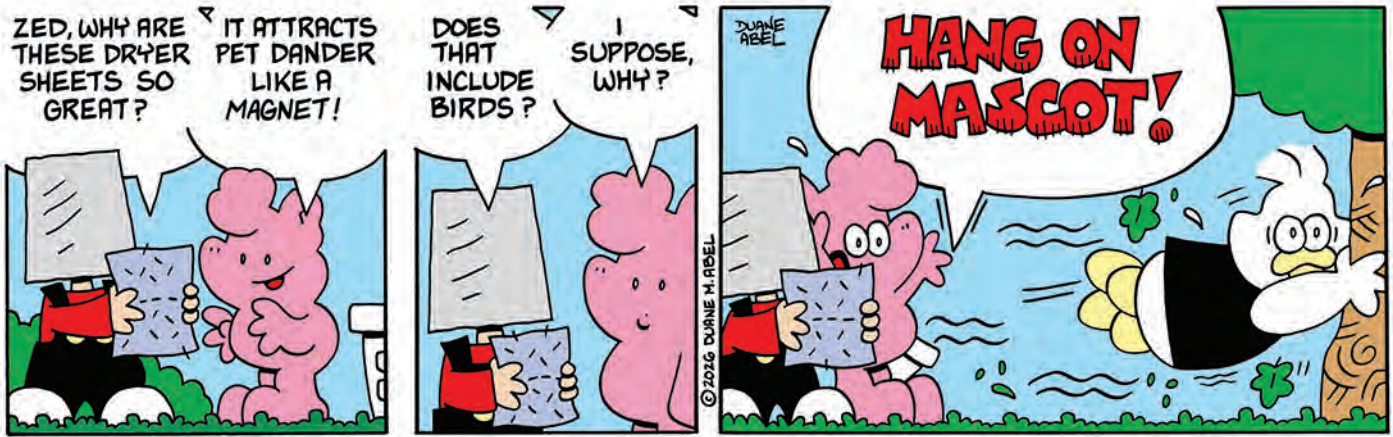
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Town officials are still having an issue with people asking why the splash pad is closed during inclement weather. A sign inside the bathhouse lists the rules with #10 being about inclement weather.



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Dear EarthTalk:
How are conservationists encouraging reforestation in the Amazon?

—Peter Smyth, Tempe, AZ

The Amazon Rainforest covers eight million kilometers of land and spans nine countries across South America, making it the world’s largest rainforest. The Amazon is home to 400 billion trees, contributing greatly to global carbon storage and climate regulation. In addition, 10 percent of the Earth’s known species live in the Amazon, which also provides essential food and medicine to nearby communities. Despite such overwhelming benefits, the Amazon is gradually becoming barren land. According to Global Citizen, a leading international advocacy organization, 20 percent of the rainforest has been lost to mining, forest fires, agricultural expansion, land grabbing, and cattle ranching in the past 50 years.

Indigenous communities have taken on initiatives to reforest and preserve the Amazon. Farmers have integrated agroforestry systems, a method of sustainable farming that preserves biodiversity. Local-led ecotourism is another way communities have worked to protect the Amazon’s acreage. Sani Warmi, a Kichwa indigenous women’s organization in Sani Isla, Ecuador, operates the Sani Lodge and leads traditional cooking and craft lessons for tourists, protecting 76,600 forest acres. And the U.S.-based Alliance for a Sustainable Amazon works with locals in Peru to re-plant native land species.

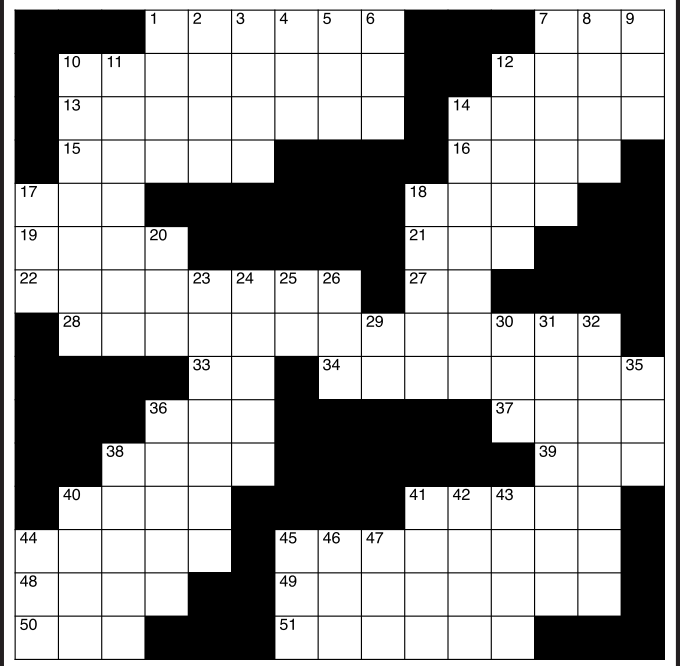
Others, like Brazilian parachutist Luigi Cani, have made it their mission to revitalize barren parts of the Amazon. In 2022, Cani completed his “100 Million Seeds Amazon Project” by skydiving while scattering seeds across parts of the Amazon. “... the seeds were released precisely where we wanted them to be,” he says. “We need huge changes to make the world better than it is today. The possibility for growth is incredible, but more people need to be willing to learn and work together.” The seeds germinated at a rate of 95 percent, making the project a successful and eye-catching demonstration of individual activism.

There are also larger global strategies protecting the Amazon. The Brazilian government launched the Amazon Fund, which has raised over \$1.4 billion dollars from contributing countries across the world. And experts are improving technology to monitor deforestation. The Colombian Amazon is being observed by an AI-powered satellite and drones to prevent illegal deforestation.

Readers interested in helping to reforest the Amazon, you can support Amazon Rainforest preservation organizations such as the Alliance for a Sustainable Amazon by donating on their website.

