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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 10/28 64/42
Mostly cloudy with calm southeast winds around 5 mph.

Thurs. 10/29 73/47
Sunny with calm winds, high around 73 and a low near 47.

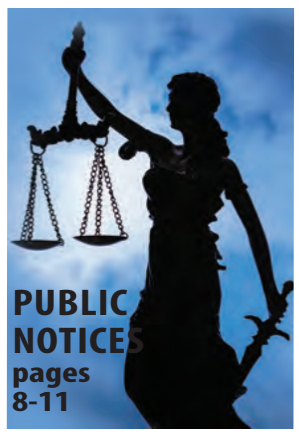
Fri. 10/30 74/44
Sunny with a high near 74 and a low around 44.

Sat. 10/31 66/46
Mostly cloudy with a high around 66 and a low near 46.

Sun. 11/1 65/52
40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 65.

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Election day is Tuesday, November 3, early voting continues through Thursday

by Kate Shunney

Maryland voters began casting ballots in the 2026 General Election last Thursday, October 22. In-person voting in local precincts will be held on Tuesday, November 3 on Election Day.

Early voting—when & where?

Early voting in Washington County takes place at select centers from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. through this Thursday, October 29. County residents can cast an early ballot at any of these locations, regardless of where they live in the county.

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

Election Day

Voting in person at local precincts will take place on Tuesday, November 3.

On election day, Hancock voters can make their selections at the polling place at Hancock Middle-Senior High School. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The ballot

Voters will see a ballot featuring federal, state and district seats up for grabs, along with a handful of county offices.

Governor Wes Moore is seeking another term in office, defending against a challenge by Republican Dan Cox, Green party candidate Andy Ellis and Cathy White of the Working Class Party.

Voters will choose a State Comptroller from candidates Democrat Brooke Elizabeth Lierman and Republican Sonya Dunn.

The office of Maryland Attorney General is on the ballot, with Democrat Anthony Brown facing a challenge from Republican James Rutledge III.

Voters in the 6th congressional district, which includes Washington County, will choose a representative in Congress. Incumbent April McClain Delaney, Democrat, is in a race against Republican Robin Flicker and third-party candidate Moshe Landman of the Green Party.

see **ELECTION 2026** page 12



The 79th annual Hancock Rotary Club Halloween Parade will be held this Wednesday, October 28.

The parade kicks off from Widmeyer Park at 7 p.m. and heads east on Main Street to Park N Dine.

On Saturday, October 31, trick or treat will be held in town and various other places along the ridges.

In town, those kids (or kids at heart) will be on the hunt for candy and goodies from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Skeleton crew rocks on!



High Street is rockin' with this skeleton band pumping out their rendition of Joan Jett's "I Love Rock N Roll" titled "I Love Halloween" and other scary hits.

Registration starts for Christmas for Others

The first sign-up day for the annual Christmas For Others holiday sharing effort started, Wednesday, October 21, at the Interfaith Service Coalition office on High Street.

Households interested in signing up to receive holiday support should call 301-331-6605, during business hours, for an appointment time.

There will be another sign-up day on November 3 if you miss this day.



Town adopts ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units under state deadline

by Geoff Fox

Maryland legislature has required all counties and municipalities with planning and zoning authority to adopt a local ordinance authorizing Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, on single-family detached lots.

This was to be completed by October 1, 2026.

At the state level, the effort is meant to address the need for more housing.

"With the bill's passage, it is the policy of the state of Maryland to promote and encourage ADU development on land with a primary single-family detached dwelling unit to help meet the state's housing needs," says the Maryland Department of Planning.

The Town of Hancock discussed the need for the ordinance during the September town meeting, but it wasn't until the October 13 town meeting they had a public hearing for and eventual passage of the ordinance.

The ordinance would be passed during the regular town meeting as an emergency ordinance.

Town Attorney Edward Kuczynski described the units as something like a cottage home for in-laws or if a grown kid doesn't move out.

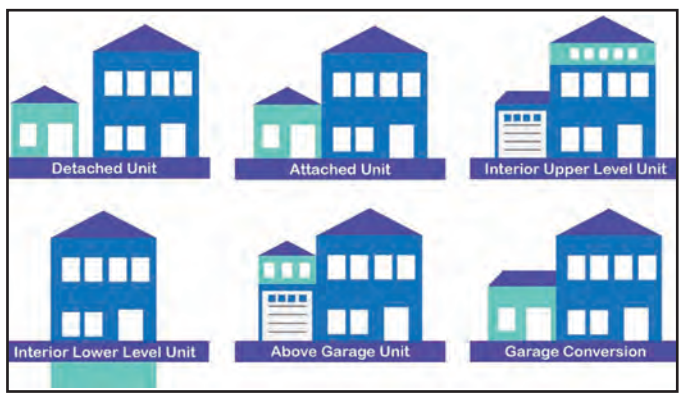
He added there's a limit on the size of these dwellings as being not greater than 75% of the square footage of the primary dwelling unit and be in the back or side yard of the main dwelling. It cannot be in the front yard.

"The side yard and back yard clearances are the same as any other accessory structure, so a garage, carport, shed," Kuczynski said.

The dwellings wouldn't be permitted if the only access is from an alley, but if there's access from the front or side street, it would be permitted.

"If you have alley access, you can use that alley, but you can't get accessory dwelling unit permitted if the only access is an alley," Kuczynski said.

He added the dwellings would be independent living units with the property owner living in the main dwelling or accessory dwelling.



Graphic from the Maryland Department of Planning about Accessory Dwelling Units.

This is set up so these accessory dwelling can't be used as short-term dwellings like an Airbnb.

Requiring the owner to be living on the property is so a landlord can't put one at every property they own.

Kuczynski added the utilities for the accessory dwellings must have their own independent connections.

"You can't just create like a living area, I'll say, in a shed you finish off. There does have to at least a minimum of a bathroom and cooking facilities, so there has to be water, sewer, and some form of cooking facilities in the unit," he said.

The connections would also require the payment of a connection fee, regardless of if they connect to the plumbing of the primary unit or its own line to the structure.

"They don't get credit because they're already connected," Kuczynski said.

see **TOWN ORDINANCE** page 3

Hancock Methodist Church to host annual Veterans Day dinner

For the 16th year, the Hancock United Methodist Church and Community Friends will be hosting their annual Veterans Day Dinner in the church's Upper Room from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11.

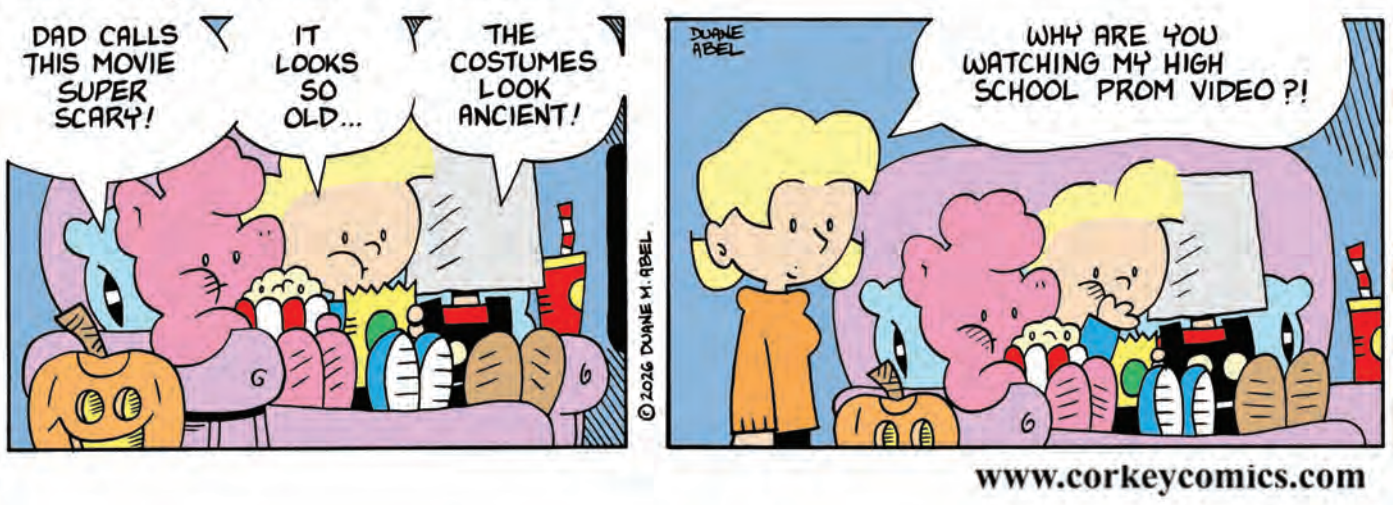
The dinner is a way to show appreciation for honored veterans. Veterans in the tri-state area are welcomed, as are widowed spouses, along with a guest to enjoy a Blessing of the Veterans followed by a fried chicken dinner with delicious desserts.

