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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 85/68
9/9
Mostly sunny with calm southwest winds around 6 mph.

Thurs. 82/62
9/10
70% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. West winds 3-7 mph.

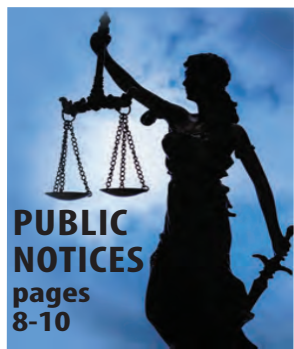
Fri. 79/60
9/11
Mostly sunny with a high near 79 and a low around 60.

Sat. 79/65
9/12
40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

Sun. 83/64
9/13
20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny.

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Suspect in Appel death to face trial for DUI manslaughter September 16

by Geoff Fox

Last May, a Little Orleans man known widely for his role with the East Coast Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, was struck and killed in Allegany County while riding his motorcycle on Orleans Road.

Kenneth Appel was struck by a pickup driven by Shane Michael Fulmer, 50, of Hagerstown.

This week, Fulmer was set to appear before Judge Michael Twigg in Allegany County Circuit Court -- on Tuesday, September 8, according to online court documents.

His trial, with Judge J. S. Getty presiding, is set to

start next Wednesday, September 16, at 9 a.m. in Allegany County Circuit Court and run until Friday, September 18.

Fulmer is charged with negligent manslaughter by vehicle, criminally negligent manslaughter by vehicle, homicide by motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, homicide by motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol, and other related citations.

Just before 8 p.m. on May 19, 2025, troopers from the Cumberland Barrack of the Maryland State Police responded to Orleans Road, south of High Germany

Road, for a reported two-vehicle crash.

During their preliminary investigation, police said a Ford Ranger pickup, operated by Fulmer, was traveling south when he entered the northbound lanes and struck a Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by Kenneth Appel, 66, of Little Orleans.

Appel, who was the founder and host of East Coast Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Little Orleans, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Fulmer was transported by ambulance to UMPC Western Maryland for treatment for his injuries.

Dark & Stormy September



Last Thursday morning, September 3, around 10 a.m., the sky above Hancock got so dark the streetlights came on as a large storm came through the area. The storm lasted an hour or two before moving out of the area. More storms rolled through that evening and into the overnight hours into Friday morning.

photo by Geoff Fox

Suspects in Clear Spring fire/ homicide facing court dates

by Geoff Fox

Last fall three Clear Spring residents were murdered and their home set on fire.

Starting next week, the first of the list of alleged suspects will see their day in court.

In the early hours of November 18, 2025, fire crews from Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company and seven other fire companies, including Hancock, responded to the 13,800 block of National Pike in response to calls about a structure fire.

Firefighters arrived and found the home heavily involved in fire on the first floor and basement. During their primary search of the residence, fire fighters found three victims, all of whom were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victims were identified as Brittany Ray, 31, Harold Flichman, 36, and Brianna Mae Weishaar, 25, all of Clear Spring.

During their investigation, law enforcement officials autopsy results revealed the cause of death for the three victims had been homicide by gunshot.

Darnell Hawkins, 48, of Baltimore, was arrested on November 28 in Baltimore County and faces multiple charges including three counts of first-degree murder and one first degree arson.

Hawkins is set to have a hearing today, Wednesday, September 9, in Washington County Circuit Court. His trial is set for September 28 through October 9.

He is currently being held without bond.

Tony Brandon Smith, 43, of Hagerstown, was arrested in Montgomery County on November 23 and faces

the same charges as Hawkins.

Smith's bond review is scheduled on November 9 and a motion hearing on April 7. His trial is scheduled for June 21, 2027, through July 2, 2027.

Maurice Samuel Mouzon, 47, of Baltimore, was arrested in Baltimore City on November 21 and is charged with a host of charges.

According to online court documents, Mouzon has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder, three counts of second-degree murder, first degree arson, three counts first degree assault, three counts second degree assault, three counts reckless endangerment, multiple armed robbery charges, and handgun charges.

A motion hearing is scheduled for May 12, 2027, in Washington County Circuit Court. A trial is set for July 19, 2027, through July 30, 2027, also in Washington County Circuit Court.

David Michell Chapple, 44, of Baltimore, was arrested in January of this year.

Chapple was charged one count accessory after the fact for first degree murder and one count for accessory after the fact second degree murder.

His motion hearing is scheduled for October 27 with a trial set for November 16 through November 19 in Washington County Circuit Court.

Kierra Renne White, 35, of Glen Burnie, was arrested on November 25 in Baltimore County and charged with being accessory after the fact first degree murder.

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There are only a few days left with the splash pad being open and this little guy was taking full advantage of the splash pad on a hot and muggy Friday afternoon, September 4. The last day the splash pad will be open is this Sunday, September 13.