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- Biblical figure
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- Warren and Monroe are two
- Wild ox
- Dismounted a horse
- Cave dweller
- Where infants sleep
- Popular type of shoe
- Clumsy large person
- Evil-like
- Integrated circuit
- Austin-based athlete
- Postscript
- Follows 18
- People of Gambia
- Popular actor Nicolas
- Platform for a lecturer
- Taxi
- American songwriter Sammy
- Iranian city
- Heavy clubs
- One who is expelled
- In bed
- Lifelessness
- Former CIA
- Most slick

DOWN

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- Nightclub entertainment
- The perfect example of something
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- Pain
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- Dinner table decor
- Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
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- Atomic #28
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- Nullifies
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- Partner to “oohed”
- Ray-finned fishes
- Taxis
- Sat on and controlled
- Sea eagles
- Remain as-is
- Chinese revolutionary
- Tooth caregiver
- Snakelike fish
- Compensate



Calendar of Events AUGUST

Saturday, August 29
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

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

Tuesday, September 1
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Hancock
American Legion,
12:30 p.m.

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History Matters

a feature courtesy of
David Bruce Smith's
The Grateful American Book Prize
by Ed Lengel



The Death of Rudolph Valentino, August 1926

America’s first great movie celebrity was not an American. It was Rodolfo Pietro Filiberto Raffaele Guglielmi, who was born in Italy in 1895, moved to the United States in 1913, and “became” Rudolph Valentino in 1913; worked a succession of odd jobs before leveraging his fiery looks and dancing skills into stage work, Hollywood—and eventually—the world of motion pictures, even before the medium had become culturally dominant. In a series of film roles starting with *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921), *The Sheik* (1921), *Blood and Sand* (1922) and *Son of the Sheik* (1926), Valentino catapulted into a bona fide icon and heartthrob, as his romantic-lead status energized the industry.



Valentino’s various romances and associated scandals transformed him into a media obsession; then, on August 15, 1926, he collapsed, was rushed to a New York City hospital, where it was determined he had suffered a ruptured appendix and a perforated ulcer. After a brief scare, Valentino appeared to be on the mend, as he reassured his many fans from his hospital bed, but on August 21, he developed pleuritis; two days later he was dead at the age of 31. Tens of thousands of mostly female mourners stormed the funeral parlor that displayed his body on August 25-26 generated such mayhem that he had to be secured in a vault. As his casket moved down Broadway on his August 30 funeral, it caused a secondary public sensation that initiated the standard for future movie stardom.

For more information about Rudolph Valentino, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Emily W. Leider’s *Dark Lover: The Life and Death of Rudolph Valentino* (2003).

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Hancock Police Report

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of August 17-23:

August 17

911 hang-up, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.

Service to advise, 400 block Whispering Wind Road. Subject advised.

Parking complaint, Church Street. Owner moved vehicle.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

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

August 18

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Malicious destruction of property, 100 block West Main Street. Report to follow.

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

August 19

Lost property, Hancock area. Information taken.

Warrant attempt, 200 block Old Rt. 40. Unable to locate.

Warrant attempt, 200 block Old Rt. 40. Unable to locate.

Check well-being, first block Blue Hill Road. Subject transported to hospital.

August 20

Traffic enforcement, McKinley Drive. No violations.

Warrant service, 100 block Quaker Creek Drive. Warrant served on Michael John Burton, 31, of Hancock.

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

Service to advise, East Main Street. Subject advised.

August 21

Traffic enforcement, McKinley Drive. No violations.

Traffic direction, Main Street. 9/11 motorcycle run.

911 hang-up, boat ramp area. Unfounded.

911 hang-up, Widmeyer Park. Accidental.

Lost property, 200 block East Main Street. Lost credit card.

August 22

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Parking complaint, first block West Main Street. Owner moved vehicle.

911 hang-up, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.

August 23

Found property, 10-mile marker Rail Trail. Wallet is at police department.

Trespassing, 200 block Quaker Creek Drive. Subject being charged for trespassing.

Pills sold on social media, overdose result in lengthy sentence for Maryland man

Christion Sayyid Gill, 27, of Hagerstown, Md. was sentenced to more than 17 years in federal prison for his role in a business that was selling fentanyl-laced pills online, announced U.S. Attorney Matthew L. Harvey.

"Fentanyl is deadly, and in this case, it nearly killed two teenagers," said U.S. Attorney Matthew L. Harvey. "Parents, talk to your kids about the dangers of buying pills online—counterfeit pills often look exactly like real prescription medication. And to anyone considering a scheme like this, law enforcement will find you and bring you to justice."

Christion Sayyid Gill, sentenced to 210 months, and his codefendant built what investigators described as a highly organized digital drug marketplace. Working alongside his co-defendants, they used platforms like Telegram, Instagram, Snapchat, Signal, and Linktree to advertise and sell counterfeit pills designed to look like Oxycodone. Behind the polished online presence, however, the pills were laced with fentanyl.

The danger of the scheme became clear when officers in Frederick, Md., responded to a suspected overdose involving two juvenile females. The blue pills found at the scene—later confirmed to contain fentanyl—were traced back to the scheme and a codefendant who travelled from Martinsburg, W.Va. to deliver the drugs. From a Hagerstown, Md. base of operation, they arranged online orders and traveled throughout the tri-state area to deliver drugs directly to customers.

A search of Christion Sayyid Gill's home revealed the scope of the operation. Investigators seized more than 20 grams of fentanyl, nearly four pounds of methamphetamine, 146 grams of cocaine, two firearms, and \$49,950 in cash—a snapshot of a drug business built for volume.

Jayden Gill, 22, was convicted in November 2025 and is currently serving a 260-month federal sentence for his role in the scheme. A third defendant, Jamil Nicholas Gardner, 33, of Baltimore, is awaiting trial and is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle Kane prosecuted the

case.

Agencies involved in the investigation include the United States Postal Inspection Service; Homeland Security Investigations; and multiple Maryland law enforcement agencies including the Brunswick Police Department, Frederick City Police, Maryland State Police, Hagerstown Police Department, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

Fentanyl has been designated by President Donald Trump as a weapon of mass destruction due to its extreme lethality which poses a grave threat to public safety, even in trace amounts. This case is part of Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime, and repel the invasion of illegal immigration.

U.S. District Judge Gina M. Groh presided.