To make a reservation, contact the Hancock UMC office at 301-678-6440.

Meal delivery is available for veterans in the Hancock area.

OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it greener to keep an old car running as long as possible or replace it with a newer, more efficient or electric model?

—Richard M., Portland, ME

Drivers who care about the planet often face a tricky choice. Should they keep driving their older gas-powered cars until they completely break down, or trade them in early for an electric vehicle (EV)?

For a long time, the traditional argument was that drivers should hold onto their old cars for as long as possible. The main idea was that manufacturing a brand-new vehicle creates a large amount of pollution and carbon emissions right away, so building fewer cars is better for the environment.

However, new scientific research challenges this common belief. It shows that burning gasoline every day causes much more damage over time than the initial cost of a new car. As Dr. Elliott Campbell, an environmental studies professor at UC Santa Cruz, points out: "An EV has a [half] ton battery but a gas vehicle can use 20 tons of petroleum in its life... once you burn petroleum it's essentially gone forever."

Because gas cars burn through so much fuel, even replacing a car that is only a year or two old with an EV can reduce overall greenhouse gases within a surprisingly short amount of time. This brings up the concept of the "carbon payback period." This is the time it takes for an EV's clean driving to wipe out the factory emissions caused by making its battery and metal frame. Recent studies show that this payback period usually takes only about three years. After that point, the electric vehicle provides a massive net benefit for the planet compared to keeping a gas guzzler on the road.

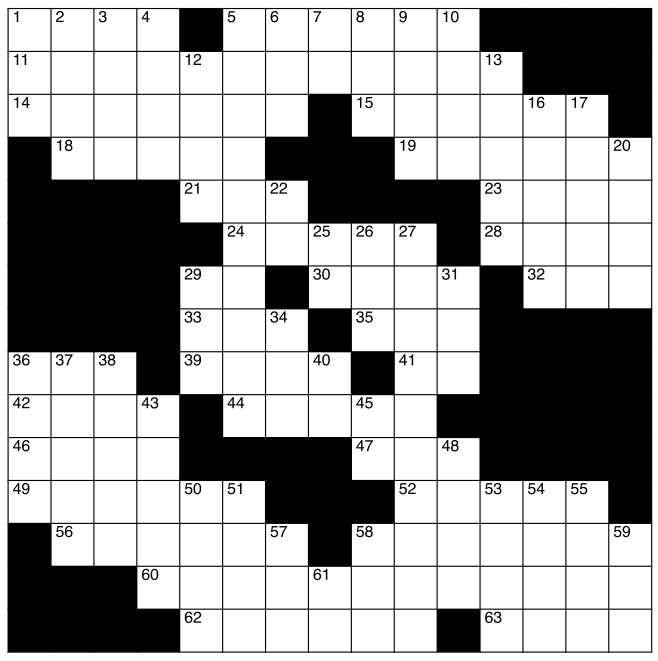
When you compare the lifetime emissions of burning fuel in a standard engine versus powering an EV with a modern, increasingly clean electricity grid, the benefits grow even more. According to Dr. Campbell, "The environmental advantage of EVs is now crystal clear." Climate writer Curtis Deacon notes that "Their modeling found that, for most drivers, making the switch earlier can reduce emissions. That means retiring a still-functional gas vehicle and replacing it with an EV may provide a meaningful climate benefit."

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. If someone rarely drives at all, keeping their old vehicle might still make sense because manufacturing emissions take much longer to pay back if the car sits in a driveway most days. We also have to consider the broader material advantages of EVs. Heavy metal components and batteries can be recycled and reused, unlike burnt fossil fuels that vanish into the atmosphere forever as greenhouse gases.

Ultimately, holding onto an aging gas car just to save the planet is often a myth. Trading up to an electric vehicle sooner rather than later is usually the much greener choice for our future.

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ACROSS
1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

DOWN
1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

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Calendar of Events OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 28
– Free bingo, 1 p.m., Hancock Senior Center, age 60 plus, all welcome

Saturday, October 31
– Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, November 1
– Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Tuesday, November 3
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of October 19-25:

October 19

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

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

DUI, Pennsylvania Avenue. Brian Keith Lavoie, Sr., 64, of Hancock, arrested for DUI.

Suspicious person, 200 block East Main Street. Checked okay.

Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office, Hancock area. Two subjects spotlighting. Unable to locate.

Check well-being, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate subject.

October 20

Traffic complaint, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Unable to locate.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

Trespassing, first block Virginia Avenue. Subject trespassed.

Burglary, 100 block West Main Street. Report to follow.

Suspicious vehicle, 100 block West High Street. Unable to locate.

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

October 21

Undesirable, first block High Street. Subject gone on arrival.

Suspicious person, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject advised.

Assisted Maryland State Police, westbound I-68 rest area. Overdose.

Theft, 100 block Washington Street. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Six stops.

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

October 22

Parking complaint, 200 block East Main Street. Owners notified.

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

911 hang-up, 200 block Baptist Road. Accidental.

Trespassing, first block East Main Street. Subject issued trespass notice.

Warrant attempt. Curtis Lee Ray, 41, homeless, of Hancock, arrested on three warrants.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Six stops.

Unsecured door, 100 block East Main Street. Door secured.

911 hang-up, 100 block East Main Street. Accidental.

October 23

Service to advise, Blue Hill Road. Subject advised.

Check well-being, 100 block Quaker Creek. Subject was okay.

Service to standby, 100 block Main Street. Officer disregarded per caller.

Suspicious situation, East Main Street/Ford Road. Nothing found.

Check well-being, Main Street/Church Street. Subject was okay.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Undesirable, 100 block West Main Street. Unable to locate.

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

October 24

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Eight stops.

Found property, Canal Street. Car keys turned in to police.

Follow up, West High Street.

Assisted EMS, Main Street/Church Street. Medical only.

October 25

911 hang-up, 100 block East Main Street. Accidental.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops, one traffic arrest. Report to follow.

Lost and found property. Car keys dropped off to police.

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Town officials hear latest updates on pump station and wastewater upgrade projects

by Geoff Fox

Town officials got an update on where things stand with three projects engineering firm RK&K are working on for the town.

Those three projects are the Pennsylvania Avenue pump station, the wastewater treatment plant, and collection system.

RK&K Manager John Cole started with the pump station, telling town officials that bids were opened and "we were over budget."

In September, a request was made for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the gap funding, Cole said.

One of the action items for the town should CDBG not be able to fund the entire $700,000, Cole said there would have to be additional funding from the town.

A minimum would be $11,000 all the way to the full $700,000, Cole told officials.

Cole said there's an urgency to the project, so there were a few follow ups that were to go out before a scheduled meeting with CDBG for further justification.

"Very positive some money is going to be available. To what extent, I'm not sure," Cole said.

Moving to the wastewater treatment plant, Cole said his previous update was getting a line from the Rayloc plant to the water plant as they need potable water at the wastewater facility for operational purposes.

He also said they had discussed the decommission of the lagoon system the town uses and it's currently listed as a dam, so there's dam safety that has to be taken into account.



RK&K Manager John Cole gave town officials an update on three projects his engineering firm is working on for the Town of Hancock.

There was also a discussion about reforestation with trees needing to be replanted.

Cole is now asking town officials for approval to move forward with that work.

He added they're still finding the funds for that, but that will be part of the collection system funding.

Right now, RK&K is waiting to submit funding requests to the USDA until the project on Pennsylvania Avenue is completed.

With the collection system, Cole said RK&K has been working with ARC, who is very interested in getting the work started on the collection system. The funding for ARC is a 50% match.

The question, Cole said, is whether the town is willing to meet that match, which $261,000.

That is the design effort, he added, to get the project started.

