

2026
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7

75¢

The Hancock News

Hancock, MD 21750

Established 1914 – Our 112th Year

Volume 113, Number 40

Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 10/7 73/52 
Sunny with calm southwest winds around 5 mph, high around 73.

Thurs. 10/8 75/47 
Sunny with west winds 3 to 8 mph. High expected to be 75.

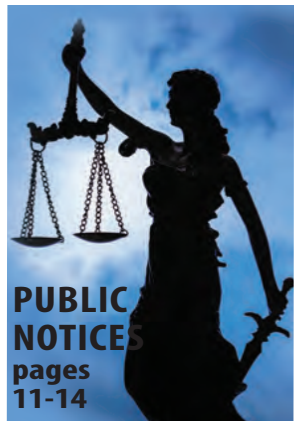
Fri. 10/9 70/45 
Sunny with high around 70 and a low around 45.

Sat. 10/10 71/48 
Sunny with a high near 71 and a low around 48.

Sun. 10/11 68/54 
40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 68.

Index

Obituaries page 5
People Told Us.....page 8
Public Notices pages 11-14
Classifieds page 15



Deadline Notice

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



Keep in Touch

Contact Us At:
301-678-6255
304-258-1800
Email:
news@hancocknews.us
Website:
thehancocknews.com
Or Write To:
The Hancock News
P.O. Box 567
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411



Hancock Police asking public's assistance in theft, vandalism



by Geoff Fox

The Hancock Police Department is asking the public's help in identifying or gaining information regarding a theft from a local business and damage to a gate at the playground at Town Hall.

The first incident occurred at the playground at Town Hall.

According to the HPD's social media post, three gates were damaged, and

mulch thrown across the sidewalk and into the basement vents.

"This type of behavior is disappointing and costly to our community," police said in the post.

They are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information that could help identify those responsible to contact Town Hall at 301-678-5622.

Police said assistance is appreciated as they work to



Hancock Police are investigating a reported theft that occurred Saturday, October 3, at Mr. Hardware. The alleged suspect's vehicle is a white Chevy Silverado and the alleged suspect is a white man with a white/gray beard and was wearing a light green hoodie.

photos from Hancock Police Department

keep the town's public spaces safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

The second incident occurred last Saturday morning, October 3, around 11:15 a.m. at Mr. Hardware.

Police are investigating a reported theft that occurred there and are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident, has information regarding the theft, or can identify the truck or individual to contact Officer Jesse

Walls at jwalls@townofhancock.org.

The pickup is a white Chevy Silverado with an extended cab and was pulling a trailer on the day the alleged theft occurred.

The suspect is described as a white man with a white/gray beard and was wearing a light green hoodie.

All information provided will be reviewed as part of the ongoing investigation.

Maryland State Board of Elections reminds Marylanders of voter registration options

The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is reminding Marylanders of their voter registration options and deadlines as the 2026 General Election approaches. Marylanders can also update important voter information, such as name, address, party affiliation, and whether they would like to receive a mail-in ballot.

"Registering to vote, and keeping your voter information current, is the first step to having your voice heard," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "It is never too soon to register or to update your voter information for this year's general election."

There are three ways to register to vote or update voter information in this year's general election.

Register Online: The preliminary deadline to register or update voter registration is Tuesday, October 13. To register online, use SBE's at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>.

Register by Mail: Residents can register by printing the registration and mailing it by October 13. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by this date. Alternatively, residents can submit it at their local board of elections.

Register In-Person: Residents can register during Early Voting from Thursday, October 22 to Thursday, October 29, or on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters in line by 8 p.m. will be able to register. Make sure to bring a document that proves where you live when you attempt to vote at your local polling place or early voting center.

State and local government election officials are your trusted sources for election information. A comprehensive guide to Maryland's General Election, including deadlines to return your voted ballot, can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026 or by downloading the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the Google Play store or the Apple store.

October 13 is last day to register to vote in General Election; ballots can be requested

Maryland residents who want to register to vote in the November 3 general election, to change their party affiliation or update an address have until the end of the day on Tuesday, October 13 to do so with election officials. That can be done online through the Maryland State Board of Elections at <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/> or in person at local elections offices.

The Washington County Election Center is located at 17718 Virginia Avenue in Hagerstown. They can be reached by phone at 240-313-2050. Their website is <https://washingtoncountymdvotes.gov/>

Where to vote

Early voting in Maryland begins on Thursday, October 22 and runs through Thursday, October 29 ahead of the November 3 general election. Early voting in Washington County will take place at select centers from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. County residents can cast an early ballot at any of these locations, regardless of where they live in the county.

Four Early Voting centers will operate in Washington County – at the Boonsboro American Legion, Clear Springs American Legion, Washington County Election Center and Washington



County Free Library.

Voting in person at local precincts will take place on Tuesday, November 3. The polling place in Hancock is

at Hancock Middle-Senior High School. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mail-in ballots

Registered voters can request a mailed or faxed mail-in ballot through Tuesday, October 27. Registered voters can request an electronic mail-in ballot through Friday, October 30. Registered voters can request a mail-in ballot in person at a local election board on Election Day.

All mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in an election drop box by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3 – General Election Day.

Beirut memorial installed



Last month, Toby Nave went before town officials asking if he could erect a memorial for the 1983 Beirut Conflict, a conflict in which his grandfather was part of the mission to rescue wounded Marines or trapped by the explosions, in Widmeyer Park. Officials approved the memorial and the bench and area were installed. As of press time, any plaques hadn't been installed.

Free jam and preserving workshop on October 8

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a free workshop on making jam and preserving it.

The workshop will be tomorrow, Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the church, which is located at 200 Douglas Road, in Hancock.

During the interactive workshop, folks will dive into regional fruit varieties,

best uses, and simple home canning techniques while making three delicious batches of plum jam, strawberry jam and grape jelly together.

Folks will also take home step-by-step canning directions and the delicious homemade preserves.

RSVP to Jennie at 814-617-0914 if you plan to attend.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Rooted in Community, Committed to Truth

by Patrick Wood
for the National Newspaper Association

This week, newspapers across the country pause to mark National Newspaper Week. The theme this year is simple but it carries weight: rooted in community, committed to truth. Those six words describe what we have tried to do since the first issue of our first paper rolled off the press, and they describe what local journalism has always asked of the people who practice it.

A tree only grows as tall as its roots allow. The same is true of a newspaper. Ours are sunk into the towns we cover, into the school board meetings, the high school football games, the obituaries that name three generations of a family in a single paragraph, the small business openings that never make it onto a national news feed.

We are not visitors passing through a community to file a story and move on. We live here. Our children go to the same schools we write about. We worship in the same churches, shop at the same hardware stores, and wait in the same lines at the post office as the readers who pick up our papers every week.

That kind of rootedness comes with a responsibility, and it is the second half of this year's theme. A community paper earns its place at the kitchen table by telling the truth, even when the truth is inconvenient, even when it concerns a neighbor, a friend, or a local official we have known for years. Community journalism without honesty is just gossip with a masthead. The trust a reader places in a local paper is built one accurate story at a time, and it can be lost just as quickly by one story that cuts corners.

It is worth asking why independent, community owned newspapers matter so much right now. Local news has been squeezed from every direction. Larger chains have consolidated newsrooms and stripped them down to a fraction of their former size. National platforms have learned to

extract value from local content without returning much of anything to the communities that produced it.

In the middle of all that pressure, the small weekly paper covering a county board meeting or a Friday night game still does something no algorithm can replicate. It shows up. It asks the second question. It writes down what happened so that a town has a record of itself, written by people who actually live there.

National Newspaper Week gives us a chance to say that out loud. It is a reminder to our readers that the newspaper sitting on their porch or arriving in their inbox is not an abstraction. It comes from real people who care enough about this place to keep doing the unglamorous work of attending meetings, checking facts, and writing the first draft of local history every single week.

It is also a reminder to those of us in the business. We do not get to claim deep roots in a community while playing loose with the truth, and we do not get to claim a commitment to truth while ignoring the place we are supposed to serve. The two halves of this year's theme depend on each other. A paper rooted in community without a commitment to truth becomes a cheerleader. A paper committed to truth without roots in community becomes just another outside voice shouting into the noise.

The newspapers that will still matter 10 years from now are the ones that hold both halves together. That has always been our aim, and it remains our aim this week and every week after it.

Patrick Wood is the CEO of Multi Media Channels.



Calendar of Events OCTOBER

Saturday, October 10
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

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

Monday, October 12
– Hancock Lioness Lions
Club meeting, Community
Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Hancock
American Legion,
12:30 p.m.

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

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.



Questions &
Answers
About Our
Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

What's new in the fight to get PFAS out of our drinking water and bloodstreams?

—Michelle K., Reno, NV

PFAS, or Polyfluoroalkyl substances, are chemicals that are resistant to breaking down, or “forever chemicals.” Having both commercial and industrial applications, they have been pervasive in the environment since the late 1930s. They can have devastating health impacts for both humans, animals and the Earth's ecology as a whole.

The historical work against PFAS has served as the base of current legislation. Most regulation was initially patchy and separate among agencies and states. This meant some mandatory data reporting from producers and limits or even penalties, but no wide-sweeping bans. Finally, in the early 2020s, PFAS regulation was consolidated in the U.S. when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set the first standardized drinking water limits and required data reporting.

Despite this progress, there is some backsliding currently occurring. In a 2025 article for the Environmental Health Network (ENH), Mark Ruffalo, actor and activist, stated that his film, “Dark Waters” depicting the lawsuit against DuPont regarding PFAS pollution, “was meant to be a cautionary tale; instead, it has become the future we keep choosing.”

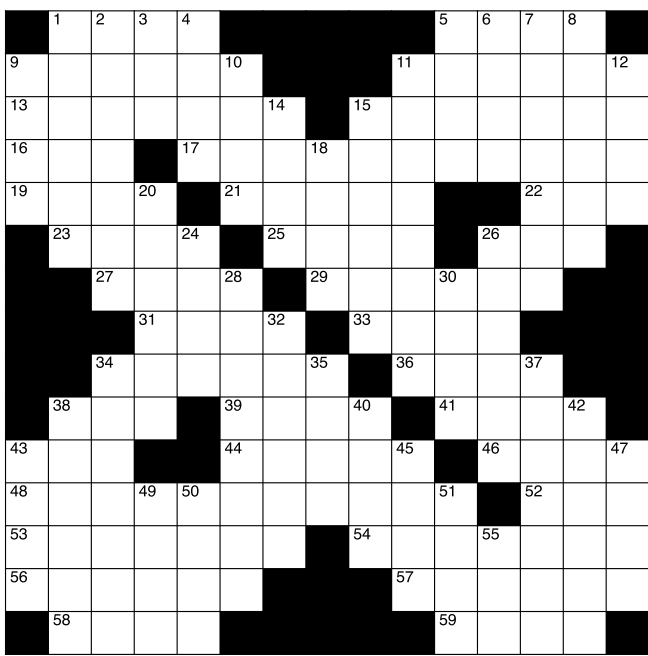
The backsliding has been characterized by governmental back-and-forth, between the diminishing enforcement powers of the EPA and scientists' and environmental advocates' desire for action. The EPA attempted to pull back some of its standardized regulation against certain forever chemicals by repealing some specific drinking water limits.

State governments have continued to take action on PFAS, advancing legislation on consumer goods. Specifically noting the slow federal action, the states have taken the lead several items, including high human-exposure items, like “cookware, cosmetics, cleaning products, dental floss, and food packaging.”

At the same time, there are some research and development efforts to mitigate PFAS through a variety of methods, including testing kits, various methods of elimination through biochemical processes, and even the advancement of specific water filtration techniques (CPI). To avoid PFAS, consume filtered water, and avoid non-stick pans, fast-food packaging, and even some clothing blends. With a little bit of research about materials encountered day-to-day, avoiding PFAS can be a breeze. Together, with research, legislation, and mindfulness, PFAS as an issue can be permanently mitigated.

EarthTalk® is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the 501(c)3 nonprofit EarthTalk. See more at <https://emagazine.com>. To donate, go to <https://earthtalk.org>. Send questions to: question@earthtalk.org.

