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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 10/21 64/38 
Sunny with light north winds with high near 64, low of 38.

Thurs. 10/22 66/40 
Sunny with north winds 3 to 6 mph, with a high around 66.

Fri. 10/23 59/34 
Sunny with a high near 59 and a low around 34.

Sat. 10/24 60/33 
Sunny with a high around 60 and a low near 33.

Sun. 10/25 65/40 
Sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 40.

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Former mayor asks for update on blighted properties, town officials & attorney say progress is slow

by Geoff Fox

Former mayor Dan Murphy approached town officials during the October town meeting asking for updates on where things stand regarding two blighted properties in town.

Murphy said he was concerned about the look of the town and some of the issues that keep being talked about. There are people doing good things in town and taking care of their properties.

It's an issue Murphy has touched upon a few times in the past.

He noted the town no longer puts "old business" as an agenda item for the monthly meetings and suggested there's enough old business for the town to address.

"That becomes like the titular file, I think, keeps you guys from being criticized because people say, 'Well they're not doing anything on that.' Well, I don't be-



Questions continue about the fate of this property as the town works with the owner to either repair it or tear it down.

lieve you're not doing anything on that," he said.

Murphy added the people don't hear about those issues and they should with some regularity, so encouraged officials to add that unfinished business to the agenda so they can speak to the public about those issues.

This led to him asking about the properties on Main Street and High Street in court.

Mayor Roland Lanehart told Murphy they had just had a court date a couple days prior to the meeting.

see **BLIGHTED BUILDINGS** page 6



This downtown Hancock property designated as blighted raised questions about where things stand with plans to repair it.

photos by Geoff Fox

Yellow town warehouse sold, being cleaned out

by Geoff Fox

The Town of Hancock has finally ended ownership of the yellow warehouse on Main Street that has housed the town's Public Works Department. Town crews are currently clearing equipment out.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said the Public Works and inmates are moving things out.

Councilman David Kerns added crews are busy making sure everything is out before the new owner, Bruno Reich, takes ownership.

Some things have been moved to the wellhouse and into a sea container, he added.

The town is currently using the white shed across from AC&T.

The sale of building went through at a price of \$350,000.

Reich previously told town officials he would like to develop a multi-story retail and restaurant complex in the old warehouse space.

New public works

Town Manager Michael

Faith also handed town officials requests for proposals to review for a new Public Works building. The proposals were for professional architectural engineering design services.

Once someone is chosen, there will be more votes and decisions officials would have to make for the building.

Faith said the town won't hire someone and turn them loose to hire whomever they want. Town officials will be involved in all those decisions.

There will be multiple steps before anything really happens and it could take months, he said.

Kerns said the RFP for the site plan would take six months, which goes through the state and county.

Once the site plan is finished, Kerns said the town could reach out to Sen. Mike McKay to help push the project through faster.

Once it's constructed, the new Public Works building will be beside the town's wellhouse. The town owns six acres in that area.



The Town of Hancock has sold their former public works building to a private developer. photo by Geoff Fox

Faith said he wanted town officials to read over the RFP draft and get back to him any suggestions and any additions that might need to be added.

MOU for road salt

Town officials also agreed to extend the memorandum of understanding with the State Highway Administration to get road salt for winter street maintenance. The agreement must be done every so many years.

The MOU would be the same as last year and would run the town \$92.91 per ton of salt.

Kerns suggested the town not store the salt in town this year. He said it would be an extra five miles down the interstate to get it, but the town doesn't have a place to store it right now.

Councilman Josh McCusker, who works for the SHA and removed himself from voting on the subject, said the salt has to be covered when storing it or it would be a "big blob" as the salt does freeze.

SHA creek restoration

The town also entered an MOU with the SHA regarding a program it's been involved with for some time,

the Little Tonoloway Creek restoration.

Faith said the SHA has been working on that area of Kirkwood Park for over 10 years and the MOU is set to expire this year.

He added it was suggested to be renewed for two successive five-year periods.

This comes at no cost to the town as the SHA pays for everything being done at the site.

The SHA is improving the stream, Faith said, and protecting it from erosion and "all kinds of different things."

Maryland's Early Muzzleloader Deer Season opens October 22

The first segment of Maryland's muzzleloader deer season will open this Thursday and be open through October 24 statewide.

Hunters in Region B — the state's central, southern, and eastern regions — can also use muzzleloaders from October 26-31 for antlerless deer only.

For the 2026-27 season, the statewide bag limit for antlered white-tailed deer is set at two.

Maryland hunters have the option to purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp, which allows them to take a

third antlered deer. However, the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp cannot be used during the early muzzleloader season, and specific regional restrictions apply during other seasons. The antlerless deer bag limits also vary by deer management region. See the 2026-27 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for more information.

An antler-point restriction remains in effect.

Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at

least three points on one antler.

Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction. Licensed junior hunters and apprentice license holders, 16 years of age or younger, are exempt from this restriction.

The early muzzleloader season for sika deer of either sex is open statewide October 22-24, followed by an antlerless-only sika deer season October 26-31.

see **EARLY SEASON** page 6

Kids on bikes raise safety concerns of residents

by Geoff Fox

Two residents came before town officials to let them know about an issue they have with kids in town and them riding bikes.

About a week before the October town meeting, Lisa Teeter said she almost hit a child as she was coming to the four-way stop at Pennsylvania Avenue and High Street, headed north. She was the second of three cars to get to the intersection.