PANTHER VOLLEYBALL

Lady Panthers to Host Season Opener

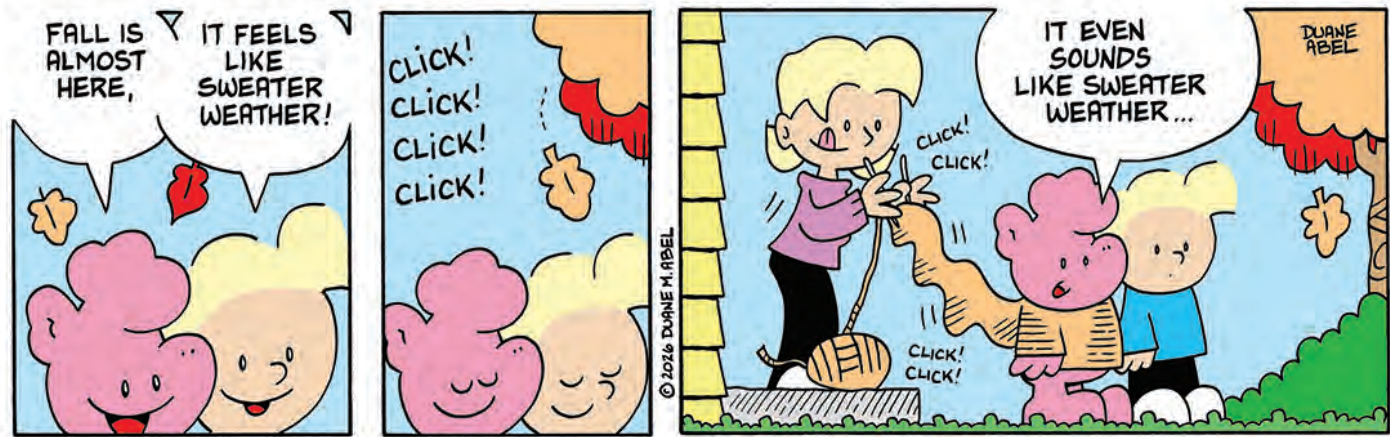
Wednesday, September 9

against Forbes Road

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OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
How has the prevalence of bird feeders in the U.S. affected birds’ evolution? Is putting up a bird feeder good or bad for ecosystems and the planet?
—Estelle Louis, Twin Falls, ID

In America, an estimated 50–60 million people maintain backyard bird feeders, a device often hung on yard trees or outdoor decks. Residents deploy these to intend to supply birds with the necessary foods. Although many hang up these feeders in hopes of helping wildlife through harsh seasons, research suggests that this well-intentioned habit may reshape bird behavior beyond the intended benefits.

Feeders are one of the most significant factors in modern bird evolution, contributing to new selective pressures found in urban and suburban environments. For example, the access point of many feeders has caused physical and genetic adaptations among many birds. Studies suggest that some urban bird populations have been found with altered beak shapes and bolder foraging behaviors, a shift researchers attribute to bird feeders. Though this trait may help them exploit human-provided food, it can also significantly reduce their survival in the wild.

Many feeders also favor certain species over others and can cause population instability. Dominant, more adaptable birds such as jays or house finches can gain a competitive advantage over human-provided resources, often at the expense of shyer or less aggressive birds. As a result, feeders can contribute to biodiversity loss and significantly marginalize quieter species, contributing to unbalanced ecosystems across bird populations.

Environmentally, feeders create artificial dense areas that introduce several well-documented risks. Domestic cats, raccoons, and predatory birds hang around these food sources in addition to the targeted birds, often as unwanted guests that can threaten vulnerable bird populations. In addition, illnesses such as avian influenza, salmonella, and conjunctivitis can spread more easily in these crowded spots. Excess seeds and droppings beneath feeders can contribute to localized nutrient pollution. Researcher Andrew Abraham, from Aarhus University in Denmark, notes that when “the nutrients in bird feed are washed into rivers...they may also exacerbate issues of eutrophication.” (Eutrophication is an excessive growth of algae that is suffocating for all wildlife.)

That said, bird feeders should not be entirely abolished from backyards. Indeed, they can provide a huge survival boost for bird populations after natural disasters, helping wildlife through tough winter storms, droughts, or other severe conditions. Moreover, bird feeders can partake in citizen science, allowing scientists to track and monitor bird populations through local resident feeders.

The final verdict on bird feeder viability is complicated, but having attentive responsibility over feeders is one of the best ways to manage its benefits and consequences. Observers should clean them and provide proper food to avoid disease, while also ensuring that they only supplement natural sources and not replace it. If you would like to learn more about how to eco-consciously set up a bird feeder, consider contacting local wildlife centers or Audubon Society chapters near you.

CONTACTS: Audubon North American Birdfeeder Guide, <https://www.audubon.org/marketplace/audubon-north-american-birdfeeder-guide>; To Feed or Not to Feed Wild Birds, <https://www.fws.gov/story/feed-or-not-feed-wild-birds>.

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5. A Spanish title of respect

10. A way of looking

12. Properly

14. Rolled steel

16. Not down

18. Law degree

19. Consume food

20. Intermediate ecological stage

22. Old world, new

23. Dispense justice

25. Stiff hair-like structure

26. Ethiopia

27. Cool!

28. Father

30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports

31. Holm oak

33. Be united

35. Rattling breaths

37. Supermarket chain

38. Provided with a quality

40. Samoan monetary unit

41. Swiss river

42. Hill (Celtic)

44. Have already done

45. ATM company

48. Syngman __, Korean president

50. Very willing

52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

53. Food listings

55. Bachelor's place to crash

56. Big Blue

57. Sports magazine

58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator

63. Female follower of Bacchus

65. A type of laugh

66. Slovenly women

67. Large jug

DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT

2. Zero

3. Midway between north and northeast

4. Concurred

5. Added flavor

6. Amount of time

7. Eggs of parasitic insects

8. S-shaped moldings

9. Atomic #45

10. __ d'art: small artistic item

11. A godparent's "kids"

13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard

15. Hit lightly

17. Aircrafts

18. Witness

21. Alluding to something

23. Take to the limit

24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

27. Start over

29. Administered

32. Romanian monetary unit

34. Unit of liquid capacity

35. Equips with weapons again

36. Disney town

39. Female deer

40. Title of respect

43. A place to go rafting

44. A way to conclude

46. Type of television

47. Georgia rockers

49. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician

51. Slang for gun

54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina

59. Bar bill

60. Small, gray-headed crow

61. Frozen water

62. Norwegian krone

64. Commercial



Calendar of Events SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 11
– Patriot Day