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Social hour at noon and eat at 1 p.m. Chicken, table settings and drinks will be provided. Take hot or cold dish or dessert. Relatives and friends are welcome.



Who's Havin' a Birthday?

Monday, August 31
Mikayla Clevenger

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Ed Steers presents details on The Hitler Diaries

In 1983 the West German magazine *Stern* paid \$3.7 million for a 60 volume set of Adolph Hitler's diaries. They in turn sold serialization rights to *The London Sunday Times*.

How real were these? Ed Steers will fill in the details on Wednesday, August 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital Education Room (use the left entrance).



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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)
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Life’s Extremes...And Balance Needed (as usual)

On the one hand we have Mark Zuckerberg , CEO of Meta (Facebook), who says they are building a future where billions of people could have a 24/7 AI agent that understands their goals, habits, relationships and personal lives, “and everyone should have access to super-intelligence.” Oppositely, we have “Groups of young people who grew up with technology (and) long for a more Luddite way of life...” Ie, More personal relationship-based communion wanted, needed! (See: NYT: Nov. 2, 2025)

This is a problem, an issue, we’re gonna struggle with, “to the grave” as they say. About technology, that is.

How much do we use, and how much do we abuse technology, and how to be Christian-based?

So, for us Christians, consider: You and Technology...

I was recently thinking about this after being inspired by those semi-Luddites (named after mythic Neil Ludd, the anti-industrial, pro-personalist protester, circa later 1700’s.)

For us Christians, we prize what is called: 1-Personalization: this means being intentional about personal relationships. So: call your friend or spouse or child –vs. texting them. Meet your friend or family member in person (not virtually). We modernists have gotten used to “what’s easy” or convenient or tech-savvy. Generally: we’ve acceded to depersonalization – ie., being moderated by tech stuff as the essential “middleman”-- who are not men—and we’ve let others taken over our lives. What irks me?: You call a friend—no answer, and then they text you back...Nooo, call me back, talk, practice conversation; personalization!

2-Moderate your usage –means not “all or nothing” but, probably, lessen -using your phone during dinner, and hooked into algorithms and infinite scrolling ?

3-Tech purification -go offline periodically, walk without your phone, go on a retreat – take breaks from tech and “the grid”.

Point: perhaps we’ve over-used tech and don’t realize how much “it’s iin our veins” – and need to reclaim the personal. And how about your personal prayer time, family visits, be-friending time?

Point II: As usual, the answer is balance – temperance, not extremes of either / or, as in: either give it all up or stay gripped by The Grid and so just keep “caving” into the screen. Balance means regulating usage, realizing attachments which constrain us from being free. Remember a Bible Algorithm: “For freedom Christ freed you” (Gal. 5:1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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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.

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OBITUARIES

Donna Lynn Young Foster 1952-2026



Donna Lynn Young Foster, age 74, of Hedgesville, W.Va., passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at the Hospice Inpatient Care Facility in Kearneysville, W.Va.

Born May 2, 1952 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Arick Ray and Betty Jane McMullen Young.

She was a 1970 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and earned her Licensed Practical Nurse certificate in 1980. Donna enjoyed crocheting, going to yard sales, doing word searches and watching her favorite TV shows, "The Waltons", "Little House on the

Prairie", "Nash Bridges", "Criminal Minds", "Blue Bloods" and "Boston Blue".

Donna is survived by her two children, April Michelle Dailey of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and David William Foster of Hedgesville, W.Va., one brother, Dennis Ray Young of North Ridgeville, Ohio and two grandsons, Tyler Adam Dailey and Thomas Arick Dailey.

Services and burial for Donna will be private.

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

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

Shirrell Jean Proffitt

Our beloved mother, Shirrell Jean Proffitt, 91 years old, passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at her home in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Shirrell and her family were residents of Northern Virginia prior to her retirement and moving to Berkeley Springs, W.Va. She retired after 30 years of services from Giant Food Grocery.

She is survived by her children, Cathy Swanigan of Polk City, Fla., Judy Proffitt and James Proffitt, Jr., both of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Shirrell was preceded in death by her husband, James Proffitt, Sr. and one son, Richard Proffitt.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, with Pastor Rodney Truax officiating. Burial will be in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until services at the funeral home on Monday.

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



William B. Little 1942-2026

William B. Little, age 83, died on August 14, 2026, surrounded by his family in Bowling Green, Virginia.

Born on December 31, 1942, in Hancock, Maryland, he was the son of the late Chlorous L. Hovermale Little and the late Philip N. Little.

He was a born-again Christian; a graduate of Hancock High School, class of 1960; and a member of the first Hancock High School football team.

He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps after high school (at the age of 17) and was a combat veteran of the Vietnam and 1st Gulf (Desert Storm) Wars. He retired as a sergeant major with over 24 years of service.

He was the recipient of numerous military medals and awards in recognition of his dedicated service.

He also retired as postmaster of King George County, King George, Virginia, with over 30 years of service.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by brother Tommy Little.

He is survived by three daughters, Shari (husband Robert), Kendra (husband Dan) and Brooke (husband Zach) and six grandchildren: Brandon, Kerith, Kenzie (husband Brandon), Kaleigh, Blakely and Carter. He is also survived by one brother, Sam Little and sisters Linda Litton, Chlorous Little and Kathy Zeitler, in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was a loving father, brother, uncle and friend, and he will be greatly missed.

The celebration of life service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026 at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Maryland. Interment was at St. Peter Catholic Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, Maryland 21750. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.



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JustServe launches in Hancock, helps local organizations connect with volunteers

Local nonprofit, faith-based, school, government and community organizations looking for volunteers have a simple, free way to share their needs through JustServe.org and the JustServe app.

JustServe is a volunteer-matching platform designed to help individuals, families and groups find meaningful service opportunities in their area or remotely. Organizations can post projects, share details about volunteer needs and connect with people who are actively seeking ways to serve.

Through the platform, organizations can list opportunities by location, schedule, interests and other project details, making it easier for volunteers to find service that matches their availability and skills. The JustServe app also helps volunteers search on the go, sign up for opportunities and use mobile tools such as maps and calendars to make serving more convenient.



