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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 10/14 83/59 
Sunny with west winds between 3 and 7 mph and a high near 83.

Thurs. 10/15 65/57 
40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with light and variable winds.

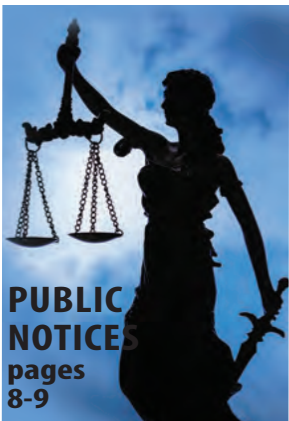
Fri. 10/16 73/39 
20% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high near 73, low of 39.

Sat. 10/17 53/33 
Sunny with a high around 53 and a low near 33.

Sun. 10/18 59/35 
Sunny with a high near 59 and a low around 35.

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Police looking for leads on park vandalism

by Geoff Fox

The Hancock Police Department are once again looking for the public's help in getting information on vandalism in one of the town's parks.

This time, several picnic tables and the pavilion at Joseph Hancock, Jr. Park were recently vandalized.

The vandals wrote various messages and symbols on tables, spraypainted symbols and words on the pavilion ceiling, and spraypainted one of the columns.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Officer Jesse Walls of the Hancock Police Department at jwalls@townofhancock.org or 1-800-792-8501.

The Hancock Police Department appreciates the community's assistance in helping protect and preserve the town's public parks and recreational facilities.



Picnic tables at Joseph Hancock Park have been marked up by vandals. photos by Geoff Fox



The Hancock Police Department is asking the public's assistance in obtaining information on this recent vandalism to the ceiling and tables at the pavilion in Joseph Hancock, Jr. Park.

Hancock officials, police focus public attention on bicycle rules of the road in town

by Geoff Fox

The Town of Hancock and Hancock Police Department have recently been getting complaints and questions regarding the way people on bicycles have been riding on the streets of Hancock.

In the state of Maryland, including Hancock and Washington County, bicycles are legally defined as vehicles which means riders have the same rights as those in cars and trucks and must follow the same general rules.

Both Hancock officials and police wanted to remind people who ride their bikes, especially on Main Street, about what the Maryland laws and town ordinances are regarding riding bikes in town.

According to the state, all operators and passengers of bicycles under the age of 16 must wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet on public roads, trails, and sidewalks.

The Hancock Police Department strongly recommends helmets for riders of all ages.

When riding at night,

bikes must be equipped with a front white light visible from at least 500 feet and a rear reflector of light visible from at least 150 feet, although state guidelines recommend visibility up to 600 feet.

Bikes must feature a functional brake system capable of making the braked wheels skid on dry, clean, level pavement.

Police also warn that riders must keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times and are restricted from riding with both ears plugged by headphones or dual earplugs.

There are also a few rules of the road police said should be followed.

When riding along the road, cyclists must stop at all red lights and stop signs, ride with the flow of traffic and never against it, and use the proper hand signals for turns and stops.

As they ride along the roads, cyclists should ride as far to the right side of the road as practical, or use designated bike lanes when available.

They may take more lanes

of the road to avoid road hazards, prepare for a left turn, or if the lane is too narrow to share safely.

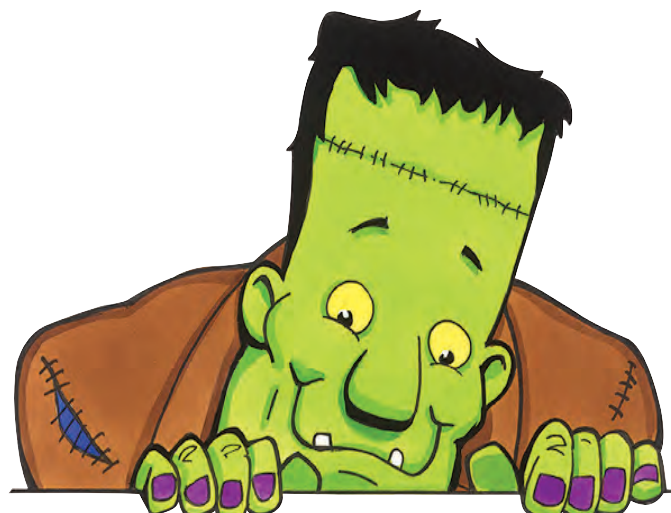
Police also warn that riders should never ride more than two abreast on a roadway and drop into single file if they are impeding traffic.

It's known that you can't drive a car while under the influence, but Maryland's law for DUI also applies fully to anyone operating a bicycle.

Recently, electric bicycles, or E-Bikes, have become a popular mode of transportation in Maryland.

The state recognizes three specific e-bike classes with 750W or smaller motors – Class 1, which is pedal-assist only, up to 20 miles-per-hour; Class 2, which is throttle-powered, up to 20 miles-per-hour; and Class 3, which is pedal-assist only, up to 28 miles-per-hour and operators must be at least 16-years old to operate.

Legal e-bikes do not require registration, driver's license, or insurance, but the riders under 16 must still wear a helmet.



SPOOKY SEASON IS COMING

by Geoff Fox

We're two weeks away from Halloween and there's plenty of opportunities to celebrate.

On Wednesday, October 28, the Hancock Rotary will be holding their 79th annual Halloween Parade at 7 p.m. along Main Street. A rain date is set for Thursday, October 29.

Organizer Autumn Williamson said Rotary is still looking for entrants into the parade.

If you, your organization, or your business want to enter the parade, you can contact Williamson at 443-532-4084 or autumn_williamson@hotmail.com.

There will also be multiple chances to go trick or treating for the kids.

Town of Hancock

The Town of Hancock's Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

National Pike events

The National Pike area will have Trick or Treat Friday evening, October 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. That area includes National Pike, Western Pike, Rice Road, Exline Road, Woodmont Road, and Resley Road.