Saturday, September 12
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

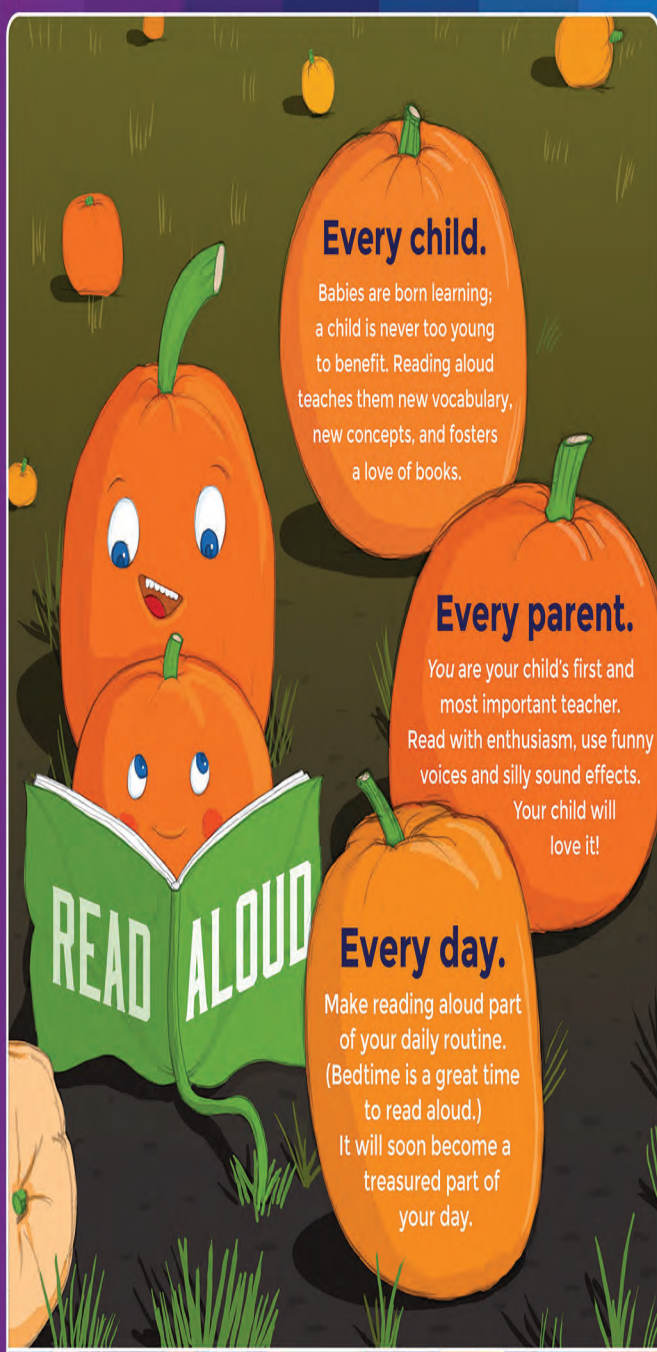
Sunday, September 13
– Hancock Museum
open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Monday, September 14
– Hancock Lioness Lions
Club meeting, Community
Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Hancock
American Legion,
12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?
To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

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Hagerstown Airport seeking volunteers for full-scale emergency exercise

Hagerstown Regional Airport (HGR) is seeking volunteers to participate in a full-scale simulated aircraft emergency disaster exercise on Saturday, October 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The exercise is designed to evaluate and strengthen the emergency response capabilities of Hagerstown Regional Airport and the agencies and organizations that would respond to a real aircraft emergency. Volunteers will play an important role by portraying passengers and other individuals involved in the simulated incident, allowing participating agencies to test emergency operations from the initial response and medical management through passenger accountability, tracking, and reunification.

Participants will have the opportunity to work along-

side Washington County's emergency response partners, including Fire & Rescue and other supporting agencies and organizations. The exercise will provide responders and partner agencies an opportunity to practice coordination, communication, triage and patient care, passenger tracking, and reunification in a realistic training environment.

Hagerstown Regional Airport conducts a full-scale simulated emergency exercise once every three years as part of its ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness and operational readiness.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and no prior experience is required. Participants should be aware that clothing may become damaged during the exercise and



should dress accordingly. Snacks and refreshments will be provided to all volunteers.

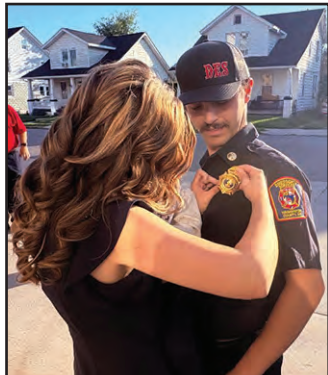
Those interested in participating are encouraged to register in advance.

This exercise provides an important opportunity for community members to support local emergency preparedness efforts while helping first responders and partner agencies strengthen their ability to respond effectively in an emergency.

Community volunteers are an essential part of making this exercise a success. Hagerstown Regional Airport encourages eligible residents to participate and help support the continued safety and preparedness of the Washington County community.

To sign up, go to <https://www.washco-md.net/hagerstown-regional-airport/safety-drill/>

Johnson and Hartman promoted to Lieutenants



Preston Johnson



Colton Hartman

The Washington County Division of Emergency Services (DES) recognized Preston Johnson and Colton Hartman on their promotions to Lieutenant (EMS).

Division staff, family members and co-workers gathered to celebrate the two Emergency Medical Service

(EMS) professionals and recognize their hard work and dedication leading to this well-earned achievement.

Following their promotions, Lt. Johnson will serve on A Shift at Station 26, while Lt. Hartman will serve on B Shift at Station 26.

PSP reminds businesses, establishments about Skill Games Decision deadline

Pennsylvania State Police is providing guidance and recommendations to businesses and establishments currently operating skill game machines to help prepare for the upcoming compliance deadline following the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's recent decision.

On June 15, the state's Supreme Court ruled "skill game" devices, often found in taverns, restaurants, social clubs, mini-marts, gas stations, grocery stores, laundromats, pizza parlors, and other businesses are in fact "slot machines" as defined in the Gaming Act.

Slot machines are considered gambling devices under the Crimes Code and a person commits a criminal of-

fense by owning, operating, and maintaining slot machines without a license issued by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB).

Only licensed casinos and qualifying licensed "truck stop video game terminals" may legally possess, operate and maintain slot machines that have been inspected and approved for operation by the PGCB.

Therefore, all "skill games" throughout the state of Pennsylvania outside of licensed casinos and truck stops are unlawful and all establishments possessing operating and/or maintaining such machines are subject to criminal prosecution and immediate seizure of the machines as of October 14, 2026.