The JustServe platform is active in 17 countries and territories across the globe and was created and funded by The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints as a gift to the community. It is guided by the JustServe Advisory Council featuring leaders from secular and humanitarian organizations such as the American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, Rotary International, and the Salvation Army.

The JustServe Representative for Hancock, Md. and surrounding areas is Wendy Weller. She set up JustServe tables at National Night Out on August 4 to share information with the community.

The Interfaith Service Coalition was spotlighted as the first organization in Hancock,

Md. to be added to JustServe.org. Five of its projects that need volunteers have been posted on the platform.

Local organizations that would like to be added to and post volunteer projects on JustServe.org are encouraged to contact Wendy Weller at JustServeHancock@gmail.com.

Community members can visit JustServe.org or download the JustServe app to search for volunteer opportunities nearby.

The Hancock News will also be keeping the community updated by spotlighting new local organizations as they are added to JustServe.org

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The Flashbacks to perform in Berkeley Springs State Park



The Flashbacks Band, left to right: Greg Elwood, Bob Wurster, Angela Petry, Mike Marzullo and Jeff Cooperman.

The Flashbacks return to the Berkeley Springs State Park stage on Saturday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. for their annual benefit concert. The concert is free but donations

will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds go to the Berkeley Springs State Park Historical Foundation which continues to make structural upgrades to the park.

The Flashbacks play Rock n Roll classics and oldies. Take a lawn chair. Rain location is the American Legion Post 60, 527 North Washington St., Berkeley Springs.

Remembering 9/11



Over 400 motorcycles and their support crew roared through the Hancock area on National Pike/Western Pike and Main Street last Friday, August 21, as part of the 25th annual America's 9/11 Ride. photos by Geoff Fox

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Hancock football

(from front)

He added he appreciates all the fans who continue to support Hancock athletics and Panther pride.

The Hancock News reached out to Athletic Director Jamie Mason Lego, asking what happens to the kids who showed up to play, if they had any other football team options available, and if the school would be making a push during the school year to attract students to come out for the 2027 football season.

“We have nothing additional to add at this time,” she said in an email in response to the questions.

Last Friday, after the news broke about the season being canceled, The Hancock News asked Hancock football Head Coach Greg Cartrette for a comment.

In a text message to The Hancock News, Cartrette said he did not have a comment -- “not at this time.”

In a post on his social

media page, former coach and Hancock athletic director Bill Sterner noted it’s “an alarming trend” across the nation as smaller populated schools don’t have the kids to fill a team.

Sterner was a coach or assistant for the Panthers’ football team for 27 years and the Athletic Director for 28 years. He posted that it makes him sad there won’t be a team.

“So many awesome memories with players; coaches and especially Coach Paul Imphong who founded the program,” Sterner said.

Over the years, Sterner said it was always a challenge to get a safe number of players, “but a very satisfying challenge when kids learned and experienced this great game.”

Earlier this summer, Cartrette announced the hiring of four new coaches to his staff and gave people hope as he said seniors Logan Hendershot and Jayten McCarty



would be two players to watch this upcoming season.

That hope was especially highlighted after last season, when Hancock football had to pull out of the competitive season before it was over because injuries had cut the team roster too short to play safely.

This summer, Cartrette said he was excited about all the returning players as well as those who were playing for the first time this year.

A scrimmage against Southern Garrett was scheduled for this Friday as a warm-up to the season. Hancock was to open the season next Friday, September 4, at home against rival Berkeley Springs.

Town facilities

(from front)

The pavilion roofs would have to be the same profile and material unless town officials approved in writing any changes.

Officials agreed to hire Norris Building Contractors to take on the roof project at a bid of \$40,425.

Lanehart said the coloring of the roofs would be uniform like brown or black, but officials agreed on dark green.

Pavilion agreement being re-reworded

Town officials revisited the agreements on renting the Lions Pavilion in Widmeyer Park after changing the terms last month.

After hearing from citizens, Lanehart said the use of bathrooms needed to be added back into the rental terms.

He said people rent that pavilion because of the bathrooms on the back of the building.

Officials agreed to make the change. Originally they had said people using the pavilion could use the restrooms at the splash pad, but they heard from the public that would be difficult for some people with mobility issues.

Kirkwood fence to get fixed When Widmeyer Park and Kirkwood Park flooded a year or so ago, the fence at the bottom field was damaged.

Lanehart said Hancock Little League got the town estimates to replace the fence and are asking the town to make that replacement.

The property and fence belong to the town.

REM made a proposal of \$6,900 to replace the fence,

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This project was funded in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Parks & Playgrounds Program, the taxpayers of Hancock, and Mr. Stanley Fulton.

which the town accepted unanimously.

Town to enforce plates

Those who move to Hancock have 30 days to have their plates registered in Maryland but there have been people living in town still driving on out-of-state plates, town officials said.

Faith said he is working with Sgt. Shawn Faith of the Hancock Police Department on cracking down on those vehicles.

Town Manager Faith said the town placed ads in The Hancock News that ran for

two weeks to alert residents who aren’t registered in the state of Maryland, they need to do so.

He said they’ve probably had a couple people already do that, but now there’s going to be an enforcement on those vehicles.

Warnings will be given first, Faith said, adding the enforcement has already started.

Lanehart said he’s already received a number of calls from people needing their vehicles inspected.

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2026 Panther volleyball teams prepare for full Fall season



The 2026 Varsity Panther Volleyball team members include Maddie Booth, Nyla Spielman, Makenzie Boyer, Sarah Smith, Kerrie Martinez, Nichole Hoffman, Kaybree Souders, Payton McMahon, Maya Shoemaker, Azalee Souders and Taylor Weller.



The 2026 JV Panther Volleyball team members include Sophia Wills, Kyleigh Boyer, Emma Diehl, Hanna Yeagy, Caelyn Hohn, Maggie Banks, Brooke Parker and Makalya Sexton.

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FOOTBALL

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			
Sept. 25	Bath County			
Oct. 2	at St. James	6 p.m.		
Oct. 9	at Newell Jackson	6 p.m.		
Oct. 16	at Tussey Mountain	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.		

