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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 9/16 83/63 
Sunny with light and variable winds, high around 83, low of 63.

Thurs. 9/17 86/67 
40% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms. Light winds.

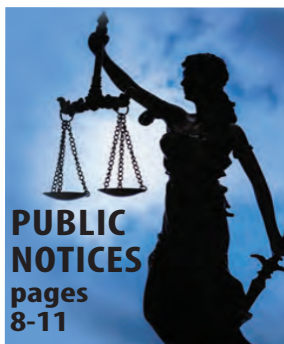
Fri. 9/18 81/60 
40% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high near 81.

Sat. 9/19 76/64 
20% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high around 76.

Sun. 9/20 82/63 
50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 82.

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MDOT to spend \$11.3 million to expand bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure across state

by Geoff Fox

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced last Tuesday, September 8, that it has approved \$11.3 million in grants for 24 bicycle, pedestrian and trail projects across the state.

Those investments would help state and local partners advance the Moore-Miller Administration's goals to improve safety for people of all ages and abilities, boost economic development and create a more connected and accessible transportation system across Maryland, state officials said.

"With these newly funded bicycle, pedestrian and trail projects, Marylanders will have more options to commute, exercise and get to school safely and efficiently," MDOT Secretary Katie Thompson said.

Creating new paths and linking others together are key components of the state's transportation future and the investment shows



The C&O Canal towpath in Hancock is part of a 20-mile total along the canal's length to be part of the rehabilitation and resurfacing project. The other part of the 20 miles is in Montgomery County. The two county project will receive part of a \$6.5 million grant for six total projects through the Transportation Alternatives program at MDOT.

the dedication to expanding the state-wide trail network, enhancing sustainability and providing those who walk, bike and roll with greater choices, she added.

Fiscal Year 2027 grants include \$9.3 million in federal funding for 12 projects

through the Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program and \$2 million in state funding for 12 projects through MDOT's Lamphier Bike-ways Network Program.

see **PROJECTS** page 6

Maryland's 2026-27 archery deer hunting season opened September 11

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources opened the archery hunting season for white-tailed and sika deer on Friday, September 11. The season runs through January 31, 2027 with several breaks for muzzleloader and firearms season.

In addition, the seventh annual Primitive Deer Hunt Days from February 1-3, 2027 offer archers using vertical longbows and vertical recurve bows a few more days afield.

Multiple Sundays are open to archery hunting in most counties, including on some public lands. Hunters should consult the 2026-2027 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for additional information on specific dates and closures in their region.

"Fall is right around the corner and with it comes a new season for Maryland hunters," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Karina Stonesifer said.



Photo by Curtis Harsh, submitted to the 2020 Maryland DNR Photo Contest

"Archery season gives Maryland deer hunters the chance to get afield early, harvest a deer, and take an active, vital role in deer management and wildlife conservation."

The antlerless archery white-tailed deer bag limits differ between deer management regions.

In Region A, comprising Western Maryland, up to two antlerless white-tailed

deer may be harvested during archery season, and no more than two total for all weapon seasons combined. Only one antlerless white-tailed deer per day may be harvested in Region A. An additional antlerless white-tailed deer may be harvested in Region A during the Primitive Deer Hunt Days.

see **ARCHERY SEASON** page 7

Maryland State Board of elections highlights secure ways to vote & deadlines for the election

As the 2026 General Election approaches, the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) has released a comprehensive guide to this year's election. The Guide contains key dates and deadlines, and information on the three secure ways to cast a ballot in Maryland.

"An informed electorate is the first step toward a secure and successful general election," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "I encourage every Marylander to familiarize themselves with upcoming deadlines and secure ways to cast your ballot. The Maryland State Board of Elections is your trusted source for infor-



mation during the election season. Our website vote.md.gov/vote2026 and our Go Vote! Maryland app are available 24/7 to help Marylanders make a plan to vote."

Three Ways to Cast Your Ballot

Marylanders can choose one of three voting methods:

1. Early Voting In-Person: Avoid the Election Day rush by voting early.

Dates: Thursday, October 22 through Thursday, October 29

Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Note: If you are in line by 8 p.m. you will be permitted to cast a ballot. A complete list of early voting centers is available at vote.md.gov/vote2026.

see **ELECTION** page 6

Grants to be submitted for excavator, Cohill clarifies her involvement

by Geoff Fox

The town is looking to purchase a new excavator and Deborah Cohill has been working on the grants for the last couple years and brought town officials the paperwork and an update on the process since it was nearing the end.

Cohill said the town is up against a tight deadline with September 30 to have money spent.

She also found old documentation from 2024 and 2025 that had already been submitted and attached it to an email she sent to the USDA, but she is a little concerned that it's taking them so long as the town is on their third or fourth representative.

"That's the scary part," Mayor Roland Lanehart said.

"It's very scary when you have a September 30 deadline or you lose \$85,000," Cohill said. "That's why I'm going to be on them every single day."

She has the files, and three reports needed, handing them to the mayor to sign.

Lanehart would hand them back signed to Cohill later in the meeting.

"Once we wrap everything up, I'll close them out," Cohill said. "I will get everything in good order when it's finished."

She would add there would be one report to do in addition to the work for the excavator where there would need to be an end of year report for both grants.

"Then we should be wrapped up," she said.

Lanehart said the town is still waiting for bids to come

back for the excavator and trailer, which is 20 days, per the town's charter.

Cohill reminded officials all paperwork must be in by September 30, or the money is gone.

The earliest town officials can open the bids is September 24, which is next Thursday.

Town officials agreed to have a special town meeting reserved to opening those bids on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m.

This way, Town Manager Mike Faith can contact the company with the winning bid the next day.

Lanehart said the town should be good to submit the paperwork the very next day.

The grant for the excavator, however, wasn't the only thing Cohill wanted to address to town officials.

Cohill said she's had people contact her and stop by her office commenting on how much money she was making writing grants and surprised the town was paying her so much money.

Over the last few years, Cohill has been precurring grants for a number of organizations such as Hancock Fire Department, Hancock Rescue Squad, Flintstone Fire Company, Little Orleans Fire Company, Interfaith Service Coalition, and the Town of Hancock.

In that time, Cohill said she's brought in over \$5 million for those organizations.

"I've never accepted one dollar from anyone," she said.

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Fulton County trailer fire tied to electrical failure



Fire crews from Hancock, Needmore, Berkeley Springs, Great Cacapon, and Breezewood tackled a fire in an unoccupied mobile home on Stoneybreak Road in Warfordsburg on Monday night, September 7.

photo courtesy Hancock Fire Company

by Geoff Fox

Hancock firefighters responded to a trailer fire on Stoneybreak Road in Warfordsburg just before 9:30 p.m. last Monday night, September 7.

Engine 52 was the first on the scene and found fire coming from all sides of a singlewide mobile home that was not occupied.

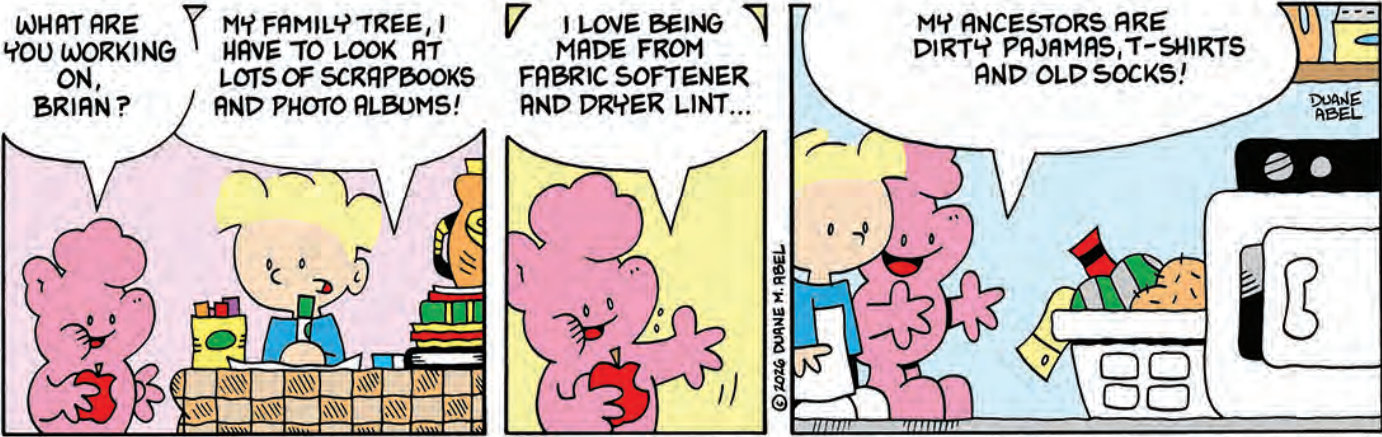
Fire units from Needmore, Berkeley Springs, Great Cacapon, and Breezewood responded to the scene as did Hancock EMS.