As part of the National Pike festivities, the Apple

Tree Inn will be hosting a Goolish Glow Party with a DJ, Bill Creek will be grilling up haunted hot dogs for the community on Dove Lane, and Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church and congregation will hold a Trunk or Treat off of Exline Road.

Southern Fulton

For those in Warfordsburg, there will be Trunk or Treat at 13209 Buck Valley Road hosted by Big House Babysitter from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Green Lane Road in Warfordsburg will be having Trick or Treat on October 31 as well from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Little Orleans

In Little Orleans, Mountain Man Autobody will be having their first annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, starting at 6 p.m. until "the witching hour" or when the candy is gone.

Mountain Man Autobody is located at 11101 John O Price Road N.E. in Little Orleans.

Anyone participating in any of the Trick or Treat events are asked to turn their porch lights on so kids can know which houses are handing out candy.



Bicycling in Hancock must follow town and state rules, say town officials in a recent effort to enforce safety regulations.

Across the board, drivers must provide at least three feet clearance when passing a cyclist on the road.

In 1999, the Town of Hancock adopted an ordinance outlining rules for riding bikes in Hancock.

According to the ordinance, the rider of a bicycle or play vehicle, which the town defines as skateboards or roller skates, should have

the vehicle under proper control and shall not operate or propel the bicycle on any of the streets of Hancock recklessly or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper.

They should not use the street or highway so as to endanger property of any person.

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Hancock Police Report

301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of October 5-11:

October 5
Alarm, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental. Service to advise, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
Service to standby, 200 block Myers Street. Subject got belongings.

Alarm, 100 block West Main Street. Accidental.

Undesirable, Joseph Hancock Park. Subjects moved along out of park.

Suspicious person, Widmeyer Park. Subject advised can't live in park.

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

Parking complaint, Jackson Street. Warning issued.

October 6
Fraud, 100 block West High Street. Subject advised.
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject advised.

Undesirable, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject trespassed.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

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

Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. All secure.

October 7
Service to advise, 200 block Fulton Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Vandalism, Joseph Hancock Park. Graffiti in pavilion.

October 8
Theft, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Information taken.

Violation of protection order, 200 block Myers Street. Subjects advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

October 9
Assisted EMS, 100 block West High Street. Subject transported to hospital.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 77-mile marker east-bound I-68, accident. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

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

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

CDS violation, 100 block Fulton Street. Items collected to be destroyed.

October 10
Theft reported, 100 block Franklin Street. E-bike. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

October 11
Property damage accident, first block Blue Hill Road. Information exchanged.

Hancock Arts Council makes instrument donation, sets calendar of upcoming events

by Geoff Fox
The Hancock Arts Council has been busy recently with donations and planning events for the next few months.

Recently, on behalf of the Hancock Arts Council, Phil Edwards and Sinclair Hamilton donated an amplifier and guitar to the BlackCat Music Cooperative's instrument and equipment library, which lets students use items for learning and performing.

BlackCat, whose mission is "empowering youth through music," provides lessons for children and adults in many instruments and styles.

Mike Klingerman accepted the amp and guitar on behalf of BlackCat. Klingerman is one of the music teachers at the cooperative and gives lessons in many different instruments.

Klingerman also hosts an open acoustic jam at the BlackCat on the third Friday

of each month starting at 5:30 p.m.

Arts events
The Hancock Arts Council is also planning a number of events in the near future. The Halloween Spooktacular will be held next Sunday, October 18 in the Hancock Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m.

On November 29, the Hancock Arts Council Band will perform on Hancock's Main Street for the tree lighting during Main Street Hancock's Miracle on Main Street event.

On December 12, there will be a Christmas Sing Along at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

The following day, December 13, at 2 p.m., there will be a reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" also at the Performing Arts Center.

Hamilton said there are a few other events in the planning stages such as line dancing,



Phil Edwards recently donated an amplifier, being held by Mike Klingerman, to the BlackCat Music Cooperative in Berkeley Springs. The guitar Edwards is holding was donated by Sinclair Hamilton. Both donations were made on behalf of the Hancock Arts Council and accepted by Klingerman who teaches at the cooperative and gives lessons in a variety of instruments. Photo submitted by the Hancock Arts Council.

ing, a community dance (including square dancing with live music), and a ceramic workshop for children.

Wonderfall hike Open mic

Join park naturalists for the annual fall hike to earn a Wonderfall Hike patch at Cacapon Resort State Park on Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m.

Meet at the Cacapon Mountain Overlook (five miles past the nature center on rough gravel road. Allow 15-20 minutes.) See the fall colors along a two mile walk on the mountain fire road.

Hancock Community Center, located at 126 W. High Street, Hancock will have an Open Mic on Friday, October 16, 5-8 p.m.

The free event is sponsored by The Hancock Lioness Lions Club. All are welcome.

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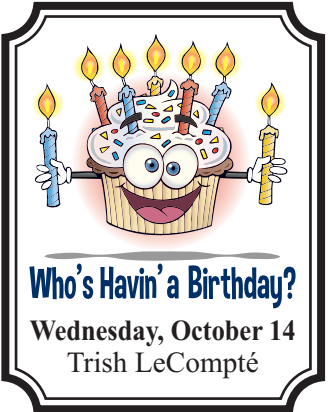
Acoustic jam

BlackCat's Acoustic Jam will be held Friday, October 16 at 5 p.m.

Take a guitar, uke, fiddle or voice and join for this interactive evening of music.

Mike Kligerman of the Tri-State Ukelectic Orchestra will host this get-together.

For more information call 304-500-2696. BlackCat is located at 155 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs.



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Poetry is sane...

"Because it floats easily in an infinite sea; reason seeks to cross the infinite sea, and so make it finite. The result is mental exhaustion." That's one of the best quotes I've read in ages. That's G.K. Chesterton in his classic, "Orthodoxy" (1908)--incisive, true and wise. He contrasts the poet vs. the rational man, or: the mystic and the madman, indicating that the madman as one who has lost everything except his reason--making it like a god. In other words, he is too tight, rigid, trying to explain & understand everything in "logical fashion," proving everything--without mystery or elegance, and, subtly, trying to control.