CROSSWORD

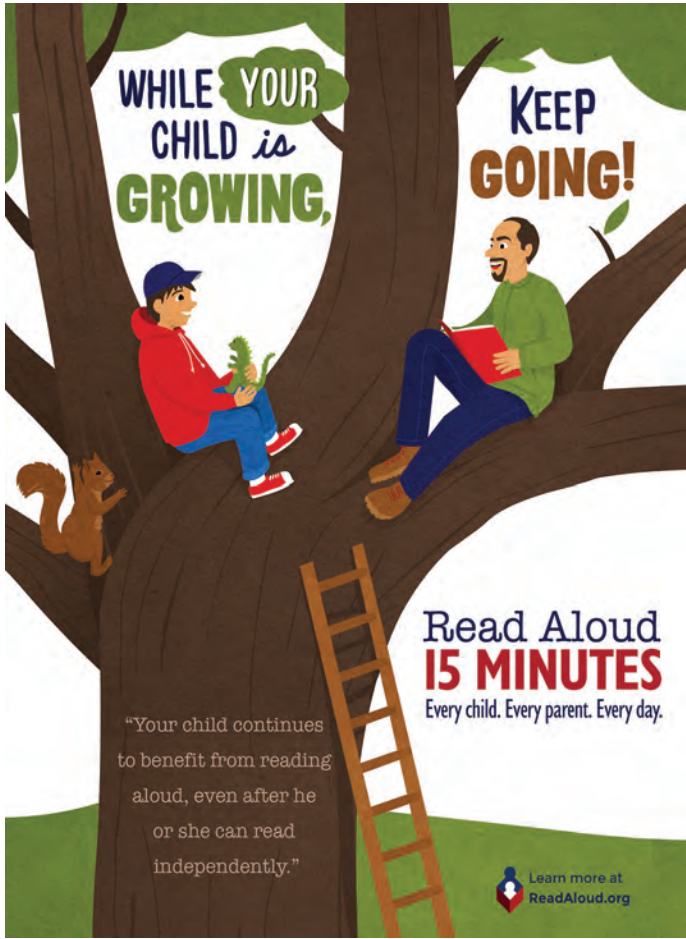


ACROSS

- Difficult
- Coarsely ground corn
- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Loved Romeo
- Something to solve
- Pelvic areas
- Informal debt instrument
- Ineffective
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- “Fresh Prince of ___ Air”
- Astronomer Sagan
- C. Utah city
- Turkey
- Informal terms for money
- Awakens
- Those who favored Prohibition
- Blabbed
- Looked through
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A type of “cast”
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Removed someone's head
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- “Dennis” is a notable one
- Ointments
- Examination
- Leaked fluid

DOWN

- Brave
- A state of excitement
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted from a horse
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- A disreputable man
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A list of woes
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Broadway legend Bernadette
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions
- Students seek one
- Hydrophilic amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- Branch of U.S. Congress
- Swinish
- Russian assembly
- Grant an exemption to
- Set up in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Witnesses
- Strong insects
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unhealthy



The Hancock News

101 West Main Street
Hancock, MD 21750
Phone: 301-678-6255 or 304-258-1800
news@hancocknews.us

USPS 234-300

ISSN 1534-6463

1904 - JAMES S. BUZZERD - 1995

Publisher
The Hancock News, Inc.
Editor
Kate Shunney
Reporter
Geoff Fox

*Published every Wednesday, except the last week of the year.
Periodicals postage paid at Hagerstown, MD and additional post
offices. Postmaster: Send returns to P.O. Box 567, Berkeley
Springs, WV 25411.*

Established 1914

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Hancock - \$30.74 a year
Fulton Co., Pa. - \$33.00 a year
Maryland - \$32.86 a year
Out of State - \$35.00 a year
Subscribers can find their renewal date on the mailing label of their weekly paper, located in the left corner of the label. Only accepting payment for one year. Non-refundable.

MEMBER



Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association
National Newspaper Association

Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of September 28-October 4: September 28

Suspicious person, West High Street. Unable to locate subject.

Theft reported, 100 block West High Street. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, one stop.

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

Fraud, 100 block Washington Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Parking complaint, first block Fulton Street. Owners notified.

Domestic, 200 block Myers Street. Joseph Shaun Cockran, 44, of Hancock, was arrested for domestic violence.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. Gregory Eugene Wills, Jr., 49, of Falling Waters, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

September 29

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

Check well-being, Widmeyer Park. Subject okay.

Theft, first block South Street. Report to follow.

September 30

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Five stops.

Service to advise, 200 block Myers Street. Subject advised.

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

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. All checked okay.

Suspicious person, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked okay.

Suspicious vehicle, 100 block East Main Street. Vehicle checked okay.

Domestic, verbal, first block West High Street. Subjects advised.

October 1

Theft reported, 100 block West Main Street. Report to follow.

Undesirable, 100 block West High Street. Subject checked and moved on.

Assisted U.S. Marshalls, 100 block West High Street. Warrant attempts.

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

Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. Checked okay.

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

October 2

Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block West High Street. Subjects advised.

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

Alarm, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. All secure.

October 3

Assisted Pennsylvania State Police, 200 block Maryland Avenue. Police information.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Animal complaint, first block East Main Street. Dead deer removed.

Domestic, 200 block Myers Street. Subject advised.

911 hang-up, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfounded.

Violation of protective order, 200 block Myers Street. Unfounded.

Theft, first block East Main Street. Report to follow.

Suspicious person, 200 block West Main Street. Subject gone on arrival.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block Limestone Road. Subjects advised.

Disorderly conduct, Widmeyer Park. Subject advised.

October 4

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

911 hang-up, first block Blue Hill Road. Accidental.

Suspicious person, Joseph Hancock Park. Subjects advised about camping in park.

Huntingdon County man killed along I-70

A Huntingdon County, Pa., man was killed as the construction vehicle he was driving was struck by another vehicle.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, the accident happened in the Crystal Springs area of eastbound Interstate 70 in Fulton County, which has roadwork going on.

Just before 7 a.m. on Monday morning, September 28, the construction sweeper driven by Walter W. Simpson, Jr., 62, of Hesston, Pa., was working in the left lane of the interstate when a 2018 Chrysler Pacifica driven by

Jennifer M. Porterfield, 47, of Kearneysville, W.Va., was traveling eastbound in the right lane.

Police said Simpson's sweeper entered the right lane and was struck by Porterfield's vehicle.

Simpson was later pronounced deceased at the Fulton County Medical Center.

Police said Porterfield was wearing her seatbelt and was not injured, however there was a primary violation of DUI/unsafe driving.

Police are still investigating the crash and charges have not been filed.

Nominations for the May 2027 John C. Frye Preservation Awards are now open



The Washington County Department of Planning and Zoning, on behalf of the Historic District Commission, announces that nominations are now being accepted for the 2027 John C. Frye Historic Preservation Awards.

Each May, as part of Preservation Month, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes three individuals, organizations or projects that exemplify best practices in each of three categories: historic resource preservation, historic resource advocacy, and historic resource adaptive reuse in Washington County. Since 1978, these awards have highlighted the outstanding efforts of our citizen stewards which have preserved Washington County's

rich historical and architectural heritage. Self-nominations or nominations of another candidate are permitted in each category.

To be eligible the project location or advocacy activities should be located primarily in Washington County. All applications must be submitted by October 30 at 11:59 p.m.

For a nomination form, go to <https://www.washco-md.net/planning-zoning/historic-district-commission/>

**SOUTH
MORGAN VFD**
10166 Winchester Grade Road
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

**NO
BINGO
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10**

**SELL IT IN
The Hancock News
301-678-6255**

When Science Meets Art

Butterflies
Fossils
Cattails
Fish

And many objects made with a variety of materials with attention to unique design

Explore the art collection of Norberta Schoene and Bill Lands

**SILENT AUCTION
TO BENEFIT MORGAN ARTS COUNCIL
Saturday, October 17 • 6-8:30 p.m.**

Auction Opens on Monday, October 12 • 12 p.m

at the ICE HOUSE

38 Independence Street
Berkeley Springs, WV

County officials warn of email scam

by Geoff Fox

County officials are warning residents and businesses in Washington County about a fraudulent email making the round falsely appearing to come from the county's Planning and Zoning Department.

The email claims the recipients must pay an "Application Review and Approval Fee" by wire transfer before a planning or zoning application can continue to be processed.

Recipients are then directed to reply to the message for the wire transfer instructions and provide proof of payment.

Officials said it is a scam. Washington County Government does not request application or permit payments through wire transfer.

Anyone who receives this message should not respond, provide personal or financial information, or send money.

If you receive the fraudulent email, county officials suggest you do not reply to the sender, do not provide fi-

nancial information or make any payment, and delete the message.

If you have questions about whether the communication is legitimate, contact the Planning and Zoning Department using the official information listed on the Washington County Government website.

County officials are aware of the fraudulent activity and are taking appropriate steps to address the matter.

Anyone who has already responded to the email or sent payment should contact their financial institution immediately and report the incident to law enforcement.

Washington County Government is encouraging residents and businesses to remain vigilant when receiving unsolicited messages requesting payment.

Particular caution should be used with emails involving wire transfers, requests for financial information, or urgent payment demands.

CRAFT & VENDOR SALE

Saturday, November 7

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**HANCOCK SENIOR ADULT
ACTIVITY CENTER**

Hancock Town Hall Building

126 W. High Street • Hancock, Md.

OPENINGS FOR MORE VENDORS

CALL 301-678-9721 FOR INFO

SPONSORED BY HANCOCK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

HANCOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17 EAST MAIN STREET • HANCOCK, MD

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 10 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Soups: Vegetable • Chicken Noodle

Sandwich: Ham with Trimmings

DONATION ONLY EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Benefit Breast Cancer Awareness

**WESLEY
FINANCIAL GROUP**

WE CANCEL TIMESHARES

Many people think they're stuck with their timeshare forever—but that's often not the case. Wesley Financial Group has helped more than 50,000 families break free from unwanted timeshares, and we may be able to help you, too. If you were misled, pressured, or deceived during your purchase, you could qualify for cancellation.

How Does the Cancellation Process Work?

- Start with a **FREE consultation** to tell us your story.
- If we determine your case qualifies, you'll be paired with a specialist to guide you through the process.
- Our **Resolution Department** works diligently to cancel your timeshare and help stop related maintenance fees—permanently.

Thousands of timeshare owners have already found relief through our proven process. You could be just one phone call away from peace of mind. Our dedicated team is ready to help.

Get your free information kit and see if you qualify:

Call 1.888.984.2917

*This is an Advertisement. Wesley Financial Group, LLC ("WFG") and/or its affiliates, successors, or assigns are not lawyers and/or a law firm and do not engage in the practice of law or provide legal advice or legal representation. Actual results depend on each client's distinct case, and no specific outcome is guaranteed.

SNYDER'S WOODSHOP OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

October 15, 16 & 17 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Rain or Shine Inside Buildings

**Shop For Christmas &
Other Occasions Gifts Here**

Sales Taxes Included in Price

IN-STOCK Oak & Cedar Hope Chests 10% OFF

Quilt Display Racks, Wall Hangers, Candy Dispensers,
Small & Large Wall Sled Hangers,

Recipe & Jewelry Boxes, Rocking Cradles,

Rocking Horses, Dresser, Heaters, Glassware, Etc.

*Also Some of Homely Mama's Delicious Bake Goods and
Beautiful Arrangements from Floral Bliss Arrangements!*

1260 Beatty Road • Needmore, PA 17238

**National Child
Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD**

Senior Life Services
of Morgan County, Inc.

BINGO

CASH BINGO Night!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

\$20 ADMISSION
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

EARLY BIRD AT 6:45 PM

REGULAR BINGO AT 7:00 PM

50/50 RAFFLE
TIP JARS
CASH PRIZES
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

18+ MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO PLAY.

Berkeley Springs Senior Center
106 Sand Mine Road,
Berkeley Springs, WV

Bring your friends and try your luck!

Who's Havin' a Birthday?

Wednesday, October 7
Tammy Clevenger
Alfred Howard

ICE HOUSE THEATER PROJECT

THE GREAT BIG APPLE BUTTER COSTUME SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
@ THE ICE HOUSE**

Become both Innocent and Wise?!

I'm working on a book, temporarily called: Both / And: Beyond Binary And Back to Balance, which discusses and discerns the binary oppositional traps we may falsely get into (life is good or bad) and the alleviating complementarity that our title, "both / and," enlightens us with (Life is both-and)--thus bringing us "back to balance".

The well-used term these days, binary, means either made up of two parts; or, describing two things which are opposite of each other that people may choose, or be; I'm intending the latter.

Image binary as two separate bunker-silos "housing" or categorizing your thoughts and realities; meanwhile visualize both / and as a Venn diagram of two separate and intersecting circles.

Thus: Jesus Christ was both joyful (ie., the wedding feast of Cana-Jn.2:1-12) and, also, sad ("Jesus wept" at Lazarus' death -Jn. 11:35). While pilgrimaging to Russia two decades ago I asked a host-group the meaning of life and a youngish lady said, "To experience life in all its joys and sorrows". Both / and.

We may see life, in binary fashion, as good or bad, people as happy or sad; God as way-beyond-us or only here below in our hearts. Meanwhile, more likely, complementarity shows us life is both good and bad (Jn. 10:10 as Jesus gives us life abundant & while we're in an exile from Paradise (Gn. 3:23); people are both happy and sad (The Virgin Mary was both sad a joyful in life); and God is transcendent and immanent (Heavenly--Rev. 1 & 5.7; and Earthly-- in the Eucharist (Jn. 6)). Thus, when applicable, complementarity is both more holistic and nuanced, whereas with binary classifications "black and white" is the name of the game.

Meanwhile, sometimes things are either / or, opposite-like, as in the differences & effects of capitalism and communism; gender being male and female; the devil is never good and always bad; lying is invariably wrong, never both good and bad. (See: Commandments, Truth written in Stone: Ex 20:16).

My book intends to show both / and-complementarity is true of many things and manifests in many, varied ways. Like: Jesus is both God and man; Mary was both Virgin and Mother ; and a human being is made of both grace (God's favor) and nature. Whenever we wrongly extrematize or force things into that binary-silo we lose drama and Truth. However, beware: when we fail to see binary classifying when appropriate, we will fall into relativism". (Ie., there are no absolutes; everything is relative.)

As a Catholics & Christians the "trick" is to discern when things are binary (good or bad: gossip is always bad) and when they are complementary (We employ a range of emotions, both joyful & sorrowful). Life is an adventure of this discernment and applying the right judgment to varied situations.

The ultimate complementary classification, perhaps, and one which is both beguiling and sometimes upsetting, is God is both challenging and compassionate. Remember, He challenged Israel to repent (thru so many prophets) and, also showed His balm, as Jesus said, "I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt. 11:28-29).

So, grow in wisdom, like Jesus (Lk.2:52) and become both "wise as serpents and innocent doves" (Mt. 10:16) !

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

THIS SECTION MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THESE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

GROVE-ROGOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, PA

141 W. Main Street • Hancock • 301-678-6178

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

180 South Washington St., Berkeley Springs

304-258-2440

"Responding to the unconditional love of God"

Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, Inc.