Firefighters operated on scene for two hours.

Pennsylvania State Police investigated and determined it to be an electrical failure under the trailer.

OPINIONS

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EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Have there been any innovations in air conditioning technology in recent years to help mitigate climate impacts of staying cool?

— Jason Wilcox, via email

As global temperatures have risen and extreme heatwaves have become more frequent, the demand for air conditioning has surged dramatically. Staying cool is a critical health necessity, but it is a major resource challenge. Conventional cooling systems consume massive amounts of electricity, strain power grids, and release powerful heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere, creating a complex environmental dilemma.

Traditional cooling units have effectively trapped society in a compounding environmental problem. As outdoor temperatures climb, people turn up their air conditioning, which spikes energy demand and increases fossil fuel emissions, ultimately driving further global warming. As Nicole Miranda, an engineer researching sustainable cooling at the University of Oxford, notes regarding this feedback loop, “We’re in a vicious cycle,” and “it’s not only a vicious cycle, but it’s an accelerating one.”

To break this loop, climate innovators are developing next-generation technologies that rely on completely different principles. Emerging companies like Blue Frontier are redesigning systems using liquid desiccant dehumidification paired with integrated smart energy storage. These advanced systems store cooling capacity and dramatically reduce grid stress during peak heat periods. Dr. Daniel Betts, CEO of Blue Frontier, states, “We’re looking at 50 to 90 percent reductions in energy consumption.”

Academic and research institutions are pioneering low-carbon-footprint solutions that sidestep traditional vapor compression constraints entirely. Developers at Harvard’s Wyss Institute have advanced innovative evaporative cooling configurations, known as cSNAP systems, designed to cool air without adding indoor humidity. Their technology employs a “specialized coating [that] isolates incoming hot air from outgoing wet air, allowing the hot air to be cooled by circulating water without adding humidity to the inside of the building.” By using nanoscale surface treatments on materials like 3D-printed ceramic, these low-power heat exchangers deliver efficient thermal comfort while significantly reducing environmental footprints.

Researchers are also looking at physics-based solutions whereby specialized surfaces reflect solar radiation and emit thermal energy straight out into cold outer space. Urban planners are integrating AI-driven automated systems to lower microclimate temperatures and shield interiors from solar gain. By combining passive design with ultra-efficient mechanical cooling, cities can successfully mitigate the climate impacts of staying cool.

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- A young canine
- North Carolina university
- “Oddbod” actor Tom
- Midway between northeast and east
- A place to shop
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- Single Lens Reflex
- Malaria
- Informal loan organizations
- Twitching
- Holm oak
- Willing to consent
- In an early way
- Stuck it out
- Language in Ghana
- Obtain
- Ancient Greek currency
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Popular baseball movie
- Group of islands
- Church building
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Late AC/DC frontman Scott
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Thick piece of something
- Breakfast food
- One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
- Ancient Greek City
- Bitterly regret
- Don’t forget it
- Dishonorable man
- Affirmative
- “__ and flows”

DOWN

- Bridge-building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Lizard species
- Turkish leader title
- A way to bother
- Blank
- A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
- Sports broadcaster Ian
- Popular whodunit board game
- Alkali flats mineral
- Large African antelope
- It’s delivered most days
- Satisfy
- Water soaked soil
- Of a past era
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Ribonucleic acid
- Doctor of Education
- Coffee receptacle
- Where rockstars work
- International airport in Connecticut
- Russian river
- It’s used to make cabins
- OJ trial judge Lance
- A means to persuade
- Short poem
- A way to begin hostilities with
- Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- Joints
- Blatted
- Swedish rock group
- Millisecond
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- Doctors’ group
- Trunk of a tree
- Tattle
- Metrical foot
- __ Angeles



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

– First Day of Autumn

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

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

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

Wednesday, September 23

– Free bingo, 1 p.m., Hancock Senior Center, age 60 plus, all welcome

Letters To The Editor

over 400 words

will not be published.

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the weeks of August 31-September 13:

August 31
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

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

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

September 1
Assisted EMS, 100 block East Main Street. Medical subject transported.

Warrant attempt, 100 block East Main Street. Unable to locate subject.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Six stops.

Found property, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Bank card found.

September 2
Service to advise, 400 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Standby for funeral.

Warrant attempt, 100 block East Main Street. Unable to locate subject.

Summons service, 100 block West High Street. Summons served.

Missing person, 200 block Fulton Street. Subject found safe.

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Five stops.

Trespassing, 200 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious vehicle, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked and moved along.

September 3
Undesirable, 100 block West Main Street. Subject moved along.

Undesirable, 100 block West Main Street. Subject issued trespass notice.

Fraud, 200 block Fulton Street. Information taken.

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

Suspicious person, 100 block East Main Street. Subject trespassed.

Suspicious person, East Main Street. Unable to locate subject.

Parking complaint, first block East High Street. Caller advised.

Check well-being, first block Brent Street. Unable to locate.

September 4
Harassment, 100 block West High Street. Report to follow.

Theft reported, 200 block West Main Street. Subject was trespassed.

Disorderly conduct, first block West Main Street. Juvenile was advised.

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

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

September 5
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

911 hang up, first block Washington Street. Unfounded.

Accident, personal, 100 block Franklin Street. Report to follow.

Undesirable, 100 block East Main Street. Unable to locate subject. Report to follow.

September 7
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Fourteen stops.

September 8
Service to advise, 100 block High Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Property damage accident, 200 block West Main Street. Information exchanged.

Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. All secure.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Trespassing, Quaker Creek Drive. Subject trespassed.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

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

Check well-being, 100 block West Main Street. Subject highly intoxicated and given ride home.

September 9
Check well-being, first block Fulton Street. Subjects checked okay.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

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

Disabled vehicle, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject changed tire.

September 10
Suspicious activity, first block South Street. Sound of someone screaming. Unfounded.

Disorderly conduct, 600 block Quaker Creek Drive. Disturbance over a tomato plant. Subjects advised.

Property damage accident, 100 block Limestone Road. Information exchanged.

Service to advise, 400 block Quaker Creek. Subject advised.

Alarm, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental. 911 hang up, 200 block West Main Street. Unfounded.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

911 hang up, first block West Main Street. Accidental.

September 11
Assisted EMS, 100 block Limestone Road.

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

Vehicle theft, 100 block West High Street. Report to follow.

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

Service to advise, Joseph Hancock Park. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, West Main Street area. Unable to locate subject.

Suspicious vehicle, Fleming Court. Vehicle pushed to safe location.

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate subject.

September 12
Suspicious person, Joesph Hancock Park. Subject moved along.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

September 13
Disorderly conduct, first block Blue Hill Road. Dispute over a vehicle. Subjects advised.

Emergency commitment, first block Franklin Street. Subject transported to the hospital.

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Open mic Memorial concert to honor Izora Miller

Hancock Community Center, located at 126 W. High Street, Hancock will have an Open Mic on Friday, September 18, 5-8 p.m. Join in with your music or stories and just listen.

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

Take Two will perform a concert in memory of Izora Miller on Saturday, September 26, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Hancock Community Center Auditorium, 126 W. High Street, Hancock.

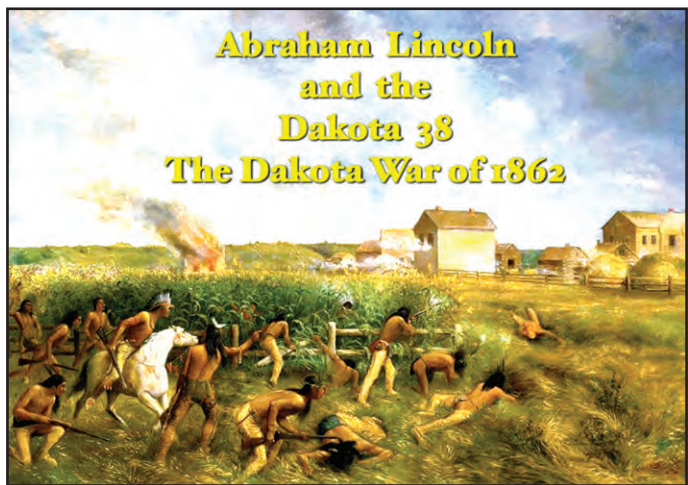
The concert will honor Miller's many years of dedicated membership in the Hancock Lioness Lions Club and her unwavering commitment to the causes and service projects supported by Lions.

Admission is by free-will donation, with proceeds supporting Lions causes, continuing the spirit of service that she so strongly believed in.

Free refreshments will be provided.

Everyone welcome.