Pennsylvania State Police and other law enforcement agencies may take enforcement action against businesses which continue to possess, operate and/or maintain such machines after that date.

Enforcement actions may include seizing and forfeiting the machines and/or filing criminal charges where deemed appropriate.

Pennsylvania State Police strongly recommends businesses currently hosting such machines discuss their removal with an distributors or vendors who may own the machines and associated equipment, including ticket redemption terminals.

Simply powering off an otherwise operable machine or unplugging them is not



sufficient to comply with the law.

If a distributor or vendor is unwilling to remove machines, the establishment is encouraged to proactively reach out to state police to assist in their removal to ensure compliance with applicable law.

FAMILY REUNION

HOVERMALE

Hovermale reunion will be held Sunday, September 13 at Roy and Betty Hovermale's cabin in Posey Hollow.

Lunch served at 1 p.m. Take a covered dish. All family and friends welcome. Any questions call 304-258-3559.

Cruise-In For a Cause

The 15th annual Cruise In For A Cause will be held on September 19, (rain or shine) at Thomas All Things Automotive, 21518 Great Cove Road, McConnellsburg from 3-6 p.m.

This event is being held to benefit Tracy Funk of Harrisonville who is battling cancer.

A donation is being accepted per registered vehicle with all donations going directly to Funk and her family.

Any year or type of cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors are welcome. The first 50 registered vehicles will receive a goodies bag. Food will be available for purchase by Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Company. No alcoholic beverages. Not responsible for accidents.

For more information call Kevin and Kim Mowen at 717-494-3362 or 717-494-3363.

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Who's Havin' a Birthday?

Wednesday, September 9

Hannah Swain

Saddle Club holds last horse show

Morgan County Saddle Club, Inc. will hold their last horse show for 2026 season on Saturday, September 12, 1 p.m.

Show grounds is located 378 Highland Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs. Free admission and concession available.

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NO BINGO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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Christ, Community, Conversion

Robert Kelley, chief psychologist at Nuremburg, tasked to review Herman Goering and 21 other high ranked Nazis captured after WWII, to determine if they were “fit” to be tried for war crimes, famously, ominously observed, after all his weeks of observations and tests, that these were not “monsters” and psychopaths and insane men but, “rather normal” bureaucrats in pursuit of power, control or ideology,

This spread fear in Kelley and others—because, if there’s no detectable “insanity” or mental psychosis, we all could be susceptible to evil. We may be “comforted” by a myth that only “monsters” do horrific crimes, dark evil. But: The Long Island -Gilgo Beach murderer of eight women was a Manhattan architect and “family man.”

The famed 1975 Stanford Prison Experiment, by Phillip Zimbardo and others, showed “ordinary” people—even educated ones—who were given jobs of authority (make believe prison guards) could abuse that, voraciously, and abuse others. “Normal people” can do monstrous things.

This is corroborated in Rm 3: 23 -We are all sinners, and elsewhere Paul writes that he does not do the good he wants to do, but the evil he does not want to do (Rom. 7:19). He explains that sin lives in him and that another law — the law of sin almost controls him.

Perhaps most famously, Hannah Arendt, the Jewish theorist, observes, “The banality of evil holds that ordinary people, not psychopaths, commit most large-scale atrocities through conformity and moral disengagement rather than malice. She developed the concept in 1963 after observing Adolf Eichmann’s trial (Nazi architect of concentration camps), describing him as a bureaucrat rather than a fanatic.”

So... we must emphasize, again The Three C’s: Christ, Community, Conversion. We need God—Christ—to both save us and live in us, as our humanity is frail, fallen, susceptible. Next we need actual, human beings to (daily) interact with to help check and correct and uplift us.

Lastly, as my wise-Pastor mentor, Fr. Edward Bayer, moral theologian, said voluminously, we gotta do this till we hit the grave—constant conversion. St. Phillip Neri supposedly once uttered: “Lord keep your hand on Filippo, for today he may betray you.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whips Cove Church, Rt. 643, three miles east of Town Hill, Exit Rt. 156, 717-294-3229 - Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Damascus Christian Church, 717 Big Cove Tannery Road, BCT, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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John 20:20 (KJV)

HOPE

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OBITUARIES

Mark Fenton McBee
1963-2026

Mark Fenton McBee, age 62, died on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home in Hedgesville, W.Va.

Born on August 15, 1963, he was the son of Douglas Mac-Arthur “Mac” McBee and the late Patience Hendershot McBee.

Mark was a graduate of Martinsburg Christian Academy. He served in the U.S. Army and later worked in the security field.

In addition to his father, he is survived by two sisters, Michelle Kunz of Palm Harbor, Fla. and Rebecca McBee of Hedgesville, W.Va.

Graveside services will be conducted at Noon on Friday, September 18, 2026 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 7408 River Road, Hedgesville, W.Va. with Pastor Donald Dick officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mark’s memory may be made to https://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/join-and-give/a-field-of-remembrance?utm_source=dg&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=for&utm_content=sept_2026.

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.

Rachel Rosalie Gray
1927-2026

Rachel Rosalie Gray, age 99, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, September 4, 2026 at her home.

Born September 3, 1927 in Sylvan, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Benjamin F. and Effie C. Rager Shives.

Rachel was a high school graduate.

She was employed from 1944-1947 at Sagel’s Restaurant in Hancock, Md. From 1947-1962 she worked at Interwoven Hosiery Mill in Berkeley Springs and from 1963-1994 went to work at Yost Building Supply in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. She rounded out her career at Belk’s Department Store in Winchester, Va., from 1994-1998. She also enjoyed babysitting, sewing, crocheting and baking. Rachel was a volunteer with the Berkeley Springs Fire Department and Alderton Dawson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #60 in Berkeley Springs. She was a member of the Berkeley Springs Church of Christ for over 50 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Victoria R. Luttrell of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; two granddaughters, Lisa Luttrell and Lora L. Tolley (Russell); two great-grandchildren, Carter Tolley and Kaitlyn Tolley, and fur babies, CoCo and Mr. Grant.