95 Union Street • Berkeley Springs, WV

304-258-1015

To Sponsor The Church Page

Call 301-678-6255

The Hancock News

105 West Main Street

Hancock, MD

301-678-6255

• Advertising • Business Cards

• Letterhead • Envelopes

• Invitations

• Any Job Big or Small

To Be A Sponsor of

The Church Page

Call 301-678-6255



Wayne Keefer, Travel Advisor

Cruise from Baltimore Year Round

240-643-6735 • 240-301-9003

HUNTER'S HARDWARE

"Your Most Dependable Source of Supply"

115 Independence Street

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-2442

Hancock Council of Churches Welcomes You To Worship With Them

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

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

Hancock Assembly of God, 431 North Pennsylvania Avenue, 301-678-5313 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship service and kid's church 11 a.m. Evening service 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: Catholic U.M. Church, Rt. 144 west of Hancock about two miles, turn left on Willow Road. Go about five miles, bear right at fork. Church about one mile on right. Sunday service 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 1 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Thursday couples class 6 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 6 p.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

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

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

GROVE-ROGOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, P.A.

141 W. Main Street • Hancock, MD 21750

Directors

Steven A. Rogowski, Jr. & Richard J. Grove

Traditional Funerals • Pre-Planned Funerals

Cremation Services • Monuments Available

Serving

Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia & Virginia

301-678-6178

How To CONTACT WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICIALS

Board of County Commissioners

100 West Washington Street, Room 1101 • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-313-2200

Email: ContactCommissioners@washco-md.net

Washington County Sheriff

SHERIFF BRIAN ALBERT

Washington County Sheriff's Office

500 Western Maryland Parkway • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-313-2100

Washington County Treasurer

TREASURER ROBERT BREEDING

Washington County Treasurer

35 West Washington Street, Suite 102 • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-313-2110 Email: rbreeding@washco-md.net

Circuit Court / County Clerk

CLERK KEVIN TUCKER

Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

24 Summit Avenue • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 301-733-8660 Email: washcocc_clerk@mdcourts.gov

COUNTY CLERK DAWN MARCUS

Office of the County Clerk

100 West Washington Street, Room 1101 • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-313-2204 Email: dlmarcus@washco-md.net

Register of Wills

REGISTER LACY M. FLOOK

Register of Wills for Washington County

100 West Washington Street, Suite 3400 • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 301-739-3612 Email: lflook@registers.maryland.gov

State's Attorney

STATE'S ATTORNEY GINA CIRINCION

State's Attorney's Office

33 West Washington Street, Room 302 • Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-313-2000 Email: sao@washco-md.net

TTY users may call any government office through the Maryland Relay Service 1-800-735-2258.



TRADITIONAL FUNERALS

CREMATIONS

PRE-ARRANGEMENTS

Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center

95 Union Street • Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

304-258-1015

ON SITE CREMATORY

DIRECTORS: Douglas C. Sensel, L.I.C. & Ellen Sensel



Ancient wisdom for modern life

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.

John 20:20 (KJV)

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.

OBITUARIES

Dolly A. McCarty
1937-2026



Dolly A. McCarty, 89, of Hagerstown, Md., passed away on Friday, September 25, 2026, in Williamsport, Md.

Dolly was born in Orchard Ridge to Frank Weller and Frances Weller-Funk on July 27, 1937. She proudly called herself a "Pig Skinner."

She attended school in Hancock, Md.

She was a member of Orchard Ridge First Church of God.

Dolly worked most of her adult life for Sheetz. Retiring after 20+years as a District Manager.

Dolly was preceded in death by her husband, Gene McCarty; son, Gary "Dave" McCarty (Diane); daughter, Penny Morgan; grandsons, Bo McCarty and Curt Shaw; great-great-granddaughter, Aubree Berrier; brothers, Sonny and Johnny; sisters, Betty, Peenie & Mae. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Dolly is survived by her son, Paul "Doug" McCarty and his wife Darlene; grandchildren, Brian McCarty, April Daley, Brandy Allen, Vernon McCarty, Chris Morgan and Jeff Shaw; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Elizabeth, Emily, Kelsie, Kailee, Brianna, Braylon, Trenton, Garrett, Josie, John, and Sophia; great great-grandchildren, Zayden, Brantley, Bryson, Jackson and Kane; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to American Cancer Society or Hospice of Washington County.

Dolly's family also wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Hospice of Washington County and Williamsport Retirement Home for their kindness and compassion during her illness.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 7 p.m. at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750.

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



Donald C. Stotler

Donald Charles Stotler, 84, of Great Cacapon, W.Va. died Friday, October 2, 2026 at his home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Services will be announced by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs.

John DeMarinis, Jr.
1935-2026

John DeMarinis, Jr., age 91, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Harmony at Martinsburg and while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Born April 5, 1935 in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late John and Assunta Percoco DeMarinis.

He attended Cedar Grove Christian Church. John was a high school graduate. He served with the United States Army during the Korean War. John worked as a truck driver. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1483 and Fraternal Order of Eagles. John enjoyed going to auctions, dancing, car shows and loved going out to eat and taking care of his home.

John is survived by his children, Maritza Rose Miller (Steve) and John Paul DeMarinis (Angela) all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., two brothers, Pete DeMarinis of Long Island, N.Y. and Joe DeMarinis of Bluffton, S.C., six grandchildren, Vanessa Rose Fox (Derrick) of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Amanda Lea Simpson (Sam) of Morgantown, W.Va., Stephanie Alyssa Miller and her companion, EJ Norris of Martinsburg, W.Va., Johnathan Daniel DeMarinis (Elizabeth), Jordine Sue DeMarinis and Jasin Paul DeMarinis, all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., five great-grandchildren, Meghan Rose Runge (Brendan), Taylor Lillian Fox, Avery Deion Simpson, Giovanni DeMarinis and Lorenzo DeMarinis and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Mona Asfar DeMarinis and one brother, Frank DeMarinis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Timothy B. Close. Burial will be in Greenway Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 and on Thursday from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's memory may be made to Harmony at Martinsburg, c/o Harmony Square Memory Unit, 13857 Apple Harvest Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25403.

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



Former Washington County Sheriff passes away



by Geoff Fox
Former Washington County Sheriff Charles F. Mades passed away on Thursday, October 1, both the Sheriff's Department and County Commissioners announced last Friday.

Mades dedicated more than four decades to law enforcement and public service.

He retired as sergeant from the Maryland State Police after a 25-year career. From 1986 to 2006, Mades served as Washington County Sheriff.

"Throughout his career, he demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of Washington County residents and the broader community," county officials said in a press release.

Commissioners ordered the Maryland flag and Washington County flag at all county facilities to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise Friday, October 2, through sunset on Wednesday, October 7.

County officials said Mades passing is "a profound loss" to the county and the many residents, colleagues, and law enforcement professionals he served throughout his career.

"The Board extends its heartfelt sympathies to former Sheriff Mades' family, friends, and the members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office during this difficult time," officials said.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office said Mades leaves behind a lasting legacy of leadership, service, and commitment to the Washington County community.

"His impact on our agency and community will not be forgotten," the Sheriff's Department said in a social media post.

The Sheriff's Department also extended their deepest condolences to Mades' family, wife, friends, and "all those whose lives he touched."



STAY SAFE

in the home you love.



An Acorn Stairlift is the perfect solution for:

- ✓ Arthritis / COPD sufferers
- ✓ Those with mobility issues
- ✓ Anyone who struggles with stairs

SPECIAL OFFER

\$250.00

OFF YOUR PURCHASE OF A NEW ACORN STAIRLIFT!*

Call today to receive your **FREE** in-home consultation!

1-866-229-7525

*Not valid on previous purchases. Not valid with any other offers or discounts. Not valid on refurbished models. Only valid towards purchase of a NEW Acorn Stairlift directly from the manufacturer. \$250 discount will be applied to new orders. Please mention this ad when calling. AZ ROC 278722, CA 942619, MN L5570698, OK 50110, OR CCB 198506, RI 88, WA ACORNSI89408, WV WV049654, MA HIC169936, NJ 13VH07752300, PA PA101967, AK 134057, CT HIC 0656293

Obituary policy

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.



CUSTOMIZED MEMORIALS • DEATH DATE ENGRAVING
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – 301-800-1264
12635 FLYING DUCK LANE • CLEAR SPRING, MD 21722

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!



Is Welcoming New Patients of All Ages

We Proudly Accept Most Major Insurances
As Well As Medicaid Plans for
West Virginia and Maryland

301-678-7007
riverbendmd.com

TWO LOCATIONS
131 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Hancock, MD 21750
and
10302 Ezra Drive, Suite 103
Hagerstown, MD 21740
...A New Way to Practice
Old Fashioned Care

Waiting on your paper???
Maybe It's Time To Renew

Check Above Your Name On Your Label for the Expiration Date

The Hancock News
105 West Main Street • Hancock, MD 21750
Mail to: P.O. Box 567 • Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1800 **www.thehancocknews.com**

WE THANK YOU...
For Supporting Us

The Hancock News
101 West Main Street
301-678-6255



NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK
OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2026

It's Apple Butter time!

51st Annual festival returns to the streets of Berkeley Springs this weekend

Morgan County's busiest weekend is about to begin. The 51st Annual Apple Butter Festival will kick off this Friday, October 9 and continue Saturday and Sunday, October 10-11 with new attractions, expanded family activities, lively entertainment, and the traditions that have made it one of West Virginia's most beloved fall festivals for more than half a century.

The weekend begins Friday evening with the West Virginia Beer, Wine & Spirits Garden Kickoff Party and continues through Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, the festival kicks off with the morning Apple Butter Festival Parade at 9 a.m., led by this year's Morganite Community Award recipients, honored for their outstanding contributions to Morgan County.

Entries will begin at the Berkeley Springs High School and parade through town to the historical Berkeley Springs train depot.

Afterwards, the festival officially opens in Berkeley Springs State Park and surrounding streets.

More than 200 new and returning artists and craftspeople will fill the streets of historic downtown with everything from traditional Ap-

palachian crafts and fine art to handcrafted jewelry, pottery, woodworking, home décor, and one-of-a-kind gifts. The experience extends beyond the festival streets into Berkeley Springs' galleries, shops, and the Ice House art center.

This year's festival introduces several exciting additions, including the first-ever Apple Butter Festival Trail 5K at Cacapon Resort State Park on Sunday morning. Runners will wind through scenic mountain trails before heading into town to enjoy the festival.

Families can enjoy the new Family Fun Zone, where kids and grown-ups alike can challenge each other to oversized games, hula hoop and jump rope contests, and other activities designed to bring everyone together for fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition before heading back out to explore the festival.

While there are exciting new experiences to discover, the heart of the Apple Butter Festival remains unchanged. Volunteers from the Greenwood Community Center will once again spend the weekend stirring apple butter over open fires in the giant copper kettles that have become the festival's most

iconic image, filling downtown with the unmistakable aroma of fresh apple butter that welcomes visitors each October.

Despite a late spring frost that significantly impacted this year's apple crop, partners throughout the community came together to keep one of the festival's most beloved traditions alive.

Crowd favorites include the Beard & Mustache Contest, Hog Calling, Egg Toss, Baking Contest, and a raffle for the beautiful handcrafted Apple Butter Festival Quilt.

Live music fills the festival all weekend long, with performances ranging from bluegrass and gospel to rock, country, and classic favorites. Saturday's Main Stage features West Virginia rockabilly favorite Ryan Cain & the Ables, followed by Hillbilly Biscuits, whose energetic blend of bluegrass, country, and mountain music is sure to keep toes tapping all afternoon. Sunday begins with the uplifting Southern gospel of Hymns for Him before longtime festival favorites The Flashbacks return with the oldies, classics, and vintage rock 'n' roll that have made them a crowd favorite year after year.

The Beer, Wine & Spirits

Garden features performances by Mark Cullinane, Rusted Blue, Circa Blue, and Saturday night headliner Cazhmire, one of the Mid-Atlantic's most in-demand Top 40 dance bands. Combined with West Virginia craft beverages, delicious food, and a lively atmosphere, it's the perfect place to cap off a day at the festival.

Today, the Apple Butter Festival is one of West Virginia's largest and longest-running fall festivals, drawing tens of thousands of visitors to Berkeley Springs each October.

One of the festival's biggest attractions is the variety of food. From two food courts to vendors throughout downtown and the Beer, Wine & Spirits Garden, visitors will find everything from smoky BBQ, handcrafted flatbread pizza, giant turkey legs, blooming onions, funnel cakes, apple dumplings, Amish donuts, fresh-squeezed lemonade, and fresh-cut fries to Greek, Thai, Jamaican, and other international favorites.

New this year, visitors can even enjoy authentic poutine alongside all the classic festival treats.

Admission to the Apple Butter Festival is free. Free



shuttle service from designated parking areas makes getting to the festival easy, while additional parking is available in lots operated by civic organizations throughout downtown.

Hosted by the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, the Apple Butter Festival is made possible through the support of hundreds of volunteers, sponsors, community organizations, and local businesses

who come together each year to welcome visitors from near and far.

For the complete festival schedule, parking information, shuttle locations, and additional event details, go to BerkeleySpringsChamber.com, follow Apple Butter Festival WV on Facebook, or call the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce at 304-258-3738.

Free classic movies every Thursday

The Star Community Center (SCC) will host free classic movies every Thursday at the Star Theatre, 49 North Washington Street in Berkeley Springs.

This October, there's a chill in the evening air, and the SCC is getting spooky. All showtimes are 7 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

On October 8, the SCC presents "The Addams Family." They're creepy, kooky, mysterious, spooky, and altogether ooky... but can the Addamses prevail against a conspiracy to rob them of their home and fortune? Find out when we screen this family favorite from 1991.

Then on October 15, "Carnival of Souls" will be shown. Mary Henry's life is turned upside down after a car accident. Pursued by a ghoulish stranger and drawn to an eerie abandoned carnival site, Mary must uncover the truth behind her haunting

visions. If you're a fan of "The Twilight Zone," you'll enjoy this 1962 cult classic.

Diabolic horror "Rosemary's Baby" from 1968 is up next on October 22. Mia Farrow stars as a newlywed in Manhattan who begins to suspect that her new neighbors have sinister intentions. Featuring an Academy Award-winning performance by Ruth Gordon.