Ed Steers presents Lincoln's fight with two enemies



An 1862 Indian uprising in the midst of the Civil War forced Abraham Lincoln to fight two enemies at the same time. The Dakota War had one of the strangest outcomes of any war fought by the United States. Ed Steers, an internationally known Lincoln author, will have a free presentation on Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the War Memorial Hospital Education Room, left entrance to the hospital. Everyone welcome.

Morgan County Observatory observes Moon Night

Morgan County Observatory will host the International Observe the Moon Night on September 19. 8-9:30 p.m.

Join thousands of others around the world for an annual celebration of lunar observation, science and exploration. There will be telescopes focused on the moon and other night sky objects as

well as moon handouts, activities and a short presentation.

This is a free activity, no reservations are required.

Check mcof.org web site to confirm event is taking place after 3 p.m. the day of the event.

The Observatory is located at 9047 Winchester Grade Road in Berkeley Springs.

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BINGO Sat., Sept. 19

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Who's Havin' a Birthday?

Sunday, September 20
Tia Swain

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Our Town and Spiritual Life: Climbing or Declining?

Last week I noticed a beautiful, classy new landscaping addition in our Widmeyer Park. Different, unique. Stylish.

We may not usually think of our town this way—“stylish.” We’re not aiming to be “Georgetown West”. But: maybe we, some, have discounted ourselves, our town appearance and character, and just gotten used to the “same-old” —and, even, accepting decline.

Hey, remember, as St. Paul inspires the Ephesians: “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession” (1 Pt. 2:9).

We’ve recently seen news stories in *The Hancock News* about broken down buildings and decay and Main St. lackluster appearance. It’s been kind of like the “Elephant in the room” issue the last few years. And this is like the “broken windows” syndrome of other cities—where shattered buildings & brokenness prevail, seeming small-scale, then follows precipitous decay elsewhere.

This is what the News has been reporting and, just like our spiritual lives,—we’re either moving forward or backward. Thus, in our spiritual lives: Are you, we, excelling in prayer, love of others, worship? Read and ponder Jesus’ High Calling in Mk. 12:29-31.

Likewise, is our Town excelling in attracting new people, businesses, artsy and musical folks & sports-minded entrepreneurs? Are we growing or groaning? As in the Spiritual life I think we need a Revival here.

Perhaps because of the “broken windows syndrome” we’ve witnessed so much, “Classy” is out of our range and, as in the spiritual life, we keep “sliding” declining because it’s easier.

But look at the Bible verse above, and remember: we are “noble” and “chosen” -and even though we may sin, we are God’s sons and daughters. Doesn’t that call us to be a shining light and city on a hill? (My. 5:14-16)

The first thing about Town Revival isn’t better windows and Bass Pro Shops (although they sure would help!)—but it’s our attitude + spirit. Has to come from within, and then spread without, about. Recall the African proverb: “It’s the heart that gives, the hands merely open up.”

Let’s all rise to The Occasion of making ourselves and our Town better and souls purer: “Friend, come up higher!” +Lk. 14:10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

1ST 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.

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 205-492-9989 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Murvin Camatchee.

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

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

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

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 p.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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	Ancient wisdom for modern life <i>And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.</i> <i>John 20:20 (KJV)</i> HOPE Most of us have experienced times when all seemed lost, but with Christ in our lives, we can never lose hope. Just when all seemed lost, Christ rose again, giving hope to His disciples and all who believe in Him.
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OBITUARIES

Alda D. Swain Black
1935-2026



Alda D. Swain Black, age 91, passed Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at Winds of Mattern Orchard, Duncansville, Pa.
Born Tuesday, June 11, 1935, in Warfordsburg, Pa., to Lloyd H. and Margaret Rae Fisher Swain.
She was a 1952 graduate of Southern Fulton High School.
She was a secretary for many years with the coal and fuel distributorship with her husband and his brother, C&R Black Coal Company, Duncansville, Pa.

Alda is survived by her son James L. Black Jr. and wife Patricia; grandchildren: Justin Cogley (Brittany), Jordan (Kayla), Jennifer Sral, Adam Black, Jennifer Donnelly and Steven Donnelly; great-grandchildren: Stone Sral, Connor Cogley, Lyla Cogley, all whom she loved very much.

She is also survived by her sister Marjorie Michael of Greencastle, Pa.; brother Thomas Swain (Judy) of Needmore, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, James L. Black, whom she married in March 1953; daughter Elaine Faye Cogley; son Stephen Black; sister Ruth V. Sweitzer; and brother, Daniel Swain.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 11 a.m. with two-hour prior visitation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750. Pastor Doug Poffenberger will officiate. Burial will follow at Cedar Grove Christian Church Cemetery, 5806 Flickerville Rd, Warfordsburg, PA 17267.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.



Harold Bobby Yost
1935-2026

Harold Bobby Yost, age 91, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at his home.

Born August 5, 1935 in Macon, Ga., he was the son of the late Harold Franklin and Ruth Pauline Leith Yost.

He tried to live life by the example left by Jesus but knew God's grace covered all that believed.

Bobby was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School Class of 1955. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was employed by Cacapon State Park and worked at the front desk for 35 years. He also was a farmer.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and loved horses and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He was a member of the Morgan County Farm Bureau and attended Mt. Pleasant Church.

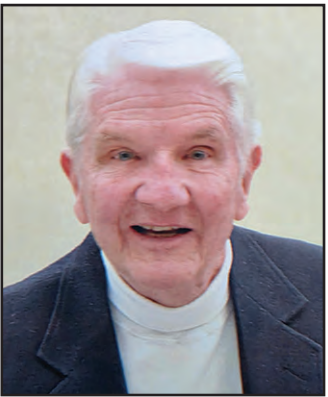
Bobby is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Ann Iden Yost, at home; five children: Vanessa Yost, Cathy Jo Yost, Rhonda Keenan (Lloyd), Renee Fincham (Ryan) and Kevin D. Yost, all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; one sister, Rebecca McIntyre of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and six grandchildren: Brandon Keenan, Colin Breeden, MaKayla Kyne, Haden Fincham, Lydia Fincham and Macey Fincham and one nephew and two nieces.

Private graveside services will be in Oakland Cemetery.
The family will receive friends on Friday, September 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the funeral home will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. for the convenience of family and friends.

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



William H. "Bill" Lawyer
1927-2026



William H. "Bill" Lawyer, age 99, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 19, 2026 at War Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit.

Born January 28, 1927 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the eldest of four sons of the late Harry and Pearl (Laign) Lawyer.

He graduated from Berkeley Springs High School and attended the University of Maryland and graduated with a BS degree in Engineering.

He worked at Pennsylvania Glass and Sand as an engineer from August 1, 1963 to July 31, 1984 and retired as vice president.

He married Nell Duke Huber on August 27, 1960. After Nell's passing 1983, he married Dorothy Biggett on July 26, 1986.

He was a lifelong member of the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder, a Deacon, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir. He remained true to his faith his entire life.

He was on the board of Woodmont Lodge and he worked on the sale of the property to Maryland DNR. After his retirement, he was involved in delivering meals for the Senior Center and he spent his winters at his home in Pine Island, Fla.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf. His family was very important to him, and he loved spending time with family and catching up on stories of the present and sharing stories of the past.

During his 13 years at War Memorial Extended Care, he was blessed with the special care he received and all the special friends that visited him there. Special thanks to Dr. Andrew Berens for always being attentive to his needs.

Bill is survived by one son, William C. "Billy" Lawyer of Ohio; two stepdaughters, Barbara Short Greene of Washington and Yvonne Short of Colorado and grandchildren: Collin, Gavin and Teagen; three sisters-in-law, Bev Lawyer of Ormond Beach, Fla, Maud Lawyer of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and Donna Lawyer of Weyers Cave, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and both wives, he was preceded in death by one son, Gary and three brothers, James (2004), Raymond (2002) and David (2023).

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Mercer Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Following the service food and refreshments will be in the Fellowship Hall next to the church where we can share memories and stories of Bill.

Bill's wishes were to donate his body for research to the Department of Anatomy at West Virginia University; therefore, his interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church, PO Box 206, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or to Senior Life Services of Morgan County, 106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 1, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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

Arrangements were courtesy of Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Marvin Augustus Wills
1928-2026



Marvin Augustus Wills, 98, of Berkeley Springs, passed away Friday, September 11, 2026, at the Martinsburg, Va. Medical Center.

Born May 14, 1928, in Hancock, Md., he was the son of the late Burman Augustus and Ida Belle Barnhart Wills.

Marvin served in the United States Army in the 151st Airborne Division and fought in the Korean war from 1950 to 1952.

He retired April 1, 1990, from Martin Marietta Stone Quarry, Boonsboro, Md., after over thirty years of service.