SEASON CANCELLED

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

How to get in the sports section

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

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

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!

Hancock Flag Football takes it to the field



Waylon McDonald (#17) runs down the field for the Panthers as Raiders McCauley Clingerman (#7) goes to get his flag. photos by Lori Younker



Bryant Yonker tucks the ball in to run for the Nittany Lions, with the Volunteers' Korben Mellott coming in to cut him off.



Isabella Sipe (#23) running the ball with Ridgely Hixon (#6) coming in for backup for the Panthers.



Raiders player Kaysen Munson (#34) runs down the field with the ball with Weston Clark (#2) alongside him as a group of Panthers charge.



Nittany Lions player, Mack Watson holds on to the ball as Charlotte Smith with the Volunteers try to take his flag.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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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

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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

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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

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 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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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

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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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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 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

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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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83795
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Ann Stottlemeyer.

Notice is given that Alice Ruth McCauley, 13703 National Pike, Clear Spring, MD 21722-1719 was on August 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Margaret Ann Stottlemeyer who died on July 16, 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 19th 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 19th 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.

Phyllis Ann Wilson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

Edward L. Kuczynski, ESQ.
22 W. Salisbury Street
Williamsport, MD 21795

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83787
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald L. Shives, Jr.

Notice is given that Steven C. Shives, 10908 Clinton Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7703 and Daniel P. Shives, 12421 Big Spring Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1706 were on August 14, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Donald L. Shives, Jr. 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 14th 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 14th 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

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Steven C. Shives
Daniel P. Shives
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83794
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Guy Philip Mummert.

Notice is given that Nancy Mummert, 11005 Big Pool Rd., Big Pool, MD 21711-1205 was on August 18, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Guy Philip Mummert who died on June 2, 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 18th 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 18th 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.

Nancy Mummert
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83488
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF David Dwight Kline.

Notice is given that Diane Ruth Kline, 17020 Bentwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1967 was on August 17, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Dwight Kline who died on March 30, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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 17th 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

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Diane Ruth Kline
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83761
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Roberta Lee Shirk.

Notice is given that Robin Leann Sword, 13519 Chads Ter., Hagerstown, MD 21740-9119 was on August 17, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Roberta Lee Shirk who died on August 1, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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 17th 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

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Robin Leann Sword
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Hancock, Maryland, as adopted and subsequently amended, and pursuant to the powers and the provisions contained in the Annotated Code of Maryland that the Mayor and Council for the Town of Hancock, at a duly constituted meeting which was held on July 14, 2026, introduced an ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REJECTION OF AN IMPLIED OFFER OF DEDICATION AND QUIT-CLAIMING OF A PAPER STREET AND ALLEY 306 E. MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MARYLAND. Said Ordinance was passed ON August 11, 2026, with an Effective Date of August 31, 2026. The entire text of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk/Town Manager of the Town of Hancock, Maryland and is available for inspection and review. The entire text is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

Edward L. Kuczynski,
Town Attorney

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The bids will be accepted until Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. The board of school directors reserves the right to reject all or any parts of any bid.

Send bids to: MaryAnn Johnson, Southern Fulton School District, 3072 Great Cove Road Suite 100, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. For questions please call 717-294-2203 Ext. 101.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Karl Kurt Kemp

Estate No. 83773
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Michelle Simon, Esquire, 401 North Washington Street, Suite 445, Rockville, MD 20850 for judicial probate of the will and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on October 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd8-26-2th

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

Estate No. 83775
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Charles F. Gormly, ESQ., 10605 Concord Street, Suite 307, Kensington, MD 20895 for judicial probate of the will and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on October 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
John Wilson Dyer, Jr.

Estate No: 83771
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Karen Frances Reed, 78 DeLawder Ln., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-3790 for judicial probate of the will and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on October 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Letters To The Editor
over 400 words
will not be published.

VERY NICE
ANTIQUES AUCTION
LOCATED AT 108 HILLDALE DRIVE
NEEDMORE, PA
Saturday, August 29 • 9 a.m.

This will be the first sale of two of this estate with the other one being on October 3. The sale in August is made up of a lot of depression glass of all colors and patterns, McCoy planters and cookie jars, pocket watches, glassware, artwork, granite ware, vintage kitchen items, oil lamps, collectible papers, Victorian hanging lamp globes, Currier and Ives print, Empire style dresser, Northwood, pressed and pattern glass, hand carved walking canes (possibly Frank Feather), quilts, afghans, 1903 Prudential girl calendar and a lot more not listed.

The sale will be outdoors. Please bring a chair.

TERMS: CASH OR GOOD CHECK ONLY
NO BUYER'S PREMIUM

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83726
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Jane Carnes.

Notice is given that Brenda Harne-Herbert, 642 Duckwoods Ln., Martinsburg, WV 25403-2617 was on August 18, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Linda Jane Carnes who died on April 9, 2026 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal 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 18th 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 18th 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.

Brenda Harne-Herbert
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83780
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Clara Sue Vanderford.

Notice is given that Thomas Vanderford, 13113 Kaiser Ridge Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1015 was on August 13, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Clara Sue Vanderford who died on August 2, 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 13th 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 13th 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

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Thomas Vanderford
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83778
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dorothy Eloise Phillips.

Notice is given that Brenda Hollar, 2 Della Ln., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1002 was on August 17, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Dorothy Eloise Phillips 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 of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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 17th 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.

Brenda Hollar
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

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

Estate No. 83681
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Maybell Grace Johnston.

Notice is given that Betty Lee Johnston, 1221 Horners Sawmill Rd., Gerrardstown, WV 25430-4277 was on August 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Maybell Grace Johnston who died on November 9, 2005 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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.

Betty Lee Johnston
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-1thn

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

Estate No. 83392
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Janet Ellen Rohrer.

Notice is given that Daniel Arthur Rohrer, Jr., 6853 Wheeler Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2627 was on August 17, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Janet Ellen Rohrer who died on March 19, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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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Daniel Arthur Rohrer, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83751
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Esther Armatha Snook.