The reason the town hasn't been hitting very high in the priority list with the MDE is because there's been no start on the design of the system.

"We have been reporting the spills, which is good because that was one of the caveats that they wanted, whenever we have a spill, we report that," Cole said.

To position Hancock to be more competitive with the other towns to get up in the priority list, Cole said it is recommended from the MDE that the system design has to be started to show the town is committed to the project.

That project is bringing LanCo sewer over to the new treatment plant.

Mayor Roland Lanehart was surprised at the half-million dollar price tag on the collection system engineering.

Cole told him it's a large system in the town and the entire project runs $12 million.

"It seems to me, it's up to the council, but it seems to me like we're spending hundreds of thousands of dollars and we ain't moved a shovel of dirt yet nowhere," Lanehart said.

Town Manager Michael Faith suggested having a workshop to go over the finances so there's more time to discuss them.

Lanehart said they also need to find out how much the town has already paid out of pocket as well.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29.

Cole said schedule-wise, the advertising for the collection plant bidding would begin in May 2027.

Town ordinance

(from front)

Councilman David Kerns said at the state level, there's an issue with calling the ADU a dwelling; it must have sprinklers installed per the amended code of Washington County.

"I don't care if it's an addition or not," Kerns said, "even if the original house doesn't have it, once you call it a dwelling unit, you have to sprinkler it."

Kuczynski said, per Washington County Director of Permits and Inspections Greg Cartrette, if done within the primary unit they put on an addition, and it creates an accessory dwelling, and the property wasn't required to have the sprinkler system installed, then the addition or accessory dwelling wouldn't either.

Kerns said once the state understood it's called a dwelling unit, "then all bets are off."

If anything changes, Kuczynski said it will change when someone builds an ADU in Hancock.

The town passed the ordinance as an emergency ordinance because the state imposed a deadline of October 1, and it was already past the deadline.

"It's nobody's fault," Kuczynski said. "We'll blame it on the state. They just weren't very proactive in getting the small towns the information."

Kuczynski did say Washington County passed the ordinance last year.

He added no one notified the towns and it was discovered by another town in the county Kuczynski represents, so everyone has been scrambling the last month.

"I'm pretty comfortable with what we have drafted," he said.

CNB FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. Announces Earnings for the Third Quarter of 2026

Mark D. Harrell, President/CEO of CNB Financial Services, Inc. (CNB), the parent company of CNB Bank, Inc. announced for the three months ended September 30, 2026, CNB had consolidated net income of $2.1 million or $5.26 per common share and $5.79 per Class A common share as compared to $1.5, or $3.90 per common share and $4.29 per Class A common share for the three months ended September 30, 2025. For the nine months ended September 30, 2026, CNB had consolidated net income of $5.5 million, or $14.19 per common share and $15.64 per Class A common share as compared to $3.6 million, or $9.31 per common share and $10.24 per Class A common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

Capital is a key measure of a bank's financial health and CNB continues to be rated a well-capitalized financial institution by regulatory authorities. CNB's capital totaled $49.9 million or 6.1% of total assets as of September 30, 2026.

CNB, with total assets as of September 30, 2026 of $822.4 million, has two full service offices and ATMs in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The Bank has three full-service branch offices and ATMs in Berkeley County, West Virginia. The Berkeley County office locations are in Hedgesville, South Martinsburg and Falling Waters, West Virginia. The Bank has four full service branch offices and ATMs in Washington County, Maryland. The Washington County office locations are in Hancock and Hagerstown, with the Hagerstown offices located at 1625 Dual Highway, 17803 Virginia Avenue and 13527 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Saints of the Lord...

This upcoming Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints…Some people may know it as "Halloween"--which means eve of all hallows, from ancient languages. So: when some are popularizing darkness and doom, Catholics & Christians are hurrahing holiness, beauty and light (Heb. 12:1; Rev. 20:9).

This solemnity represents God's fecundity (look that up!)-- & His variety--which means there are saints like activists--St. Ignatius of Loyola; and contemplatives like John of the Cross; youth like Maria Goretti and elderly like Zechariah; soldiers-Jean d'Arc, and mom's akin to Elizabeth of Hungary and dad's - St. Jospeh. There are the saintly poor-Jos.-Benedict Labre & rich-King St. Louis IX of France; the wise as in Thomas Aquinas & funny-Phillipo Neri and his jokebook. Some had dramatic conversions --Bernardo Longo went from satanist to Saint & Ven. Matt Talbott overcame his addiction, alcohol, and became not only sober but sanctified and paved a Path for others suffering addictions to follow. Virgins like Catherine of Siena inspire & couples like Louis and Zellie Martin empower; martyrs like The First Martyrs of Rome and The Apostles--Matthew and John, etc. encourage; and adventurers --The North American Martyrs, and great teachers--St. Bonaventure and Popes--John Paul II and freed slaves - Jospehine Bakhita are remarkable; & sigmatists—Padre Pio & Native American Indians like Kateri Tekakwitha impel us …And sainthood, for you?!...

Consider…How can you become a saint—really!?...What obstacles prevent you--besides yourself?!

A saint is one who practices heroic virtue—do you / how can you, more? How can you both imitate saints and, also, appreciate your own uniqueness? Who's your favorite saints?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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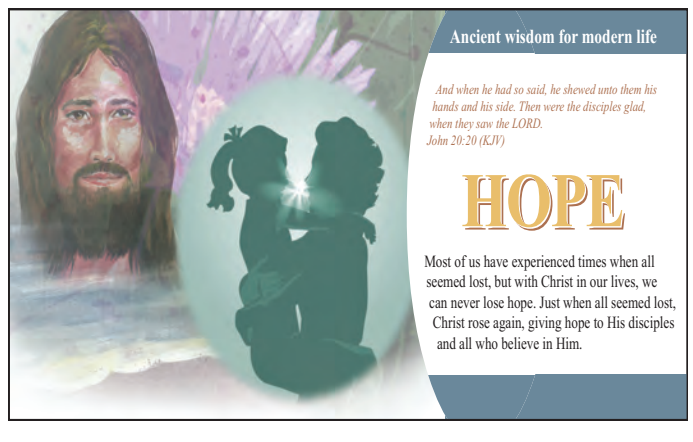
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OBITUARIES

Cecelia Pleasant Youngblood
1924-2026



Cecelia Pleasant "Sis" Youngblood, age 102, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Friday, October 23, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family and while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born July 18, 1924 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Marvin Gilpin and Dora Mae Shade Everett.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Cecelia was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. Sis was co-owner/operator with her husband of Joe's Radio Shop. She was well known to most as our hometown seamstress for any sewing projects that you would have needed. Sis was one of the founding members of the Alderton-Dawson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #60. Cecelia liked gardening and loved quilting, crocheting and sewing.

Sis is survived by her granddaughter, Selena Youngblood Gregory and her husband, Tracy of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., two great-grandsons, Devin Myer and his wife, Madison of Great Cacapon and Alex Myer and his wife, Hailey of Hedgesville, W.Va., one great-great-granddaughter, Daria Jane Myer and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Andrew "Joe" Youngblood, her son, Roger Lee Youngblood, one sister, Charlotte L. Henry and three brothers, Paul W. Everett, Vincent Everett and Earsel "Ed" Everett.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until service time. Burial will be in Greenway Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Sis's memory may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

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

Todd Jeffrey Weller
1972-2026



Todd Jeffrey Weller, age 54, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Born September 25, 1972, in Morgan County, W.Va., he was the son of Joe Weller of Warfordsburg, Pa., and the late Marlene S. Ward.

Todd was a graduate of Southern Fulton High School. He retired from U.S. Silica after twenty-four years of service.

He was a member of the Berkeley Springs American Legion, Post 60.

Todd had many hobbies including hunting and enjoyed driving his "Ole Blue." He was an avid racer at the Mason-Dixon Dragway.

He is survived by his loving wife Holly R. Weller of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; two sons, Dalton Weller of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and Austin Smith of New York; one brother, Eric Weller of Needmore, Pa.; two sisters, Melissa Stotler of Falling Waters, W.Va., and Teresa Weller of Martinsburg, W.Va.; three grandchildren and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, he is predeceased by two uncles, Leon Ward and Danny Youngblood; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Hancock Assembly of God, with a two-hour prior gathering of friends. Pastors Kenny Mason and Rodney Truax will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Todd's name can be made to Hospice of the Panhandle. https://hospiceotp.org/donate/.