Marvin enjoyed his flowers, gardening, automobiles, and he sold and repaired bicycles. His family will always remember him throwing horseshoes at their reunions.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Bessie Wills; four daughters, Pamela Stokes and husband Robert, Teresa Payne and husband Larry, Cathy Stotler and husband Richard, and Vicky Shupp and husband Daniel; eight grandchildren, Amber Frederick, Tiffany Campbell, Larry (Allen) Payne, Jr, Robert Stokes II, Christopher Stotler, Ashley Stotler, Jacob Shupp, and Levi Shupp; nine great-grandchildren; siblings Jesse Weicht, Charlotte Golden, Gary Wills and Judy Powell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son Marvin Augustus Wills, Jr; siblings, Mary Booth, Vesta Maravelis, Phyllis Appel, Nancy Martin, Herbert Wills, Jacob Wills, and Buelah Maravelis and two infant sisters.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 W. Main St., Hancock, MD 21750.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 11 a.m., with one-hour prior visitation at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home. Pastor James Touchton will officiate. Interment will follow at Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, Hancock, Md. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.



Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, September 17

10 a.m. - Paw Paw Tunnel Guided Tour & Paw Paw Fruit Search. In honor of National Paw Paw Day, meet at the Paw Paw Tunnel Parking area (mile post 155.2 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal) and walk through the tunnel. This is a 44 minute drive from the park. A flashlight or phone light is recommended. The C&O Canal path is flat. It's a 13 minute walk (0.6 miles) from the parking area to the tunnel. Look for Paw Paw fruit along the walk. This is on route 51 in Maryland, just west of the town of Paw Paw. Go 26 miles on Route 9 west from Berkeley Springs. As you cross the river at Paw Paw it becomes Maryland 51. Active thunderstorms would cause this event to be cancelled. GPS Paw Paw Campground. Helpful items: sturdy foot wear, water and bug spray.

3 p.m. - Bush Craft. We'll make cordage from several natural plants. Yucca, day lilies, irises, and gladiolus will be a few. All materials provided. Yours to take home.

Friday, September 18

1 p.m. - Tree ID Walk with Leaf Pounding. We'll do a leisure walk looking at different ways to ID trees. For those that would like to, you can collect leaves and use those in a leaf pounding craft. Flowers could also be added.

2-3 p.m. - Monarch Tagging Demonstration. September is peak Monarch butterfly migration month, when monarchs migrate south to Mexico over a 2,500 mile journey. Be part of a community science project through <https://monarchwatch.org/> that helps tag monarchs along their migration route in West Virginia. A slideshow will be shown to understand the monarchs life cycle; host plant; and more details of their great migration. At the end of the hour, together the class will tag a live monarch butterfly together. Free and fun for all ages.

Saturday, September 19

Monarch Migration Day: Come in and request to see a short video of the magnificent monarch butterfly.
9:30 a.m. - Ridge Trail Ramble. Meet at the nature center. This trail is a moderate 1.2 mile loop with scenic views. Park flora & fauna will be discussed.
10:30 a.m. - Pollinator Field Tour. Meet at the lodge for a tour of the pollinator field and bluebird trail. (easy stroll) Birds and insects and pollinator plants will be seen; along with invasive species. If you are considering a pollinator garden or field, we can point you in a direction. Finally, we may see monarch butterflies to catch and tag.

12:30 p.m. - Monarch Crafting. Miscellaneous crafting to take home. Any age is welcome.

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3 p.m. - Butterfly Bingo. Play this fun game while learning about butterflies. Fun for any age.

Wednesday, September 23
1:30 p.m. - The CCC Boys, A West Virginia Legacy. This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests. A short guided history walk to follow the video weather permitting.

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

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3:30 p.m. - Monarch's Life Cycle. Coloring sheet, stamping, models, a puppet and live monarchs will help us to understand this unique butterfly's life cycle.

6:30 p.m. - Irish Road Bowling. We'll do West Virginia Irish Road Bowling. We use a small cannonball, divide everyone into teams and bowl around our Nature Center Circle Loop to play. The lowest score wins.

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 a.m. - Nature & History Walk. Meet at the lodge. Join park volunteer Dale and we'll take a 45 minute to 1 hour walk looking at sites in the park related to our CCC history and beyond. We'll discuss any wildlife we may see too.

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

1 p.m. - Be-Jeweled. Experience our native Ruby-Throated Hummingbird in our pollinator garden. Observe them darting around flowers and hummingbird feeders. We will talk about the importance of these incredible birds and their connection to native plants. Learn how you can track and view the hummingbird migration <https://www.hummingbirdcentral.com/>

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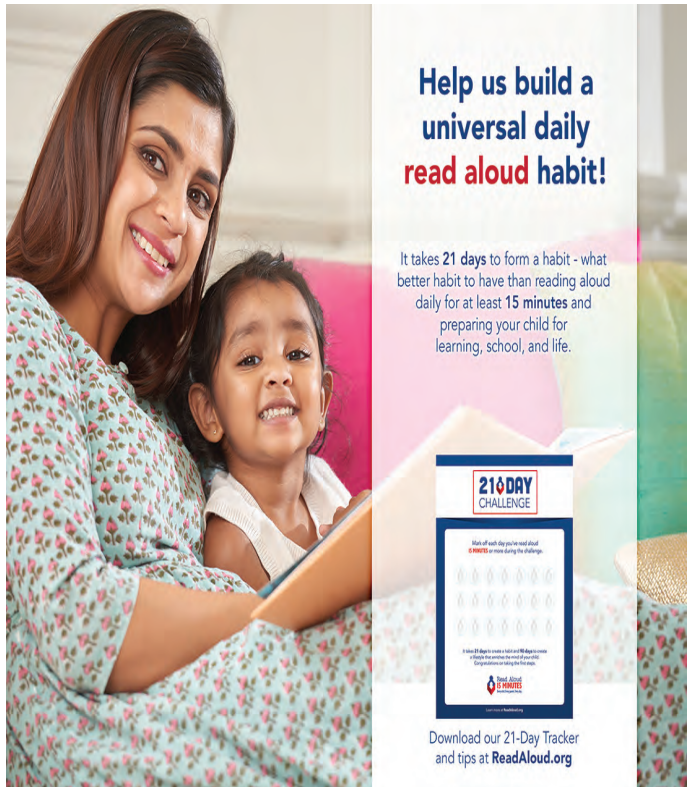
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Obituaries will be printed for a fee based on the amount of information that is provided by a licensed funeral home. A photo of the deceased can be included.

Death Notices will be printed for free in *The Hancock News* as a public service which will only include name, age, date of death, residency and services.

For details, contact *The Hancock News* at 301-678-6255.

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



Mountainside Restaurant featuring Georgie's Pizza celebrates 30th anniversary

by **Lisa Schauer**
George Belloni came to Hagerstown from the old country, somewhere in Italy. Belloni owned and operated a regional 13-store pizza franchise focused on fresh, quality ingredients and hand-thrown dough made in-house using an old-world recipe. Today, only one former franchise remains -- Moun-

tainside Restaurant featuring Georgie's Pizza in Berkeley Springs. As a young man, Francisco Trujillo opened Georgie's Pizza in Morgan Square shopping center in 1996 and built a loyal customer base. By the Great Recession of '08, caused by deregulation of financial and real estate markets, Belloni's franchise

had gone under. Trujillo was determined to keep on, consolidating Georgie's Pizza into his other concept in Berkeley Springs -- Mountainside Restaurant -- serving seafood and American food. For 30 years, Trujillo has stayed consistent, making traditional Italian and American favorites using fresh ing-

redients and the same old-world recipe for his dough. "I like to sell traditional food. We keep everything traditional. Good food, good service, and good prices," Trujillo said in an interview with *The Morgan Messenger*. "It makes my day when the customer is satisfied and leaves an empty plate. I've had the pleasure to get to know so many wonderful people and now I call them friends," said Trujillo.

"Through the years I've had some great business partners and local companies that have helped me survive life's hardships. But I think my success is also part of their success. Some examples are *The Morgan Messenger*, Blue Flame, Clark's, Hunter's Hardware, CNB Bank, Truist, and the local excavators," Trujillo said.

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, Mountainside Restaurant featuring Georgie's Pizza is offering new daily lunch specials and a happy hour menu.



Francisco Trujillo, owner of Mountainside Restaurant featuring Georgie's Pizza, shapes the dough he made in-house using a traditional Italian recipe.

Menu favorites include crispy wings with house-made dressing, steak and cheese subs, salads, and pizza.

The telephone number has not changed in 30 years. Anyone who would like more information can call 304-258-2242.



Georgie's famous pizza, hot out of the oven, hides toppings underneath cheese to create a gooey goodness over a crisp crust.



A calzone served with fresh marinara sauce at Mountainside Restaurant features a beautiful golden crust encasing fresh ricotta and mozzarella cheeses.



Mountainside Restaurant featuring Georgie's Pizza, located at 91 Sugar Hollow Road in Berkeley Springs, has been in business for 30 years, serving traditional American and Italian favorites.