Notice is given that Robin Dagenhart, 17203 Bakersville Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2305 was on August 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Esther Armatha Snook who died on July 4, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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Robin Dagenhart
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-1thn

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GOTOAUCTION ID 7847

SPORTING GOODS &
ARTWORK AUCTION

LOCATED AT THE
FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
888 LINCOLN WAY EAST
MCCONNELLSBURG, PA 17233
Friday, August 28 • 5:30 p.m.

The sale will include nine firearms as well as artwork by Brian Tucker, Melissa Ball and Mark Twain and other sporting items. Some of the items include: Weatherby Mark V .300 WBY MAG., Remington Model 541-S Custom Sporter 22 Short Long Rifle, Ruger M77.243 Win. , Remington Model 700 204 Ruger "Friends of the NRA", Weatherby Mark V 7mm Rem. Mag., Remington Model 700 7mm Rem. Ultra Mag, HuGlu Av Tufekleri Kooperatitii 12 Guage 3", Ruger .243 Win. Model No. 1, Knight .50 Cal D.I.S.C. Black Powder Bolt Action, Remington gun safe, Leopold scopes, two Stanley Hawbaker knives, ammunition, Schrade fixed blade knives, Kissing Crane coin collection knives, blue rooster candy dish, TenPoint crossbow, gun cabinet, 14k gold necklace, Melissa Ball painted feathers, Brian Tucker and Mark Twain Noe prints, Longenberger baskets and a few more items.

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Level: Intermediate

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83784
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kevin Wayne Main.

Notice is given that Terry Kay Main, 2832 Chestnut Grove Rd., Keedysville, MD 21756-1818 was on August 13, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Kevin Wayne Main who died on July 8, 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:

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Terry Kay Main
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83754
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Arlie King Morgan.

Notice is given that Suzanne King Morgan, 4623 Roxbury Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814-4039 was on August 13, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Arlie King Morgan who died on June 19, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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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Suzanne King Morgan
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83774
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Thomas Lee Williams.

Notice is given that Frederick Williams, 10713 Brookemeade Cir., Apt. 2, Williamsport, MD 21795-1458 was on August 13, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Thomas Lee Williams who died on May 16, 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:

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Frederick Williams
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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This Week's Crossword Answers

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Storyteller Adam Booth returns to Cacapon State Park

Professional storyteller, Adam Booth, returns to Cacapon Resort State Park on Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m. This free program is open to all ages and will be held at the lodge in the Washington/Fairfax conference room.

Booth plans to present a full-program story called Ashton in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Bristol Sessions birth of country music. Description is in 1927 where Ashton's musical life in a small coal town is forever changed when record company representative Ralph Peer comes collecting mountain music in Bristol. With love for her

coal-miner husband Billy at her core, Ashton hitches a train and ventures to the city with her mountain songs and hope for a better life. Hopeful, touching, and sad, this piece brings listeners to laughter and tears.

Booth's multifaceted Appalachian identity influences his mission to continue telling traditional mountain stories while creating contemporary, forward-thinking story artistry. He is the 2022 West Virginia Folk Artist of the Year, awarded at the Governor's Arts Awards. His professional telling appearances include premiere storytelling and arts events across

the United States, including the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, the International Storytelling Center (five times), the National Storytelling Festival (four times), the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival (four times), the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, the National Storytelling Conference, the National Academy of Medicine, and on the Mid Atlantic Arts 2024-2025 Touring Roster. His recordings have received multiple national honors, including a Parents' Choice Gold Award. Booth serves as the inaugural Storyteller-In-Residence at Shepherd University and is the



founding artistic director of Speak Story Series, a premier destination for storytelling in concert.

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.

Executive Order could mean big things for Maryland forestry businesses

by Daniel Leaderman
Members of Maryland's forestry sector are celebrating a recent executive order they hope will give a much-needed boost to the industry – and help pave the way for broader use of innovative wood products.

The order, signed by Governor Wes Moore in June, directs the state's Department of General Services to promote the use of wood grown and harvested in Maryland “when wood is a required, preferred, or optimal building material and/or accessory to construction” in publicly-funded state construction projects.

The order cites Maryland's Sustainable Forestry Act of 2009, which linked the state's “sustainably managed forests to the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.”

“This is a big boost for rural Maryland,” said Bill Miles, chief advocate for the Maryland Association of Forest Industries, who has been lobbying for the state to make just such a commitment. “This is about creating market opportunities in a resource-based industry that employs a lot of people. It could lead to an expansion of the industry in ways we don't know yet.”

Wood has many uses in construction and infrastructure projects, both as a primary build material – think framing lumber in houses – and as a supplemental resource to assist the construction process.

Crane mats, for example, are large wooden platforms on which cranes sit so their massive weight is distributed more evenly and the soft ground beneath is protected; wooden forms are used to hold concrete in the proper shape as it hardens; and wooden debris catchers are often placed under bridge replacement and repair projects to protect the roadways and traffic beneath.

Miles said early discussions about the replacement of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore spurred demand for a pledge from the state to prioritize the use of Maryland wood. Rather than use the comparable Southern Yellow Pine that grows abundantly in Maryland, the contractor's plans called for pine lumber to be brought in from other states, Miles recalled.

Miles worked with Maryland state lawmakers – including Del. Marc Korman and Senator Mary Beth Carozza – and administration officials, including Maryland Secretary of Commerce Harry Coker, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture Kevin Atticks, and Secretary of Natural Resources Josh Kurtz, to bring the issue before the governor.

Since it was signed, the executive order has drawn praise from organizations including the American Loggers Council, which has cited it as a model that should be adopted by the U.S. government to support the use of domestic wood across the country.

Miles also notes that the state spends billions of dollars on public construction each year. If just one percent of that went to purchase in-state wood, it could mean tens of millions of dollars invested in rural Maryland, Miles said.

Businesses say prioritizing the use of Maryland wood products is an easy win for the state. “We've got the same lumber here they've got there. It just doesn't make any sense,” said Kirk Hammonds, executive vice president of Grasmick Lumber, an industrial lumber supplier in Baltimore. Using out-of-state wood creates a “domino effect” down the local supply chain, he said. “You've got the sawmills, the loggers... everybody's getting hurt when that happens.”