In addition to her parents, Rachel was preceded in death by her husband, Junior O. Gray; eight sisters, Louise Stahl, Ethel Williams, Alice Smith Stephens, Iva Seiders, Agnes Ward, Ruth Barnhart, Ellen Jane Carty and Betty Earnest and two brothers, Benjamin H. Shives and Robert D. Shives, who was Rachel’s twin.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Berkeley Springs Church of Christ, 290 S. Green Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Joshua Hetrick officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday, September 14, 2026 from 3-7 p.m. at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Berkeley Springs, WV were in charge of the arrangements.

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



Madeline Marie Ward
1930-2026

Madeline Marie Ward, 95, of Warfordsburg, Pa., passed away Thursday, September 3, 2026, at her residence.

Born Monday, September 8, 1930, in Fulton County, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Carl and Marie Fischer Hendershot.

Madeline was a graduate of Southern Fulton High School Class of 1948.

She worked as a teacher’s aid and special tutor for over thirty-two years in Fulton County, retiring in 2004. She went on to work at Hendershot’s Sporting Goods part-time and part-time at the Park-N-Dine.

She enjoyed traveling, visiting thirty-six countries in her lifetime.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hancock, Md.

Madeline never met a stranger and enjoyed visits with friends and family filled with conversation, laughter and music. Her faith was unwavering and was evident in the way she lived, loved and faced life’s challenges with grace and dignity.

She is survived by one son, Jeffrey Ward and wife Rebecca of The Villages of Florida; one brother, Gerald L. Hendershot and wife Marcia of Warfordsburg, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, Billy Lee Ward; two sons, Stuart L. Ward and Steven C. Ward; one sister, Norma L. Ward; and two brothers, Glenn D. Hendershot and Sylvan L. Hendershot.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Grane Hospice and Bonnie Shoemaker for the loving care that was provided.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hancock, Md. Burial will follow at the Buck Valley Methodist Church Cemetery, 6600 Buck Valley Rd, Warfordsburg, Pa. Bishop Eric P. Exline will officiate.

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



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Marjorie Ann (Rice) Scuderi
1949-2026

Marjorie Ann (Rice) Scuderi was welcomed into this world by her loving parents, Dan and Betty Rice on September 30, 1949 in Silver Spring, Md.

As a child, she enjoyed walks in the woods, time with her Grandma, singing in choirs, girl scouts and playing the piano for her Sunday School class. Her love of music motivated her to achieve a Bachelor’s of Arts in Piano and Voice from Bridge-water College in 1972. She went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Music Education from American University in 1979 and taught music in Montgomery County Public Schools. In 1975, Marjorie married John Albert Scuderi, the love of her life for over 51 years.

A devoted, loving wife and mother, she transitioned from her career in education to care for her family. In 1985, Marjorie saw that the school system was not meeting the needs of her children. So, she became a pioneer in the home school movement, beginning a 12 year journey of home education. She worked hard to give her children an individualized education that met their needs and helped them grow. One of her greatest legacies is her investment in her children. After her homeschooling career, Marjorie inspired many students as a private piano and voice teacher. She instilled a love of music while promoting technical excellence.

In her retirement years, Marjorie continued to enjoy life with her husband John as they gardened and forged trails through the woods at their cabin and acreage in Pennsylvania. They also celebrated their 10 grandchildren and enjoyed family gatherings. Marjorie continued to sing and play the piano with great joy and shared music with her grandchildren. Finally, it cannot be overstated that throughout her life, Marjorie’s faith in Jesus gave light to her soul, inspiring a song in her heart--even to her very last moments on earth.

On August 10, 2026: Marjorie joined her parents Dan and Betty Rice, and her beloved sister Janet in heaven. She is without a doubt, singing God’s praises and if there is a piano up there, she is playing it!

Marjorie is survived by her husband John A. Scuderi; her children John (Noelle), Katie (Joe) and Donna (Jason) and grandchildren Cameron, Clara, Collin, Cassie, Mae, Bethi, Josh, Jessie and Kayley.



Country Girl

I Married a Country Girl

Mr. McCusker came to our mountain cabin in Pennsylvania to inspect our trees. As he approached the cabin, Marjorie came out of the cabin to get me from the barn. We both greeted him. Mr. McCusker has been a Little Orleans resident all his life. He is a farmer and runs his own sawmill. Marjorie left us and ran back to the cabin. “She doesn’t have shoes on!” Mr. McCusker said with a puzzled look on his face. To satisfy his curiosity I said, “She is a country girl. I married a country girl. That is the only kind to have!” He nodded and agreed. We had a good country chat with Mr. McCusker. We spoke of neighbors we both knew and of times long ago. He will return with a boom truck and a crew to harvest the pine trees. It was then that I first realized after 43 years of marriage that I did indeed marry a “county girl.”

So, what is a country girl? It is a girl that is more at peace alone in the woods than alone in the mall. She would rather spend her time in front of a six quart canner than at a five star resort. She knows the difference between a Westinghouse and a Winchester. She would choose a bench seat in a rowboat any day over a seat at the captain’s table on a cruise ship. She prefers spending hours cutting grass on a loud tractor to driving a new SUV. She picks up on the beauty of nature. She would rather search the woods for Lady Slippers than the mall. Buds to her are ends of branches that form flowers and are not plugs to be stuffed in her ears. Her favorite plates have lady-bugs and dragonflies painted on them. Her favorite shoes have holes in them. She loves bunnies, especially around Easter time. The chocolate ears are the first to go. She loves to get her hands in the dirt. She loves, small trees, some have grown to over sixty feet tall. Last week, she dug up over a dozen holly trees from the woods, planted and watered them. She finds contentment and peace by being alone with God. She loves to praise God by singing and playing the piano. Although she is very good with people, they do not restore her. It is her relationship with God that “fills her back up.” Her local grandchildren love her and are drawn to her. She lights up their lives. And that is not just one or two but ALL who are nearby. Each one sees her beauty and grace. They look up to her and want to be like her. They pick up on her gentleness, kindness and soft voice.