Teeter said the first car went and then she started to go when a bike she didn't see from anywhere flew right in front of her.

She described the child as

small, maybe elementary aged, no helmet.

"It was close," she said, noting that her 2-year-old granddaughter was in the backseat at the time.

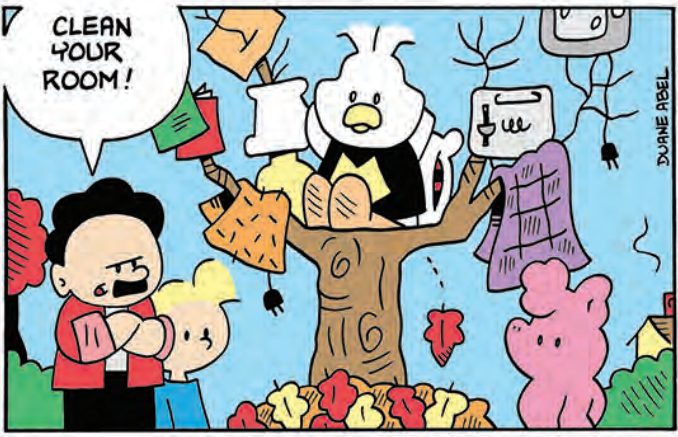
It's happening so much with the kids running around the town without any accountability. She even noted the kids around her home are out all the time.

Police told Teeter at the time that a little girl had been hit on Pennsylvania Avenue and didn't even call for two hours.

see **RESIDENTS CONCERNS** page 6

OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

How is it that more materials go to waste in producing clothes than ends up in the clothes themselves? What can we do to turn this around?

— Bill T., via email

Over the past few decades, the fashion industry’s production, consumption and discard of clothes has constantly deteriorated the planet’s health. In fact, the industry accounts for over 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions each year. With the rise of the fast fashion sector, more and more low-quality clothes are designed and produced to meet constantly changing trends. These clothes are intended to be discarded after use, not recycled or reused. In addition, the production of virtually all textiles uses significant amounts of water, chemicals and energy, further adding to the industry’s eco-impact.

Textile waste encompasses all discarded natural or synthetic materials, especially during the lifecycle of clothes. The materials can take up to many decades to fully decompose, which causes landfill saturation, pollution emissions and contamination. Typically, it is divided into pre-consumer and post-consumer. Pre-consumer textile waste is the material discarded before the items reach consumers. Some examples include fabric scraps, rejects and unsold stock. On the other hand, post-consumer textile waste includes used and discarded materials by consumers. These items are often challenging to deal with due to dyes, blended materials, attached hardware and other decorations.

Though the majority of textile waste occurs after a garment is sold, there is still a lot of material lost in the production process: “Approximately 44% of the material is lost as early as the production stages,” said Rakib Ahmed, a researcher at SINTEF Industry. Some of the most significant causes include rejected designs, defective items and unsold surpluses. Most of this waste is incinerated, not recycled or reused.

Starting with the beginning of the clothing cycle, the process of converting raw material into yarn or another usable form through spinning and ginning results in textile waste, as there are discarded scraps. Subsequent steps of dyeing, printing designs and weaving also create textile waste as mistakes and mishaps that cannot be undone. Next, the clothes are often shaped, producing additional discarded materials that are often rendered unusable due to their small size.

To combat this issue, producers should focus on increasing the recycling of materials while reducing pre-consumer textile waste. By adopting a circular fashion model, producers can reduce the amount of textile that is discarded, especially in yarn production and processing raw materials. As a result, the greenhouse gas emissions of the fashion industry could decrease by around 10%.

As consumers, we can support sustainable companies like Patagonia, Madewell and The North Face that are conscious of their textile waste both pre- and post-consumer. At the same time, advocating for political change can bring about large-scale attention on shifting the standard in the fashion industry for textile waste during production. Individuals can reuse materials from old clothes to reduce their post-consumer waste, or donate them, which promotes a circular fashion model.

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Calendar of Events OCTOBER

Saturday, October 24
– Hancock Museum
open 9-11:30 a.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Sunday, October 25
– Hancock Museum
open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,
basement of Town Hall

Monday, October 26
– Hancock Lioness Lions
Club meeting, Community
Center, 6 p.m.

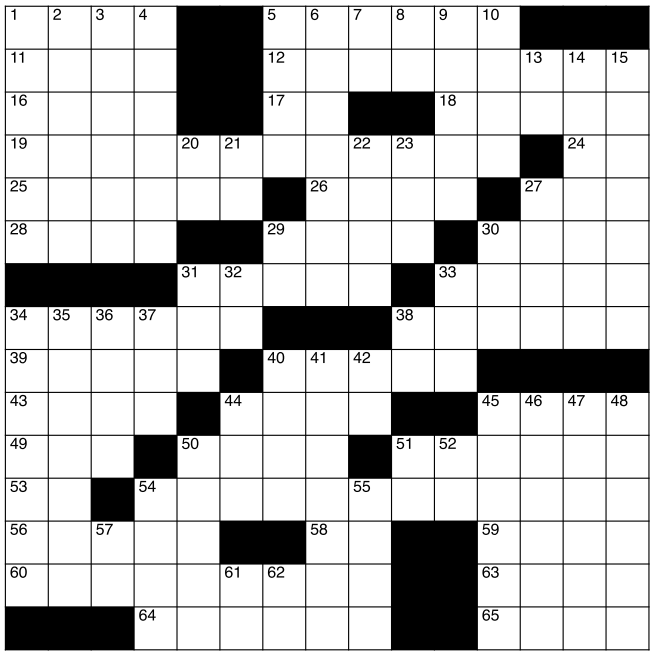
Tuesday, October 27
– Hancock Rotary Club
meeting, Martha’s House,
47 W. Main Street,
12:30 p.m.