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

Stephen M. Holohan, Sr.
1941-2026



Stephen M. Holohan Sr, 85, of Little Orleans, Md., passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Born July 18, 1941, in Washington D.C., he was the son of the late Elder B. and Mary E. (Kenny) Holohan, and the husband of Rita I. (Hopfer) Holohan who was married on June 8, 1963.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Hancock, Md.

He is survived by two children, one son, Stephen M. Holohan, Jr. and wife Mariann (Monachello) and daughter Denise Marshall and husband Joeseph; three granddaughters, Jennifer Younker, Darlene Deener and Colleen Holohan; and five great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Mary M. Christian of Wisc.; and two brothers, John J and wife Jackie of Manassa, Va., and Michael P. of Rockville, Md.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded by one sister, Claire Augustine and two brothers, Benedict Elder and Martin James. He was a lover of the mountains and the ocean. He lived in the mountains and visited the ocean often. He loved the outdoors.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 16 E Main St, Hancock, MD 21750. Father John J. Lombardi will officiate. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Wounded Warrior Project or Saint Judes Children's Hospital.

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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Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, October 29

10 a.m. - Who Done It? Discover the Mysteries of Cacapon. Become a forensic scientist and discover the mystery animal by following the clues left behind.

1 p.m. - Leaf Art & Mobile. Collect leaves, nuts, pinecones and sticks to make a mobile. All ages welcome.

3 p.m. - Bush Craft. We'll make cordage from several natural plants. Yucca, day lilies, irises, and gladiolus will be a few. All materials provided. Yours to take home. Bring your own cordage ideas too. There are some supplies you can take home.

Friday, October 30

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

2 p.m. - All About Bats. Meet at the nature center. Bats are important to ecosystems. We'll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.

3 p.m. - Fall Leaf Card Making. Using foam stickers and card stock, make a few cards. Gathering leaves for pressing or laminating can occur as well.

Saturday, October 31

10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Pumpkin Carving Contest, Crafts, and Tie-dye. Pumpkins provided, first come-first serve. Awards for scariest, traditional and most unique.

12-3:30 p.m. - Hayrides. Rides to the North Fork Cabin area, leave every twenty minutes for some beautiful fall colors. Get in line at the nature center.

7-9 p.m. - Haunted Hayrides. Trick or Treat? Grab a glowstick bracelet or necklace and ride around the nature center circle. Halloween candy and decorations provided by the Seely Foundation. Warm up by the campfire with some marshmallows. Halloween costumes encouraged.

Monday, November 2

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

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

3 p.m. - All About Feathers. See and feel feathers. Learn about bird feathers which only birds have through a Cornell Lab of Ornithology Interactive Program.

Tuesday, November 3

10 a.m. - Name That Tune! How to ID birds through their calls. Using Merlin & recorded devices, we'll learn a few bird calls and songs. Focus will be on seasonal birds of our area. A short walk will follow to see if we can ID a few birds along the way.

1 p.m. - All About Bird Anatomy. Feel bones, claws, and feathers. Learn about the basic anatomy of birds through a Cornell Lab of Ornithology Interactive Program. Learn some unique bird only body parts.

2 p.m. - Nature Journaling. What do you like about nature? Sketch, paint, or write in your nature journal. We'll use the pollinator garden as our inspiration.

Wednesday, November 4

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

3:30 p.m. - Using Natural Materials to Paint. After gathering some natural materials, we will use those materials to paint. All ages welcome. For example: pine needles for a paint brush.

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Grant writer offers services as state service dries up

by Geoff Fox

Kathryn Gratton has worked with the Town of Hancock for the last couple years under Maryland Rural Development Corporation as the circuit rider, managing grants for the town.

Since the corporation downsized and is putting more focus toward the Eastern Shore, Gratton said it leaves a hole in the area.

Gratton has had her own personal grant writing consulting business for a number of years and wanted to put that on the town's radar as an opportunity.

Under the original program, Hancock partnered with Williamsport to use Gratton's services. She has since rolled into being a part-time staff member as grant writer.

Gratton positioned the opportunity for the town to hire her as a third-party consultant, part-time staff member working remotely, or wherever the town wanted her to start.

Over the years, Gratton helped the town obtain grants for the parks such as Project Open Space, working on police protection grants, and CDBG grants.

"That's not just the application phase, that was also staying up on the reporting and also the reimbursements that you guys got from the grants to file after the fact to get the money back," she said.

In total, those grants were around $200,000.

Pricing for Gratton's services ranged from $250 a month to $2,000 a month.

Town Manager Michael Faith said she was originally between $250 and $500 a month.

The hours Gratton was working in Hancock fluctuated depending on how her 40 hours were broken up between Hancock and Williamsport, where it could be 30 in Williamsport and only 10 in Hancock.

Faith said there were times she didn't even have 10 in Hancock and others more than 10.

In her own personal business, Gratton said she's had clients buy a bulk of hours and then draw from that throughout the agreement because there's months that are busier than others.

Faith said the Maryland Rural Development Council reached out to him when he asked why the town no longer has a circuit rider that was provided by them at no cost.



Kathryn Gratton has been the town's circuit rider, managing grants for the town under the Maryland Rural Development Corporation for the last couple years.

"They may come back a year from now or six months from now and say, 'hey we have one' but I don't know if we do or not," Faith said.

There are deadlines coming up soon for grants if the town wants to apply for money next year and it's going to be hard to pull off without a grant writer, Faith added.

For a town the size of Hancock, Gratton said the $250 to $500 a month would more than suffice for meeting the hours the town would need.

Of course, there might be months where the block grants would need to be taken care of and those could take more time.

Town officials didn't make any decisions about retaining Gratton and her services, which she didn't expect them to do.

Officials tabled the discussion until the November town meeting.

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Apple Butter Festival 5K takes place this Sunday

The inaugural Apple Butter Festival Trail 5K, originally scheduled for October 11 during the 51st Annual Apple Butter Festival, will take place this Sunday, November 1 at 8 a.m. at Cacapon Resort State Park.

The Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce made the difficult decision to postpone the race due to forecasts of significant rainfall and concerns about potentially slippery trail conditions. The heavy rain that arrived on the original race day reinforced the decision to put the safety of runners and volunteers first.

"We were so disappointed to postpone our very first 5K, especially after the wonderful response from our community," said Happy Rone, Executive Director of the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce. "But while we watched the rain pour down that Sunday, we were certainly glad we'd made the decision! We're incredibly grateful to our Race Director and Chamber Board member Alexis Dixon, New River Timing Company, and Cacapon Resort State Park for working together and being so flexible in helping us make November 1 happen."

More than 150 runners registered for the inaugural



event, and registration remains open for the rescheduled race.

With some participants unable to attend on the new date, a limited number of the custom inaugural apple-shaped finisher medals have also become available again.

The professionally timed 5K will follow Cacapon Resort State Park's scenic cross-country course. WVU Medicine is the presenting sponsor of the inaugural race.

For registration and additional information, go to BerkeleySpringsChamber.com or find the Apple Butter Festival Trail 5K event on Facebook.

Questions may also be directed to the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce at 304-258-3738.

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The concert is sponsored by Travel Berkeley Springs and BlackCat Music Cooperative.

For more information, call 304-500-2696.





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Lady Panthers dig deep for regular season final

by Lisa Schauer

Despite a fierce effort last Monday, October 12, Hancock High School's varsity volleyball team came up short against Southern Fulton, falling 3-0 in the non-conference matchup.

Although the Lady Panthers were kept off the board, it wasn't for a lack of trying.

The team cut into Southern Fulton's winning margin in every set. The final set scores came out to 25-9, 25-17, 26-24.

Next, after a tough 3-1 loss in South Hagerstown last Thursday, the Lady Panthers (6-7) were still on the prowl for another win before the season ends.

The Northern Garrett Huskies mushed into town for the girls' final volleyball game of the regular 2026 season on Monday, October 26 at Hancock High School.

Lady Panther seniors honored



Senior volleyball players of the Hancock Panthers were honored during Senior Night on Monday, October 26. Honored were Nichole Hoffman, Kaybree Souders, Azalee Souders, Kerrie Martinez, Nyla Spielman, Maya Shoemaker and Taylor Weller.

photo by Amber Frederick

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.