I praise God for the honor He has bestowed on me to be able to walk alongside you, Marjorie, in this life. Life is short. The 43 years have gone by so quickly. Side by side with you I will treasure each and everyone of our coming days.

Happy Mother’s Day ~ Sunday, May 13, 2018
I love you Marjorie.
John

Veterans honored during recognition gathering at Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center

by Lisa Schauer

Veterans of America’s military were recognized during an event held at Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center on Tuesday, August 25.

Community volunteers representing Berkeley Springs VFW post 4019 and Alderton-Dawson American Legion post 60, led by Pastor Dick Voorhaar, visited with

residents, bearing gifts with cake and ice cream.

Ten veterans currently live at the skilled nursing facility on Autumn Acres Road.

Each received a commemorative plaque recognizing their military service.

Members of American Legion Auxiliary Berkeley Springs Unit 60 have long visited veterans at the facility

on Veterans’ Day and other occasions.

A volunteer on Tuesday said this event was a way to get more VFW and Legion members to visit retired veterans, and to recognize them for their service.

Ludwell Fling, 97, of Hancock was a retired U.S. Air Force veteran residing at Berkeley Springs Healthcare

Center. He passed away shortly after the visit from volunteers.

Fling was 16 years old when he was sent to Germany at the end of World War II. He served as an airplane mechanic and later worked at Fairchild, said his daughter Donna Risinger of Hedgesville in Morgan County.

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Hancock students have array of scholarships available to help navigate the cost of college

by Geoff Fox

As the 2026-2027 school year has just started at Hancock High School, it's not too early for the Class of 2027 to start thinking about their post-high school careers and possibly going to college.

For in state students, costs for three of the larger schools in Maryland – University of Maryland, Salisbury University, and Frostburg University – are between \$16,000 and \$32,000. That includes tuition, room, and board. And that's before any other costs associated with classes and majors.

That's where scholarships come in.

Amber Savage, School Counselor at Hancock Middle-Senior High School, said scholarships can vary from year to year, but the school makes every effort to ensure students are aware of the opportunities available to them.

Once they are distributed to her, Savage said scholarships offered county-wide are posted in students' Naviance accounts as well as in the Senior Google Classroom.

When the local organizations or other groups reach out directly to Hancock High School with scholarship opportunities, Savage said she'll post those in the Senior Google Classroom so students have access to that information.

"Students are reminded periodically through the morning announcements to check for new scholarship opportunities and upcoming deadlines," she said.

In previous years, upcoming scholarship deadlines have also been included in newsletters sent to parents and guardians to help families stay informed.

A representative from the Community Foundation of Washington County has also visited Hancock for the past several years to speak to seniors about the scholarship opportunities they manage, as well as provide information about the application process and available awards.

There were over 20 scholarships awarded to Hancock students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Those scholarships include: Allegany College of Maryland Presidential Scholarship, CNB Bank (Hancock Branch) Scholarship, Doug Burnett Scholastic Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Atlee C. Kepler Scholarship, Hancock Athletic Boosters Scholarship, Hancock High School Alumni Association Scholarship, Hancock Lions Club Scholarship, Hancock Lioness Lions Club Scholarship, Hancock Presbyterian John and Merle Keefer Memorial Scholarship, Hancock Rotary



Club Scholarship, Herbert A. Young Scholarship, Jesse Michael Mills Memorial Masonic Scholarship, Linda Ruppenthal Academic Excellence Scholarship, Mason-Dixon Scholarship, Matt Burnett Military Memorial Scholarship, Methodist Church Scholarship, Odell H. Rosen Award, Ray "Butch" Keefer Scholarship, Tonoloway Rod and Gun Club Scholarship, Valley Health War Memorial Scholarship, Washington County College Fair Scholarship, and Zac Burnett Athletic Memorial Scholarship.

Savage said the list provides a good example of the types of scholarship opportunities Hancock students have been able to access.

She added specific scholarships and awards available can change each year.

"We appreciate organizations and community members who continue to invest in our students and their postsecondary goals," Savage said. "These scholarship opportunities can make a meaningful difference in helping our graduates pursue college, career training, and other educational opportunities after high school."

Lady Panthers host season opener tonight, Homecoming is October 12



by Lisa Schauer

Tonight, Hancock High School girls' volleyball team will host the Forbes Road Cardinals of Waterfall, Pa. for the Lady Panthers' first match of the 2026-2027 season.

Tipoff is at 6 p.m. at Hancock High School.

"Our program has really grown in the last few years. This season is going to be very exciting," said Christi Mosier, Head Coach of the Lady Panthers volleyball program, in an email to *The Hancock News*.

"With the news that the football team will not be having a season, we are going to be hosting the homecoming game this year on Monday,

October 12 against Berkeley Springs," Coach Mosier said.

Under Mosier's leadership over the past few seasons, the Lady Panthers have been building momentum as a cohesive team.

Earning some big wins last season, the Lady Panthers are back, and on the prowl to up the ante this year.

Seniors returning to the court for the Lady Panthers are Taylor Weller, Maya Shoemaker, Azalee Souders, Kaybree Souders, Nikole Hoffman, Kerrie Martinez, and Nyla Spielman.

Juniors Madison Booth, Sarah Smith, Payton McMahon, and Makenzie Boyer round out the varsity squad.

Seth Bivens graduates from Wilson College

Seth Bivens of Hancock, graduated during Wilson College's 156th commencement ceremonies held May 3. The college conferred over 300 bachelor's and master's degrees in separate ceremonies.

Wilson also awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to commencement speaker Ken Ohashi, brand chief executive officer of Brooks Brothers and Nautica.

Wellness Walk at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host a Wellness Walk at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve, 4069 Back Creek Valley Rd., Hedgesville, WVa., on Thursday, September 17 from 9-11 a.m.

Let's get outside and walk the trails together at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve. Stauffer's Marsh is a 46-acre wetland nestled in Back Creek Valley and is owned and managed by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society. Once farmland, the property was restored by the USDA through the Wetland Reserve Program, transforming it into a thriving habitat of ponds, marshes, and meadows.