Meanwhile, the mystic / poet is able to "float" because s/he realizes one can both believe and search; or accept God's mystery amidst His revelations; whereas the madman / rationalist gets stuck in "self-enclosed loops" of enclosure & and sterile bondage while sabotaging deeper meaning and an innate sense of adventure. Meanwhile we Christians realize the value--and Truth--of paradoxes, which are not straightforward analytical theorems -- like a God-Man and a "bright cloud" (Mt. 17:5) of Transfiguration, and St. Jame's suffering while being joyful (1:2).

Notably, we embrace reason; we just don't absolutize it and also recognize its limits. As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us: we need both faith and reason as like a bird to fly--both are need in tandem--and yet today reason tends to get maximalized in most public spaces and organizations.

So, amidst all this, think about these four attributes we all need... Trust- we need Faith in Him & His beyond-ness-- which keeps us in relationship. You walk away from a limited-boring relationship but not an infinite, mysterious one!

Respect- We reverence the Most High God, sometimes unknown, contrasting with, as we know sometimes, "familiarity breeds contempt".

Boundless desire--With an Infinite, Mysterious Being, God, there's always more to love, and we practice "spiritual exercise" in reaching for more, and, thus, gain ever-more exhilaration...

Wonder--God's illimitable Life along with human mystery spawn fascination & awe, and causes the Disciples' resilience-- which is opposite the rationalist's "mental exhaustion."

Recall that guy who went to the Moon, and said: "Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand." +Neil Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1ST Evangelical Methodist Church, 11510 Price Road, Little Orleans, 240-609-6770 - Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible study 7 p.m. Darhl Trail, Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 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.

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OBITUARIES

Alda Mae Louise Lashley
1939-2026

Alda Mae Louise Crawford Lashley, age 87, of Warfordsburg, Pa., passed away on Friday, October 2, 2026.

Born Friday, September 8, 1939, in Franklin County, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Preston and Irene Hess Crawford.

Alda Mae was a member of The Gideons International, The Future Business Leaders of America in the Everett and Southern Fulton Schools and the Lioness Club. She was also a member of Buck Valley Christian Church.

She was a teacher for over thirty-six years for Everett and Southern Fulton Schools. She taught accounting, shorthand, bookkeeping and elementary and high school keyboarding.

Alda Mae enjoyed cooking and canning. She loved genealogy and sewing. For years, she played the piano and organ for weddings, funerals, church and leisurely.

She is survived by one daughter, Leda Louise (Lashley) Fischer; one son, Thomas Lee Lashley and wife Lori Lashley; two grandsons, Traber Fischer and husband Collin Smith, and Dalton Fischer and wife Megan Fischer; two granddaughters, Ashley Banegas and husband Brian Banegas, and Brooke Cressler and husband Ray Cressler; one great-grandson, Preston Fischer; and two great-great-granddaughters, Mabel Cressler and Macy Fischer.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her loving husband whom she married on July 22, 1961, Lee Francis Lashley, who passed away February 3, 2021.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 11 a.m. with one-hour prior visitation at Buck Valley Christian Church, 2281 Harmonia Rd., Warfordsburg, Pa. Pastor Dick Bernhard will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Buck Valley Memorial Cemetery, 6600 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg, PA 17267.

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



Ernest Chester Younker
1942-2026

Ernest Chester Younker, age 84, of Hancock, Md., passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

Born September 30, 1942, in Hancock, Md., he was the son of the late Roy Younker and Goldie Ray Barnhart.

Ernest worked as a heavy equipment operator for C.W. Hetzer for over thirty years, retiring in 2002. He also sold firewood for over fifty years.

He had been a member and deacon of Hancock Church of God for over thirty years. He most recently attended Orchard Ridge First Church of God.

Ernest was an avid fisherman, coin collector and enjoyed gardening.

“Dumpy” never met a stranger.

He is survived by his son, Ernie C. Younker and wife Amanda of Hancock, Md.; one daughter, Lisha L. Keebaugh of Hancock, Md.; three grandchildren, Jamie Myers, Abigail Bovey and Sara Bovey; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Henry C. Younker of Hancock, Md.; one sister, Freda Kerns of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his wife of sixty-one years, Jeanie Ann Younker who passed away May 14, 2024; stepfather, Webster “Boss” Barnhart; one brother, Glenn Ray; and one sister, Janet Kegarise.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 12 p.m., with two-hour prior visitation, at Orchard Ridge First Church of God, 13642 Orchard Ridge Rd, Hancock, MD 21750. Burial followed at the church cemetery. Pastor Jeff Hawbaker officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ernest’s name can be made to Orchard Ridge First Church of God.

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



Roger Lee Reed
1947-2026

The earthly sunset of Roger Lee Reed, 79, of Hancock, Md., came on Monday, October 5, 2026, when he went home to be with the Lord he had faithfully loved and served.

Born on Friday, May 16, 1947, to Earl Samuel Reed and Catherine Virginia Reed (née Fox), Roger came home to older siblings Dorothy, Lucille, William and Carol and was later joined by Carl, Harry, Ray and Lois.

As a young man, Roger went on to serve his country as a United States Marine. It was a title he carried with pride for the rest of his life, often sending family on their way from his home with a salute. By the time he married Sharon Lee Avella on Saturday, March 23, 1968, Roger had risen to the rank of corporal and was stationed at Camp Lejeune. At the time of his honorable discharge, he had achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Their marriage marked the beginning of a life together that would span more than five decades. Through every season that followed, Sharon remained by his side as they built a home, raised their family and shared the life God had given them.

Together, they raised four children, Crystal, Stacy, Regina and Roger Lee. Their family would grow to include sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Each new addition gave him another name to remember, another life to pray over, and, of course, another reason to tell someone just how large his family had become.