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ACROSS

- Nocturnal rodent
- Requesting
- Give temporarily
- Frivolousness
- Military arm
- “Westworld” actor Harris
- Persian Gulf port city
- Air hostesses
- Partner to “Pa”
- Percussion instrument
- Raincoats
- Lower the light
- Asian mountain range
- Every one of two or more
- Lack of difficulty
- A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- Reduces in size
- Make an impact
- Serviceman
- A French river
- Prehistoric people
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- “Layla” singer Clapton
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- “Top Gun: Maverick” actor Powell
- A way to disentangle
- Atomic #93
- Manifesting approval
- Indigo bush
- Larry and Curly’s pal
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Masses of fish eggs
- Passerine birds
- Arrange systematically

DOWN

- Colorless part of blood
- Of a main artery
- Photog’s tool

- Blues Traveler hit “But ”
- Grew older
- Not the leader
- ___ Lang: country singer
- A driver’s license is one
- Nests of pheasants
- Antelopes
- One quintillion bytes
- Japanese lute
- A type of cat
- It cools your home
- Dorm official
- Pouches
- German trigraph
- Form of Persian
- ___ route
- Upper body part
- Bridge building degree
- Indicates position
- Political action committee
- Edible nuts
- Front part of a quadruped
- Locate
- Geological time
- Of I
- Northern Utah city
- They work in the trenches
- Hammer is one
- Tall deciduous tree
- Performers
- Slang for mistake
- More open
- Most slick
- Provokes
- Home of the NCAA’s Flyers
- Sodium
- Large fish of the mackerel family
- Not one
- ___ and behold
- Atomic #21
- “The Great Lakes State”

History Matters

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



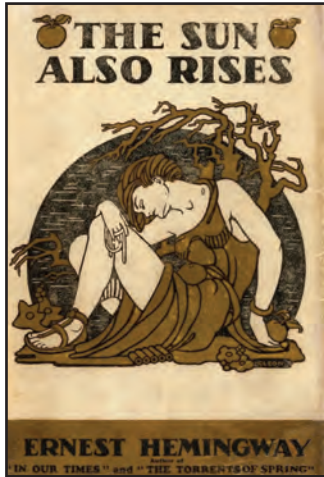
The publication of Ernest Hemingway’s first novel, *The Sun Also Rises*, October 1926

Born into a middle-class family near Chicago in 1899, Ernest Hemingway volunteered for military service when the United States entered World War I in 1917. He was denied enlistment because of his nearsightedness, so he joined the Red Cross as a field ambulance driver in Italy in the summer-autumn of 1918. His wartime hospital experiences encompassed a battlefield injury to the knee which confined him to a hospital; there, he fell deeply in love with a nurse, who swayed him into writing *A Farewell to Arms*, and other works. In the 1920s Hemingway drifted between France and Spain with the “literati,” got interested in the postwar concept of “Lost Generation,” befriended F. Scott Fitzgerald.

By the time Hemingway’s debut novel, *The Sun Also Rises*, was published in 1926, he was questioning the concept of a “Lost Generation,” and Fitzgerald’s doomed character, Gatsby. He, by contrast, set his novel among the people he knew in Paris, and incorporated some optimism in it, that belied much of his later/darker works. Hemingway maintained that his contemporaries—though “wounded”—had the fortitude to endure. The book garnered mixed reviews—in part—from the critics who objected to the instances of antisemitic language.

For more information about Ernest Hemingway, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Mary Dearborn’s *Ernest Hemingway: A Biography* (2018).

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of October 12-18:

October 12
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Accidental.

Domestic, verbal, 100 block East Main Street. Checked okay.

Harassment, 200 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, first block East Main Street. Subjects checked and moved along.

Animal complaint, first block West Main Street. Subject mistreating a dog. Subject advised.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects advised and moved along.

Trespassing, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate subject, charges will be filed.

October 13
Disorderly conduct, 10 block Quaker Creek Drive. Road rage. Subjects advised.

Animal complaint, 200 block West Main Street. Dog inside vehicle. Humane Society notified.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

911 hang-up, 100 block Limestone Road. Accidental.

Suspicious person, Joseph Hancock Park. Subjects advised.

October 14
Fraud, 100 block West Main Street. Information given.

Trespassing, 100 block West High Street. Subject trespassed.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block East Main Street. Subject moved along.

Trespassing, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects trespassed.

Service to advise, 200 block Jackson Street. Snapping turtle in yard. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, first block Fulton Street. Subject trespassed from property.

Traffic complaint, 100 block West Main Street. Subject issued citations.

Alarm, 100 block Rayloc Drive. Check of area all okay.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, westbound I-70 at Rt. 522. Traffic stop.

October 15
Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Vehicle checked okay.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Community policing, Hancock school. Trunk or Treat.

October 16
Suspicious person, Joseph Hancock Park. Subject checked and moved along.

Fraud, 200 block Dale Street. Information taken.

Death, first block South Street. Report to follow.

Malicious destruction of property, first block East Main Street. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

October 17
Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects advised.