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Heritage Hike celebrates historic C&O Canal through Hancock events

by Lisa Schauer

Crisp Autumn air greeted about a dozen hikers gathered at C&O Canal National Historic Park in Hancock for the annual Heritage Hike on Saturday, October 24.

Organized by C&O Canal Association, three loop hikes along the Western Maryland Rail Trail and C&O Canal Towpath were guided around town.

Highlighted by a walk past the Bowles House, hikes were staggered between distances of three to nine miles.

Following the hike on Saturday morning, 25 people were registered that afternoon for guided tours of Hancock History Museum, which features artifacts from the canal's heyday.

Culminating the schedule of events was a catered dinner for 33 people at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Saturday evening.

C&O Canal Association was established in 1954, the same year Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas led a group of journalists, conservationists, and local citizens on an 185-mile walk down the towpath, from Cumberland to D.C.

Dubbed "the blister brigade," Douglas' 8-day hike ultimately saved the C&O Canal from becoming a scenic highway, a project under consideration by the National Park Service and Congress at the time.



Gathered for a 3-mile loop hike on Saturday, October 24 during the annual Heritage Hike at C&O Canal National Historic Park in Hancock, from left, Tim Whitehouse, Joan Olmstead, Barbara Sheridan, Debbie Zawila, program committee co-chair Tim Snyder, Steve French, Diane Seery and John Betting.

photo by Lisa Schauer

A subsequent reversal of endorsement for the project by *The Washington Post* is credited for shifting the tide of popular opinion on the matter.

Every October, the Heritage Hike is held to celebrate local history and its unique ties to the C&O Canal.

In April, the annual Douglas Hike will be held, commemorating the Supreme Court's longest-serving Chief Justice, not for his tenure, but for his brilliant hike that altered the course of C&O Canal history.

The C&O Canal Association is an independent volunteer group that helps conserve the historic and natural components of the canal park for its 185-mile length, and raises funds to preserve structures and promote the park.

League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Monday Tri-State Mixed on October 12:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 622, Let's Roll 495 and Get-R-Done 484.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,685, Let's Roll 1,384 and V.F.W. 1,366.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 279, Dennis Neely 203 and Don Itjen 198. Women: Susie King 181, Deloris Stotler 171 and Phyllis Hovermale 162.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 752, Dennis Neely 520 and Don Itjen 504. Women: Susie King 520, Deloris Stotler 484 and Betty McCauley 444.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 221, Don Itjen 178 and Bob Clark 175. Women: Deloris Stotler 156, Susie King 152 and Betty McCauley 150.

Standings: Mike's Scrap Metal 14-6, Let's Roll 14-6, Aces 10-10, Lucky Strikes 9-11, Get-R-Done 8-12 and V.F.W. 5-15.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Starlight Mixed on October 15:

High scratch game: Beauty & Beasts 567, C.J.'s Bar & Grill 528 and Roy's 500.

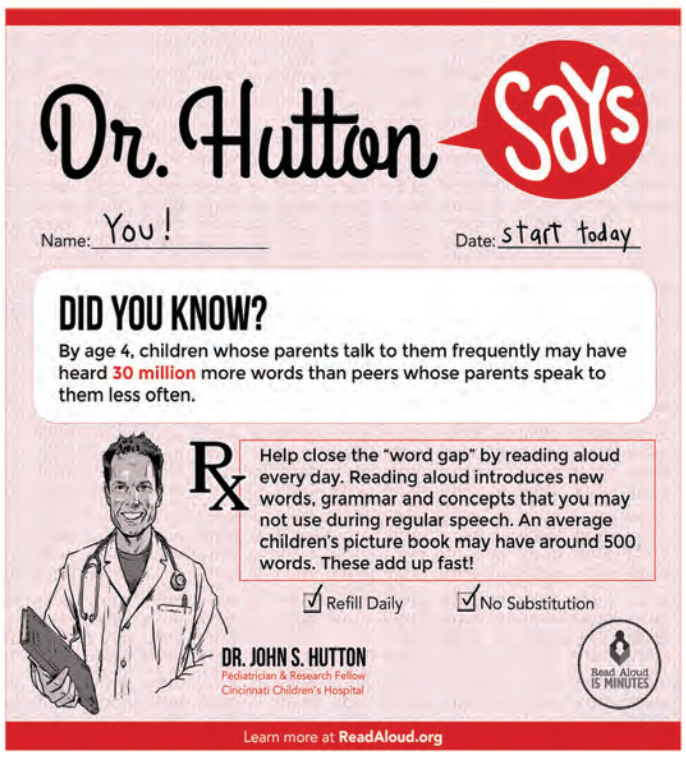
High scratch series: C.J.'s Bar & Grill 1,479, Beauty & Beasts 1,443 and Roy's 1,430.

High scratch game men: Dennis Neely 218 and Jack Wachter 171. Women: Deloris Stotler 195, Betty McCauley 194 and Rhonda Kratochvil 165.

High scratch series men: Rod Smith 574, Dennis Neely 546 and Jack Wachter 491. Women: Betty McCauley 509, Deloris Stotler 483 and Rhonda Kratochvil 449.

High average men: Dennis Neely 179, John DuVall 170, and Jack Wachter 169. Women: Deloris Stotler 163, Betty McCauley 155 and Susie King 149.

Standings: The Great Escape 15-9, Wanna B's 13-11, Roy's 13-11, C.J.'s Bar & Grill 11-13, Beauty & Beasts 10.5-13.5 and It's Show Time 9.5-14.5.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Christine L. Quartucci
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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:

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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83902

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Melissa Anne Horner.

Notice is given that Samatha Aulds, 230 Aurora Pl., Hampstead, NC 28443-0078 was on October 1, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Melissa Anne Horner who died on September 29, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 1st day of April, 2027.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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:

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Paul McCarty
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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:

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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.

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Douglas Wayne Ridenour
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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.

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Linda Geraldine Hendrickson
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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 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.

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

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

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.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hancock, Maryland, a municipal corporation, existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland, that pursuant to the powers granted to it by the *Annotated Code of Maryland,* and *the Charter of the Town of Hancock,* that on **October 13, 2026,** an Ordinance 2026-05 entitled **An Ordinance of the Mayor & Council of the Town of Hancock, Maryland, Amending the Town of Hancock Zoning Regulations, *Article 3, Section 413 Accessory Dwelling Units* in accordance with *Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland*** was introduced. Said Ordinance was passed as an emergency ordinance on October 13, 2026, with an effective date of October 13, 2026.

The entire text of the Ordinance is on file with the Town clerk, Town Hall, Hancock, Maryland, and is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

Edward L. Kuczynski
Kuczynski & Kuczynski, P.A.
Hancock Town Attorney

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR (OR) BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Nicholas Arville Jefferson

Estate No: 83964
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, Maryland 20852 for judicial probate of the will and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on December 1, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd10-28-2th

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

(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.

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. 83953

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Sharon Lee Smith.

Notice is given that Jesse Moses, 1207 SE 14th Ave., Canby, OR 97013-6303 was on October 20, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sharon Lee Smith who died on October 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 20th 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 20th 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.

Jesse Moses
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

Edward L. Kuczynski, ESQ.
22 W. Salisbury Street
Williamsport, MD 21795
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83948

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Kathleen Elizabeth Jordan.

Notice is given that Jacquelyn L. Collitt, 3125 117th Pl. SE, Everett, WA 98208-6112 was on October 15, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Kathleen Elizabeth Jordan who died on September 24, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th 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 15th 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.

Jacquelyn L. Collitt
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

Ann Marie Rotz, ESQ.
Rotz Law Offices, LLC
PO Box 4628
Hagerstown, MD 21742
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83938

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ricky Warren Jack.

Notice is given that June Vance Jack, 13413 Edgemont Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1242 was on October 13, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Ricky Warren Jack who died on August 6, 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 13th 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 13th 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.

June Vance Jack
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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152 W. Washington Street
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83966

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF John Douglas Smith.

Notice is given that Marianne Faye Small, 22613 Stevenson Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1349 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of John Douglas Smith 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 21st 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 21st 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.

Marianne Faye Small
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

Michael G. Day, ESQ.
Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
10715 Downsville Pike
PO Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83947

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Martha Lee Shrader.