Roger spent much of his working life with C. William Hetzer, Inc., retiring in 2012 after forty-seven years of service. He took great pride in the work he completed there, especially the bridge that became known as “Pappy’s bridge.” Even after retirement, he remained close with his Hetzer gang and continued to enjoy their monthly breakfasts together.

Roger leaves behind his wife, Sharon, his “Honey;” his daughters, Crystal Cheshire (Paul), Stacy Golden (Tracy), Regina Hann (Terry) and daughter-in-law Dawn Reed (wife of Roger Reed II); his grandchildren, Caleb Cheshire (Nicole), Micah Cheshire (Christina), Eli Cheshire, Jaclyn Mines (Matthew), Madalyn Hixon, David Hixon, Nicole Song, Tanner Barton (Riley), Shawna Barton (Dakota), Kirkland Barton, Camden Barton, Gabrielle Puffenberger (Jesse), Abigail Reed, Lydia Morris (Levi), Elise Reed and Alex Reed; and his great-grandchildren.

He is reunited in Heaven with his son, Roger Reed II, a reunion he had long looked forward to; his parents, Earl Samuel Reed and Catherine Virginia Reed; and his sister, Bertha Lucille Keefer.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Hancock Assembly of God. Pastor Don Preston officiated. Burial followed at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, 17636 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740. Military honors were conducted by the Tri-State Honor Guard.

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



Over the Mountain Studio
Tour November 14 & 15

The annual Over the Mountain Studio Tour takes place on Saturday and Sunday November 14 and 15. This self-guided open studio tour features the work of several artisans at 11 tour stops. Guests will visit artists’ work spaces and other creative venues around Jefferson County, and will be treated to fine art and fine craft work in basketry, painting, pastel and printmaking, photographic processes, fiber and textiles, jewelry arts, metal, glass, ceramics, and wood.

There is so much to do during studio tour weekend. Many of the artists offer demonstrations and workshops during the two-day event. It is a unique opportunity to meet artisans who live in the area, learn about their work and eat treats at the various stops.

Fall is also a great time to visit scenic Jefferson County. While driving the studio tour route, visitors will see working farms, pasture and preservation land, old stone architecture, and historic towns and markers.

The Over the Mountain Studio Tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and it is easy to participate.

Go to the web site <https://www.overtthemountainstudiotour.com/> to learn about the artists, check out the tour stops and download the map. Plan a route then jump in the car. Tour signs will be posted along the way to help.

The artists of the Over the Mountain Studio Tour are grateful for support from the Jefferson Arts Council in making this event possible.

The Over the Mountain Studio Tour is a juried group of working artisans residing in Jefferson County. Started in 1989 by artists who wanted to share their life and work with the greater community, the group is known for their high-quality work and the tour brings attention to the outstanding artisans living locally. The Over the Mountain Studio Tour is held every year on the second weekend of November. Now in its 36th year, it is the longest running artists’ studio tour in the state of West Virginia.

Leslie L. “Boom” Farris, 75, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 10, 2026 while under the care of his loving family.

Born March 5, 1951 in Morgan County, W.Va., he was the son of the late Leroy James and Betty Alice Stotler Farris.

Les attended the Independent Bible Church in Hedgesville, W.Va. He worked through the years at Commercial Shearing in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Dixie Narco in Ranson, W.Va. and most recently at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Hancock, Md. He spent his life enjoying hunting and fishing. He loved the Lord first and foremost and then spending time with his family. He had a unique way of making people laugh with his wit and humor. He was always willing to help where ever he was needed.

Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist anymore- Or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.”

Les is survived by his wife, Denese C. Youngblood Farris, just shy of 53 years of spending their lives together, one son, Kevin Farris (Julie) of Hancock, Md., one daughter, Tessa Burch (Roy III) of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., three sisters, Darlene Stotler, Judy Clingerman and D.J. Stanley, all of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., two brothers, Danny Farris of Great Cacapon, W.Va. and Pat Farris of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., seven grandchildren, Derek, Cody, Jessi, Olivia, Luke, Zak, Scooter; three great grandchildren, Cameron, Cash, Marissa and one more soon to arrive, Hank and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Terry Farris, Mike Farris and Bob Farris.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

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

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We know you are in a much better place and there is no better place than Heaven. Wishing “YOU” a Happy Heavenly Birthday.

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History Matters

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

by Ed Lengel



The Death of Harry Houdini, October 1926

Harry Houdini, one of the best-known celebrities in the first quarter of the twentieth century, was also controversial. Born Erik Weisz in Budapest, in 1874, in what was then Austria-Hungary, he left Europe at the age of four with his Jewish parents to flee anti-semitism; his father was a rabbi. As a teenager in 1880s New York City, he changed his name to Harry Houdini and commenced his career as an illusionist/ magician. Eventually, he specialized in escape acts, donned complex sets of manacles and other restraints—in boxes; the underground, and underwater; seeking freedom—and even—risking his life. Houdini honed his skills, worked hard to expose fraud, and emerged a leading debunker of spiritualist charades that were popular.



His fame ramped up in the 1920s, but well-publicized challenges to entrap him, or disprove his claims, turned him into a target. After an October 1926, performance in Montreal, a gang of students accosted him in his dressing room, demanded to know if he believed in Biblical miracles, and—whether he was strong enough to withstand punches in his stomach. One of them slugged Houdini repeatedly; soon after the attack, Houdini experienced severe abdominal pain; a few days later, he was hospitalized with acute appendicitis and died in Detroit on Halloween. Now, a century later, Houdini’s legacy remains potent, and so do the ethical standards he put in place—all are enforced by professional performance artists, and the Society of Magicians.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Joe Posnanski’s *The Life and Afterlife of Harry Houdini* (2019).

Ed Lengel is an author, a speaker and a storyteller.