Finally, the SCC will wind down the spooky season with a double-feature bill of Halloween (1978) and Halloween II (1981). The first two installments in the classic Halloween franchise will be presented back to back beginning at 6 p.m. Can Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) and Dr. Loomis (Donald Pleasence) stop the murder spree of psychopath Michael Myers?

Admission on Thursday nights is free. Donations are accepted.

WE THANK YOU...

For Reading Us For Engaging Us For Supporting Us

Sponsored by Newspaper Association Managers each year, National Newspaper Week recognizes the service of newspapers and their employees across North America. It's also an opportunity for us to recognize the loyal subscribers and advertisers who support the important work we do, and help protect the future of journalism. Thank you for your continued readership and trust!

The Hancock News
101 West Main Street
Hancock, MD 21750
301-678-6255

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK
OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2026

It's Up To YOU!

Every child. Every parent. Every day.

When we say **EVERY PARENT**, we mean **YOU!**

LEARN MORE AT READALOUD.ORG

METAL ROOFING

Metal Shingles and Panels Installed
ELI W. BYLER
814-845-7584
Insured

CLEAR VALLEY RENTALS, LLC

SKID LOADERS & ATTACHMENTS • MINI EXCAVATOR
MAN & SCISSOR LIFTS • VENTRAC & ATTACHMENTS

(240) 329-0536
Flying Duck Lane Clear Spring, MD 21722

Clear Valley BOILER SOLUTIONS LLC

Outdoor Wood, Wood Pellet and Coal Furnaces
CLASSIC EDGE MAXIM FORGE ThermoPEX
Underground Insulated Pex

(240) 329-0536 Flying Duck Lane Clear Spring, MD 21722

Providing Warmth and Comfort To Our Community

Ask About our Propane Service, Fireplaces & Stoves
BLUE FLAME, INC.
1834 Valley Road ~ Berkeley Springs, WV
(304) 258-3495 ~ (301) 678-6712
www.bfpropane.com Like Us on Facebook

The art of Marc Brown comes to Hagerstown in new museum exhibit

For generations of children, Arthur has been a familiar friend: the aardvark in round glasses who navigates school, family, friendship, mistakes, and the everyday challenges of growing up.

This fall, visitors can step beyond the television screen and the pages of the books to discover the original artwork behind the beloved character in “Believe in Yourself: What We Learned from Arthur, The Art of Marc Brown,” opening October 24 at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and on view through February 28, 2027.

The exhibition explores the imagination, humor, and creative process of author and illustrator Marc Brown, whose childhood experiences became the foundation for Arthur’s world.

Brown has recalled that in 1975, after the college where he was teaching closed and he found himself suddenly unemployed, he began telling his young son a bedtime story about an aardvark who was worried about his nose.

That story became Arthur’s Nose, published in 1976, and marked the beginning of a character who eventually appeared in books, television, and countless childhood memories.

Our hard-working museum staff has created an inviting space for families and friends to experience Brown’s work together.

Upon entering the gallery, visitors will encounter an enlarged replica of Brown’s book *Believe in Yourself*. Tucked behind the oversized book is a dedicated reading nook, where visitors can settle in and explore copies of the books represented throughout the exhibition. Designed as a place to pause, read, and share stories together, the reading nook encourages visitors of all ages to connect not only with Brown’s artwork, but with one another.

Museum Executive Director Sarah Hall says, “We love to periodically bring in exhibitions that are particularly family-friendly and support educational partnerships with Washington County Public Schools and the Washington County Free Library—and this exhibition is a perfect example. I know these fall months and the holiday period are great times for extended families to spend time together, and we hope you all make the museum part of your family celebrations.”

Brown has described his own third-grade classroom as the place where much of Arthur’s imagined world began. His characters were inspired by classmates, family members, and teachers, helping give Arthur Read and his

friends the recognizable personalities and everyday concerns that have made them enduring characters.

At the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, visitors will see how those characters developed through Brown’s original illustrations and preliminary artwork.

Among the exhibition highlights is D.W. Rides Again (1993), created with marker, watercolor, gouache, and colored pencil. The artwork captures Arthur’s younger sister in one of her many adventures and reflects one of the recurring ideas throughout the exhibition: sometimes the only way to learn something new is to keep trying.

Another work, Arthur Goes to Camp (thumbnail book layout) (1982), offers a behind-the-scenes look at Brown’s process. Before creating finished illustrations, Brown produced small “thumbnail” drawings to work out how images and text would come together across the pages of a book. The marker-and-pencil layout allows visitors to see an early stage of the creative process that would ultimately lead to the finished story.

The exhibition also follows Arthur beyond his books and into his remarkable television career.

Arthur Promotional Art for PBS Series Launch (1998), created in pen and watercolor, represents Brown’s work surrounding the transition of Arthur from the page to the screen. WGBH-TV and PBS approached Brown in 1994 about adapting the books for television, with the goal of using animation to encourage children to read.

The series premiered in 1996 and became a major part of Arthur’s cultural legacy.

Seasonal favorites are represented as well, including artwork from Arthur’s Halloween and Arthur’s Christmas.

Brown’s preliminary thumbnail layouts for these stories are displayed alongside finished artwork, offering another opportunity to see how an illustrator moves from an initial idea to a completed picture-book illustration.

In Arthur’s Christmas, Brown combines marker, watercolor, gouache, and colored pencil to bring Arthur and D.W.’s holiday adventure to life.

Arthur’s world is also one where everyday experiences can carry larger lessons. In Arthur Turns Green (2011), Brown’s familiar cast tackles environmental responsibility by encouraging children to consider the ways their everyday choices can make a



“Arthur’s Halloween” is a sketch that would later appear in an episode of the TV show, Arthur.



Bears reading is the subject of this Marc Brown illustration, on display starting October 24 at the Washington County Museum of Fine arts.

difference. Other works explore themes of friendship, responsibility, generosity, honesty, perseverance, and being true to oneself.

The exhibition includes artwork from projects such as Wild About Books, Little Shop of Monsters, Hand Rhymes, If All the Animals Came Inside, and other publications, along with personal artwork and a self-portrait. Together, these works offer a fuller picture of the artist behind one of children’s literature’s most recognizable characters.

At the heart of the exhibition is Brown’s belief that creating stories is a process of experimentation, revision, and persistence. He has written about the many erasers and mistakes that are an inevitable part of his process and has sometimes created as many as 30 drafts of a story before presenting it to a publisher. Arthur’s Nose itself underwent six months of revisions before its publication in 1976.

Opening Day: Arthur’s Costume Party is Saturday, October 24, from 1-4 p.m.

Presented in partnership with the Washington County Free Library, the free family celebration will welcome Arthur and his friends to Hagerstown with treats, storytime, and other activities inspired by the exhibition. Children and families are encouraged to dress as their favorite Arthur characters or come in their Halloween costumes.

Admission to the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is always free.

Marc Brown is the author and illustrator who created Arthur Read and the world of characters surrounding him. Beginning with Arthur’s Nose in 1976, Brown developed a body of work that has entertained generations of children and adults through picture books, television, and numerous other illustration projects.

Located in beautiful City Park, Hagerstown, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1931, the legacy of Hagerstown native Anna Brugh Singer and her husband, Pittsburgh-born artist William Henry Singer, Jr. Featuring a collection of more than 8,000 objects, the museum has important holdings of American painting, Old Masters, decorative arts, and sculpture. The museum schedules an ambitious program of exhibitions, lectures, concerts, tours, and talks featuring national and international artists, as well as a yearly showcase of the art of students in Washington County Public Schools.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is located at 401 Museum Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland. Free parking is available adjacent to the Museum. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday; the museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Website is www.wcmfa.org.

HOW TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES MARYLAND

Information about the Maryland General Assembly can be found at mgaleg.maryland.gov. The following lists representatives and how to contact them:

GOVERNOR WES MOORE (D)

Address: 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401-1925
Phone: 1-800-811-8336

DELEGATE TERRY BAKER (R) Allegany & Washington Counties District 1C

Office: 323 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
Phone: 410-841-3321
Toll Free in Maryland: 1-800-492-7122 Ext. 3321
Email: terry.baker@house.state.md.us

SENATOR MIKE MCKAY (R) Allegany, Garrett & Washington Counties District 1

Local Office: 100 N. Mechanic St., Cumberland, MD 21502
240-362-7040
Annapolis Office: 416 James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
410-841-3565
Email: mike.mckay@senate.state.md.us

CONGRESSWOMAN APRIL McCLAIN DELANEY (D) U.S. House of Representatives 6th District

1130 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
Telephone: 202-225-2721

U.S. SENATOR ANGELA D. ALSOBROOKS (D) B40E Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Phone: 202-224-4524

U.S. SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D) Address: 730 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Phone: 202-224-4654 Local Office: 32 W. Washington St., Suite 203, Hagerstown, MD 21740 Phone: 301-797-2826

PENNSYLVANIA

Both Houses of the Pennsylvania Assembly reconvene in January, and meet year-round, with intermittent breaks. Pennsylvania residents may call 1-717-787-2342 for information about bills pending before either House. Or, residents may contact the representative at the district office in their area at the following locations:

GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO (D)

Address: 508 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120
Phone: 717-787-2500 Text: 717-788-8990
Email: Governor@pa.gov

CONGRESSMAN JOHN JOYCE (R) U.S. House of Representatives, 13th District 2102 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: 202-225-2431

REPRESENTATIVE JESSE TOPPER (R) Fulton County, District 78

Bedford Office: 133 South Richard Street, Bedford, PA 15522
Phone: 814-623-9097 Fax: 814-623-6633
Email: jtopper@pahousegop.com
Capitol Office: 423 Main Capitol Bldg., P.O. Box 202078, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2078
Phone: 717-787-7076

STATE SENATOR JUDY WARD (R) Fulton County, District 30

Capitol Office: Senate Box 203030
362 Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030
Phone: 1-717-787-5490
Local Office: 201 Lincoln Way West, Suite 102, McConnellsburg, PA 17233
Phone: 717-485-3616

PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP (R)

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20500
Switchboard: 202-456-1414
To send an email, go to: www.whitehouse.gov/contact

I find everything I'm hunting for in
The Hancock News

Call 301-678-6255
or Stop By
105 West Main Street
To Subscribe or
Place Your Ad Today

Also Check Them Out
For All Your Printing Needs



The World's First Hearing Aids With Touchscreen Controls.

No tiny buttons. No apps. No prescriptions.

Call **855-936-3177** to get your 45-day risk free trial.

- ✓ Revolutionary technology with touchscreen control.
- ✓ Hearing modes for any environment.
- ✓ Multiple models to choose from.
- ✓ Portable charging case.
- ✓ 48-hour battery life.
- ✓ UV cleaning.
- ✓ Background noise cancellation.
- ✓ 45-day risk free trial.

Audien Hearing



Bridge work continues



Work began last week on the superstructure of the U.S. 522 bridge crossing the Potomac River and train tracks and into Hancock. The steel work comes after the bridge was classified by the Federal Highway Administration as being in “poor condition” with sub- and superstructure ratings of four. The substructure work was completed this past July. While workers are making repairs to the superstructure of the bridge, traffic going across will be subjected to one lane of traffic Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Work should be completed by mid October.

People Told Us...

—DAD JOKED: Why is it so hard to work at an apple pie factory? Because they have a very high turnover rate!

—GRANDPA JOKED: What blood type do newspaper editors have? Typo negative!

—Witch hazel should be in bloom now.

—OLD WEATHER LORE: If bees build their nests in protected areas like

inside a barn or outbuilding, expect a hard winter ahead.

—Indigenous Peoples’ Day, observed as Columbus Day, a local-state-federal holiday, is Monday, October 12. Expect some government offices and banks to be closed.

—Rake fallen leaves to control anthracnose on hardwoods for next spring.

—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.

—Tell our advertisers you read about them in *The Hancock News*.

EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
Are wood burning stoves and fireplaces bad for our health?

— Name withheld

During the cold gaps of the winter day, a warm, cozy fire may seem like the perfect solution. But burning wood releases far more than just heat—including materials linked to cancer, heart disease and bronchitis.

According to Northwestern University, residential wood burning accounts for more than a fifth of our wintertime exposure to fine particulate matter—Northwest adds dementia to possible outcomes. How is burning wood so detrimental to our health? The answer lies in the process of combustion.

When wood is not completely burned, it releases creosote, a gummy, foul-smelling residue that sticks to chimneys, flue liners and stovepipes. Creosote is not only a dangerous fire hazard, it is also a concentrate of carcinogens, including substances like benzene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which can accumulate in the surroundings.

But the arguably more dangerous aspect of wood-burning is the part that’s not always visible: the release of fine particulate matter. “Small particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter pose the greatest health problems because they can get deep into the lungs,” says allergist and immunologist Dr. Cain. “Some may even get into the bloodstream.” These tiny pieces of inhalable matter, often termed PM 2.5, are especially harmful to older adults and children, especially considering their lower immunity. In fact, Northwestern University reports that about 8,600 premature deaths occur each year due to pollution from residential wood burning.

However, if using a fireplace is the last resort to provide heat, there are a few points to consider. Cleveland Clinic suggests burning dry wood, preferably that stored for at least six months. Also, the room with the fireplace should be well-ventilated and aerated. And materials like plastic, garbage or pressure-treated wood should not fuel the fire; newspaper and small pieces of wood should be used instead.

Nonetheless, the risks cannot be entirely eliminated. While following these procedures may reduce exposure, it doesn’t cut off the creosote, carcinogens and contaminants. Nick Hopkinson, medical director at the British Lung Association warns against any and all use of wood-burning fires: “To protect yourself and others around you...avoid buying a wood-burning stove or using an open fire if you have another source of fuel to cook and heat your home with.”

EarthTalk® is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the 501(c)3 nonprofit EarthTalk. See more at <https://emagazine.com>. Send questions to: question@earthtalk.org.