Notice is given that Matthew Shrader, 11735 Rocky Meadow Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1848 was on October 15, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Martha Lee Shrader who died on July 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 15th 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 15th 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.

Matthew Shrader
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83920

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF James Browning Shryock.

Notice is given that Ann Mason, 49 Glory Ln., Falling Waters, WV 25419-4317 was on October 16, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of James Browning Shryock who died on October 5, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 16th 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 16th 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.

Ann Mason
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83926

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Miner.

Notice is given that Dolly Lynn Foster, 9399 Fallen Pear Ln. NE, Leland, NC 28451-9695 was on October 16, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Jane Miner who died on October 5, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 16th 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 16th 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.

Dolly Lynn Foster
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83730

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Judy Ellen Isner Green.

Notice is given that Nicole Shandelle Ritchey-Conway, 346 Lanafield Cir., Boonsboro, MD 21713-1124 was on October 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Judy Ellen Isner Green who died on May 10, 2026 without a will.

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

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

Nicole Shandelle Ritchey-Conway
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

Schlossberg I Mastro
18421 Henson Boulevard, Suite 201
Hagerstown, MD 21742

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

405 Gandy Dancer Court
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

By virtue of that *Writ of Execution* directed to the undersigned Sheriff at the request of the holder (the "Judgment Holder") of the judgment (the "Judgment") entered against the Defendant Emily Calliope (the "Defendant') in Case No. 11-02-0003958-2009 in the District Court of Maryland for Washington County, Maryland (the lien of which said judgment being of record in Case No. 21-L-10-013729 in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland), the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction sale all of the right, title, claim, interest and estate, both legal and equitable, owned by the Defendant therein of, in, to and about the hereinafter described parcel of real property at the following place, date and time:

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
NOVEMBER 19, 2026
1:00 P.M.

All that lot or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon (the "Property") situate in Election District No. 3, Washington County, Maryland, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being known and designated as Lot numbered 72, as shown on that plat entitled *"Final Plat of Subdivision of Gateway Crossing, Phase IV"* which plat is recorded among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland at Plat No. 8259, *et seq.* and being more particularly described as follows: beginning at a point in the northwest margin of Gandy Dancer Court, said point being S 44° 47' 38" W 64.64 feet from its intersection with the southwest margin of the proposed Ross Street extension, thence with said northwest margin S 44° 37' 38" W 30.00 feet to a point, thence leaving Gandy Dancer Court N 45° 12' 22" W 252.91 feet to a point in the eastern boundary of lands now or formerly of Maryland Economic Development Corporation (Liber 1160, folio 94), thence with said eastern boundary N 18° 04' 50" E 33.58 feet to a point thence leaving said eastern boundary S 45° 12' 22" E 268.00 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 7,814 square feet or 0.18 acres of land, more or less.

Parcel ID: 03 032442
405 Gandy Dancer Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Being the same property which by *Deed* dated December 22, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland on January 8, 2007, in Book 3197, at Page 0746, was granted and conveyed by The Housing Authority of the City of Hagerstown, *et al,* unto the said Emily Calliope.

TERMS OF SALE

On the date and at the time of sale above noted, the undersigned Sheriff will offer the Property for sale with a deposit required of any prospective bidders therefor in the amount of $10,000.00 (the "Deposit".) All of the right, title, claim, interest and estate, both legal and equitable (collectively, the "Title") owned by the Defendant of, in, to and about the Property will be offered for sale and shall be conveyed free and clear of the lien of the above-referenced Judgment as well as all liens and encumbrances subordinate thereto (including, *inter alia*, the lien of that subordinate *Deed of Trust* from the Defendant to Fidelity National Title Company as Trustee for Financial Freedom Mortgage, LLC dated November 7, 2017 and recorded among the said Land Records at Book 5634 Page 0166). Said sale and conveyance shall be made subject to any and all liens and encumbrances senior in priority to the lien of the Judgment (collectively, the "Senior Liens") as well as any and all liens for unpaid taxes, assessments, utility and other public charges, *etc.* (collectively, the "Public Liens"); which said Senior Liens and Public Liens expressly shall be assumed by the purchaser of the Property.

The undersigned Sheriff notes that he makes no warranties or representations with respect to the Property or the Title to be offered for sale and contemplated to be conveyed, including, *inter alia,* the existence or non-existence of or any matters related to any Senior Liens or Public Liens. As such, prospective purchasers are strongly encouraged to undertake and may rely only upon their own independent investigations with respect to the Property and the Title.

The Property will be offered for sale and shall be conveyed "AS IS, WHERE IS", without recourse, together with and subject to the legal force and effect of all applicable conditions, restrictions, covenants, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, appurtenances, agreements, Senior Liens, Public Liens or any other matters of record (including, *inter alia,* homeowners association or condominium liens, if any), and subject also to all environmental conditions affecting the Property, if any. Neither the undersigned Sheriff nor the Judgment Holder make any warranties or representations, express or implied, with respect to any matters concerning the Property, including but not limited to, condition of the Property, matters of survey or title, tenancies or parties in possession, zoning compliance, housing or other governmental or regulatory violations, *etc.*

The required Deposit for the Property is to be paid at the time of sale in cash or by collected funds, or other form of payment acceptable to the undersigned Sheriff in the said Sheriff's sole discretion. The balance of the purchase price for the Property is to be paid upon ratification of the sale thereof by the Court. No Deposit shall be required to be paid by the Judgment Holder where the Judgment Holder bids on the Property at the sale. Payment of the purchase price for the Property by the Judgment Holder shall be made by crediting the purchase price against: (a) the costs and expenses of sale advanced or payable by the Judgment Holder; and (b) the unpaid balance of the Judgment indebtedness. Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance of the purchase price for the Property at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of Court ratification, and at the rate of twenty percent (20%) per annum from the date of Court ratification to the date of settlement. No interest shall accrue on any such Deposit. If the purchaser (a "Purchaser") of the Property fails to make settlement with respect thereto within fifteen (15) days following the date of Court ratification, time being of the essence thereto, the entire Deposit paid by such Purchaser may, at the option of the undersigned Sheriff, be forfeited and retained as liquidated damages and notice of said forfeiture shall be provided to such Purchaser by the Sheriff. If the Deposit paid by such Purchaser is not forfeited as liquidated damages, but is instead retained by the Sheriff in escrow pending resale of the Property, said Property may be resold by the Sheriff at the risk and expense of the defaulting Purchaser, and the Deposit thereafter shall be applied as required to any loss subsequently realized by the Sheriff as a result of the default by said Purchaser and the required resale of the Property including any expenses incidental thereto.

All risk of loss to the Property shall be assumed by the Purchaser thereof at the time of sale. The Purchaser shall pay the cost of all recordation taxes, transfer taxes (including, *inter alia,* those agricultural land transfer taxes, if any, imposed by Maryland Tax Property Code §§ 13-302 and 13-502), document preparation and other costs of settlement. The Purchaser of the Property shall be entitled to physical possession of the Property only after settlement; however, the Sheriff assumes no responsibility to place such Purchaser in possession of the Property. The undersigned Sheriff expressly reserves the right to reject any bids submitted. The undersigned Sheriff reserves the right at the sale to vary, modify, alter or qualify any of the foregoing terms or conditions of sale.

Brian K. Albert, Sheriff
Washington County, Maryland
Attorney for Washington County
Sheriff's Department:
Roger Schlossberg, Esquire
18421 Henson Boulevard, Suite 201
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742
For further information
contact the following:
Attorney for Judgment Creditor:
Thomas J. Kokolis, Esquire
Kokolis Law Firm, LLC
11200 Rockville Pike, Suite 407
Rockville, MD 20852
Auctioneer:
J. G. Cochran Auctioneers, Inc.
7704 Mapleville Road
Boonsboro, Maryland 21713
10-28-3tm

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83945

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Janet Elizabeth Smith.

Notice is given that Robert Jeffrey Smith, 553 Gloyd Ln., Great Cacapon, WV 25422-3167 and Susan Renee Bowen, 20143 Scenic View Ct., Boonsboro, MD 21713-2034 were on October 16, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Janet Elizabeth Smith 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 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 16th 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 16th day of April, 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.