Grants

(from front)
Cohill said she was never trained to write grants and considers it a gift to do so. "You share your gift and you don't take compensation," she said. Cohill said she wanted to let town officials know the word on the street was going around about her getting compensated for writing grants, including someone calling her telling her to

watch her back because she's taking money from the town and she's unethical because her brother, Councilman Richard Strong, works for the town. Cohill said she blew it off until someone came into her office, which is why she came to the September town meeting, while dropping off the paperwork for the excavator, to put on record she's never taken or asked for payment from the town. Lanehart backed her up saying the town never gave her any money. Cohill added during Covid, she had to work because ISC is a food bank and deemed essential and during her time

in her office, she wrote grants for businesses in town that would need them. "I spent all day by myself working doing things like that and would never even accept a gift from anyone," she said, "because it's bad karma to benefit from something that's a gift." She told town officials how rumors start in Hancock and how quickly they spread. Cohill said she wanted town officials to be aware and to set the record straight if they encounter such a question. "I find that very offensive that someone would think I would try to benefit from any non-profit," she said.

Projects

(from front)
The Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program are federally funded grant programs for community projects designed to support bike and pedestrian infrastructure. The State Highway administration worked with partner organizations to review and select projects. This year's awards include \$2.8 million through the Recreational Trails Program to six projects:
--trail bridge replacements in State forests in Allegany and Garrett counties
--boardwalk and trail rehabilitation in the city of Loch Lynn Heights in Garrett County and Kent and Montgomery counties
--new singletrack trails in Rocky Gap State Park. There's also \$6.5 million headed to six projects through the Transportation Alternatives program:
--Safe Routes to School infrastructure improvements in the Williamsport and Smithsburg area
-- repair and rehabilitation of a 20-mile stretch of the C&O Canal towpath in Montgomery and Washington counties

--new active transportation facilities in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties. The canal towpath work would include 11.62 miles in Montgomery County and 8.34 miles here in Washington County. The work in Washington County is part of National Park Service's 10-part resurfacing project, which is right now in the Hancock to Paw Paw Tunnel stage and still has the Lock 42 to McCoy's Ferry to complete. According to Media Relations Manager for the MDOT SHA David Broughton, the Montgomery and Washington counties part of the money is for the final two sections of the towpath that have not yet been rehabilitated in previous phases of the ongoing project. In Washington County, that runs from the 116-mile marker near Big Pool to the 125-mile marker in Hancock. The MDOT Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program was founded in 2011 and provides state funding for planning, design and construction of bicycle transportation infrastructure such as protected bike lanes and

shared-use paths. The \$2 million Bikeways grants this year are for seven design projects in the cities of Brunswick, Catonsville, Chestertown, Laurel, North East, Port Deposit, and Snow Hill. These projects support active transportation access to a variety of destinations including parks, schools, trails, senior living communities, historic main streets, and commercial districts; three minor retrofit projects in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties where the projects will establish wayfinding from bike paths to major destinations, improve safety with low-cost enhancements, and expand shared micro-mobility. Two construction projects in the cities of Edmonston and La Plata will fill missing trail connections and extend a new shared-use path. Trails and shared-use path projects also support the implementation of the Department's Maryland State Transportation Trails Strategic Plan by expanding the network for all ages and abilities to walk, bike, and roll safely and comfortably.

Election

(from front)
2. Mail-In Voting: Voters who prefer to vote by mail should take note of the following application deadlines:

- By Mail or Fax: Requests to receive a mail-in ballot by mail or fax must be received (not postmarked) by Tuesday, October 27.
- By Email: Requests to receive a mail-in ballot via email must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, October 29.
- Submitting Your Ballot: If returning by the USPS, completed ballots must be postmarked by General Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Ballots may also be returned either by depositing them in an official ballot drop box or delivering them to your local board of elections by 8 p.m. on November 3. Find ballot drop box locations at vote.md.gov/vote2026.
- 3. Election Day In-Person: The third option is to vote in person at your local polling place on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

- Hours: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Location: Voters must cast their ballot at their assigned polling place. You can locate your polling place on the SBE website (English and Spanish).
- Voter Registration**
The preliminary deadline to register to vote or update registration information is Tuesday, October 13. Residents are encouraged to verify their status early to ensure a seamless experience at the polls. Residents not registered to vote can do so using the online registration system. Those who prefer not to register online may print the registration form (English version and Spanish version) and submit it at the local board of elections office. If you miss this deadline, you can register or update your residential address the same day you vote. Make sure to take a document that proves where you live when you attempt to vote at your local polling place or early voting center. Additional information about Maryland's General Election can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026

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Lady Panthers deliver a shut-out

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock varsity girls' volleyball team won their season-opening match at Hancock High School on Wednesday, September 9 against Forbes Road High School by a score of 3-0.

In last week's non-league challenge, the Lady Panthers volleyball team triumphed over the Forbes Road Cardinals.

Head coach is Christi Mosier, a graduate of Hancock High School and former member of the Lady Panthers volleyball team.

Fresh off their win, and at 1-0 on the season, the Lady Panthers then traveled to Berkeley Springs to face off against the Lady Indians (5-3) on Monday night.

Next up, the Lady Panthers host the Paw Paw Pirates (2-3) for a non-league matchup this Thursday, September 17 at Hancock High School. Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m.



Makensie Boyer goes to get up the ball. photos by Lori Younker



Taylor Weller sends the ball back over the net, while Payton McMahon and Kaybree Souders come in to back her up.



Kaybree Souders puts the ball up in the air with Sarah Smith and Maya Shoemaker standing by.

Panther's Den

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	W/L	SCORE
Sept. 9	Forbes Road	6 p.m.	W	3-0
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 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!

Archery season

(from front)

In Region B, the antlerless white-tailed deer archery limit is 15, except for in the Urban/Suburban Deer Management Zone, where the archery antlerless limit is now unlimited. This zone comprises Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

The statewide antlered white-tailed deer bag limit is two with no more than one taken in any weapon season.

A single Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may be purchased to allow a hunter to harvest two antlered deer in the same weapon season or a

third antlered deer in the weapon season they have not taken an antlered deer.

Regardless of the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp, no more than two antlered deer may be harvested in Region A and no more than one antlered deer may be harvested per weapon season in Region A. More information about the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp is available in the 2026-2027 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

An antler-point restriction remains in effect for white-tailed deer. Hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered white-tailed deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and apprentice license holders who are 16 or younger are exempt from this restriction.

Hunters intending to pursue sika deer are reminded that they must now purchase a sika hunting stamp in addition to the archery stamp. The sika deer archery season

bag limit is three with no more than one being antlered. An antlered sika is defined as a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline. The sika deer archery season is open in every county.

Hunters should report deer taken with a long, compound, or recurve bow as harvested with a vertical bow when checking in their deer. Crossbow hunters should register their deer as taken with a crossbow. This information helps biologists collect information on preferences and trends in how deer are harvested.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while in the stand and while climbing in or out. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prusik knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Last year, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources introduced an updated online licensing system, MD Outdoors, in-

cluding a new free mobile app of the same name. The system provides an easier-to-navigate interface and simplifies renewal. Licenses and stamps may be purchased through the licensing system (online or via the app), at a licensing agent, or by calling the department's Licensing and Registration Service at 866-344-8889.

New this year, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has established regulations for the use of drones (i.e., unmanned aircraft systems). Although using drones to locate and recover wounded or expired game is legal, it is illegal to use a drone to hunt, trap, or pursue any wildlife. Hunters must contact Natural Resources Police at 800-628-9944 before and after searching for any wounded or expired animal.

Hunters are encouraged to help others by donating deer taken in Maryland to food banks. A state tax credit offers hunters an incentive for donated deer. Other local or state programs are also available so hunters should check with their deer processors.

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22 W. Salisbury Street
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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:

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

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

Amy L. Green
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Lena Clark, ESQ.
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129 W. Patrick St. Ste 11
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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
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Donald H. Sheffy, ESQ.
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Valparaiso, IN 46383
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.

Thomas J. Williams
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. 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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John Clark Watkins II
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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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 OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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

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 Ebberbs 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
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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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 Eloaise 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 Eloaise 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:

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Pamela Arnold
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

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 Brit-tany 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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Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd9-9-2th

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
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

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:

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

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

Brenda Shane
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

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.

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd9-9-2th

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 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.

Sean Gourlay
Tracy Wegner
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

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 Cushwa, 425 Kinslow St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-3705 was on August 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jack Donald Cushwa 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:

(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.

Donald Lee Cushwa
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-9-3th

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
AUCTIONEERING
14504 Reel Road
Hancock, MD 21750
301-331-6821
Property Address:
14321 McAfee Hill Road
Cascade, MD 21719
Tax ID No. 14-009922
9-2-3thn

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This Week's Crossword Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUR-1812
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT
DISCONNECTED YOUTH
SERVICES IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND

On April 28, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement for Western Maryland Consortium Disconnected Youth Services in Washington County, Maryland to the Western Maryland Consortium in the amount of \$53,480, for enhancements to existing programing offered to disconnected youth contingent upon approval of the funding award from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and as approved by the Washington County Local Management Board.