MOUNTAIN INSIDE RESTAURANT

featuring
Georgie's Famous Pizza



\$21.99
Large Cheese Pizza & Large Garden Salad
Extra Pizza Topping \$2.00



\$23.99
Large Cheese Pizza & 12 Wings
Extra Pizza Topping \$2.00

Check Out Our NEW Daily Lunch Specials
Monday-Friday • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

91 SUGAR HOLLOW ROAD • BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV
NEW HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 12-8
Sun 12-7 • Closed Wed.

304-258-2242
www.mountainsiderest.com

WE NOW OFFER

We deliver with



DOORDASH

We would like to thank all our valued customers for their continued support over the past 30 years.

ORLEANS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEAT & CHEESE DRAWING

at Orleans VFD Station - Exit 68 Off Interstate 68
Friday, October 9

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
EVENT WILL BE HELD INSIDE
No Ticket Needed
Meat Prizes Off Sure-Tip Boards Tip Jars Also
B.Y.O.B.

WE THANK YOU...

For Supporting Us

The Hancock News
101 West Main Street
Hancock, MD 21750
301-678-6255



NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK
ROOTED IN COMMUNITY • COMMITTED TO TRUTH
— OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2026 —

HERE'S YOUR SIGN

Stop By Today To Buy One Of These Signs
OR We Can Custom Order One For You

METAL



CORRUGATED





With an Empty Space To Write Your Information



The Morgan Messenger

P.O. Box 567 • 16 North Mercer Street • Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-1800 www.morganmessenger.com

- Sports
- School News
- Public Notices
- Classifieds
- Real Estate

A month in, Hancock Middle-Senior High School principal Andrew Kaetzel sees local pride, great potential & opportunities to prepare students

by Geoff Fox

When classes began at Hancock Middle-Senior High School on August 25, there were a few new faces around the school. One of those was in the principal’s office, that of Andrew Kaetzel.

Kaetzel took over the principal role on July 1 after Jennifer Ruppenthal retired following the 2025-2026 school year.

Kaetzel began his teaching career 18 year ago in the classroom, teaching third grade, fifth grade, middle school special education, and physical education, which gave him the opportunity to work with students at different ages and with different needs.

He said they “really shaped my philosophy as an educator.”

Kaetzel spent two years as assistant principal at Springfield Middle School before becoming a principal. This will be his eighth year as a principal.

Coming into the school year at Hancock, Kaetzel said his biggest goals were to build relationships, establish trust, support the teachers and staff, and make sure Hancock students know Hancock Middle-Senior High School is a place where they belong and can succeed.

“After being here for the first month, those goals really haven’t changed,” he said. “If anything, they have become more important.”

What has changed, he said, is he’d had a much better understanding of the strengths of the school and opportunities in front of them.

Kaetzel said he’s spent a lot of time in his first month on the job listening and talking with students, teachers, staff, parents, and members of the community.

“You learn a lot by simply being present and listening to people,” he said. “I’ve seen a tremendous amount of pride in this school, and I want to build on that.”

He added his goal for this school year is not to come in and change everything overnight. It’s to learn, build relationships, identify what the school does well, and then work together to make Hancock Middle-Senior High School even better.

Kaetzel said in the long term, he wants Hancock Middle-Senior High School to be a school that people are excited to be part of- students, families, staff, and the broader community.

“I want us to provide students with a wide range of opportunities to discover their interests and prepare for whatever comes next, whether that is college, a career, the military, technical education, entrepreneurship, or another path,” he said.

He also said he sees a lot of potential in developing programs that take advantage of Hancock’s location and the community’s connection to the outdoors.

The school has already had a very positive response from



Andrew Kaetzel (center) officially became the new principal at Hancock Middle-Senior High School on July 1 and welcomed students on August 25. He lives in Oldtown with his wife, Jackie, and their children – Tucker, Gunner, Sawyer, Ruger, Myer, Juniper and Ember. Submitted picture

adding the JROTC program, Kaetzel said.

“I believe we can identify more opportunities for students to pursue a pathway that ties their current interests into their future pursuits after graduation,” he said.

Ultimately, Kaetzel said he wants the school to become known for giving students meaningful experiences and opportunities they may not find anywhere else and wants students to graduate from Hancock feeling prepared, confident, and proud of where they went to school.

As for the students taking to him, Kaetzel thinks they have and it has “probably been one of the most enjoyable parts of the first month.”

He’s made it a point of being visible in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, and school activities, wanting students to see him as a principal who is approachable and who is interested in them as people, not just as students.

“You have to earn students’ trust, and that doesn’t happen overnight,” he said. “I’m still getting to know them, and they’re still getting to know me.”

There’s been a lot of positive interactions already with the students and Kaetzel said he’s really liked getting to know their personalities, interests, and sense of humor.

While he wants students to understand he’s approachable, it doesn’t mean there won’t be exceptions as he believes strongly in having high expectations while making sure students know he and staff are there to support them in meeting those expectations.

The first month has also been busy, exciting, and a lot of fun for Kaetzel.

“There is a lot to learn when you step into a new school, and I’ve been trying to take everything in learning

about the people, the routines, the history of the school, and the community,” he said.

The biggest thing he’s noticed is how much people care about the school and there is a real sense of community there.

The staff cares deeply about their students, he said, and students have a lot of potential, and there are people throughout the community who want to see Hancock Middle-Senior High School succeed.

“I’m grateful for the welcome I’ve received during my first month,” Kaetzel said. “I know there will be challenges, because every school has them, but I’m excited about what we can accomplish together.”

Kaetzel is a product of Washington County Public Schools, having attended school in Boonsboro and continuing his education at Hagerstown Community College and then onto Shepherd University and Ball State University.

He lives in Oldtown with his wife of 17 years, Jackie, and their seven children.

When he’s not at school, one of the biggest parts of Kaetzel is his love for the outdoors.

“Hunting, fishing, and spending time outside with my family are things that are very important to me,” he said.

Kaetzel said he thinks that connection to the outdoors also influences the way he looks at education.

“I believe students learn a lot when they have opportunities to get outside the classroom, experience things firsthand, and connect what they are learning to the real world,” he added.

Kaetzel said coming to Hancock feels like a homecoming in some ways as he grew up in the area, went through county schools, and spent his career serving students.

“Being able to lead a school in this community is something I’m very excited about,” he said.

League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Monday Tri-State Mixed on September 21:

High scratch game: Mike’s Scrap Metal 575, V.F.W. 548 and Get-R-Done 456.

High scratch series: Mike’s Scrap Metal 1,627, V.F.W. 1,562 and Let’s Roll 1,323.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 248, John DuVall 193, Dick Voorhaar 191 and Dennis Neely 191.

Women: Betty McCauley 178, Cindy Husted 164 and Deloris Stotler 163.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 692, John DuVall 540 and Dennis Neely 534.

Women: Betty McCauley 480, Deloris Stotler 480 and Cindy Husted 455.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 217, Don Itjen 185 and Bob Clark 174.

Women: Deloris Stotler 159, Susie King 154 and Dee Thomas 145.

Standings: Mike’s Scrap Metal 7-1, Aces 5-3, Let’s Roll 4-4, Lucky Strikes 3-5, Get-R-Done 3-5 and V.F.W. 2-6.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Starlight Mixed on September 24:

High scratch game: Beauty & Beasts 567, Roy’s 536 and Wanna B’s 496.

High scratch series: Beauty & Beasts 1,531, Roy’s 1,447 and The Great Escape 1,382.

High scratch game men: Dennis Neely 239, Jack Wachter 224 and John DuVall 223.

Women: Deloris Stotler 189, Betty McCauley 184 and Susie King 179.

High scratch series men: Dennis Neely 574, Jack Wachter 547 and John DuVall 542.

Women: Cindy Husted 508, Deloris Stotler 491 and Betty McCauley 469.

High average men: Jack Wachter 183, Dennis Neely 179 and John DuVall 174.

Women: Deloris Stotler 161, Betty McCauley 154 and Rhonda Kratochvil 144.

Standings: Roy’s 8-4, The Great Escape 8-4, Wanna B’s 7-5, Beauty & Beasts 6-6, C.J.’s Bar & Grill 6-6 and It’s Show Time 1-11.

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.	L	0-3
Sept. 17	Paw Paw	5:30 p.m.	W	3-0
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.

Lady Panthers are on the prowl

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School’s varsity volleyball team returned from Paw Paw with a 3-0 win over the Pirates on Thursday evening, October 1.

Leading up to their recent win, the Panthers team was still celebrating a 2-0 victory on home court over the Sandy Spring Friends School Wildebeests on Saturday, September 26.

Hancock’s win in Paw Paw last week bumped the Lady Panthers’ record up to 4-5 so far on the season.

On Monday night, the team faced off against Faith Christian Academy in Martinsburg.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. the Lady Panthers host the Allegany Campers of Cumberland at Hancock High School.

Deadline Notice

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

How to Contact Schools & Officials

Hancock Middle-Senior High School

301-766-8186

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

Principal Andrew Kaetzel

kaetzand@wcps.k12.md.us

Hancock Elementary

301-766-8178

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

Principal Shauna Gore

Washington County Public Schools

301-766-2800

<https://www.wcpsmd.com>

Department of Public Information

301-766-2809

Department of Transportation

301-766-2902

Department of Athletics

301-766-2929

Department of Student Services

301-766-2960

Department of Safety & Security

main number

Department of Technology

main number

Dept of Facilities Planning & Development

main number

Washington County Board of Education

Darrell Evans, President

evansdar@wcps.k12.md.us

Dr. April Zentmeyer, Vice President

zentmapr@wcps.k12.md.us

Michael Guesssford

guesssmic@wcps.k12.md.us

Victoria Beachley

beachvic@wcps.k12.md.us

Charles Burkett

burkchar@wcps.k12.md.us

Ashley McCusker

MccusAsh@wcps.k12.md.us

Linda Murray

murralin@wcps.k12.md.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.

Black bear activity increases in region as they prepare for hibernation

Wildlife experts remind the public that black bears are changing their feeding habits now as they get ready for upcoming hibernation. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources says black bears are beginning a period of increased feeding activity in preparation for winter. As fall weather settles in, bears will travel across roads more frequently. They also can become more attracted to human-provided food sources and lose their natural fear of people, which can be dangerous for both people and bears, said DNR officials. “During the fall, bears need to consume far more calories than during the spring and summer, consuming in excess of 20,000 calories a

day,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director, Karina Stonesifer, said. “To keep everyone safe and our bears wild, residents should remove any food and attractants from their properties to mitigate potential human-bear conflict.” The top food attractors for bears are bird feeders, containers of pet food and trashcans that are accessible. Black bears in Maryland are concentrated in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties, but are known to roam into other northern and central counties, including densely populated areas. West Virginia and Pennsylvania are home to roaming bears as well, with local mountains and forests offering attractive places for black



A black bear grabs a snack at Rocky Gap State Park. photo by Ranger Sarah Milbourne

bears to eat and hibernate. Since bears may travel many miles in search of food, motorists traveling in the region are reminded to watch for them crossing roads, especially during October and November. Bears will begin entering dens in mid-November; and

most will remain inside by mid-December, say wildlife experts. More information about living with black bears can be found online, by calling 410-260-8540 or 301-777-2136, or going to BearWise.org.

Virtual trivia night

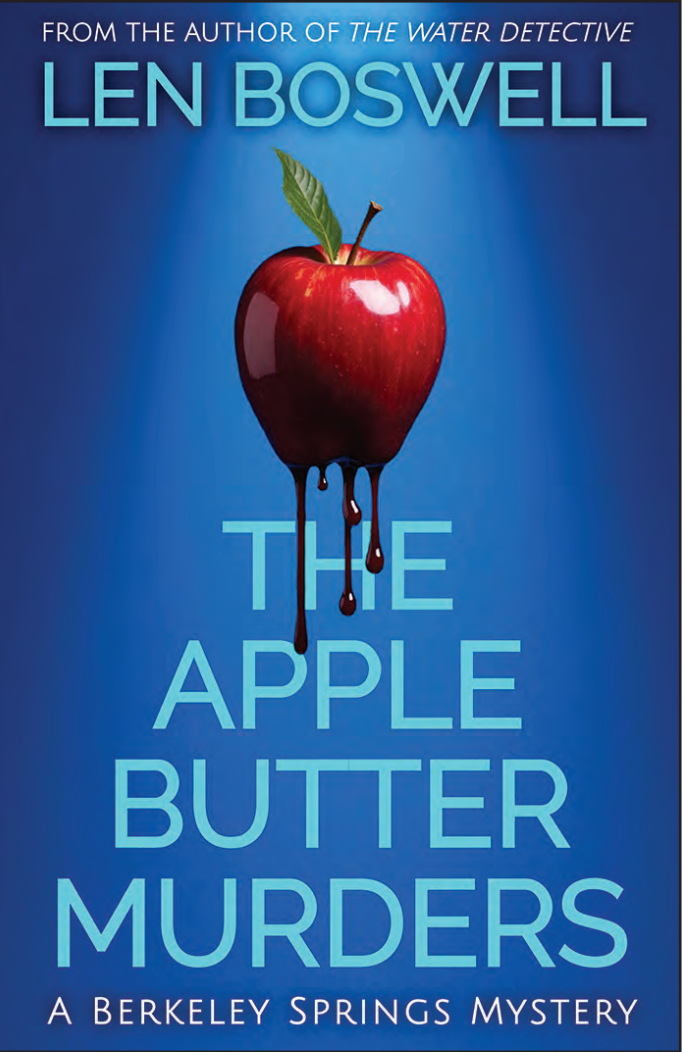


This virtual event will take place on Thursday, October 15 from 7:30-9 p.m. Join Master Naturalist Roy Boyle for a fun night of trivia and learning as we explore this month’s theme, Owls: Masters of the Night. This engaging evening program is held over Zoom, so you can join in from the comfort of your favorite chair. Kahoots are best played in a group setting, so we are excited to join together with fellow players virtually. We will play as a group with Roy Boyle as our team leader and host. Brand new to Kahoots? Boyle will be available to an-

swer any questions you may have at the beginning and along the way. This event is free and open to the public. Anyone is welcome to join in. Pre-registration is required and limited to 25 participants. For more information and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/kingfisher-kahoot-virtual-trivia-night-owls-masters-of-the-night/. Contact PVMN at PVMN@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions you may have.