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Riding bikes in Hancock

(from front)

All operators of bicycles or play vehicles shall at all times comply with all other traffic regulations in force in the Town of Hancock and pursuant to the traffic regulations for the state of Maryland.

The town’s ordinance also states bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks.

It states it is unlawful for the bicycles, motor vehicles or play vehicles to be on, over or upon public sidewalks within the town except during those periods requiring the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

It is also unlawful to ride the bicycles on any sidewalk, tennis court, basketball court, pavilion, swimming pool in any park or playground owned, operated, and/or maintained by the Town of Hancock except in those areas designated as “riding areas” or except places like public highways or roads.

The town also has it marked unlawful for any person or groups to ride or operate a skateboard, bicycle, or play vehicle on any parking lot owned, leased, or operated by the Town of Hancock except in designated areas as “riding areas” by the Town of Hancock.

The ordinance states any bicycle found to be in violation of the ordinance can be impounded by the police and

removed from the public thoroughfares of the town.

The impounded bicycle would then be returned to the parent/guardian over the age of 18 after the \$10 impounding fee is paid.

If a bicycle is located and turned into police that has been deemed as abandoned within the town limits, the Police Department will impound the bicycle if they can’t locate the true owner.

When the unclaimed impounded bicycle is claimed after 30 days and the owner isn’t known or the owner is known and has been notified in writing of the impoundment, the police can sell the bicycle at a public sale to the highest bidder after having been duly advertised by a publishing notice of the time and place of sale at least 10 days prior to sale in a newspaper within Washington County.

Of course there are also penalties to go along with the violations.

Any person violating any of the provisions in the ordinance, on conviction thereof before the court having jurisdiction, shall pay a fine.

That fine for anyone determined to be guilty of a violation is \$25. Repeat offenders within one year from the initial violation would be subject to a \$50 fine or confinement in the Washington County Detention



Center for a period of no more than 30 days, or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

In the event any law enforcement agency acting within the jurisdiction limits of the Town of Hancock observes any minor child operating a play vehicle, motor vehicle, and/or bicycle in violation of the ordinance, the officer may confiscate the motor vehicle, play vehicle, and/or bicycle by the minor child and return the bicycle or

vehicle to the parent or guardian.

The officer shall be authorized to confiscate a bicycle under the provisions of the ordinance whether or not he or she issues a citation for the violation.

In addition to the fines and penalties, the mayor and council of the Town of Hancock can take other actions to enforce the town’s rules. The town’s bike ordinance took effect on May 9, 1999.

Ed Steers presentation on the Piltdown Man Hoax



Piltdown Man. Paleontology’s greatest hoax dominated the field of human evolution for 40 years.

In 1912 Charles Dawson said he had found a section of a human-like skull in gravel beds near Piltdown, East Sussex, England. He said this filled the missing link be-

tween early apes and modern humans.

Dr. Edward Steers will discuss this strange case on Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the War Memorial Hospital Education Room, left entrance to the hospital.

This is a free event.

Cacapon State Park to receive \$3 million with infusion of state park funding

West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey has announced approximately \$19.725 million in new investments to modernize, repair, and expand facilities across West Virginia’s state parks, forests, and outdoor recreation areas, including \$3 million to update Cacapon State Park’s wastewater facilities.

“West Virginia’s tourism industry is reaching new heights, and our state parks and forests are a big part of that success,” said Governor Morrisey. “We’re going to keep investing in the places that bring people here, support our local businesses, and show the rest of the country what makes West Virginia so special.”

The announcement comes as West Virginia’s tourism economy is said to have generated \$9.4 billion in economic impact last year.

West Virginia welcomed 78.4 million visitors, who generated \$6.8 billion in visitor spending and supported 61,728 jobs across the Mountain State, said state officials in making the announcement.

Morrisey said the new park investments include \$9.725 million from the FY27 budget surplus and a proposed \$10 million in projects through the West Virginia State Parks Endowment Fund Board.

State officials determined that \$9.725 million from the FY27 budget surplus will support improvements across the State Park system, including these items:

- Little Beaver State Park will receive \$3 million for construction of a new 34-site campground and electrical improvements to nearby existing campsites.
- Pipestem Resort State Park and Cass Scenic Rail-



road State Park will receive \$150,000 for roof replacements on aging cabins and historic company houses.

- Statewide paving and repairs will receive \$4 million for campsites, driveways, parking lots, and walkways throughout the State Park system.

- Blennerhassett Island State Park will receive \$300,000 to replace its service barge and tugboat, the GiGi, which provide the only reliable way to deliver supplies, equipment, and other goods to the island.

- Twin Falls State Park will receive \$2.275 million for comprehensive cabin renovations, lodge HVAC upgrades, and upgraded cabin interiors and mattresses.

State Parks Endowment Fund Board projects totaling \$10 million include:

- Chief Logan State Park will receive \$3 million to replace a deteriorating 20,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant serving the lodge, cabins, recreation center, and future facilities.
- Canaan Valley will receive \$1 million for snow-making equipment enhancements, allowing for a

higher volume of snowmaking throughout the skiable area.

- Statewide wastewater repairs will receive \$2 million to replace aging sand filtration components and enhance wastewater treatment plants throughout the State Park system.

- Cacapon Resort State Park will receive \$3 million for wastewater collection system repairs and necessary plant upgrades serving the lodge, cabins, golf course, and other recreational facilities.

- Hawks Nest State Park will receive \$1 million to rehabilitate the lower tram building, including renovations to the gift shop, restrooms, and boat rental concession area.

“These investments are about building on our momentum,” said Governor Morrisey. “When people visit West Virginia, they spend money in our communities, support our small businesses, and experience firsthand why this is such a great place to live, work, raise a family, and visit. We want to give them even more reasons to come back.”