Stauffer's Marsh is a haven for migrating and nesting waterfowl and an important refuge for a wide variety of wildlife. As we take a leisurely Wellness Walk through the preserve, we'll

take in the peaceful scenery, look for birds and other wildlife, and admire the pollinator meadow, which should be bursting with colorful fall wildflowers.

The trails are mostly level and easy to walk, offering a relaxing opportunity to experience nature and good company.

This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants. This program has a minimum of 5 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wellness-walk-at-stauffers-marsh-nature-preserve-3/.

For more information, contact Sonja Melander at Sonja@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.



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

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

How to Contact Schools & Officials

Hancock Middle-Senior High School

301-766-8186

Website: <https://hmshs.wcpsmd.com>

Principal Andrew Kaetzel

kaetzand@wcps.k12.md.us

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301-766-8178

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Principal Shauna Gore

Washington County Public Schools

301-766-2800

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301-766-2809

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301-766-2902

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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!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(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.

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83795
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Ann Stottliemyer.

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 Stottliemyer 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.

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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:

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Diane Ruth Kline
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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

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Nancy Mummert
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-26-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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.

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

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83745

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jesse James Reed.

Notice is given that Laura Baker, 6 Eisenhower Dr., York, PA 17402-2607 was on August 14, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jesse James Reed 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 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.

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Laura Baker
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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.

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Brenda Harne-Herbert
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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
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pd8-26-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83797

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Frances Cecelia Chandler.

Notice is given that Phyllis Ann Wilson, 1111 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7229 was on August 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Frances Cecelia Chandler who died on July 20, 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

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Phyllis Ann Wilson
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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NOTICE OF SALE

Adam D. Greivell, Esq.
Substitute Trustee
The Greivell Firm
5 Cornell Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21742

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14321 McAFEE HILL ROAD
CASCADE, MD 21719**

Under a power of sale contained in Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Johann Karl Messersmith and Angela Mills, dated June 2, 2017 and recorded in Liber 5516, folio 302, said Deed of Trust having subsequently been assigned to Marianna Parascandolo, by virtue of an Assignment recorded in Liber 7388, folio 126, among the Land Records of Washington Co., MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Washington Co., at the Court House Door, 95 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740, on September 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

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situated in Washington Co., MD more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property is improved by a dwelling. The property will be sold in "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's check or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, at his sole discretion, for \$5,000 at the time of sale. If the note-holder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Washington Co., MD. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the Noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting Purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, Transfer taxes and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale.

Adam D. Greivell, Esq.
Substitute Trustee
RONNIE R. ZIMMERMAN
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Hancock, MD 21750
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83788
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Allan Shay Green.
Notice is given that Amy L. Green, 17836 Lappans Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1107 was on August 20, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Allan Shay Green who died on July 24, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 20th 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 20th 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:

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Amy L. Green
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Lena Clark, ESQ.
Law Office of Lena A. Clark
129 W. Patrick St. Ste 11
Frederick, MD 21701-5688
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83805
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Irene Elizabeth Dunkin.

Notice is given that Sandra L. Pryor, 106 Bonneau Ct., Summerville, SC 29485-5019 was on August 26, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Irene Elizabeth Dunkin who died on July 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 26th 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 26th 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:

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Sandra L. Pryor
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

This Week's Crossword Answers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83810
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mildred Irene Watkins.

Notice is given that John Clark Watkins II, 72 Stiffitt Rd., Hedgesville, WV 25427-1727 was on August 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Mildred Irene Watkins who died on August 11, 2026 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th 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 24th 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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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Robert William Weaver, Sr.

Estate No. 83716
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Sharon Keplinger, 15903 Riverbend Ct., Williamsport, MD 21795-2149 for judicial probate of the will dated February 11, 2019 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 27, 2026, 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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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83819
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donn Francis Ebberts.

Notice is given that Kimberly Harris, 3007 Marker Rd., Middletown, MD 21769-8310 was on August 31, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Donn Francis Ebberts who died on June 25, 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 28th 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 28th 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.

Kimberly Harris
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83777
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Eloise Mae Arnold.

Notice is given that Pamela Arnold, 11115 Pinewood Cir., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4007 was on August 28, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Eloise Mae Arnold 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 28th 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 28th 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 Arnold
Personal Representative
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Jacob Allen Long

Estate No. 83701
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Tyler Lee Long, 15598 Cresap Ave., Greencastle, PA 17225-8914 and Britany Nicole Long, 17743 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-0785 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 November 10, 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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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83749

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ellen Mae Diehl AKA: Ellen Burkett Diehl.

Notice is given that Rebecca Diehl Sheredy, 1140 Hamilton Blvd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3339 was on August 10, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ellen Mae Diehl who died on June 19, 2026 with a will.

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

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

(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.

Rebecca Diehl Sheredy
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83809

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Janice Spessard Shane.

Notice is given that Brenda Shane, 16168 Spielman Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-4104 was on August 31, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Janice Spessard Shane who died on August 5, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Brenda Shane
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Mihaly Sutak

Estate No. 83202
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Nathaniel K. Risch, ESQ., 101 E. Chesapeake Ave., Ste. 403, Towson, MD 21286 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 November 10, 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.

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83724

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Pamela Jean Gourlay.

Notice is given that Sean Gourlay, 9536 Purcell Dr., Potomac, MD 20854-4542 and Tracy Wegner, 18223 Rockland Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1461 were on August 27, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Pamela Jean Gourlay who died on May 3, 2026 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal 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 27th 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 27th day of February, 2027.

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

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

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

Sean Gourlay
Tracy Wegner
Personal Representatives
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Jeanne F. Singer, ESQ.
864 Jefferson Blvd.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83807

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Douglas Stahl.

Notice is given that Lisa Stahl, 13008 Spickler Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1429 was on August 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Douglas Stahl who died on July 10, 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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(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.

Lisa Stahl
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79349

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jack Donald Cushwa.