Local author adds mystery element to the Apple Butter Festival

Local author Len Boswell has just released his second mystery set in Berkeley Springs, The Apple Butter Murders, featuring detectives Eleanor Rigby Beaumont and Billy Skye. Rigby, now a resident of Berkeley Springs, comes out of retirement to help Skye with a baffling crime. Four bodies have been found at the Apple Butter Festival, and there seems to be no shortage of suspects, from family members to a real-estate investor to any one of 40,000 people passing by in the swirl of the festival. Were the murders crimes of passion? Cold-blooded killings? Spree killings? The work of a serial killer? Rigby and Billy follow the evidence, looking for motive and opportunity and any clue that will lead them to the killer or killers. But as they narrow the pool of suspects, startling events lead them in a new direction. But is it the right direction? “Berkeley Springs is the perfect town for a cozy mystery series,” says Boswell. “We have everything here: Parks, restaurants, shops, the spa, and a ton of things to see and do. The Apple Butter Festival is just one example.” The new book follows book one in the series, The Water Detective. Both books are available on Amazon and at Creekside Provisions & Supplies. Len Boswell is the author of 26 books, including three



award-winning series, The Simon Grave Mysteries, The Chronicles of Randall (epic fantasy), and The Pale Chronicles (historical fantasy), as well as additional works of fiction and nonfiction. He lives in Berkeley Springs with his wife, Ruth, and their adopted beagle, Daisy, who doubles as muse

and manuscript shredder. He attended his first Apple Butter Festival in 2012. His favorite part was watching the apple butter being made and going home with the still-warm jars of sweet stuff. “And now, fourteen years later, I would kill for it – in a murder mystery,” he said.

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.

Free shuttle to run during the festival

Those who don’t want to drive into the festival and find parking can take advantage of a free shuttle service on Saturday, October 10 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, October 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shuttle service is not available Friday evening for the WV Beer, Wine & Spirits Garden Kickoff Party. Free parking for the shuttle service is available on Saturday and Sunday at: Route #1: Senior Life Services of Morgan County and Warm Springs Middle School Route #2: Gat Creek, the U.S. 522 Ballfield Complex and Coolfont Resort Both routes will take you right downtown, with pickup and drop-off at the corner of



Fairfax Street and Mercer Street, just steps from the festival. Shuttles are fully accessible and will stay in constant

motion throughout the day. They don't run on a set timetable, just as traffic allows.



Newspapers Play a Key Role in Our Communities

From supporting the growth of small businesses through local advertising, to keeping readers informed with accurate news and reporting, to giving area residents and leaders a voice as a democratic forum, newspapers help keep our communities and our minds open. Be a part of something positive: Help keep our publication and the future of journalism going strong by becoming a supporter today!

SUBSCRIBE • SUPPORT • ADVERTISE

The Hancock News
101 West Main Street
Hancock, MD 21750
301-678-6255

CONTACT CARE WORD SEARCH

F	D	B	D	O	H	U	A	E	C	P	S	C	C	H	M	I	L	C	U
I	X	A	A	C	E	F	G	G	W	M	A	I	C	U	R	V	E	S	R
E	C	E	H	T	E	U	U	N	V	G	R	L	O	A	N	U	G	S	E
G	A	N	H	Y	P	L	N	E	V	O	L	R	T	S	E	W	O	N	D
I	S	R	D	T	X	E	D	S	T	S	C	L	E	R	A	L	R	O	N
R	E	O	W	I	G	W	E	T	T	A	B	I	L	I	T	Y	D	I	L
B	D	C	O	L	O	C	M	O	C	D	R	Y	N	E	S	S	Y	T	L
A	A	P	B	I	U	P	L	H	T	F	M	M	Y	X	A	I	H	A	Y
X	U	B	N	B	C	M	T	M	W	T	F	S	A	B	V	G	B	R	C
A	L	N	U	A	D	L	T	E	D	N	D	I	W	X	P	M	L	D	O
H	T	V	A	E	W	U	E	F	R	A	T	T	E	G	R	F	N	Y	M
H	N	Y	B	M	I	T	G	D	W	T	H	A	Y	A	E	R	O	H	U
D	P	Y	H	R	S	T	R	H	C	C	T	M	D	I	S	N	I	L	L
E	I	Y	I	E	I	S	X	T	X	E	N	G	E	X	B	V	T	M	T
D	N	A	B	P	X	T	F	X	E	L	P	I	D	O	Y	M	U	S	I
V	I	I	M	B	A	F	F	E	C	Y	N	Y	T	N	P	O	L	L	G
H	C	G	L	E	F	I	E	D	X	I	W	S	E	Y	P	M	O	B	O
G	P	P	I	A	T	S	T	R	B	S	D	A	T	H	I	I	S	U	C
P	B	H	U	R	S	E	F	L	I	I	Y	H	X	X	A	W	V	G	A
I	Y	L	I	A	D	F	R	T	G	D	R	B	E	P	U	P	R	A	L

ASTIGMATISM
AXIS
CASE
CORNEA
CURVE
CYLINDER

DAILY
DIAMETER
DIOPTER
DISINFECTANT
DRYNESS
EXTENDED

HYDRATION
HYDROGEL
HYPOXIA
MULTIFOCAL
PERMEABILITY
PRESBYOPIA

RIGID
SALINE
SCLERAL
SOLUTION
TORIC
WETTABILITY

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83830
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Colleen Shank.

Notice is given that Stephen Lee Shank, 2150 Whitacre Rd., Cross Junction, VA 22625-2260 was on September 10, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Margaret Colleen Shank who died on August 29, 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 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 10th 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.

Stephen Lee Shank
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-23-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83892
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ernest Alvey Truax.

Notice is given that Kathy Lynn Keefer, 130 Rumsey Ter., Martinsburg, WV 25403-1589 was on September 14, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ernest Alvey Truax who died on April 21, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th 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 14th 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.

Kathy Lynn Keefer
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-23-3th

Deadline Notice

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



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND

CASE No.: C-21-CV-26-000058

Adam D. Greivell
Plaintiff/
Substitute Trustee

v.

Angela Mills,
Defendant

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Circuit Court of Washington County, Maryland, that the sale made by Adam D. Greivell, Substitute Trustee, of the real property designated as 14321 McAfee Hill Road, Cascade, MD, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23rd day of October, 2026; provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in *The Hancock News* printed in said County of Washington, once a week for three successive weeks before the 23rd day of October, 2026.

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be \$40,000.00.

Kevin R. Tucker
Clerk, Circuit Court of
Washington County, Maryland
9-30-3tm

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83802
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ronald Eugene Hartman.

Notice is given that Debra Curry, 436 Jefferson St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4056 and Linda Jones, 1188 Avondale Ct., Frederick, MD 21702-3965 were on September 11, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ronald Eugene Hartman who died on August 6, 2026 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal 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 11th 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 11th 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.

Debra Curry
Linda Jones
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-23-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83796
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Stephanie Gwendolyn Morgan.

Notice is given that Brian Stine, 17831 Davidson Dr., Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1702 was on September 10, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Stephanie Gwendolyn Morgan who died on August 8, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 10th 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 10th 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.

Brian Stine
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-23-3th

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF A SETTLOR OF A
REVOCABLE TRUST

To all persons interested
in the trust of
MARGARET A. GEIWITZ
(a/k/a Margaret Ann Geiwitz):

This is to give notice that Margaret A. Geiwitz died on or about August 22, 2026. Before the decedent's death, the decedent created a revocable trust for which the undersigned, Karen A. Canoles, whose address is c/o Howard & Howard, Attorneys-at-Law, 298 Butler Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136, is now a trustee.

To have a claim satisfied from the property of this trust, a person who has a claim against the decedent must present the claim on or before the date that is 6 months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the undersigned trustee at the address stated above. The claim must include the following information:

- A verified written statement of the claim indicating its basis;
- The name and address of the claimant;
- If the claim is not yet due, the date on which it will become due;
- If the claim is contingent, the nature of the contingency;
- If the claim is secured, a description of the security; and
- The specific amount claimed.

Any claim not presented to the trustee on or before that date or any extension provided by law is unenforceable.

Karen A. Canoles,
Trustee
9-23-3tm

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83849
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kazuko O. Alsip.

Notice is given that Michelle Alsip, 13825 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-2340 was on September 11, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kazuko O. Alsip who died on August 21, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Michelle Alsip
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-23-3th

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.

LeafFilter GUTTER PROTECTION

Stop cleaning-out your gutters this season

EXPIRES: 11/30/2026

25% OFF + 10% Discount For Seniors + Military

Get a FREE full gutter inspection and estimate: 1-844-541-3378

Promo: 285

*Promotional offer includes 25% off plus an additional 10% off for qualified veterans and/or seniors. Cannot be combined with other offers. See representative for full warranty details. DC 420223000087, AZ ROC 344027, AR 0366920926, CA 1035795, CT HIC 0671520, FL CBK056578, ID RCE-51604, IA C127230, LA 559544, MD MHIC164488, MA 213292, MI 262300331, MI 262300330, MI 262300329, MI 262300328, MI 262300318, MI 262300173, MN IR2025-810524, MT 266192, NE 50145-24, NV 0086990, NH 13VH13285000, NM 408693, ND 47304, OR 218294, PA PA179643, RI GC-41354, TN 10981, UT 10783658-5501, VT 174.0000871, VA 2705169445, WA LEAFFHL763PG, WV WV056912, WI 537-DFRR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83792
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Harry Reginald Hesson.

Notice is given that Kathy Fronda, 22 Petrie Ct., Falling Waters, WV 25419-7061 was on September 21, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Harry Reginald Hesson who died on August 9, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 21st 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 21st 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.

Kathy Fronda
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-30-3th

James W. Stone, ESQ.
Kane & Stone, PA
28 W. Washington St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83861
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cory M. McAndrews.

Notice is given that William M. McAndrews, 545 Main St., Pennsburg, PA 18073-1503 was on September 16, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Cory M. McAndrews who died on August 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 16th 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 16th 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.

William M. McAndrews
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-30-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83864
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robin Kay Cockroft.

Notice is given that Randy Ashbrook, Sr., 1140 Lawton Ln., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7369 was on September 18, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robin Kay Cockroft who died on September 14, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th day of 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 18th 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.

Randy Ashbrook, Sr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-30-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83866
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charles Edward Calandrelle.

Notice is given that Charles M. Calandrelle, 10811 Coffman Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7629 was on September 18, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Charles Edward Calandrelle who died on September 9, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th day of 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 18th 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.

Charles M. Calandrelle
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd9-30-3th

This Week's Crossword Answers

H	A	R	D		S	A	M	P
S	E	R	I	E	S		J	U
P	R	O	B	L	E	M	P	E
I	O	U	I	N	O	P	E	R
V	I	S	E	N	A	T	E	B
C	A	R	L	O	R	E	M	D
L	O	O	T	A	R	I	S	E
		D	R	Y	S		S	A
P	E	E	R	E	D		D	O
P	O	D	O	N	U	S	T	E
E	R	R		S	A	M	A	S
D	E	C	A	P	I	T	A	T
A	S	I	N	I	N	E	E	R
M	E	N	A	C	E		S	A
T	E	S	T			B	L	E

1	3	5	6	2	4	9	8	7
2	9	7	8	5	1	3	6	4
8	4	6	7	3	9	5	1	2
7	6	4	3	9	8	2	5	1
3	8	1	2	7	5	4	9	6
9	5	2	4	1	6	8	7	3
4	1	8	5	6	2	7	3	9
6	2	3	9	8	7	1	4	5
5	7	9	1	4	3	6	2	8

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

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

SUBSTITUTE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
1014 POPE AVENUE,
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740

Under a power of sale contained in Purchase Money Mortgage from Erika T. Bell dated November 22, 2019 and recorded in Liber 6122, folio 93, 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 Mortgagee 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

October 9, 2026 at 1:00 PM

All that lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, situated in Washington Co., MD more fully described in the aforesaid Mortgage. 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 Mortgagee may determine, at their 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 Mortgagee, 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 Mortgagee 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 Mortgagee. 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 Mortgagee

RONNIE R. ZIMMERMAN
AUCTIONEERING
14504 Reel Road
Hancock, MD 21750
301-331-6821

Property Address:
1014 Pope Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Tax ID No. 17-032836
9-23-3thn

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.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83886
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Velma D. Eller.

Notice is given that Anita Drummond, 136 Nottingham Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4510 and Tina Noll, 11387 Cross Fields Dr., Waynesboro, PA 17268-7622 were on September 29, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Velma D. Eller who died on September 15, 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 29th 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 29th 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.

Anita Drummond
Tina Noll
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83888
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patrick Kevin Molloy AKA: P. Kevin Molloy.

Notice is given that Patrick Bernard Carder Molloy, 2148 28th St., Astoria, NY 11105-2934 was on September 25, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Patrick Kevin Molloy who died on September 1, 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 25th 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 25th 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.

Patrick Bernard Carder Molloy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Southern Fulton School District is accepting sealed bids for roadside signs with electronic message centers at the elementary and high schools, pending PCCD grant approval. To obtain a specification sheet, contact the district office at 717-294-2203.

A walkthrough will be held Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., beginning at the district office. Anyone planning to attend must notify the district office in advance at 717-294-2203. Bids will be opened Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at the district office. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal meets the specifications, contingent upon PCCD grant approval.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
David Robert Peterson

Estate No: 83890
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Joshua Knight, 22027 Holiday Dr., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1550 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 17, 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
pd10-7-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83887
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Beverly Lee Welch.