Paul M. Jones Lumber employs about 55 people at its main facility in Snow Hill, plus another 25 at its affiliated Hardwood Mills operation in Mullington, said President Kenny Pusey. A major infrastructure project like the Hampton Tunnel in Virginia, on which his company worked, or the forthcoming Frederick Douglass Tunnel in Maryland, could provide two to three years of work for his team. That's in addition to the loggers who actually cut down the trees and the contract haulers who transport the timber, Pusey said.

The executive order notes that Maryland's forest products industry generates an annual economic impact of approximately \$4 billion and supports as many as 18,000 jobs. But it has been in decline for decades, according to Beth Hill, executive director of the Maryland Forests Association.

About 25 years ago, there were nine pine sawmills on Maryland's Eastern Shore; now, there are just three, Hill said.

Ripple effects of the 2019 closure of the Verso Paper Co. mill in Luke, Maryland, were felt across the state, not just in Allegany County.

Nearly 700 people lost their jobs when the mill closed, and Hill noted that the sawmill once owned by her family used to send two



Oak timber cut, Garrett County. photo courtesy of Maryland DNR



Maryland pulpwood. photo courtesy of Maryland Forest Association

truckloads of woodchips from Dorchester County to the Luke mill every day.

After the Luke mill shut down, stakeholders including the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council developed an Economic Adjustment Strategy to strengthen Maryland's forest products industry.

The recent executive order aligns with the four overarching goals of that strategy – supporting existing entrepreneurs; raising awareness of the wood products industry; encouraging innovation in emerging sectors; and enhancing local and international market opportunities – and will help drive discussion of the newly formed Forest Markets Council when it convenes for the first time this fall, Hill said.

Establishing the council, composed of government agencies and forestry stakeholders, was one of the recommendations included in the Economic Adjustment Strategy, along with several dozen suggested steps to grow the forestry workforce, update building standards to encourage the use of local timber, improve supply-chain coordination, and other activities.

“A big part of this effort is going to be educating people on our forest products and wood species here in Maryland. We need to show what we offer and why it's better,”

Hill said, noting that Maryland Southern Yellow Pine tends to be denser than pine grown in more southern parts of the United States, making it stronger and more suitable for many industrial uses.

Hill is also excited by the potential of both the executive order and the council to spur investment in innovative and advanced technology that uses wood products to provide cleaner, more sustainable energy and materials.

Wood-fueled thermal heating systems, for example, can provide a low-cost alternative to fossil fuels like heating oil, she said. That reduced cost, combined with the relative stability of wood prices, which tend not to be as volatile as oil prices, could make budgeting easier and more predictable for facilities like schools and hospitals, Hill said.

Next-generation building materials like those produced by InventWood could also get a boost, Hill said.

The company, a University of Maryland spinout now based in Frederick County, produces a wood-based material that's up to 10 times the strength-to-weight ratio of steel and six times lighter. It is produced from abundant Maryland forest resources and recycled wood.

“We'll be keeping our forests healthy, we'll be supporting our rural economy, and we'll be meeting our clean energy goals,” Hill said. “We can do all of that together.”

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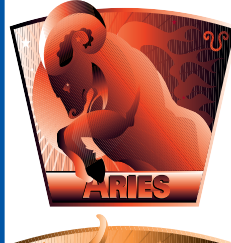
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 AQUARIUS AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18 Pay attention to informal conver- sations around you this week, Aquarius. The "little things" often can provide a lot of meaning and insight.	 LEO LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, even though you love sup- porting others, this week is all about redirecting energy in- ward. Practice care with whom you trust. Allow yourself to rest, later in the week.
 PISCES PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20 Step into natural leadership role at work or in a volunteer environ- ment, Pisces. Trust the opportuni- ties that come from your steady presence.	 VIRGO VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22 Your hands may be tied by technicalities, but you have creative free reign to improvise in a situation that pops up this week, Virgo. Stick with your in- tuition right now.
 ARIES ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, you are bursting with mo- mentum, but your tongue may move faster than your brain this week. You don't need to force a final decision or push an agenda right now. Speak thoughtfully.	 LIBRA LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 A roadblock might delay you for a little while but it's not going to completely stop your progress, Libra. Find a way to settle a discrepancy with a coworker before it escalates.
 TAURUS TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21 Reshuffled schedules might test your patience, Taurus. Focus on finding a healthy balance and do your best to adjust.	 SCORPIO SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22 If you recently came out on top of a conflict, let the other person bow out with dignity. Do not make a big deal of your win.
 GEMINI GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21 A gap between your grand vision and your current reality might feel frustrating, Cancer. However, necessity is the mother of inven- tion. Trust the small opportuni- ties that crop up.	 SAGITTARIUS SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21 You are in a position where you need to be direct but not very pushy, Sagittarius. Figure out what you need or want, and then step back to let others make up their own minds.

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Savage Highlands State Park – Maryland’s newest state park – to open August 28

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced they will officially open Savage Highlands State Park in Garrett County on Friday, August 28. The park will give increased access to tens of thousands of acres of state forest and natural areas. It will be managed as part of New Germany State Park.

Maryland DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz and Maryland Park Service staff dedicated the new park during a ceremony Saturday, August 21.

Formerly a privately-owned luxury lodge, Savage Highlands State Park includes a large central lodge, 18 cabins, eight yurts, and approximately 5.75 miles of trails. The complex serves as a gateway to the surrounding 55,000-acre Savage River State Forest and the nearby network of year-round outdoor activities including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, skiing, swimming, paddling, and hunting.

Maryland DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz said Savage Highlands amounts to one of the department’s most significant new park openings in decades.

When the property previously known as Savage River Lodge was available for sale, DNR moved to acquire it to protect the property from any commercial development inside the surrounding state forest.

“Most of the major state parks that attract the majority of our visitors opened before 1975,” said Secretary Josh Kurtz. “Today, Savage Highlands joins the ranks of New Germany, Patapsco Valley, and Assateague as a state park where generations of Maryland memories will be created. We’re excited to welcome you and your family to our new yurts, cabins, and campsites so you can launch your next adventure in the western Maryland wilderness.”