Robert Jeffrey Smith
Susan Renee Bowen
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

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10715 Downsville Pike
PO Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83935

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Caroline Routzahn Wright.

Notice is given that Virginia W. Durham, 909 Forest Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3269 and Frederick Christian Wright, IV, 1047 N. Kentucky Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-4738 were on October 14, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Caroline Routzahn Wright who died on August 27, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Virginia W. Durham
Frederick Christian Wright, IV
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True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83952

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Julia Weagley Brown.

Notice is given that Joni Yvonne Sgaggero, 8800 Willowdale Rd., Greencastle, PA 17225-9307 and Kellie A. Koons, 106 S. Allison St., Greencastle, PA 17225-1306 were on October 16, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Julia Weagley Brown 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 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 16th 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 16th day of April, 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.

Joni Yvonne Sgaggero
Kellie A. Koons
Personal Representatives
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83912

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Jerry Linwood Crampton.

Notice is given that Brian Crampton, PO Box 2, Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0002 was on October 15, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Jerry Linwood Crampton who died on September 23, 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 15th 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 15th 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.

Brian Crampton
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Lacy M. Flook,
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83906

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Fay Elizabeth Shank.

Notice is given that Wayne Lynn Shank, 17825 Justice Ct., Hagerstown, MD 21740-2414 and Ronald Lee Shank, 13809 Village Mill Dr., PO Box 65, Maugansville, MD 21767 were on October 14, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Fay Elizabeth Shank who died on September 24, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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Wayne Lynn Shank
Ronald Lee Shank
Personal Representatives
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83892

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ludwell Onsolow Fling.

Notice is given that Rickey Onsolow Fling, 11000 McKinley Dr., Hancock, MD 21750-1536 and Donna Jean Risinger, 145 Bernice Dr., Hedgesville, WV 25427-4208 were on October 21, 2026 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ludwell Onsolow Fling who died on August 29, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 21st 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 21st day of April, 2027.

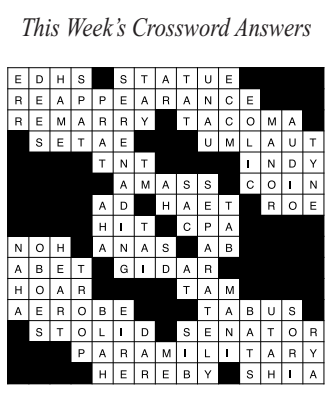
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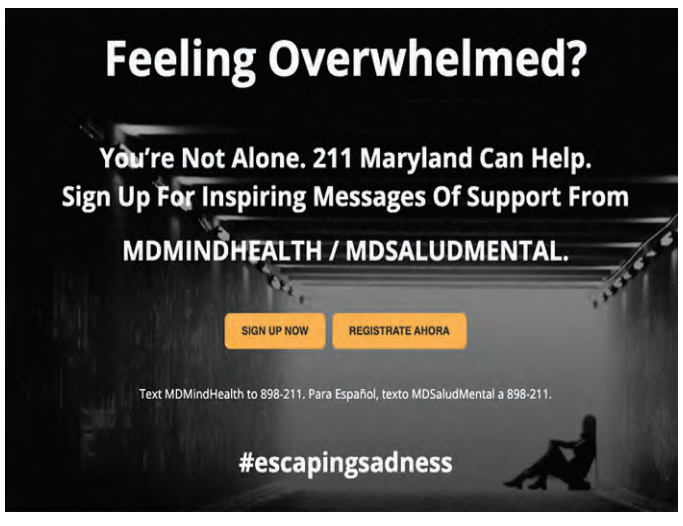
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Rickey Onsolow Fling
Donna Jean Risinger
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SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

655 Forest Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

59 Elizabeth Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

By virtue of Writs of Execution directed to the undersigned Sheriff at the request of the holder (the "Judgment Holder") of the judgment (the "Judgment") entered against the Defendant Jose Urbina (the "Defendant") in Case No. C-21-CV-19-000691 in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland (the "Court"), the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction sale all of the right, title, claim, interest and estate, both legal and equitable, owned by the Defendant therein of, in, to and about the hereinafter described parcels of real property at the following place, date and time:

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
NOVEMBER 19, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Parcel One: All that lot or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon (the "Forest Drive Property") situate in Election District No. 25, Washington County, Maryland, and being more particularly described as follows:

655 Forest Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740: All that lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situate in the city of Hagerstown, in Washington County, State of Maryland, fronting 38 feet, more or less, on the Westerly side of Forest Drive, and extending back therefrom in a Westerly direction with that uniform width to an alley in the rear, adjoining on the North the property now or formerly owned by the heirs-at-law of Annie S. Johnson, deceased, and on the South by a lot now or formerly owned by the William T. Hamilton Estate, the improvements on said property presently being known as House Number 655 Forest Drive.

Being the same property which by deed dated October 24, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland on November 6, 2014, in Liber 4856, in Folio 383, was granted and conveyed by Karen E. Frisby, Deborah L. Johnson and Jeffrey F. Sellers, Personal Representatives of the William Samuel Sellers, Sr. Estate unto Jose Urbina.

The above-described Forest Drive Property will be conveyed together with and subject to any and all applicable covenants, conditions, restrictions, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, *etc.,* of record or otherwise applicable to said Forest Drive Property.

Parcel Two: All that lot or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon (the "Elizabeth Street Property") situate in Election District No. 03, Washington County, Maryland, and being more particularly described as follows:

59 Elizabeth Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740: All that lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate and fronting 19.72 feet, more or less, on the West Side of Elizabeth Street, between West Washington Street and Eutaw Place, in the City of Hagerstown, Washington County, State of Maryland, and extending in a Westerly direction therefrom with uniform width a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to an alley.

Being the same property which by deed dated March 28, 2012, and recorded among the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland on April 11, 2012, in Liber 4264, in Folio 321, was granted and conveyed by Jeffrey L. Mimnall, Personal Representative of the Estate of Loweta M. Coyle unto Jose E. Urbina.

The above-described Elizabeth Street Property will be conveyed together with and subject to any and all applicable covenants, conditions, restrictions, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, *etc.,* of record or otherwise applicable to said Elizabeth Street Property. (The Forest Drive Property and the Elizabeth Street Property hereinafter sometimes collectively are referred to as the "Properties".)

MANNER OF OFFERING; REQUIRED DEPOSITS

On the date and at the time of sale above noted, the undersigned Sheriff will offer the Properties for sale as separate parcels as follows: the Forest Drive Property first will be offered for sale with a deposit required of any prospective bidders therefor in the amount of $10,000.00. If following the conclusion of bidding and announcement of the accepted highest and best bid therefor, it appears to the undersigned Sheriff in the exercise of his sole discretion and business judgment that the net proceeds likely to be realized as a result of the sale of the Forest Drive Property after the payment of all costs of sale will not be sufficient to satisfy the entire indebtedness secured by the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff will then proceed to offer the Elizabeth Street Property for sale with a separate deposit required of any prospective bidders therefor in the amount of $10,000.00. (The two deposits in the amount of $10,000.00 each hereinafter sometimes collectively are referred to as the "Deposits".)

TERMS OF SALE

All of the right, title, claim, interest and estate, both legal and equitable (collectively, the "Title") owned by the Defendant of, in, to and about the Properties will be offered for sale and shall be conveyed free and clear of the lien of the above-referenced Judgment as well as all liens and encumbrances subordinate thereto. Said sale and conveyance shall be made subject to any and all liens and encumbrances senior in priority to the lien of the Judgment (collectively, the "Senior Liens") as well as any and all liens for unpaid taxes, assessments, utility and other public charges, *etc.* (collectively, the "Public Liens"); which said Senior Liens and Public Liens expressly shall be assumed by the purchaser of the Property.

The undersigned Sheriff is informed that the only existing Senior Lien against the Properties is that judgment lien in favor of the Comptroller of the State of Maryland for unpaid tax (hereinafter the "State Tax Lien") entered in the Court on September 26, 2019 in Case No. C-21-JG-19-001562 in the original amount of $10,752.34; as to which said State Tax Lien, the Sheriff is informed that the aggregate amount presently required to pay off the indebtedness secured thereby is $2,652.33 as of November 15, 2026 with interest continuing thereafter to accrue thereon. The undersigned Sheriff further notes, however, that he makes no warranties or representations with respect to the Properties or the Title to be offered for sale and contemplated to be conveyed, including, *inter alia,* the existence or non-existence of or any matters related to any Senior Liens or Public Liens, including the State Tax Lien. As such, prospective purchasers are strongly encouraged to undertake and may rely only upon their own independent investigations with respect to the Properties and the Title.