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Hancock sweeps Berkeley Springs in 3–0 volleyball victory during Homecoming game

by Christi Mosier

The Hancock volleyball team delivered a strong performance Tuesday night, October 6, defeating Berkeley Springs in a convincing 3–0 sweep. Hancock controlled the match from start to finish, showing strong offensive execution, solid defense, and excellent teamwork.

The Panthers were led offensively by Madison Booth, who recorded 14 kills, two aces and seven digs. Booth consistently found ways to put pressure on the Berkeley Springs defense and helped Hancock maintain its offensive momentum throughout the match.

Kaybree Souders played a key role in directing Hancock's offense, finishing with 16 assists, four aces and five

digs. Her ability to distribute the ball and keep the offense moving helped Hancock maintain control at the net.

Sarah Smith contributed in all areas of the court with two aces, four kills, two blocks, 10 assists and nine digs. Her all-around performance provided Hancock with both offensive and defensive strength.

At the net, Taylor Weller added four kills, two blocks, one ace and one dig, helping Hancock establish a strong presence offensively and defensively.

Maya Shoemaker also made an impact with two aces, six kills and four digs, adding another consistent offensive threat for the Panthers.



Hancock's balanced attack and aggressive serving made it difficult for Berkeley Springs to gain momentum. The Panthers' ability to communicate, play together and capitalize on opportunities allowed them to complete the sweep.

The victory showcased the team's determination, teamwork and grit, as Hancock continued to compete with

confidence and execute when it mattered most.

With strong contributions from throughout the lineup, Hancock proved that when the Panthers play together and trust one another, they are a difficult team to stop.

The Panthers will look to carry the momentum from this victory into their next match.

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.	L	
Oct. 1	at Paw Paw	6 p.m.	W	3-0
Oct. 5	at Faith Christian (JV/V)	6 p.m.		
Oct. 7	Allegany (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	W	3-2
Oct. 12	Berkeley Springs (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	W	3-0
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.

Hancock Panthers volleyball team tips Allegany 3-2

by Lisa Schauer

The Hancock Panthers varsity volleyball team treated fans to an exciting win at home on Wednesday, October 7.

The lady Panthers scored three points and restricted Cumberland's Allegany Campers to two in Hancock's league triumph last week.

"What a win that was!" said Hancock

High School Volleyball Coach Christi Mosier.

"My girls showed exactly what dedication, determination, and grit look like. We faced a dominating team, but my girls never backed down. They fought for every point, played with confidence, and gave everything they had from the first serve to the final whistle. The girls earned that win, and I couldn't be

prouder to be their coach," said Mosier.

With a 6-4 record for the season, the Panthers hosted the Berkeley Springs lady Indians (8-6) for a non-league Homecoming game on Monday night.

Up next, the lady Panthers travel to Warfordsburg on Monday, October 19 for a non-conference match against Southern Fulton (8-6).

Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Bowling scores for the Monday Tri-State Mixed on September 28:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 547, V.F.W. 506 and Get-R-Done 455.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,543, V.F.W. 1,467 and Get-R-Done 1,335.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 236, Bob Clark 194 and Dennis Neely 177. Women: Deloris Stotler 170, Bernie Michael 162 and Betty McCauley 154.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 667, Bob Clark 568 and Don Itjen 510. Women: Deloris Stotler 491, Bernie Stotler 440 and Linda Smith 418.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 219, Don Itjen 180 and Bob Clark 179. Women: Deloris Stotler 161, Susie King 148 and Betty McCauley 147.

Standings: Mike's Scrap Metal 10-2, Get-R-Done 7-5, Let's Roll 7-5, Aces 6-6, Lucky Strikes 4-8 and V.F.W. 2-10.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Starlight Mixed on October 1:

High scratch game: Beauty & Beasts 524, The Great Escape 513 and C.J.'s Bar & Grill 473.

High scratch series: Beauty & Beasts 1,444, The Great Escape 1,432 and C.J.'s Bar & Grill 1,355.

High scratch game men: Dennis Neely 213, John DuVall 192 and Jack Wachter 162. Women: Deloris Stotler 205, Cindy Husted 180 and Rhonda Kratochvil 176.

High scratch series men: John DuVall 527, Dennis Neely 493 and Jack Wachter 451. Women: Deloris Stotler 514, Rhonda Kratochvil 444 and Cindy Husted 432.

High average men: Dennis Neely 175, John DuVall 175 and Jack Wachter 172. Women: Deloris Stotler 164, Betty McCauley 150 and Rhonda Kratochvil 145.

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

Hancock shows pride at annual Apple Butter Festival



Hancock Fire Company made their presence known during the Apple Butter Festival parade last week in Berkeley Springs as Tanker 5 rolled through town.



The Hancock Middle-Senior High School marching band's saxophonist shared the music during Saturday's parade in Berkeley Springs.



The Hancock Middle-Senior High School marching band showed off their Panther Pride and sound as they marched in the Apple Butter Festival parade last Saturday morning, October 10, in Berkeley Springs.



The Hancock Middle-Senior High School marching band woodwind and brass sections kept up the pace during the Apple Butter Festival parade on October 10.

photos by Geoff Fox

How to get in the sports section

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

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

for after-hours submissions.

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!

How to Contact Schools & Officials

Hancock Middle-Senior High School

301-766-8186

Website: <https://hmschs.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

guessmic@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

PUBLIC NOTICES

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. 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

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

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

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hancock, have determined to sell and convey any right, title or interest in and to all that parcel of land together with improvements known as 317 and 319 E. Main Street, Hancock, Maryland to Hancock Rising, LLC. The Property shall be conveyed to Hancock Rising, LLC at and for a consideration of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars pursuant to the terms of the Contract of Sale between the Town of Hancock and Hancock Rising, LLC as approved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hancock.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

Edward L. Kuczynski
Hancock Town Attorney

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
David Robert Peterson

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

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. 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

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. 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. 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. 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. 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

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Level: Intermediate

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Answer elsewhere in paper.



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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83902
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Melissa Anne Horner.