Assisted West Virginia State Police, first block Blue Hill Road. Traffic stop.

Theft, 100 block West Main Street. Subject trespassed.

Suspicious person, first block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject trespassed.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Four stops.

DUI, 200 block East Main Street. Scott Anthony Walters, 53, of Hancock, arrested for DUI.

October 18
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Animal complaint, first block East Main Street. Two dogs running stray. Humane Society took the dogs.

Deadline to request a mail-in ballot is approaching

The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) reminds voters that the deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the 2026 Gubernatorial General Election is approaching.

To receive your mail-in ballot via mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) or submitted online by October 27, 2026. If you want to receive your mail-in ballot via email, submit your request online by Friday, October 30, 2026. Visit SBE's mail-in ballot webpage to request a ballot.

Mail-in ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by or before 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. If returned by hand, ballots must be submitted at an early voting center during early voting, or dropped at a ballot drop box or local board of

elections by 8 p.m. on November 3. A list of locations can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026.

"With the General Election just weeks away, I encourage all Maryland voters to take a few moments now to make their voting plans," said State Administrator of Elections Jared DeMarinis. "Voting by mail remains a safe, secure and convenient way to participate in the democratic process. Voters who plan to cast their ballots by mail should be mindful of the upcoming request deadlines to ensure they have ample time to receive and return their ballots."

In addition to voting by mail, registered voters have two other options for casting their vote: vote early in-person or vote on Primary Election Day.



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

Dates: Thursday, October 22 – Thursday, October 29

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

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

2. Election Day In-Person: Vote in person at your local polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

Hours: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters must cast their vote at their assigned polling place. Locate your polling place on the SBE website.

To track the status of your ballot go to vote.md.gov/search. Additional information about Maryland's Primary Election, including deadlines to return your voted ballot, can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026.

Annual Festival of Trees returns for fourth year

Hancock's fourth annual Festival of Trees is returning this December and will once again be hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The festival will run Friday, December 4, through Saturday, December 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church located at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock and is free for the public.

In addition to viewing and voting on the trees, there will be free refreshments, nativity displays, Kids Corner with

activities, scavenger hunt, picture booth for selfies, handbell activity, Christmas music, nativity video, and the Family History Center will be open.

Non-profit organizations, businesses, clubs, churches, individuals and families are invited to register to bring and decorate an artificial tree to share their mission, fun theme or loved one's memory.

The deadline to register is Friday, November 20.

You can sign up going to

the "Free Activities 4 Hancock, MD" Facebook page and clicking the link in the post or by emailing the event organizer at festivaloftrees4hancock@gmail.com and a link to the registration form will be emailed to you.

Set up for the event is scheduled for Monday, November 30, through Thursday, December 3, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

If an earlier set up time is needed, add a note when registering.

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Halloween get together set at Senior Center

Local senior citizens are invited to attend a Halloween get together on Friday, October 30, at the Hancock Senior Center, located in the Hancock Community Center.

There will be free food, bingo with prizes, door prizes, and fellowship.

If you wish, you can even wear a costume.

An RSVP is requested so organizers are able to be prepared.

Contact Shannon at 301-302-3081 to let organizers know if you are coming.

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Don't Believe in God / Believe in Anything ?

Nihilism is the dark, deadly disease of past and present. Nihil means, from the Latin, not, nothing. It may be causing your children, friends, family to "go off the edge," to turn to drugs, to commit violence, to reject God. "When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything ." +GK Chesterton

Chesterton is also known as "the apostle of common sense." An interpreter of him just observed: most bad things today are not errors of psychology, philosophy, or medical errors, they're common sense-issues, people not getting the right frame of mind about things. In other words: People, especially vulnerable ones, believe in anything—and in this void, something, violence, anarchy comes to fill it. Jesus describes: where one spirit leaves a person, wandering, and then returns with other spirits, to occupy that same person (Lk. 11:24-26).

I just saw where another teenager shot and murdered several children in a gun shooting in a grade school in Oregon. He was just 16. This is not uncommon among young men.

We wonder what got into such a person --some can't fathom it. But when there is an emptiness, we try to explain with endless psychologies, social commentary that everything's rational and transparent and solvable, and try to make our world seem sensible, controlled. Not so, as the excellent book, contesting this: "Fooled By Randomness"-By Nassim Taleb-submits: there's more chaos, atrophy than our brain's thought pattern can attempt to foist upon us, naively, and we need become more realistic, sober. Remember, as the Bible prudently reminds us: "Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (I Pt. 5:8).

How ironic America is one of the most believing-theistic Western countries and, also the most violent and nihilistic.

Let's all continue to offer hope and light and "never cease doing good" (Gal. 6:9)—and also remember: practice—and preach-- common sense!

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

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

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 1 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Thursday couples class 6 p.m. Pastor Robert Burton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Ecological Science Center Tour

Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host a tour of the Eastern Ecological Science Center at Leetown, 407 Reservoir Road, Kearneysville, W.Va. on Friday, October 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Join us for a unique behind-the-scenes tour of the Eastern Ecological Science Center at Leetown, a U.S. Geological Survey facility at the forefront of fish, wildlife, and ecosystem research.

During this tour, participants will explore the center's laboratories and outdoor research ponds while learning how scientists are working to address some of the most pressing conservation and natural resource management challenges in the U.S. As planning continues, we also hope to include brief presentations from researchers about their ongoing work. The Eastern

Ecological Science Center is committed to delivering world-class, actionable science that supports the protection and enhancement of our nation's natural resources for generations to come. This is a rare opportunity to see how science directly informs decisions that preserve and enhance our quality of life.