The Properties will be offered for sale and shall be conveyed "AS IS, WHERE IS", without recourse, together with and subject to all applicable conditions, restrictions, covenants, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, appurtenances, agreements, Senior Liens, Public Liens or any other matters of record, and subject also to all environmental conditions affecting the Properties, if any. Neither the undersigned Sheriff nor the Judgment Holder make any warranties or representations, express or implied, with respect to any matters concerning either of the Properties, including but not limited to, condition of the Properties, matters of survey or title, tenancies or parties in possession, zoning compliance, housing or other governmental or regulatory violations, etc.

The required Deposits for the Properties are to be paid at the time of sale in cash or by collected funds, or other form of payment acceptable to the undersigned Sheriff in the said Sheriff's sole discretion. The balance of the purchase price for the Properties is to be paid upon ratification of the sales thereof by the Court. No Deposit shall be required to be paid by the Judgment Holder where the Judgment Holder bids on any of the Properties at the sale. Payment of the purchase price for either of the Properties by the Judgment Holder shall be made by crediting the purchase price against: (a) the costs and expenses of sale advanced or payable by the Judgment Holder; and (b) the unpaid balance of the Judgment indebtedness. Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance of the purchase price for any of the Properties at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of Court ratification, and at the rate of twenty percent (20%) per annum from the date of Court ratification to the date of settlement. No interest shall accrue on any such Deposits. If the purchaser (individually, a "Purchaser"; collectively, the "Purchasers") of any of the Properties (individually, a "Property") fails to make settlement with respect thereto within fifteen (15) days following the date of Court ratification, time being of the essence thereto, the entire Deposit paid by such Purchaser may, at the option of the undersigned Sheriff, be forfeited and retained as liquidated damages and notice of said forfeiture shall be provided to such Purchaser by the Sheriff. If the Deposit paid by such Purchaser is not forfeited as liquidated damages, but is instead retained by the Sheriff in escrow pending resale of that Property with respect to which said Deposit was paid, said Property may be resold by the Sheriff at the risk and expense of the defaulting Purchaser, and the Deposit thereafter shall be applied as required to any loss subsequently realized by the Sheriff as a result of the default by said Purchaser and the required resale of the Property including any expenses incidental thereto.

All risk of loss to each of the Properties shall be assumed by the Purchasers thereof at the time of sale. The Purchasers shall pay the cost of all recordation taxes, transfer taxes (including, inter alia, those agricultural land transfer taxes, if any, imposed by Maryland Tax Property Code §§ 13-302 and 13-502), document preparation and other costs of settlement. The Purchasers of each of the Properties shall be entitled to physical possession of the Properties only after settlement; however, the Sheriff assumes no responsibility to place such Purchasers in possession of the Properties. The undersigned Sheriff expressly reserves the right to reject any bids submitted. The undersigned Sheriff reserves the right at the sale to vary, modify, alter or qualify any of the foregoing terms or conditions of sale.

Brian K. Albert, Sheriff
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Attorney for Washington County
Sheriff's Department:
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate No. 83969

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Joel Edward Lafferty.

Notice is given that Benjamin Edward Lafferty, 1321 Hamilton Blvd., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3342 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Joel Edward Lafferty who died on June 28, 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 21st 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 21st 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.

Benjamin Edward Lafferty
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83833

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ray Leon Haines, Sr.

Notice is given that James Allen Haines, 11 S. Walnut St. Apt. 112B, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on October 21, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ray Leon Haines, Sr. who died on July 24, 2026 with a will.

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

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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83942

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Carolyn Lea Arellano.

Notice is given that Mary Lea Guzman, 1606 Jarvis Ave., Oxon Hill, MD 20745-3242 was on October 14, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Carolyn Lea Arellano who died on September 18, 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.

Mary Lea Guzman
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Estate No. 83737

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ronald Leroy Burgan.

Notice is given that Ronie Renee Burgan, 913 Mulberry Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742-3958 was on October 19, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Ronald Leroy Burgan who died on April 3, 2021 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment 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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SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate No. 83960

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Mary J. Beall.

Notice is given that Charles M. Beall, Jr., 11038 Hickory School Road, Williamsport, MD 21795 and Jacqueline D. Knight, 1 Ford Avenue, Boonsboro, MD 21713 were on October 20, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Mary J. Beall who died on March 29, 2021 with a will.

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

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

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

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Charles M. Beall, Jr.
Jacqueline D. Knight
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83961

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Brian Keith Hamby.

Notice is given that Marilyn Hamby, 13443 Wellspring Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740-9101 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Brian Keith Hamby who died on October 4, 2026 without a will.

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

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

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Marilyn Hamby
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Election 2026

(from front)

Running for the Maryland State Senate in District 1, which includes Hancock, is incumbent Mike McKay, a Republican, who is being challenged by Democrat Ashley Emerick.

Candidates for the House of Delegates representing District 1C, which includes Hancock, are incumbent Terry Baker, a Republican, and Democrat Seth Funk.

Voters will also choose a member of the Supreme Court of Maryland and a judge for the Appellate Court of Maryland At Large.

Washington County voters will choose five members of the Board of County Commissioners during the General Election from a generous field of candidate. Candidates include Democrats Jonathan Fish, Les McIntosh, Sr., Teri Pailen, Lara Shepherd and Dave Williams. Republican candidates include John Barr, Charles Burkett, Jeffrey Cline, Randy Leatherman, and Dan Young. Unaffiliated candidate Taj Smith is also listed as a candidate for the county board.

Also on the Washington County ballot are school board members, and the post of county Treasurer and State's Attorney, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills – all uncontested races.

Sheriff Brian Albert is seeking re-election amid a challenge from Democrat Junior McLeod.

Mail-in ballots

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

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

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

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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Berkeley Springs studios bustle for local artists' tour

by Lisa Schauer

With Fall foliage peaking and local artists hosting open houses for the annual Berkeley Springs studio tour, the town bustled with visitors over the weekend, October 24-25.

Sixteen artists were represented on the self-guided tour at eight studios, all within ten miles of town.

From the whimsical to the functional, handmade wares on display and for sale were created from a variety of mediums, including wood, iron, gems, clay, paint, and textiles.

Business was steady all day on Saturday, with more than 80 visitors, many spending money on artwork, said Cindy Boden with Turtle Cove Creations of Great Capon on Sunday morning, as more people filed in.

Berkeley Springs Studio Tour is organized by an independent group of local artists, many of whom are represented at the Ice House Artists Co-op Gallery.

The studio tour has been held annually for over 20 years, according to Boden, a member of the organization.

Annual Holiday Show

Next up, starting Thursday, November 5, a group of local artists' work will be on display at MAC Ice House Galleries for "Creating Memories: The annual holiday show" up until January 3, 2027.



Clay artist Jan Knight of Berkeley Springs poses with her functional art display on Berkeley Springs Studio Tour, Sunday, October 25.



Rosemary Bigelow, of My Grandmother's Lace in Berkeley Springs, is pictured with a display of her handcrafted garments and accessories.

photos by Lisa Schauer



Halloween events at Cacapon State Park

Cacapon State Park will hold their Halloween events on Saturday, October 31.

Pumpkins caring contest starts at 10 a.m. followed by hayrides at 12 p.m. and haunted hayrides starting at 7 p.m.

Wear a Halloween costume. Glow sticks, campfire and marshmallows are provided.

Everyone is welcome.

People Told Us...

—KID JOKED: What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurry? Spooktacles!

—OLD LORE: On Halloween night, walk downstairs backwards while looking into a mirror and you will see your future spouse.

—Trick or treaters will be out on streets and sidewalks this Saturday -- Halloween night, October 31. Watch for those boys and ghouls.

—Daylight savings time ends in the wee hours of Sunday, November 1. Time to "fall back." Set those clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

—This coming Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day across the U.S. Expect schools and government offices to be closed.

—This month was named for the old ninth (novem) month in the Roman calendar.

—Charitable contributions of food and money to help needy local people can be sent to the Interfaith Service Coalition, 116 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750.