Notice is given that Linda L. Welch, 917 Saint Clair St., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3132 and Cynthia K. Harbaugh, 18215 Woodside Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-9548 were on September 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Beverly Lee Welch who died on September 15, 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 30th 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 30th 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.

Linda L. Welch
Cynthia K. Harbaugh
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83896
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Janice Marilyn Butler.

Notice is given that Stacy Alison Hinson, 5908 Valleybrook Dr., Plano, TX 75093-7738 was on September 29, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Janice Marilyn Butler who died on August 17, 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 29th 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 29th 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.

Stacy Alison Hinson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83869
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Jane Evans.

Notice is given that Brian Evans, 10822 Wilcox Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-1424 and Kari Rager, 522 Nestle Quarry Rd., Falling Waters, WV 25419-4425 were on September 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Barbara Jane Evans 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 representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd 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 23rd 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.

Brian Evans
Kari Rager
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83899
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ragan Lee Haupt.

Notice is given that Clifford Lee Haupt, 16408 Heather Ridge Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1008 was on September 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Ragan Lee Haupt who died on June 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 30th 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 30th 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.

Clifford Lee Haupt
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83860
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Anna Marie Borchert AKA: Ann Marie Borchert.

Notice is given that David Nicklos Adosci, 20713 Emerald Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4496 was on September 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Anna Marie Borchert who died on July 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 30th 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 30th 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.

David Nicklos Adosci
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83884
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Claudia Maureen Kiracofe.

Notice is given that James Robert Kiracofe, 25047 Cambridge Hill Ter., Chantilly, VA 20152-3235 was on September 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Claudia Maureen Kiracofe who died on August 2, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Claudia Maureen Kiracofe
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83835
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Richard Alvin Byrd.

Notice is given that Tammi Taylor, PO Box 605, Funkstown, MD 21734-0605 was on September 24, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Richard Alvin Byrd who died on August 14, 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 24th 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 24th 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.

Tammi Taylor
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83877
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Nathan Laverne Strite.

Notice is given that Darrel Strite, 3802 Mills Rd., Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1946 was on September 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Nathan Laverne Strite who died on September 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 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 23rd 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 23rd 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.

Darrel Strite
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

SPORTING GOODS/
HUNTING AUCTION
LOCATED AT 888 LINCOLN WAY EAST
MCCONNELLSBURG, PA
Saturday, October 10 • 9 a.m.

The auction will be primarily hunting, fishing, trapping and reloading items with a few miscellaneous antiques, furniture and collectibles. Some of the items to be sold include: Musket marked "Grice 1762", w. Richards Double barrel flintlock, stacks of reloading dies (some complete, most partials) including 30/30, 257, .270, 7mm, 44 special and others, reloading bullets for various calibers, Winchester gun safe, Stanley Hawbaker trapping scents, lots of small game traps, fishing poles, reels, lures, antlers, Bushnell stalker scope, shooting rack, vintage laser sight, hunting blind, golf clubs, turkey calls, powder horns, Dewalt power tools, hand tools, Cub Cadet 1015, Stihl MS310 chainsaw, tools, woodworking tools, planer, chop saw, air compressors, cast iron pots and skillets, crocks, barrel, Pyrex Navajo dish, Wheat pennies, Champion forge blower, jelly cabinet, lead, powder, reloading scales, presses, .22 ammunition, .357 magnum ammunition, brass casings, 7mm Mauser ammo melting pots and more!!

More information will be available on Auctionzip.com under October 10th.

TERMS: Cash or good check only. No Buyer's Premium. Please Bring a Chair!!!!

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



Use Your Local Library
HANCOCK VETERANS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY
301-678-5300

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11:30-7:00
Wednesday	11:30-7:00
Thursday	11:30-7:00
Friday	11:30-6:00
Saturday	10:15-2:00
Sunday	Closed

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Estate No. 83838
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jacqueline Rose
Malachowski.

Notice is given that Sondra Jeannine Dorsey, 108 Calvert Ter., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3408 was on September 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jacqueline Rose Malachowski who died on July 14, 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.

Sondra Jeannine Dorsey
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

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

Estate No. 83875
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Louise Edna
Golden.

Notice is given that Paul Golden, 6106 Hess Rd., Hancock, MD 21750-1200 was on September 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Louise Edna Golden who died on August 29, 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.

Paul Golden
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

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

Estate No. 83840
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF William Mark
Smith.

Notice is given that Jon Hunter Smith, 1440 Carrollton Pkwy Apt. 9205, Carrollton, TX 75010-1356 was on September 24, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of William Mark Smith who died on August 21, 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.

Jon Hunter Smith
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

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

Estate No. 83889
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Andrew Harvey
Saltzman.

Notice is given that Sheri Berberian, 1215 Viking Dr. N., Arnold, MD 21012-2388 was on September 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Andrew Harvey Saltzman who died on July 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.

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.

Sheri Berberian
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

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

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.: 03-03511 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.: 17-015427 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.: 21-018733 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: LT 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 0.17ACR 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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. CONOCOCHIEAGUE 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

Robert M. Breeding
Washington County Treasurer
35 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
240-313-2110
9-23-4thn



Join Us For Our
Monthly Online
Consignment
Equipment
Auction

Download Our Bidding
App From Google Play or
App Store: Mountain
Momma Machinery
Register & Bid Today!

NOW ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS
Monthly Consignment Equipment Auctions
Heavy Equipment • Construction Equipment
Farm Equipment • Tools • Vehicles • Work Trucks
Trailers • Shipping Containers and More!

301-707-6866

7380 Valley Road • Berkeley Springs, WV
www.mountainmommamachinery.com
SCAN QR CODE FOR LINK TO CATALOG



PUBLIC NOTICES

Brian Gormley, LLC
Law Office of Brian Gormley, LLC
7910 Woodmont Ave. Ste. 600
Bethesda, MD 20814-3064
**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 66695
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Howard E. Johnson.

Notice is given that Charles Michael Johnson, 20524 Jefferson Blvd., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on November 14, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Howard E. Johnson who died on September 1, 2011 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.

Charles Michael Johnson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83881
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Shana Kay Ringer.

Notice is given that Jeffrey Ringer, 11221 Hollywood Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7508 was on September 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Shana Kay Ringer who died on August 31, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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.

Jeffrey Ringer
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83689

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Lou Lewis.

Notice is given that Cynthia Amsley, 9571 Circle Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17202-9538 was on September 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Linda Lou Lewis 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 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.

Cynthia Amsley
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83632

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert William Brooky.

Notice is given that Mark Dana Brooky, 19815 Marble Quarry Rd., Keadysville, MD 21756-1503 was on September 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Robert William Brooky who died on April 26, 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.

Mark Dana Brooky
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 83897

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Hunter Elton Bailey, Sr.

Notice is given that Cindy Thurber, 17111 Sterling Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-3164 was on September 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Hunter Elton Bailey, Sr. who died on September 2, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Cindy Thurber
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-1thn

Where to
turn for help

Maryland Crisis Helpline
Call 211, Press 1

Maryland Crisis Helpline is
available 24 hours/7 days a
week to provide support,
guidance and assistance on
how to access Substance Use
Disorder services, in addition
to the current mental health
crisis services provided by this
hotline.

Callers will also be given
information about naloxone,
recovery support and family
services as available/appropriate
in the individual's local
area.

Washington County
Health Department
Behavioral
Health Services
240-313-3200

CAMEO HOUSE
Residential treatment
program for adult females who
are pregnant or have children.
Call Admission Screening at
240-313-3322.

Peer Recovery Services
Program for those seeking
or in recovery from substance
use disorder.
Call 240-313-3242 to enroll.
kelly.marquart@maryland.gov

Project Act Now
Call 240-313-3310 to learn
more about how to use Naloxone
or take a class on its use.
Visit <http://projectactnow.org> for a list of treatment
resources, support group
meetings and more.



Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation
(All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)

1. Publication Title THE HANCOCK NEWS	2. Publication Number 2343-0000	3. Filing Date 09/12/2026
4. Issue Frequency WEEKLY, EXCEPT LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE YEAR	5. Number of Issues Published Annually 51	6. Annual Subscription Price LOCAL \$30.74 MD \$32.86 FL \$34.97
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®) 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750		Contact Person JODY L. CROUSE Telephone (Include area code) (304) 258-1800
8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750		
9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank) Publisher (Name and complete mailing address) TODD BUZZERD/HANCOCK NEWS INC. 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750 Editor (Name and complete mailing address) KATE SHUNNEY 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750 Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address) JODY CROUSE 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750		
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)		
Full Name THE HANCOCK NEWS INC.		Complete Mailing Address 101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750
TODD CARLSON BUZZERD		101 WEST MAIN STREET, HANCOCK, MD 21750
11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box ☒ None		
Full Name		Complete Mailing Address
12. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one) The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes: ☒ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months ☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)		
13. Publication Title THE HANCOCK NEWS		14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below 09/09/2026
15. Extent and Nature of Circulation		Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)		12001200
b. Paid Circulation (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	356347
	(2) Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	1716
	(3) Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®	750750
	(4) Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail®)	00
c. Total Paid Distribution [Sum of 15b (1), (2), (3), and (4)]		11231113
d. Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1) Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies included on PS Form 3541	1515
	(2) Free or Nominal Rate In-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541	11
	(3) Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g., First-Class Mail)	00
	(4) Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)	2323
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d (1), (2), (3) and (4))		3939
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c and 15e)		11621152
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3))		3848
h. Total (Sum of 15f and g)		12001200
i. Percent Paid (15c divided by 15f times 100)		96.6496.61

* If you are claiming electronic copies, go to line 16 on page 3. If you are not claiming electronic copies, skip to line 17 on page 3.



Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation
(All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)

16. Electronic Copy Circulation	Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Paid Electronic Copies	1588	1588
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 15c) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a)	2711	2701
c. Total Print Distribution (Line 15f) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a)	2750	2740
d. Percent Paid (Both Print & Electronic Copies) (16b divided by 16c x 100)	98.58	98.58
☒ I certify that 50% of all my distributed copies (electronic and print) are paid above a nominal price.		
17. Publication of Statement of Ownership ☐ If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed ☐ Publication not required. in the 10/7/26 issue of this publication.		
18. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner JODY L. CROUSE, MANAGING EDITOR		Date 09/12/2026
I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).		

PS Form 3526, July 2014 (Page 3 of 4) PRIVACY NOTICE: See our privacy policy on www.usps.com.

SUDOKU

	3						8	7
	9			5				
	4					5		
				9	8		5	
	8	1	2	7				9
		2	4					
		8			2			
			9					
			1			6	2	8

Level: Intermediate

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

Is It Time To Renew?

Your due date for renewing your subscription is in the left corner above your name on your address label.

Hancock, Maryland (tax included) Non-Refundable \$30.74	State of Maryland (tax included) Non-Refundable \$32.86	Fulton County, Pennsylvania, Non-Refundable \$33.00	All Other States Non-Refundable \$35.00
---	---	--	--

THE HANCOCK NEWS

304-258-1800 • P.O. Box 567 • Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

FREE ONLINE ACCESS WITH PRINT SUBSCRIPTION ONLY ACCEPTING PAYMENT FOR ONE YEAR

Classified Ads

Classified Ads - 25 cents per word first week, 18 cents per word for the same ad in each issue thereafter. Minimum charge \$1.00. An additional charge of a \$1.00 for each ad not paid for when placed.

FOR SALE

DOUBLE Roll Coupon Tickets \$10.24 for sale at The Morgan Messenger and The Hancock News offices. pd1/1- tfmh

YARD sale signs now available at The Morgan Messenger and The Hancock News offices. Also many other signs including Posted, No Trespassing and No Hunting. 1/1- tfmh

OFFICE SUPPLIES for sale at The Morgan Messenger office, 304-258-1800. pd1/1- tfmh

MUMS are available at Fischer's Greenhouse in Little Orleans, Md. 1,000's available. Phone 301-478-2412. 9/2- tfmh

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

AUTOS

2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited, 126,399 miles, \$10,500. 304-671-2808. pd9/23- tfmh

ANIMALS

LEONA'S Pet Grooming and Bath. 304-258-1268 1/1- tfmh

RENTALS

APARTMENTS available in Berkeley Springs. Call McKayla at 717-375-8601. pd10/7-4mh

SERVICES

AUCTIONEER - Appraiser. Ronnie R. Zimmerman, 301-331-6821. MD - PA & WV. 1/7- tfh

APPLIANCES - Sales & service for the Tri-State Area. Gordon's Garage & Appliance. Needmore, Pa. 717-573-2590. Prompt & reasonable. 11/14- tfh

BEDDOW'S Septic Service, Inc. 304-258-1527 or 304-671-1773. 10/3- tfh

WANTED TO BUY CNB STOCK

(CNB Financial Services/ CNB Bank Shares) Private Buyer, Any Size Transfer Handled at the Bank **Call Doug, 304-944-4252**

TWO FAMILY YARD SALE

1677 Pious Ridge Berkeley Springs **Fri., Oct. 9 & Sat., Oct. 10 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** Home Furnishings, Home Décor, Kitchen Items, Women's Clothing & More

NOW HIRING Pennland Pure Cheese

14738 Warfordsburg Road • Hancock, MD 301-678-6325

3rd Shift Sanitation Starting at \$21.50
Packing - All Shifts Starting at \$18.50

We offer a great benefit package that includes health insurance, matching 401k and a 9% shift differential.

Stop By or Call For an Application or Apply Online at www.pennlandpure.com

FOR SALE



2010 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED
126,399 MILES
\$10,500.00
304-671-2808

FEED YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN!



Has your child had her serving of Reading Aloud today?
Read Aloud IS 15 MINUTES Every child. Every parent. Every day. Learn more at ReadAloud.org

HELP WANTED SEVERAL PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Senior Life Services of Morgan County (SLSMC)

A community-focused organization serving older adults and individuals with disabilities, is seeking **dependable, compassionate and motivated individuals** to join our team.