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

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/tour-of-the-eastern-ecological-science-center-at-leetown-2/>.

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

OBITUARIES

Ruth M. Ramsdell 1934-2026

Ruth M. Ramsdell, 92, passed away on October 15, 2026 at Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

She was born October 8, 1934 in Williamston, Mich., to Ray and Mae Combs. She had a long career as a Medical Records Director in many hospitals across the Mid-Atlantic. Upon retirement, she moved to Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Linda Ramsdell of Paw Paw, W.Va. and her son, Curtis (Gisela) Ramsdell of Midlothian, Va., as well as two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her children would like to thank the staff, aides, and nurses of Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center for all their care for Ruth over the last few years.

Services and burial will be private.

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

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



Nancy Tucker Jones 1941-2026

Nancy Tucker Jones, age 84, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Berkeley Springs Healthcare Center in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Born November 4, 1941, in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Evan and Jessie English Tucker.

In addition to her parents, Nancy is preceded in death by her loving husband, Bernard B. Jones of 61 years of marriage, he passed away December 2, 2023.

Nancy was a 1959 graduate of Holton Arms School, Washington, D.C. She continued her education and graduated from George Washington University, Shepherd University and West Virginia University.

She was employed by Morgan County Schools where she taught children with learning disabilities, retiring in 1999.

Nancy was a member of First United Methodist Church, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. She was also a member and president of Kappa Delta Sorority at George Washington University.

Her hobbies included sewing, cooking, painting, and ceramics. Most of all she was a loving grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family.

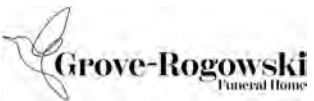


Nancy is survived by one son Robert L. Jones, of Rochester, Minn.; two daughters Susan J. Schultz, of Greenville, N.C. and Julie L. Tyson, of Chesapeake, Va.; six grandchildren: Mary Schultz Gruner, Maggie Schultz, Tara C.K. Montague, Dylan J. Kontra, Evan B. Jones and Sarah H. Jones and one great grandson, Theodore J. Montague.

Funeral service will be held Friday, October 23, 2026, at 5 p.m., with two-hour prior visitation at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750. Pastor Josh Rider will officiate. Burial will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 12 p.m. at Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery, 5377 Martinsburg Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's name can be made to the First United Methodist Church, Furnace Fund, 49 S. Green Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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.



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Stotlers talk about overseas mission at Union Chapel

Britney and Carson Stotler will be visiting and sharing at Union Chapel United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 25.

The couple are full-time missionaries with Overland Missions. Right now, they are in their fundraising season so that they can sustainably stay on the mission field.

While the Stotlers are visiting Union Chapel, they will be sharing about their time overseas and how individuals can join their team to help reach the most remote and neglected people in the world with the Gospel.



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Blighted buildings

(from front)
Town Manager Michael Faith said it was the second hearing with Town Attorney Edward Kuczynski saying there hadn't been a town meeting since they had been in court.
Kuczynski said the town is continuing to work with engineers to remedy the problem.
The trial, he said was postponed another 30 days. According to Maryland Case Search and online court documents, that date is set for November 10.
He said the owner of the Main Street property, Kenneth Apple, has a structural engineer "dragging his feet" and has another engineer lighting a fire under the structural engineer to get plans submitted to begin work doing the needed repairs.
Kuczynski said Apple also alluded to the fact he might have a person interested in buying the property.
In the case of the other property on High Street owned by Jordan Butts, Kuczynski said there's a contractor lined up who was going to apply for building permits to make repairs. According to Councilman David Kerns, those permits hadn't

been applied for as of a week prior to the meeting.
"So, we'll see where he is in 30 days," Kuczynski said.
He did say Butts was looking to obtain permits that would allow him to stabilize the property and start working on the house instead of tearing it down.
As long as the town is getting some cooperation toward remedying the problems, Kuczynski said the town would continue to work with both owners.
If that doesn't happen, the town would prosecute and continue to issue citations until there is compliance.
"With code enforcement, it's about getting people to do things," he said.
Kuczynski said they could easily say they'll pay the \$1,000 fine, but the town would have to charge them again and keep coming back at it.
"We've not reached a point on either property where they have just not done anything," he said. "It'll feel like the progress is slow, but we're making some progress."
Faith said the citations are still active and the judge gave both owners 60 days at the first court date, but this most

recent date, the judge gave an additional 30 days.
"I can't imagine there's another argument for another continuance with that judge," Faith said.
Faith did tell Murphy he'd talked to Butts, who had cleaned up the yard of his property, and told him there's someone living in the garage.
Since Butts hadn't applied for a permit yet, Faith suggested at the end of 30 days, the town hire someone to tear down the house and put a lien on the property.
He also spoke to Apple's engineer and told him they need answers because they keep getting questions about the building.
Faith said Apple's engineer told him they were going to make a site visit and submit plans. The permit had expired but Faith gave them another zoning permit.
Murphy said there was chatter around town about the way the town was handling things. He said he didn't want town officials being victims of that kind of talk.
"This is ridiculous. We're not a victim. We are in control of what's going on," a frustrated Kuczynski said.