Notice is given that Samatha Aulds, 230 Aurora Pl., Hampstead, NC 28443-0078 was on October 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Melissa Anne Horner who died on September 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 1st day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of April, 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.

Samantha Aulds
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-14-3th

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Bobby L. Finlayson

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Thomas J. Kokolis, ESQ., 11200 Rockville Pike, Suite 407, North Bethesda, MD 20852 for judicial probate of the will dated October 4, 2005 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 10:00 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St.
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd10-14-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83845
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patricia Armatha Hoover.

Notice is given that Teresa Myers, PO Box 366, State Line, PA 17263-0366 was on October 2, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Patricia Armatha Hoover who died on August 7, 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 2nd day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 2nd day of April, 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.

Teresa Myers
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-14-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83871
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Joann Lorraine Bachtell.

Notice is given that Donovan Bachtell, 150 Vardon Ct., Southern Pines, NC 28387-2987 was on October 5, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joann Lorraine Bachtell who died on September 12, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of April, 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.

Donovan Bachtell
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-14-3th

Michael G. Day, ESQ.
Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
10715 Downsview Pike
PO Box 889

Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83917
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dale E. Fleagle.

Notice is given that Christine L. Quartucci, 11957 Azalea Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-2371 was on October 6, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Dale E. Fleagle who died on August 13, 2026 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal 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 6th day of April, 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 6th day of April, 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.

Christine L. Quartucci
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-14-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83854
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lauren Roy Hammond.

Notice is given that Carolyn Hammond, 7205 Dustin Dr., Sharpsburg, MD 21782-1101 was on October 5, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Lauren Roy Hammond who died on September 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 5th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of April, 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.

Carolyn Hammond
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-14-3th

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 April 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
pd10-14-1thn

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
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240-313-3200

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Residential treatment
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Call Admission Screening at 240-313-3322.

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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.

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This Week's Crossword Answers

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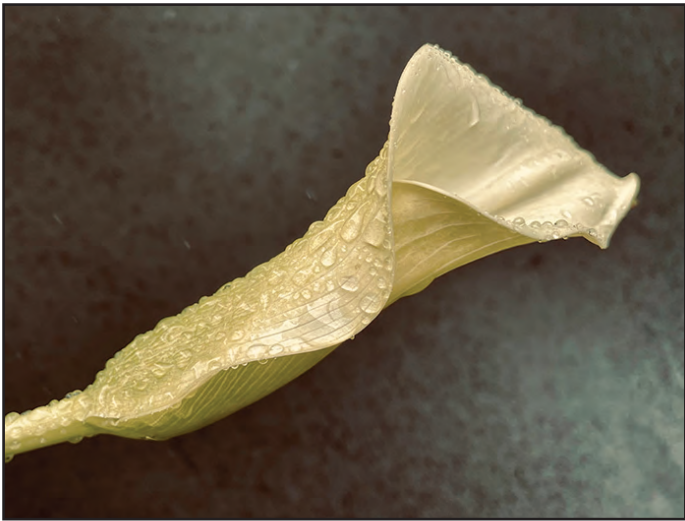
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HCC to hold Fall Faculty Arts Showcase

The English and Humanities Division at Hagerstown Community College will host its Faculty Arts Showcase from Thursday, November 5, through Friday, November 20, in the Kepler Center on HCC's main campus.

The Faculty Arts Showcase will feature an exhibition of artwork from HCC Visual Art and Graphic Design program faculty. The exhibition will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Thursday, November 5, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., in the Kepler Center. The evening's festivities will feature musical performances and readings of original works from HCC



Tears in Rain, Audra Martenot.

English and Humanities faculty. The event is open to the public.

For more information, con-

tact Margaret Yaukey, Visual Arts Program Coordinator, at 240-500-2221 or mayaukey@hagerstowncc.edu.

Fossils and Foliage Field Trip

Potomac Valley Master Naturalists will host a Fossils and Foliage Field Trip to Coopers Rock State Forest, 61 County Line Dr., Bruce-ton Mills, W.Va. on Friday, October 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join the Potomac Valley Master Naturalists on an adventure to admire the fall foliage from the beautiful vista at Cooper's Rock and to explore deep time at the Museum of West Virginia Geology and Natural History. Take a packed lunch and experience the scenes of the fall foliage together. From there, we will head over to the West Virginia Geological & Economic Survey for our scheduled tour at 1:30.



This is a free/donation-based program that is limited to 15 participants. This event is for ages 16 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

For additional details, go to

<https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/fossils-and-foliage-field-trip/>.

For more information, contact PVMN at PVMN@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

Fall fun returns to Oxon Hill Farm with Free Festival on October 17

The National Park Service will host a free, family-friendly fall festival at Oxon Hill Farm on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature live music, sheepdog demonstrations, line dancing, pumpkin painting and a community showcase highlighting local organizations. The farm is located at 6411 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill, Md.

The festival opens at 10 a.m. with Grammy-nominated artist Groovy Nate, whose shows feature a loop station, electric guitar, exotic instruments, puppet skits, comedy and interactive play.

At 10:45 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m., AJ Hesketh Tutton will present sheepdog demonstra-

tions showing how trained dogs guide sheep using voice and whistle commands.

At 11:15 a.m., DMV Pressure, a local saddle club rooted in horseback riding and southern soul line dancing, will lead a line dancing demonstration for all ages.

The final performance begins at 2 p.m. with the Tribe Band, featuring gospel, blues, smooth jazz, funk, R&B, soul, Motown, southern soul and neo soul.

Parking is limited at Oxon Hill Farm. Visitors are encouraged to park at the Oxon Hill Park and Ride, about a half-mile away. A free shuttle will run to and from the lot.