DRIVER

- Provide local transportation for program participants
- Deliver meals to older adults throughout the community
- Must have an excellent driving record
- CPR, First Aid and other required training provided
- Must be able to pass a background check and drug screening

REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

- Oversee In-Home Care programs and participant services
- Provide nursing oversight and support to direct-care staff

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS & CNAs

- **No experience necessary**
- **Paid training provided**
- Part-time positions
- Flexible scheduling
- Monday-Friday daytime hours
- Make a meaningful difference by helping elderly and disabled individuals remain safe and independent in their own homes

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Depending on position:
• Valid Driver's License
• Reliable vehicle
• Current vehicle registration, inspection and proof of insurance
• Ability to pass required background screening
Typical working hours are Monday-Friday Between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

APPLY TODAY!
Apply In Person:
SENIOR LIFE SERVICES OF MORGAN COUNTY, INC.
106 Sand Mine Road, Suite 1
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
Phone: 304-258-3096

Apply Online:
<https://slsmc.org/in-home-care/careers/>
EMAIL: tammy.director@slsmc.org
EOE - Equal Opportunity Employer

Feeling Overwhelmed?

You're Not Alone. 211 Maryland Can Help.
Sign Up For Inspiring Messages Of Support From
MDMINDHEALTH / MDSALUDMENTAL.

BOOK UP NOW **REGISTER ANOVA**
Text MDMindHealth to 508-211. Para Español, texto MDSaludMente a 808-211.
#escapingsadness

HOME BY DESIGN.
CUSTOM RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES



SERVING ALL OF PENNSYLVANIA & SURROUNDING STATES

Custom residential cabins, garages, workshops, and recreational spaces that give you room to create, store, and live without compromise.

RE-ROOFING AND RESTORATION SERVICES ALSO AVAILABLE!



BEFORE



AFTER

Call today for a free quote—We can turn your dream into reality!



Sales Office in Beech Creek, PA

CALL FOR A QUOTE!

570.927.2954

dreambuildingsllc.com

How to Create Safer Spaces for Healthcare Workers

1. Adhere to rules about visiting hours, appointment times, and behavior expectations.
2. Address healthcare workers with courtesy and respect, even if anxious or frustrated.
3. If you have a concern, voice it calmly and clearly to the appropriate staff member.
4. Be aware that physical or verbal aggression disrupts healthcare workers' ability to provide care.
5. If you witness violent behavior from another patient or visitor, report it to staff immediately.

CARE FLOWS BOTH WAYS
IT TAKES PATIENTS

LEARN MORE AT
ItTakesPatients.org



HOROSCOPES

October 11 - 17, 2026



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You might be tempted to make some improvements around home this week, Capricorn. Start with the spaces you use the most and then build from there.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you will be noticed this week and you will be encouraged to speak up and share your point of view. Be humble, but keep the courage of your convictions.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You feel energized and ready to take charge, Aquarius. This week you will defend your ideas and explain what you want. Some people will agree with your line of thinking.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
This week you can explore new ideas, meet new people and learn new things. Politics and controversial subjects might appeal to you, but probably should be avoided right now.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Restrict your spending to the essentials this week, Pisces; otherwise, you might be tempted to spend money quickly and rashly.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
This is not the week to agree to anything significant, Virgo. Instead, do your homework and gather all of your information before you commit to a major project or expense.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Focus your energy on family and home this week, Aries. Although you might feel more comfortable working alone, you may find yourself doing group work soon enough.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You might attract someone to you this week who is interesting but a bit feisty. See what they have to say because it might be enlightening in some way.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You have lots of mental energy this week, Taurus. You might be pushed into a leadership role that will help you feel independent.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You are ready to roll up your sleeves and work, Scorpio. Keep in mind that you might have to delegate some things to others because you tend to take on too much.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Sports and competitive physical activities might appeal to you this week, Gemini. Teams, friends and group activities will be priorities, as will sharing ideas.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Be patient with spouses, partners and close friends, Sagittarius. Your patience will pay off and others will appreciate your calm demeanor.

Washington County outlines timeline for creating data center regulations

by Kate Shunney
Officials with the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and planning agency have released a forecast of how long it may take them to create local regulations covering proposed data center development in the county.

In a press release last week, officials said the Planning Commission could hold hearings this month and next on the issue, followed by reviews of proposed state legislation in early 2027, then multiple other layers of review and rulemaking.

The Board of County Commissioners have not approved a data center or data center construction in Washington County so far.

In late June, the Board of County Commissioners approved a temporary, twelve (12) month moratorium on the acceptance, processing, reviewing and approval of applications, plans, or requests for data centers within Washington County.

“The moratorium was approved to provide the County with adequate time to thoroughly study this emerging technology and land use potential. The moratorium will also provide the County with time to adequately determine how future data center propo-

sals, if any, can be evaluated for consistency with Washington County community goals and long-term planning objectives,” county officials said of the move.

“The moratorium is not intended to permanently prohibit data center development. The moratorium became effective immediately upon adoption and will remain in effect for twelve (12) months unless modified or extended by a majority vote of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners.”

Under state code, the county only has the power to make land use policy within its borders, but not within incorporate town limits in Washington County.

The incorporated areas of Washington County include the City of Hagerstown, and the Towns of Clear Spring, Hancock, Boonsboro, Keedysville, Smithsburg, Williamsport, Funkstown, and Sharpsburg.

“[Z]oning regulations in those incorporated areas are not governed by the Board of County Commissioners. As a result, each of the municipalities may still consider data center development without any input or approvals by the Commissioners except as provided in Section §4-416 b

as it relates to the development of annexed land where the land uses are substantially different than the authorized use previously classified by the County at the time of annexation,” said county officials in explaining their planning process.

The county has said they have defined “data centers” as “facilities that consist of one or more buildings used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of large amounts of digital data and which houses computing infrastructure, such as, computers, network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data operations.”

County officials said their staff have researched “best practices” and compiled a list of topics that will be touched on by future proposed regulations:

- Energy plan that utilizes alternate, self generating power, and returns power to the grid to prevent shifting costs onto everyday ratepayers. This should include a potential prohibition of natural gas turbines. Back up energy sources should consider the prohibition of lithium-ion batteries.
- Water plan that utilizes

water recycling, incorporates drought planning and utilizes geothermal or alternative cooling technologies.

- Noise study that evaluates pre and post construction noise (dBA and dBC). Limit noise to a maximum of 50 dBA at the property line and reduction of dBC tonal / narrow band noise to background noise levels.
- Require installation of noise barriers such as trees, berms, etc.
- When reviewing setbacks from residential homes that are present now or that may be constructed in the future, a minimum setback of 1,000 ft should be considered.
- Study of air quality and environmental impacts.
- Limit development to areas zoned Planned Industrial (PI) AND by Special Exception only. The Special Exception designation means that the developer will be re-



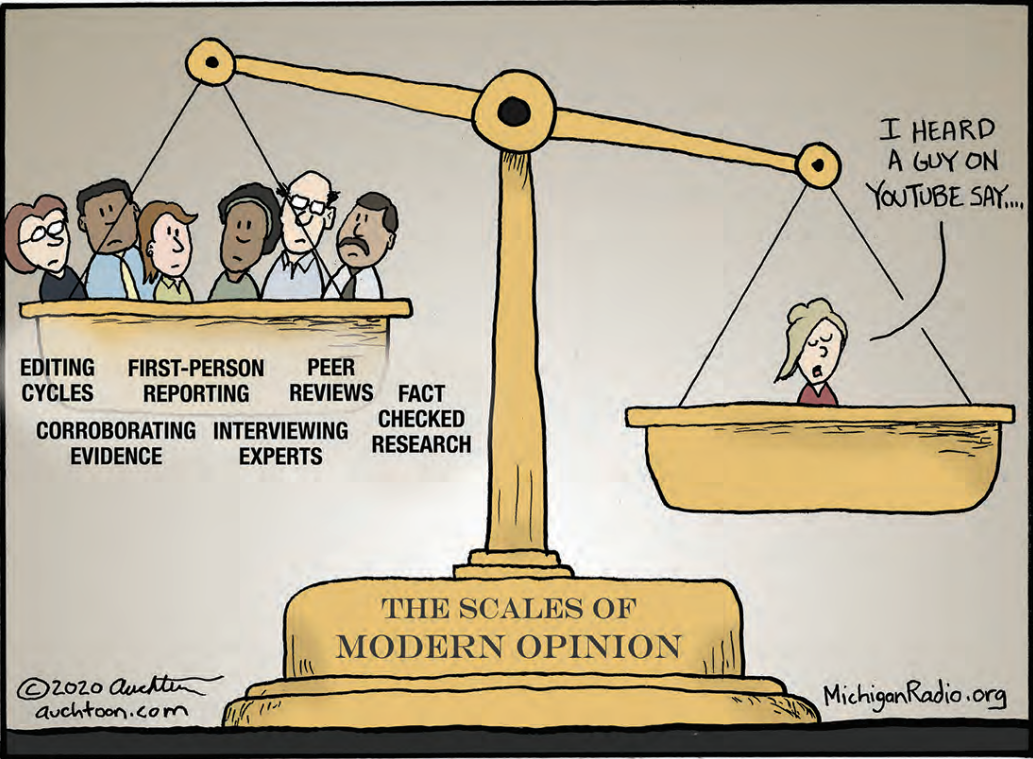
quired to submit a request to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) before a permit may be issued; and, the BZA will review the application, conduct a Public Hearing and obtain public input before making a decision.

- Development of an appropriate Excise Tax or Impact Fee.

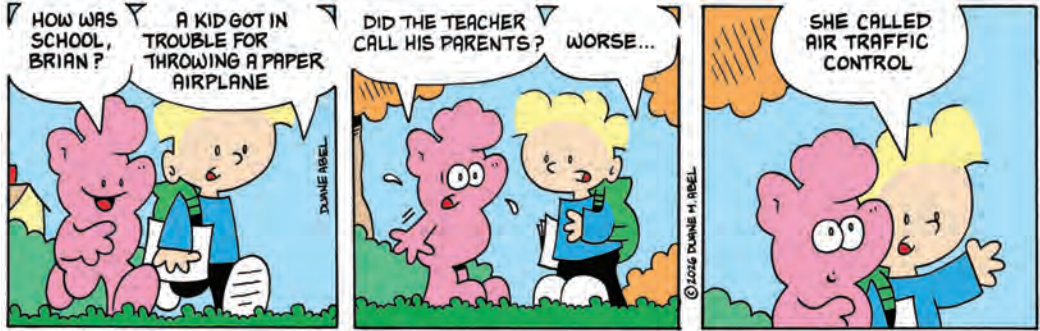
The county’s timeline to consider creating policy around these issues is as follows:

- July 2026 through September 2026- Staff review
- October 2026 through November 2026- Planning Commission Workshops
- December 2026 through January 2027- Planning Commission Discussion on Proposed Local Regulations
- January 2027 through February 2027- Review and Adjust based on any Proposed State Legislation
- March 2027- Draft of Local Zoning Amendment Available for Review
- April 2027 through June 2027- Submit to Board of County Commissioners for a Public Hearing, Review, and Potential Adoption

Notices of hearings will be shared on the county’s website and via other methods to be determined.



ZED by Duane M. Abel

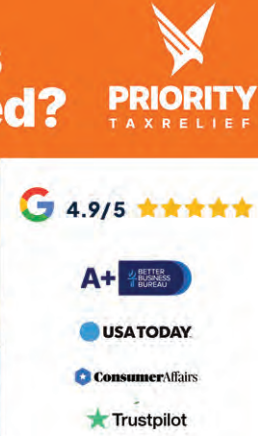


Deadline Notice

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

National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD

IRS Back Taxes Got You Worried?



Our Tax Professionals will get you on the phone with the IRS in minutes for FREE.

We will help negotiate the best solution for your tax challenge. At PRIORITY TAX, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

CALL NOW FOR FREE CONSULTATION!

855.454.6778

Priority Tax is a private company that identifies qualified consumers who require tax assistance. They are not the IRS, nor a State Taxing Authority. They are not a debt relief company or attorney referral service. Costs and results will vary. RESULTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED. Hiring a tax resolution company is an important decision and should not be based solely on advertisements. There is no charge for a consultation. Call for complete details.

Oh, you thought we just made carpet?

Bless your heart

We've got more flooring choices than your cousin's got opinions. We're talkin':

- Carpet softer than Sunday morning biscuits
- Waterproof laminate that can handle more sweet tea spills than a church social
- Engineered hardwood that's as pretty as a peach
- Flexible LVT/LVP that lasts longer than your mama's tupperware
- Carpet tile that can handle more traffic than a Waffle House on a Saturday night
- Rigid core that could outlast your grandpa's truck

1734 Valley Rd.
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
304-258-2226

CLARK'S
Home Furnishings

Skylight 8005	Lunar Ray 8001	Star Power 8009	Mineral 8006	Orbit 8002	Energy 8003
Astronomy 8010	Moon Rock 8007	Milky Way 8011	Zenith 8008	Nebula 8004	Neptune 8012

JUSTIN RN

CARE IS MORE THAN TREATMENT

It's How We Treat Each Other

LENA RN

Our healthcare workers are dedicated to helping you heal. Create safer spaces for them by choosing respect and kindness in every interaction.

CARE FLOWS BOTH WAYS
BE A PATIENT WITH PATIENCE

LEARN MORE AT:
ItTakesPatients.org

The Hancock News
105 West Main Street
Hancock
301-678-6255

We Are More Than A NEWSPAPER

WE ALSO DO

Business Cards

Brochures

BANNERS

Color Copies

Black & White Copies

Posters

Menus

Envelopes

Letterheads

Newsletters

Signs

Books

Calendars

Business Forms