The continuance, he said, were because the owners were demonstrating some kind of effort of movement to fix the properties.
"That doesn't make us a victim," Kuczynski said. "This is a civil enforcement situation."
The point is, Kuczynski said, is to keep the burden off the back of the taxpayers and on the property owners.
Kuczynski said there hasn't been inaction, but Murphy countered it just needs to be explained to the public.
Murphy also asked if town officials had made a list of other properties that fit the criteria of dilapidated properties in need of action.
Kuczynski said these cases have become test cases with Lanehart adding the county has never had to deal with cases like these before.
Kuczynski said Hagerstown doesn't get as aggressive as Hancock has and they have an aggressive property maintenance program.
Lanehart said the town knows several that are on the list and once they get through these two cases, both the town and county will know more about what to do.

Residents concerns

(from front)
Mayor Roland Lanehart said it's not just the kids doing it as he's seen adults on electric bicycles doing the same thing.
Teeter said she'd like to see the parents held accountable and the police work with the school to do some kind of safety program so what happened to her doesn't become an issue.
Sgt. Shawn Faith said he's made Principal Andrew Kaetzel at Hancock Middle-Senior High School aware of the laws and town ordinances as they've had issues at the high school as well.
Teeter said her son is a police officer and has told her there's nothing that can be done to children under a certain age.
Faith said the police department is aware and that *The Hancock News* had run a story about the laws and ordinance.
"Per your call, we've stepped it up," he said, adding the police are handing out bike helmets.
Faith added some people might not be aware of the bike laws.
Teeter said giving the kids the information would allow

them to start being accountable for their own safety.
Robert Teeter said the cameras the town is looking to upgrade to would have helped in this situation as he had a similar incident where a kid was on a scooter and cut in front of Teeter and he almost clipped him into other cars.
"It's gone on a lot," he said.
Over the last few years, Teeter said he's been sick but has been feeling better and starting to do things, but doesn't want to go outside because there's so many issues.
"I would like to go outside more, the security is the big thing," he said. "My wife not being safe and having issues down there caused me issues."
In the 23 years he's lived in Hancock, Teeter said he remembers sitting on the porch and you could wave to people and talk to them. But that doesn't happen now, he said.
But security with the cameras would help.
Councilwoman Teri Smith said it doesn't correct the whole problem, but she has the same issues with the bikes and scooters on her street.
"It's not as bad as it was," she said.
Right around dusk, she said the kids are on the low bikes and running through the alleys and not stopping. When a car hits the top of one of the hills, they go shooting through the area. Smith admitted she's almost hit them as well.
She added there's been skateboarders trying to grab the bumper of cars and if you say anything to them, they give you the middle finger.

Early season

(from front)
Sika deer are abundant in Dorchester and surrounding counties and offer a unique opportunity for Maryland deer hunters.
Hunters are reminded that if they intend to pursue sika deer, they must purchase a Sika Deer Stamp in addition to the Muzzleloader Stamp.
The sika deer muzzleloader season bag limit is three with no more than one being ant-

lered. An antlered sika is defined as a deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline. The sika deer muzzleloader season is open statewide.
Season dates, bag limits, hunting regulations, and registration procedures can be found in the 2026-27 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

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

Last year, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources introduced an updated online licensing system, MD Outdoors, including a new free mobile app of the same name. The system provides an easier-to-navigate interface and simplifies renewal. Licenses and stamps may be purchased through the licensing system (online or via the app), at a licensing agent, or by calling

the department's Licensing and Registration Service at 866-344-8889.
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By authority of Pick Three RLP for BOE Slate, Anna K. Mollo, treasurer

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Scenes from the Panthers vs. Indians game



Madison Booth sends the ball back over the net to the Indians on October 12 at Hancock's gymnasium.



Brooke Parker jumps to get the volleyball back over the net.



Maya Shoemaker goes back to put the ball back in play. photos by Lori Younker



Sophia Wills sends the ball back up in the air, helping the Panthers beat the Berkeley Springs Indians 3-0.

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.

League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Monday Tri-State Mixed on October 5:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 527, V.F.W. 520 and Let's Roll 465.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,476, V.F.W. 1,472 and Let's Roll 1,349.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 247, Bob Clark 208 and Don Itjen 200.

Women: Betty McCauley 182, Deloris Stotler 172 and Cindy Husted 162.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 603, Bob Clark 577 and Don Itjen 551.

Women: Betty McCauley 477, Cindy Husted 441 and Susie King 438.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 214, Bob Clark 182 and Don Itjen 181.

Women: Deloris Stotler 154, Betty McCauley 150 and Susie King 147.

Standings: Let's Roll 11-5, Mike's Scrap Metal 10-6, Lucky Strikes 8-8, Get-R-Done 7-9, Aces 7-9 and V.F.W. 5-11.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Starlight Mixed on October 8:

High scratch game: C.J.'s Bar & Grill 550, Beauty & Beasts 524 and Wanna B's 495.

High scratch series: Beauty & Beasts 1,539, Roy's 1,424 and Wanna B's 1,412.

High scratch game men: Dennis Neely 204, Jack Wachter 194, John DuVall 188 and Bob Smith 188.

Women: Susie King 207, Deloris Stotler 201 and Betty McCauley 166.

High scratch series men: Dennis Neely 585, Bob Smith 539 and Jack Wachter 509.

Women: Susie King 558, Deloris Stotler 493 and Betty McCauley 475.

High average men: Dennis Neely 179, John DuVall 172 and Jack Wachter 171.