This procurement is permitted under Section 1.106.2. (a)(1) of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland stating that a sole source procurement is permissible when (1) only one source exists that meets the County's requirements.

By Authority of:
Procurement Director
Brandi J. Kentner
9-16-1th

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. 83839
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Peggy Ann Haney.

Notice is given that Ryan D. Skiles, 12468 Carlson Ct., Mercersburg, PA 17236-8750 was on September 3, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Peggy Ann Haney 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 representative or the attorney.

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of March, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of March, 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.

Ryan D. Skiles
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

Nicole R. Hewitt
1447 York Road, Ste. 204
Lutherville, MD 21093
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate No: 83826
Notice is given that the Circuit court of Hillsborough County, Florida appointed Jo Ann Hadley, 1709 Tahoe Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573 as the Personal Representative of the estate of Roger L. Cline who died on February 23, 2024 domiciled in Hillsborough County, Florida, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for service of process is Nicole R. Hewitt, whose address is 1447 York Road, Ste. 204, Lutherville, MD 21093.

At the time of death, the decedent owned real or leasehold property in the following Maryland counties: Washington County.

All persons having claims against the decedent must file their claims with the Register of Wills for Washington County with a copy to the foreign personal representative on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

(2) Two months after the foreign personal representative mails or delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

Jo Ann Hadley
Foreign Personal Representative
Honorable Lacy M. Flook
Register of Wills
Washington County, MD
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Richard Ryno Flook

Estate No: 82926
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Julie Lough, 10728 Connor Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-3165 for judicial probate of the will dated October 7, 2015 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 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd9-16-2th

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

Estate No. 83822
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cecil William Dagenhart.

Notice is given that Brenda Woods, 7622 Fairplay Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2319 and Wanda Crilly, 19091 Gaywood Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7724 were on September 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Cecil William Dagenhart who died on July 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 representatives 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 1st day of March, 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 1st day of March, 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.

Brenda Woods
Wanda Crilly
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

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

Estate No. 83760
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Zeigler.

Notice is given that Sara Elizabeth Zeigler, 14612 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-1671 was on September 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Jane Zeigler who died on July 28, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of March, 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 1st day of March, 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.

Sara Elizabeth Zeigler
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

Joseph Chukla, Jr. ESQ.
21310 Leiters Mill Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83773
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Karl Kurt Kemp

Notice is given that Sandra Blacklance, 501 Skyline Dr., Selmer, TN 38375-3245 was on September 3, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Karl Kurt Kemp who died on August 14, 2025 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of March, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 3rd day of March, 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.

Sandra Blacklance
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83843
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ronald E. Sweetney.

Notice is given that Amy Diane Thompson, 73 Grouse Lane, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 was on September 8, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Ronald E. Sweetney who died on October 3, 2024 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 March, 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 March, 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.

Amy Diane Thompson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

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

Estate No. 83791
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Clarence Dwight Heintzelman.

Notice is given that Julie Heintzelman, 19069 Fort Davis Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236-9430 and Darin Heintzelman, 19069 Fort Davis Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236-9430 were on September 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Clarence Dwight Heintzelman who died on August 13, 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 8th day of March, 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 March, 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.

Julie Heintzelman
Darin Heintzelman
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

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

Estate No. 83702
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kenneth Heath Hartung.

Notice is given that Gabriel Hartung, 7425 Walton Ln., Annandale, VA 22003-2504 was on September 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kenneth Heath Hartung who died on June 4, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of March, 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 March, 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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Gabriel Hartung
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

Jamie K. Blair
Furey Doolan & Abell LLP
7600 Wisconsin Ave. Ste. 600
Bethesda, MD 20814-9500
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 83831
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Tyler Vincent Orcino.

Notice is given that Mary Faye Orcino, 2201 Middlegreen Ct. Apt. 204, Lancaster, PA 17601-2088 was on September 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Tyler Vincent Orcino who died on March 30, 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 2nd day of March, 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 2nd day of March, 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.

Mary Faye Orcino
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-3th

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

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

Estate No. 83415
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Frances Ann Kirk
AKA Frances Anne Kirk.

Notice is given that Donald Lee Schoen, 16605 Tammany Manor Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-1318 was on September 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Frances Ann Kirk who died on January 20, 2026, with a will.

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

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

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

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

(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.

Donald Lee Schoen
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-1thn

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Answer elsewhere in paper.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Estate No. 83704
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Connell Luther Lankford.

Notice is given that Nell R. Gibbs-Lankford, 18419 Wissett Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740-1699 was on September 4, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Connell Luther Lankford who died on May 19, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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

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Nell R. Gibbs-Lankford
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-11hn

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

Estate No. 83827
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Diane Marie Smith.

Notice is given that Shelly Smith, 9228 Jordan Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1126 was on September 3, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Diane Marie Smith who died on August 22, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Shelly Smith
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-11hn

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

Estate No. 83850
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Eileen Hahn.

Notice is given that Regina Mills, 18004 Lappans Rd., Fairplay, MD 21733-1111 was on September 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Margaret Eileen Hahn who died on September 2, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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Regina Mills
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-11hn

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

Estate No. 83829
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Frances Johnson Castleman.

Notice is given that Steven A. Mariner, 43145 Sunderland Ter., Unit 403B, Broadlands, VA 20148-6029 was on September 2, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Frances Johnson Castleman who died on July 12, 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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Steven A. Mariner
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-11hn

ONLINE MUNICIPAL TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN AND TOWNS OF BOONSBORO, FUNKSTOWN, HANCOCK AND WILLIAMSPORT

Online sale begins October 8, 2026 - GovEase.com

As authorized by Title 14, Subtitle 8, Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, notice having been given as required therein, the Washington County Treasurer will conduct an online municipal tax sale on behalf of the participating municipalities listed below. The online sale will commence on October 8, 2026 and will remain open for ten (10) calendar days, through October 17, 2026. The sale will be conducted through GovEase.com.

PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO SALE: The properties listed below were submitted by the respective municipalities because of delinquent municipal taxes, charges, water bills, or other municipal liens. Properties that do not satisfy the applicable statutory minimum for owner-occupied property are not included in this advertisement. Any listed property for which all amounts required to remove the property from sale are paid before the property is sold may be removed from the sale.

ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE: The Washington County Treasurer is conducting the online municipal tax sale. Each participating municipality will issue its own municipal tax sale certificate for property sold on its behalf and will remain responsible for the collection and accounting of its delinquent municipal taxes, charges, and liens. The municipality will be reimbursed for the amounts due to it from tax sale proceeds remitted directly through GovEase.com. After the sale, redemption payments are to be made to and accepted by the municipality that issued the tax sale certificate, in accordance with applicable Maryland law.

BIDDER REGISTRATION AND ONLINE BIDDING: Bidders must use the GovEase.com online tax sale platform to register and participate in the sale. Prospective bidders are responsible for completing all registration requirements imposed by the online auction platform and for reviewing the sale information and instructions provided there.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder will be required to comply with the payment requirements and other terms established for the online municipal tax sale. Neither the Washington County Treasurer, Washington County, nor any participating municipality makes any representation or warranty as to title, condition, use, occupancy, boundaries, or other matters affecting any parcel offered for sale. Purchasers are responsible for conducting their own due diligence and for all costs associated with any later proceeding to foreclose the right of redemption.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION / FORECLOSURE: Rights of redemption and proceedings to foreclose rights of redemption are governed by Title 14, Subtitle 8 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, including the time periods applicable to owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied property. A purchaser receives a tax sale certificate and does not receive immediate ownership or possession of the property.

Questions concerning the conduct of the online municipal tax sale may be directed to the Washington County Treasurer's Office at 240-313-2110. Questions concerning a municipal delinquency, municipal tax sale certificate, or redemption payment should be directed to the municipality for which the property was sold.