DNR purchased the property for about \$8.7 million, through DNR’s Program Open Space-Stateside special funds, derived from a portion of the transfer tax, and dedicated specifically to the department’s purchase of land for public use.

The sale was approved by



Savage Highlands State Park provides accommodations and access to more than 50,000 acres of state forest. Maryland Department of Natural Resources photo.

the Board of Public Works in 2024.

“Savage Highlands State Park is a tremendous addition to Maryland’s public lands and a wonderful opportunity for Marylanders to experience the natural beauty of Western Maryland,” said Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman. “By preserving this remarkable landscape and opening it to the public, we ensure that future generations can hike its trails, explore its forests and rivers, and create lasting memories here for years to come. I was proud to vote for the state’s acquisition of this special place from my seat on the Board of Public Works, and I’m excited to see it become part of Maryland’s state park system.”

The park is one of several openings and expansions the Moore-Miller Administration, DNR, and the Maryland Park Service are currently undertaking to meet growing public interest in Maryland’s public spaces.

Earlier this year the park service accepted donation of Catocin Furnace Cemetery at Cunningham Falls State Park, dedicated Freedman’s State Park in Montgomery County, and celebrated the acquisition of Wetipquin Creek State Park, which will become the first state park in Wicomico County.

Funding for staff growth and planning to support this expansion was provided by the Great Maryland Outdoors Act of 2022, passed by the Maryland General Assembly.

Since purchasing the property in 2024, DNR staff, specialists, and partners have been working together to stabilize the property, preserve its existing assets, and prepare it for a phased reopening as safe, affordable and accessible accommodations for visitors of all ages.

“Surrounded by more than 55,000 acres of Savage River State Forest, this property provides an opportunity to permanently protect an important landscape while creating new opportunities for Marylanders to experience the outdoors,” said Maryland Park Service Director Angela Crenshaw. “Starting today, Savage Highlands State Park is a place that welcomes everyone. Under state ownership, children and families will experience this remarkable property together at a price point in line with what our Maryland state park visitors can afford.”

Savage Highlands State Park is being opened in phases to ensure this ecologically significant mountain landscape is stewarded for the long term and remains compatible with the surrounding Savage River State Forest trail and recreation network.

In the first phase of operation—beginning on August 28 – a limited number of yurts and newly developed back-country campsites are available, with additional lodging and broader access introduced over time as development of safe infrastructure, ADA compliance, full staff-

ing, and operational readiness allow.

The park will also be available for day-use visitors who would like to explore the park without staying overnight.

The trail system has been carefully evaluated, with new sustainable trail designs replacing routes that could not responsibly support long-term public use.

Construction continues on improvements to the lodge, cabins, and visitor facilities, while additional projects, including ADA-accessible improvements and expanded overnight accommodations, are already moving through design and construction.

The new park was previously the site of a luxury camping retreat known as Savage River Lodge. The state changed the name to Savage Highlands State Park to better reflect the landscape, character, and long-term vision for the property. “Savage Highlands” highlights the high-elevation terrain and its connection to the Savage River watershed.

The park will be managed as part of the New Germany State Park complex. Crenshaw also congratulated winners of a drawing from the Park Service’s “Miles for Maryland” hiking challenge to be the first members of the public to stay overnight at Savage Highlands State Park – Maggie Leathers and Nikki Martin.

The park is located at 1600 Mount Aetna Road in Frostburg.

Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, August 27
1 p.m. - I Spy Monarch Butterflies. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden? Children can win a sticker. Fun for all ages.
1:30 p.m. - Pond Life. We will stroll around our lower lake and observe birds, turtles, snakes, frogs, salamanders and fish. We’ll use nets to catch benthic Macro-invertebrates, minnows, crawfish and beetles.
3 p.m. - A Bear’s Life. Explores the American Black Bear’s life from birth through adulthood. Learn some facts. Feel a skull, claw and a pelt. Become black bear aware. If time permits, play a black bear game to see if you could survive as a black bear.
Friday, August 28
10:30 a.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.
1 p.m. - I Spy Monarch Butterflies. Can you find monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adults in our pollinator garden? Children can win a sticker. Fun for all ages.
2:30 p.m. - Beading. Whether it’s a friendship bracelet or a beading necklace (nature theme), we have the materials and instructions to help guide you. You can also try your hand at Yucca bush craft cordage.
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.
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Bird Walk. Join Potomac Valley Master Naturalist, Allen for

an evening bird walk. Wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Dress for the weather. Any skill level and age are welcome. Binoculars are provided if you need them. Meet at the lower lake boat dock.
Saturday, August 29
10 a.m. - Critter Catch at the Lower Lake. Find & catch critters from insects, to arachnids, to macroinvertebrates (crayfish), and small fish. Fun with a little education thrown in. We will focus on the lake area. When we catch fish, we’ll use a pole with bait and a metal net.
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4 p.m. - Potato Tower Reveal. This 15 minute activity will result in tipping over our potato tower and seeing how many potatoes grew this summer. Anyone is welcome to take a few potatoes home.
8:30 p.m. - Night Hike. Meet at the lodge front desk area. Learn all about the nocturnal wildlife.
Sunday, August 30
10 a.m. - Nature & History. Meet at the nature center. Join park volunteer Dale and we’ll take a 45 minute to 1 hour walk looking at sites in the park related to our CCC history and beyond. We’ll discuss any wildlife we may see too.

People Told Us...

—KID JOKED: What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator!
—Drivers, pay attention. School is almost back in session.
—OLD WEATHER LORE: If a cat or dog sleeps on its back, it’s a sign of a storm coming.
—August’s full moon – the Barley or Sturgeon Moon – shines this Friday, August 28 at the same time as a partial lunar eclipse.
—September’s name comes from the Latin “septem,” which means seven. It

was the seventh month in the early Roman calendar, hence the name.
—Remove and destroy those bagworms from infested plants.
—Take note: this is a good time to plant hardy evergreens, say the tree experts.
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