Women: Deloris Stotler 164, Susie King 153 and Betty McCauley 152.

Standings: The Great Escape 14-16, Wanna B's 10-10, Roy's 10-10, Beauty & Beasts 9.5-10.5, C.J.'s Bar & Grill 9-11 and It's Show Time 7.5-12.5.

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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
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Department of Public Information
301-766-2809

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301-766-2902

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301-766-2929

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301-766-2960

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Department of Technology
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 representatives or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83886
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:

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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

Notice is given that Brian Evans, 10822 Wilcox Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-1424 and Kari Rager, 522 Nestle Quarry Rd., Falling Waters, WV 25419-4425 were on September 23, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Barbara Jane Evans who died on July 2, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of March, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 23rd day of March, 2027.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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:

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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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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:

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Clifford Lee Haupt
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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:

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Claudia Maureen Kiracofe
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
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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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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

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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
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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

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Patrick Bernard Carder Molloy
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-7-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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 representatives or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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

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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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Bobby L. Finlayson

Estate No: 82089
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. 83902
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Melissa Anne Homer.

Notice is given that Samathia Aulds, 230 Aurora Pl., Hampstead, NC 28443-0078 was on October 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Melissa Anne Homer 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

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

Letters To The Editor
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TOWN OF HANCOCK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

The Mayor and Council will have a special meeting on Thursday, October 29, 7 p.m. at Hancock Town Hall & Community Center.

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.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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. 83923
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Glenn Allen Cook.

Notice is given that Clarence Cook, Jr., 22236 Ringgold Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742-1472 was on October 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Glenn Allen Cook who died on September 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 8th 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 8th 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.

Clarence Cook, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83909
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Helen Elizabeth Foster.

Notice is given that Heidi Foster, 1 Chestnut Ave., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1407 was on October 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen Elizabeth Foster who died on September 25, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Heidi Foster
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83908
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Rose Marie Barger.

Notice is given that Eric Barger, 17706 Woodcrest Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7045 was on October 9, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Rose Marie Barger who died on September 23, 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 9th 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 9th 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

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Eric Barger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83915
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Dolly Adeline McCarty.

Notice is given that Paul McCarty, 710 Plantation Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575-5104 was on October 7, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Dolly Adeline McCarty who died on September 25, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 7th 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 7th 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.

Paul McCarty
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83865
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara Anne Rankin AKA: Barbara Anne Rodenhiser.

Notice is given that Mary Anne McKown, 6559 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22205-1955 was on October 9, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Barbara Anne Rankin who died on August 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 9th 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 9th 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.

Mary Anne McKown
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83818
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Elizabeth Catherine Ridenour.

Notice is given that Douglas Wayne Ridenour, 16437 Mount Tabor Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-1032 was on October 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Elizabeth Catherine Ridenour who died on August 10, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Douglas Wayne Ridenour
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83925
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Helen Barbara Shank.

Notice is given that Linda Geraldine Hendrickson, 17714 Daisy Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-9156 was on October 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen Barbara Shank who died on September 23, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Linda Geraldine Hendrickson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

PUR-1847
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT
E-PLAN SOFTWARE FOR
PLAN REVIEW AND
PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

On October 13, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland awarded a sole source procurement for e-Plan Software for Plan Review and Permitting Department in the amount of \$115,689.60 from E-PlanSoft of Nashville, TN.

This Procurement request is permitted under Section 1-106.2(a)(2) of the Code of Public Laws of Washington County, Maryland. This section states that a sole-source procurement is authorized and permissible when the compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is the paramount consideration. Publication of this notice complies with Section 1.106.2 (e)(1) & (2) of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland.

By Authority of:
Brandi J. Kentner
Procurement Director
10-21-1th

Jeanne F. Singer, ESQ.

864 Jefferson Blvd.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83928
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF John Joseph Aruta, Jr.

Notice is given that Carla Huntsberry, 11704 Oriole Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4435 and Joseph Aruta, 111 Live Oak Turn, Southport, NC 28461-2667 were on October 8, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the estate of John Joseph Aruta, Jr. who died on September 20, 2026 with a will.

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

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

Carla Huntsberry
Joseph Aruta
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

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

Estate No. 83768
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Helen Lorraine Embly.

Notice is given that Joan O'Brien, 17545 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7726 was on October 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Helen Lorraine Embly who died on December 29, 2024 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.

Joan O'Brien
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-1thn

Letters To The Editor
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This Week's Crossword Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Estate No. 83738
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Bruce Jay Miller.

Notice is given that Kimberly Ann Miller, 257 Sunbrook Ln., Hagerstown, MD 21742-4173 was on September 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Bruce Jay Miller who died on July 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.

Kimberly Ann Miller
Personal Representative
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83931
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Bryan John Murphy, Sr.

Notice is given that Tonia Maria Thomas, 12149 Cedar Ridge Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795-3032 was on October 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Bryan John Murphy, Sr. who died on September 12, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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

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

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

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Estate No. 83901
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Bernadette Foreman.

Notice is given that Joann Forsyth, 15913 Shinham Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740-2205 was on October 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Margaret Bernadette Foreman who died on April 18, 2017 with a will.

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

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SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 83848
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Beulah F. Sneckenberger AKA: Beulah Fern Sneckenberger.

Notice is given that Judith Snyder, 8421 Edgewood Church Rd., Frederick, MD 21702-2723 and Richard Sneckenberger, Jr., 13727 Kretsinger Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1217 were on October 7, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Beulah F. Sneckenberger who died on August 19, 2026 with a will.