Properties listed in the municipal tax sale include parcels of land situate in Washington County, Maryland and shown on the assessment rolls as follows:

TOWN OF BOONSBORO

Acct No.: 06-015379 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$875,800 Opening Bid: \$6,473.56
Desc: Parcel A 43.79 Acres 6633 Old National Pike
Name: Preserve @ Fox Gap, LLC

TOWN OF FUNKSTOWN

Acct No.: 10-011396 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$123,130 Opening Bid: \$497.03
Desc: LOT 82 40.85X90 111 E. CHESTNUT STREET
Name: JAMES KERSHNER

Acct No.: 10-002443 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$202,567 Opening Bid: \$815.92
Desc: LOT 70 26X131 7 & 9 W BALTIMORE ST
Name: BENJAMIN NEEDHAM

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

Acct No.: 03-002608 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$91,200 Opening Bid: \$1,061.83
Desc: LOT 23 SEC 19 25X150 845 CHESTNUT ST
Name: RAMIREZ BAYRON RENE MIRANDA

Acct No.: 03-005232 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$128,700 Opening Bid: \$1,510.00
Desc: LOT18 SECTION 9 1029 MAIN AVE
Name: RC HOME SOLUTION LLC

Acct No.: 03-012638 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$46,400 Opening Bid: \$80,036.78
Desc: LOT 17 40X75 10-12 ELIZABETH ST
Name: LIGHT TIMOTHY C

Acct No.: 03-012700 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$135,400 Opening Bid: \$1,588.61
Desc: LT 4 .064AC 28X100 809 GUILFORD AVE
Name: REZK YOUSSEF

Acct No.: 03-016854 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$1,555,800 Opening Bid: \$15,429.44
Desc: LOT 36X146.5 1/3 S POTOMAC ST
Name: PROFESSIONAL ARTS BUILDING LLC THE

Acct No.: 03-023699 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$106,700 Opening Bid: \$1,110.00
Desc: PAR C 0.17 ACRE 425 W ANTIETAM ST
Name: SCOTT THOMAS

Acct No.: 03-033503 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$20,600 Opening Bid: \$239.51
Desc: LOT 1 0.28 ACRES 433 W ANTIETAM ST
Name: SCOTT THOMAS H

Acct No.: 03-033511 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$112,100 Opening Bid: \$1,110.00
Desc: LOT 2 0.26 ACRES 429 W ANTIETAM ST
Name: SCOTT THOMAS H

Acct No.: 17-000802 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$422,400 Opening Bid: \$4,955.89
Desc: LOT 144X165 200-212 S POTOMAC ST
Name: YGB INVESTMENTS LLC

Acct No.: 17-003992 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$103,800 Opening Bid: \$1,217.86
Desc: LOT 16X83 36 S LOCUST ST
Name: SMITH DORIS J

Acct No.: 17-006339 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$265,800 Opening Bid: \$3,583.82
Desc: LOT 98X200 0.36 ACR 640-642 FREDERICK ST
Name: MORRISON JAMES W

Acct No.: 17-006843 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$252,600 Opening Bid: \$1,459.14
Desc: LOT 26X205 .122AC 262 S POTOMAC ST
Name: MARTIN CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY

Acct No.: 17-007238 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$93,400 Opening Bid: \$1,095.84
Desc: PARCEL B 19.75X146 338 S LOCUST ST
Name: 338 SOUTH LOCUST STREET

Acct No.: 17-013467 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$402,500 Opening Bid: \$4,722.42
Desc: LOT IREG 224 ACRES 154-158 S POTOMAC ST
Name: GIDEON PROPERTIES LLC

Acct No.: 17-015427 Tax Year: 2025 Asmnt: \$1,292,500 Opening Bid: \$15,929.55
Desc: UNIT 1 1.60 ACRE 901 DUAL HWY (BAREFOOT B
Name: DC BROTHERS LLC

Acct No.: 17-016423 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$140,900 Opening Bid: \$1,653.13
Desc: LOT 16.25X200 244 S POTOMAC ST
Name: LEGIT MANAGEMENT LLC

Acct No.: 17-020536 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$790,000 Opening Bid: \$9,268.83
Desc: LOT 13 8.236 ACRES PAUL SMITH BLVD
Name: SHAOOL HAGERSTOWN COMMONS

Acct No.: 17-065651 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$217,000 Opening Bid: \$2,546.00
Desc: CELL TOWER SITE BOWMAN AVE
Name: SHENTEL PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS LL

Acct No.: 21-006572 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$0 Opening Bid: \$46,414.28
Desc: .73 AC OPEN SPACE SW/S GARST COURT
Name: R & J BUILDERS INC

Acct No.: 21-018783 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$179,306 Opening Bid: \$2,087.63
Desc: LOT 1 SEC G 62X100 1101 BEECHWOOD DR
Name: ROWLAND CHARLES L

Acct No.: 22-001523 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$596,600 Opening Bid: \$6,999.73
Desc: 19.37 ACRES SECURITY ROAD
Name: BROOK MEADOW LLC

Acct No.: 22-003623 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$243,900 Opening Bid: \$2,861.60
Desc: LOT 80X240 412 N POTOMAC ST
Name: SHEDRICK HOLDINGS LLC

Acct No.: 22-005081 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$150,200 Opening Bid: \$1,762.25
Desc: LOT 68 PT 67 48X235 626 POTOMAC AVENUE
Name: NIKAAR HOLDINGS LLC

Acct No.: 22-005340 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$144,200 Opening Bid: \$1,691.85
Desc: EASTERN PT LOT 106 50 BROADWAY
Name: BAPTISTE KEVIN

Acct No.: 22-008641 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$114,500 Opening Bid: \$1,333.12
Desc: 1/2 LOT 17.5X83 307 N LOCUST ST
Name: CHAUDHARY NABILA R

Acct No.: 22-008889 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$126,100 Opening Bid: \$1,479.50
Desc: LOT 20X113 0.05 ACR 535 N LOCUST ST
Name: ZAKI ZOHAAN LLC

Acct No.: 22-024833 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$316,100 Opening Bid: \$3,708.71
Desc: LOT 43 .12 AC 184 BRYNWOOD ST
Name: ROBINWOOD REALTY LLC

Acct No.: 25-000994 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$92,400 Opening Bid: \$1,075.81
Desc: LOT 46X33 .035AC 54 WINTER STREET
Name: MALDONADO LUZ ENEIDA

Acct No.: 25-003276 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$135,300 Opening Bid: \$3,408.25
Desc: LTS17&18 80X140 .25A 44 WATER ST
Name: BENEFIT SERVICES LLC

Acct No.: 25-005325 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$111,200 Opening Bid: \$1,304.67
Desc: LOT 25X74 .05AC 231/233 ALEXANDER ST
Name: 231 ALEXANDER STREET LLC

Acct No.: 25-009517 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$405,900 Opening Bid: \$4,762.30
Desc: 1/2 LOT 5 41.3X240 41/43/45 N POTOMAC ST
Name: JOHNSON TAMARA

Acct No.: 25-016319 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$95,400 Opening Bid: \$1,119.30
Desc: LT .064AC 10.5X136.5 821 WEST FRANKLIN ST
Name: MURRAY MICHAEL C

Acct No.: 25-022777 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$114,900 Opening Bid: \$1,348.08
Desc: LOT 0.08 ACRE 424 JONATHAN ST
Name: MELENDEZ MARIA ROSA

Acct No.: 25-023609 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$177,300 Opening Bid: \$2,064.27
Desc: LOT 50X140 .017ACR 833/835 W FRANKLIN ST
Name: SMITH DORIS J

Acct No.: 25-034848 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$83,500 Opening Bid: \$979.69
Desc: LOT 40X60 132 BETHEL ST
Name: LODGE OAK SPRING #41 AF&AM

Acct No.: 25-038592 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$281,800 Opening Bid: \$3,280.96
Desc: LOT T233 .08 AC 17657 POTTER BELL WAY
Name: CCARHUARUPAY MAGALY OCHOA

Acct No.: 25-042867 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$259,100 Opening Bid: \$5,924.81
Desc: LOT TH72 .06AC PHS 1 18215 HURRICANE COURT
Name: RODRIGUEZ LUIS FLORES

TOWN OF HANCOCK

Acct No.: 05-018943 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$154,400 Opening Bid: \$910.50
Desc: LOT 88 X 320 20 1/2 E MAIN STREET
Name: FRANCES YOUNKER

Acct No.: 05-002699 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$46,000 Opening Bid: \$281.79
Desc: LOT 33 X 90 109 E MAIN STREET
Name: PETER PELTIER

Acct No.: 05-018498 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$96,267 Opening Bid: \$592.79
Desc: 1/2 LOT 33.5 X 150 201 W MAIN STREET
Name: FREDDIE MADDOX

Acct No.: 05-021383 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$21,700 Opening Bid: \$140.86
Desc: 96.160 X 124 AV E/S MARYLAND AVE
Name: MADISON 73 LLC

TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT

Acct No.: 02-023938 Tax Year: 2023 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$175.59
Desc: LOT 2, 0.05 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023938 Tax Year: 2024 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$161.21
Desc: LOT 2, 0.05 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023938 Tax Year: 2025 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$151.73
Desc: LOT 2, 0.05 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023938 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$142.25
Desc: LOT 2, 0.05 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023946 Tax Year: 2023 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$169.85
Desc: LOT 3, 0.04 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023946 Tax Year: 2024 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$161.21
Desc: LOT 3, 0.04 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023946 Tax Year: 2025 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$141.73
Desc: LOT 3, 0.04 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-023946 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$25,000 Opening Bid: \$142.25
Desc: LOT 3, 0.04 ACRES N. CONOCOCHAGUE ST.
Name: ALAN S. & JAQUELYN MOORE

Acct No.: 02-004755 Tax Year: 2026 Asmnt: \$125,981 Opening Bid: \$619.40
Desc: LOT 0.69 ACRES 39 & 39B W. SALISBURY STREET
Name: ALBERT RAYMOND ROBINSON, ETAL

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Estate No. 83847
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Elizabeth Mae Campbell.