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Phone: 1-800-811-8336

DELEGATE TERRY BAKER (R)
Allegany & Washington Counties
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Office: 323 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
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Local Office: 100 N. Mechanic St., Cumberland, MD 21502
240-362-7040
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Phone: 202-224-4654
Local Office: 32 W. Washington St., Suite 203, Hagerstown, MD 21740
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2102 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
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REPRESENTATIVE JESSE TOPPER (R)
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Bedford Office: 133 South Richard Street, Bedford, PA 15522
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October 18 - 24, 2026



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are sensitive to the needs of family members right now. You might be on a mission to help someone who needs assistance by researching programs or funding.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Use the fact that others are noticing you to your advantage, Cancer. You can set good examples by being compassionate and generous to others.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You may have to be especially patient with a loved one who is still trying to process the news you gave them. Everyone deals with things in their own time.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your desire to expand your world is strong this week. You may renew an interest in travel and begin making progress on some big ideas.



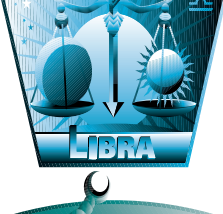
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you can do something to help others, especially within your professional arena, do not hesitate to do it. Your willingness to assist others will not go unnoticed.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You are happy to be working behind the scenes, Virgo. However, you might take on a prominent fundraising role or engage in other activities that benefit others.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
This is a great week for you, Aries. You are empathetic and tuned into your surroundings. You might feel warm and friendly to everyone.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
This is a popular time for you to converse with others and interact with members of the general public, Libra. You might develop a strong connection to someone new.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this is a feel-good week for you. Enjoy spending some private moments during which you reflect on the things you want to accomplish.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you might make a fabulous impression on someone this week. This might compel this person and others to get involved with a cause dear to your heart.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, sympathy toward a cause or a friend may prompt you to become involved in a charitable organization. You also are interested in learning more from others.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Do something different this week, Sagittarius. You are open for an adventure. Accept invitations to socialize, and use your free time to the fullest.

Fall is in the air



Fall is certainly in the air... er... on the ground as the trees behind the library have started to lose their leaves and cover the ground below with red and orange leaves.

People Told Us...

—KID JOKED: How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles!
—OLD FARM LORE: Corn husks that are thicker and tighter than usual forecast a cold winter ahead.
—Charitable contributions of food and money to help needy local people can be sent to the Interfaith Service Coalition, 116 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750.
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Read Aloud 15 MINUTES

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Cacapon Resort State Park weekly activities

Thursday, October 15
1 p.m. - Leaf Art & Mobile. Collect leaves, nuts, pinecones and sticks to make a mobile. All ages welcome.
3 p.m. - Bush Craft. We'll make cordage from several natural plants. Yucca, day lilies, irises, and gladiolus will be a few. All materials provided. Yours to take home. Take your own cordage ideas too. There are some supplies you can take home.

Friday, October 16
10 a.m. - Hike with the Trail Coordinator. Meet Michael, our new trail coordinator to learn more about our park trails and take a beautiful fall hike. Hiking options will be on the Cabin Loop trail, an easy mile loop. Those that want to continue along the Laurel Trail, will be another 2.2 miles with moderate elevation gain of 400 ft. Meet at the nature center and allow two hours for this hike. Helpful items to take: camera, water, sturdy hiking shoes, hiking poles.
1 p.m. - Tree ID Walk with Leaf Pounding. We'll do a leisure walk looking at different ways to ID trees. For those that would like to, you can collect leaves and use those in a leaf pounding craft. Flowers could also be added.
2 p.m. - All About Bats. Meet at the nature center. Bats are important to ecosystems. We'll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.
3 p.m. - WV Snakes. Let's explore venomous vs. non venomous snakes of WV. See and feel some snake skin, snake bones, and replicas. We will also ID some identifying characteristics of some common snakes. Milk snakes get confused with copperheads. Can you tell the difference?

Saturday, October 17
9:30 a.m. - Fall Leaf Card Making. Using foam stickers and card stock, make a few cards. Gathering leaves for pressing or laminating can occur as well.
11 a.m. - Turkey Talk. Wild turkeys of North America were almost wiped out. Let's learn about their history, fun facts, do turkey calls and see feathers and taxidermy. Tell us your turkey encounters.
2 p.m. - WonderFall Hike. To celebrate the fall foliage, join a park naturalist guided hike to earn your West Virginia State Park WonderFall Walk patch. Meet at Cacapon Mountain Overlook (5 miles past the nature center, allow 15-20 minutes on a rough gravel road. This easy 2-mile hike will be along the mountain fire road.

Monday, October 19
9:30 a.m. - Ridge Trail Ramble. Meet at the nature center. Join park volunteer Dale on the moderate 1.2 mile loop trail. Discuss park history and nature.
10 a.m. - Tai Chi. This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body & spirit. Location lodge.

Tuesday, October 20
10 a.m. - Fall Leaf Stenciling & Leaf Journal. Pick a leaf of your choice and learn some fun facts about that tree. You'll start a leaf journal to take home to complete.
1:30 p.m. - Name That Tune! How to ID birds through their calls. Using Merlin & recorded devices, we'll learn a few bird calls and songs. Focus will be on seasonal birds of our area. A short walk will follow to see if we can ID a few birds along the way.
3 p.m. - Leaf Art. Gather leaves and make art. Animal depictions, abstract leaves, leaf paintings are all options. Share your ideas as we share ours. Geared toward adults.

Wednesday, October 21
9 a.m. - Spectacular Fall Walk Series #13: The Ziler Trail will be today's walk. Yes, there is leaf color change occurring. Wildflowers, trees, and grasses are showing signs of fall. Meet at the Nature Center. Rated intermediate but has a long climb and switch backs. 3 miles up & back. (2.5 hours to 3 hours) Overlooks rock formations.
1 p.m. - The CCC Boys, A West Virginia Legacy. This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests. A short guided history walk to follow the video weather permitting.
3 p.m. - A Lizard's Life. In honor of National Reptile Awareness Day, we'll learn about WV lizards. If it is sunny & warm, there's a good chance we'll see 1 or 2 different species around the nature center.

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