Notice is given that Donald Lee Cushman, 425 Kinslow St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-3705 was on August 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jack Donald Cushman who died on September 20, 2021 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th 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 26th 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:

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Estate No. 83808
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kathleen Mary Owings.
Notice is given that Amber Michelle Owings, 11224 Cristins Cir., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4419 was on August 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Kathleen Mary Owings who died on December 7, 2020 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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Amber Michelle Owings
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Estate No. 83292
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF William Sheridan Reinhardt.

Notice is given that Mary Hernandez-Rovira, 305 S. Church St., Middletown, MD 21769-8044 was on August 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of William Sheridan Reinhardt who died on November 22, 2025 with a will.

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

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

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Mary Hernandez-Rovira
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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Estate No. 83779
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF June Marie Baughman.

Notice is given that Jane Myra Baughman, 514 Chestnut St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6202 was on August 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of June Marie Baughman who died on July 31, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Jane Myra Baughman
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Estate No. 83806
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patsy Valentine Miller.

Notice is given that Cynthia T. Barkdoll, 19652 Mill Point Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2023 was on August 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Patsy Valentine Miller who died on April 30, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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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Cynthia T. Barkdoll
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Register of Wills for
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Train to be a PVAS Ambassador

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society to learn how to be a volunteer PVAS Ambassador. This virtual training will teach you how to share your love of nature and connect our community as a PVAS Ambassador. Join the training on Zoom from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16.

This PVAS Ambassador Training will introduce you to three key volunteer roles that help connect our community with nature: Nature Center Ambassadors, Community Outreach Ambassadors, and Program Ambassadors. Whether you're greeting guests at the Case Nature Center, representing PVAS at community events, or supporting educational programs in the field, this training will pre-

pare you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence you need. You'll learn how to welcome and guide visitors, share ways to explore Cool Spring Preserve and beyond, introduce our Animal Ambassadors, explain PVAS programs and membership opportunities, and support public events and activities. As a PVAS Ambassador, you'll help people of all ages discover nature in a welcoming, friendly environment.

This program is for adults. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/pvas-ambassador-training-5/.

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

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National parks across the National Capital area bring America's military history to life

As the nation continues to celebrate its 250th anniversary, the National Park Service sites across the National Capital Area are inviting visitors to explore the region's rich military history and the people and events that shaped the country. Throughout September, living history programs, artillery demonstrations, ranger-guided hikes and other events will connect visitors with stories spanning from 1775 through World War II.

The month began at Monocacy National Battlefield at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 5, with "Troops Through Time." Living History volunteers demonstrated the experiences of soldiers in some of the nation's most notable military conflicts, from 1775 through World War II. The event included education displays, military vehicles, artillery demonstration, and guest speakers presenting a variety of military history topics throughout the day.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will commemorate the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry from Saturday, September 12 through Tuesday, September 15. The battle resulted in the largest surrender of U.S. troops until World War II. Confederate General Stonewall Jackson's forces captured roughly 12,500 Union soldiers, before rapidly moving to reinforce



Civil War-era cannon at Monocacy National Battlefield. NPS Photo/L. Brodsky.

Confederate lines during the Battle of Antietam. Programs will explore the people and events surrounding the battle, including artillery demonstrations with a Civil War replica cannon and ranger-guided hikes and walks that follow the footsteps of soldiers. All programs are included with park admission. More information about each event can be found on the park's calendar.

Beginning Wednesday, September 16, Antietam National Battlefield will host five days of events commemorating the 1862 Battle of Antietam. Park staff and volunteers will offer tours, hikes, talks, living history demonstrations, and firing demonstrations exploring the events that unfolded during and after the Maryland Campaign of

1862. Visitors can walk the ground where the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia's invasion into the North ended 164 years earlier. The full schedule can be found on the park's website.

The Civil War Defenses of Washington, a network of 18 sites that once formed a complex system of Civil War fortifications, will also host events throughout the month. Programs include the Junior Ranger Discovery Club on September 10 and the 102nd Commemoration of Lincoln-Thomas Day on September 19, marking President Lincoln's visit to Fort Stevens. During Rock Creek Park Day on September 26, Buffalo Soldier reenactors at the Battleground National Cemetery will share how Buffalo Soldiers became some of the nation's earliest national park protectors and explore their local connection to Samuel Sewell, a veteran of the famed 10th U.S. Cavalry.

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CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Relationships take center stage, Capricorn. If there is an imbalance of power, it will need to be corrected. Approach conversations this week with diplomacy.



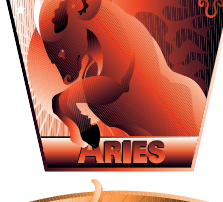
AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, your daily habits are catching up to you. If you've been eating poorly or skipping sleep, your body will demand a reset. Focus on micro-habits to get back on track.



PISCES

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your playful side is begging for attention. Make time for hobbies, art or romance that serve no purpose but to bring you joy.



ARIES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, this week calls for a break from your usual fast pace. If you've been burning the candle at both ends, your energy reserves will be depleted. Focus on fortifying yourself and your space.



TAURUS

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Miscommunication is likely if you rush your words, Taurus. Take an extra breath before responding when someone asks you a question or when addressing emails.



GEMINI

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
It's time to audit where your money is going, Gemini. If you've been overspending as a balm to stress, hit the brakes. Look for areas where you can plug any financial leaks.



CANCER

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
The spotlight is firmly on you right now, Cancer. You might feel a sudden urge to change your style, update your resume or shed an old identity that no longer fits. Trust this instinct.



LEO

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
The universe is asking you to clear out some psychic debris this week. It is a great time for journaling and heavy solo time. If secrets or old resentments bubble up, just let them go.



VIRGO

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Your social life is getting a bit of a reality check. You might realize that certain friendships have felt a bit one-sided. Seek people who inspire you.



LIBRA

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
The spotlight shines brightly on your professional zone this week. Instead of waiting for recognition, create your own. Update your portfolio or pitch an idea you have been sitting on.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You may be craving a break-down of boredom. If you can't physically travel right now, satisfy this urge by stretching your mind another way.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
This week drags you into deeper psychological waters than you might care to swim in, Sagittarius. It's a powerful time for intimacy or understanding behaviors.

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