Notice is given that Donna M. Potak, 253 Nichols Rd., Jefferson, NY 12093-4212 and Susan C. Doane, 20304 Beaver Creek Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1512 were on September 9, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Elizabeth Mae Campbell who died on August 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 representatives or the attorney.

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

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representatives 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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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83842
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Ann Miller.

Notice is given that Christopher Miller, 8507 Dam Number 4 Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-2028 was on September 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Barbara Ann Miller who died on August 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 representative or the attorney.

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Christopher Miller
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-16-1thn

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

Estate No. 83844
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kathy Sue Cosens.

Notice is given that Cheryl Cosens, 706 Cumberland Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201-3808 was on September 8, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Kathy Sue Cosens who died on August 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 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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CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, don't be afraid to shake things up a bit this week. You may not have time to mince words, so don't hesitate to get to the point. Others will appreciate your candor.



CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if you want others to open up, you have to start the conversation by sharing something from your heart as well. Make an effort to be more open in the days ahead.



AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It is time to be your own teacher and become an expert in any subject you desire. Start doing your research and you may be surprised at the discoveries.



LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week you have the strength and motivation to accomplish your goals. You will sigh with relief when everything gets accomplished on time and in order.



PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, this week you might start seeing a platonic pal in a more amorous way. The affinity you share may be the foundation for a great relationship.



VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You have a green light to spoil yourself this week, Virgo. It isn't something you do often, so let loose a little bit and splurge on some luxuries.



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it is time to be on the lookout for fresh financial opportunities. Set new goals for yourself, and put your finances at the top of your priority list.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a dear friend or relative could use your support right now. Offer a helping hand or even a shoulder to cry on so this special person knows you're there to help.



TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't bother attracting people through false advertising. Instead, be authentic and you will find you garner much more attention and adoration.



SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Make an effort to be a social butterfly in the week ahead, Scorpio. This will quench your thirst to be around others. Don't be afraid to reconnect with old friends.



GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, the universe is trying to send you cues this week. But you will only receive these cues if you keep your eyes and ears open. Things may not be what they seem.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
This is a great week to establish a financial strategy that fits into your lifestyle. If this involves revisiting your professional ambitions, then so be it.



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CASA Hancock office offers weekly assistance, legal and housing resources to anyone experiencing abuse

by Geoff Fox
Every Thursday in the small meeting room in Hancock's Town Hall, room 101, is a person waiting to help anyone encountering abuse in their life.
CASA, or Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, has set up a table to help those in the area - male or female, adult or child - who have suffered any type of abuse.
Renee Caldera, Director of Community Services for CASA, said the organization is most known for their temporary emergency shelter but they offer much more.
The shelter is in Hagerstown at a private location.
If there is a survivor who is trying to get out of a toxic situation, they have nowhere else to go, CASA brings them to the shelter for 30 days.
"While they're there, they do work with an advocate. They meet weekly on goal planning to figure out what

their next step from there," Caldera said.
CASA advocates don't want an abused person going back to that situation. Caldera said they want the person leaving with a plan with where they are going -- whether that be finding employment, apply for housing, meet with local landlords, or "whatever the case may be."
While the support and services are available at the main CASA offices in Hagerstown, those same support and services are available at the Hancock site in Town Hall once a week.
Caldera said there's also legal planning with an advocate available if the person needs it.
What that means is CASA can help file protective orders for victims.
"We'll go through the whole process from the temporary to the final protective order, sit with them through court, file the petition to even get the protective order," Caldera said, adding if there's also any kind of legal charges, CASA would be able to get payments with them in court as well.
For those who don't have transportation, Caldera said CASA would work with United Way to find transportation options such as Uber or Lyft. If the situation arose where a person needed to get to a shelter, CASA would look at Uber and Lyft as well to get them to the shelter.
Caldera said there are crisis counseling, crisis support, and medical advocates at Meritus Medical Center.
It may be a little far from Hancock, but Caldera said if medical treatment is needed, a CASA advocate will stay with a client through their time at Meritus.
The group also organizes and presents prevention education and community training so community partners know what's available to help anyone in an abusive situation.
It's a misconception, Caldera said, that it's just women in these situations. CASA's services are open to men, women, and children.
There have been cases where they have been contacted by schools and police with situations with kids.
"We are mandated reporters," Caldera said.
If there's abuse going on at home and it's both mom and dad, CASA would contact Child Protective Services (CPS) immediately and investigate.
"That's always our priority -- any survivor safety," she said.
Should the need arise for someone in Hancock to need CASA services, Caldera said the easiest way would be to stop in the office at Town Hall on Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.



This small sign in Hancock's Town Hall directs people to where the CASA office is located.

photos by Geoff Fox



CASA, or Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, has a small office in room 101, the small meeting room, in Hancock's Town Hall that is open from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Thursday. Walk-ins are available, but members of the public should call the 24/7 hotline at 301-739-9875 to let the person at the office know you are there.

10 Years at Cool Spring: A Community Celebration

Join Potomac Valley Audubon Society to celebrate PVAS's 10-year anniversary at Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va. on Wednesday, September 30 from 5-7 p.m.
Formerly Craftworks at Cool Spring, the preserve and nature center were generously donated in 2016 to PVAS by Linda Case and the Craftworks Board of Directors. Because of this gift, PVAS now has a "home." Here, members of our community come to connect with and learn about nature through walks, our Nature Playspace, classes and workshops, special events, nature center open days, field trips, and so much more.
We will have activities throughout the event, with a special presentation at 6 p.m. near the back porch. We encourage you to take a picnic and we will provide ice cream. We look forward to celebrating this special place where both preserved wild-



life habitat and community connections coexist.
This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, though youth must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required -- just show up.

For additional details and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/10-year-at-cool-spring-a-community-celebration/.
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For security reasons, the door is locked while the person is at the office. Anyone coming to the Hancock location should call the hotline number at 301-739-8975 to let CASA know they are there.
"You don't know if maybe an abuser will show up, and that's happened before. You could have somebody come that's not really happy with CASA, with our services, or just life in general," she said.
Caldera said the hotline is a 24-hour, seven day a week hotline where someone will answer to help provide CASA's services or other resources.
The length of the session varies from client to client, depending on their need and situation they're going through, and depending what sources or resources they'll need. Caldera said sessions last, on average, a half hour to an hour.
"We don't want to keep them forever," she said. "They're already going through a crisis situation so to keep them there and drag the day on further, we just like to get them connected to services and then keep them moving to what the next step is."
Caldera said they want to reach as many people in the area as possible because there's not a whole lot in services to help victims of domestic violence here.
There have been survivors they've helped from other areas outside of Hagerstown, but they'll do a shelter-to-shelter transfer if needed.
A lot of times, clients have children who are in school, so

CASA doesn't want to pull the kids out of the school. They may also receive benefits from the state they're in, so "it's a lot to have to transfer EBT SNAP benefits or cash assistance benefits to another state," Caldera said.
"For those reasons, we try to keep them in the state they're in if we can, but if that's not an option or they're not safe, then we will absolutely still bring somebody to CASA for our services if need be," she said.
Caldera said those outside Washington County and Hancock can come to the Hancock location. She said people have come to CASA in Hagerstown from Baltimore County and Virginia locations.
"If they can't get services where they're at, that's not going to be barrier for us to be able to step in and help provide them with what they need," Caldera said.
Caldera wanted those who might be in an abusive situation to know they are not alone and worthy of so much more and deserve so much more than abuse.
"They don't have to feel like they're alone," she said. "We are here to help and we want to help and we are ready on standby, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide them with whatever resources or service they need."
The hardest part, Caldera said, is the first step to reach out and then take the next step to get better and do better for themselves.
"We're here to help make that happen," she said.

Deadline Notice

All correspondents and advertisers are reminded the deadline for submitting copy to this publication is Monday each week at noon.

People Told Us...

—MAN JOKED: What do you call a small pepper in late autumn? A little chili.
—The Fall Equinox happens this coming Tuesday, September 22. It is the first day of Autumn. At the autumnal equinox, the sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west. Night and day are roughly equal in length at this time.
—Yom Kippur begins at sundown.
—Plant your hyacinths now. It's also a good time to repot your houseplants.

—The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is free and confidential for people in distress. Dial 988 to reach help.
—Charitable contributions of food and money to help needy local people can be sent to the Interfaith Service Coalition, 116 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750.
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