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

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Judith Snyder
Richard Sneckenberger, Jr.
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 83769
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charles William Embly.

Notice is given that Joan OBrien, 17545 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7726 was on October 9, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Charles William Embly who died on April 6, 2024 with a will.

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

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Joan OBrien
Personal Representative
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WASHINGTON COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

240-313-3310
Walk-in assessments for substance abuse treatment are provided Monday through Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Other times are by appointment. Crisis intervention provided as needed.

MARYLAND
CRISIS HOTLINE

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Wellness walk at Blandy Experimental Farm Ginkgo Grove

Potomac Valley Audubon Society will host a Wellness Walk at Blandy Experimental Farm Ginkgo Grove, 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce, Va. on Thursday, October 29, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Let's get outside and walk the trails together at Blandy Experimental Farm Ginkgo Grove. Until you have experienced the Ginkgo Grove at Blandy Experimental Farm in fall color, you haven't lived. Over 300 stunning

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This is a free/donation-based program. All ages are welcome, though youth must

be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

For additional details and to register, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wellness-walk-at-blandy-experimental-farm-ginkgo-grove/>.

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October 25 - 31, 2026



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
An important decision is looming on the horizon. Take some time to look inward as you try to choose the best path to take.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, think about a purchase before you barrel through full steam ahead. Check your accounts and make sure your finances are in check before you buy anything new.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Others appreciate your authenticity, Pisces. Stay true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Encourage others to do the same when they seek your input.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, be especially patient and affectionate towards your loved ones this week. Someone close to you will need your help, and only you can provide it.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, after many months spent figuring out what you want in life, this week you may finally be able to put a plan of action in motion. Enjoy the ride.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit. You will feel better after a few days of recharging.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you have been practical and sensible with your finances. However, this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, sometimes it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may feel refreshed and energized this week. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
An unexpected opportunity is presented to you in the days ahead. Give it some thought, but do not hesitate to take advantage of this exciting situation.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a public gathering in the near future may attract several people, including some you are interested in meeting. Take the first step and introduce yourself.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
It is alright to have some doubts when you are trying something new, Sagittarius. Just don't let those doubts get the better of you and derail your plans.

Edward Wenschhof named to lead C&O Canal National Historical Park

The National Park Service has announced the selection of Edward “Ed” Wenschhof as superintendent of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. He assumed the role on Sunday, October 18.

Wenschhof previously served as the park’s acting superintendent. He became deputy superintendent in 2024 after serving as chief of visitor and resource protection.

“Superintendent Wenschhof has spent his career protecting extraordinary places, leading people through complex challenges and building the partnerships that allow parks to thrive,” said National Capital Region Director Jennifer Nersesian. “He understands the C&O Canal from the ground up, from its historic resources and remarkable landscapes to the employees, volunteers, partners and communities who sustain it. He brings the judgment, experience and deep sense of public service this park deserves.”

Wenschhof began his National Park Service career in 1984 at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He later served at Antietam National Battlefield, where his responsibilities included natural resource management and law enforcement. He joined the C&O Canal in 2013.

His experience includes serving as acting superintendent at Antietam National Battlefield, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Catoctin Mountain Park and Gettysburg National Military Park. Throughout his career, he has worked with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic partners and communities to protect park resources and serve the public.

“To be entrusted with the leadership of the C&O Canal is one of the greatest honors of my career,” said C&O Canal Superintendent Wenschhof. “Generations of people have worked to protect this remarkable place. Today, it brings communities together and offers millions of visitors opportunities to experience history, recreation and connection. I am grateful to our employees, volunteers, partners and supporters, and I look forward to serving alongside them.”

Wenschhof holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural education from Penn State University and a master’s degree in geoenvironmental science from Shippensburg University. He also has extensive experience responding to weather-related emergencies, wildland fires and other complex incidents, with a focus on



Ed Wenschhof is the new Superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

public safety, interagency coordination and resource protection.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park follows the historic canal for 184.5 miles along the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md. Its tow-path, historic structures and natural areas connect visitors with the people, places and landscapes that shaped the canal’s history. Learn more at <https://www.nps.gov/choh/>.

Washington County Transit announces service adjustments due to Mummers’ Parade

Washington County Transit announces a temporary change in service due to the annual Mummers’ Parade. On Saturday, October 31, all transit services will conclude at 4 p.m.

To accommodate this adjustment, the final departures from the Transit Transfer Center will be as follows:

- 1:45 p.m. – Smithsburg
- 2:15 p.m. – Premium Outlets
- 2:45 p.m. – Long Meadow via Locust
- 2:45 p.m. – Maugansville
- 2:45 p.m. – Valley Mall
- 2:45 p.m. – West End



- 2:45 p.m. – Williamsport
- 3:15 p.m. – Funkstown
- 3:15 p.m. – Long Meadow via Eastern

Riders are encouraged to plan ahead, as no service will operate after 4 p.m. on this date.

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available on Passio Go! and posted onboard each Washington County Transit vehicle for rider convenience.

For more information, contact Washington County Transit at 240-313-2750 or go to our website at www.washco-md.net/transit.

People Told Us...

—KID JOKED: What do you call a pumpkin that works at the beach? A life gourd!

—This month’s full moon – the Full Hunter’s Moon – will shine this coming Monday, October 26.

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