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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 11/4 74/59
Mostly sunny with calm south winds around 5 to 8 mph in the morning.

Thurs. 11/5 74/55
60% chance of rain and thunderstorms, south winds around 5 mph.

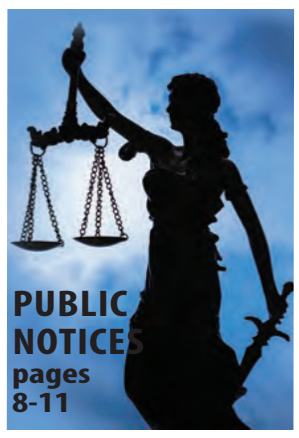
Fri. 11/6 69/46
50% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a high around 69.

Sat. 11/7 65/42
Mostly sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 42.

Sun. 11/8 61/40
Mostly sunny with a high near 61 and a low around 40.

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Room on the trail for all?

Older trail user says Western Maryland Rail Trail feels less safe with e-bikes

by Kate Shunney

What happens when a place you always felt safe and welcome suddenly feels full of hazards to watch out for?

That's how a longtime Hancock resident feels about the trail where he walked and biked regularly until recently.

Calling himself an "elderly concerned citizen," this Hancock News reader got in touch with the paper to share his experience going from daily use of the Western Maryland Rail Trail to choosing a different place to stay active.

Because it is paved, the Western Maryland Rail Trail is an ideal path for older and physically challenged walkers who need a more even surface to trek. It's also perfect for folks using assistive tools like walking frames and wheelchairs, offering a place to enjoy Hancock's outdoor legacy and stay physically active.

That's one of the features that Maryland Department of Natural Resources promotes about the trail.

"The easy grade and paved surface make this trail ideal for families, the elderly, and persons with limited mobility," the DNR website about the Rail-Trail says.

For the 83-year-old former trail user, it afforded he and his wife a way to keep walking together even when she began needing a wheelchair to get around.

But a few near misses made him feel the Rail Trail is no longer a safe place for his daily walks.

"I don't even walk the Rail Trail anymore because of safety concerns and near misses," he told The News. "My concern is for safety for walkers and joggers."

He feels this is particularly true since the advent of e-bikes, or bicycles that have a power assisting their movement.

E-bikes allow riders to go faster with less physical effort than traditional pedal bikes, and they are seen more and more on trails and roads.

see **RAIL TRAIL SAFETY** page 12



A local walker heads west on the Western Maryland Rail Trail.

Parade marches on as Hancock celebrates annual Halloween tradition

by Geoff Fox

If Hancock Rotary could have requested a perfect night to hold their annual Halloween Parade each year, last Wednesday would have been the night they'd want to duplicate each year.

One of the oldest and longest running Halloween Parades in the country, the Hancock Rotary sponsored their 79th annual parade on October 28.

People started lining Main Street a little more than an hour before the parade started at 7 p.m. By the time the parade got underway, hundreds of people were sitting or standing on the sidewalks ready to watch the parade.

There were a few stands selling treats, including the Hancock Lions Lioness Club and their famous funnel cake.

One constant at the parade was there again this year as vendors pushed their stuffed shopping carts peddling their goods.

In all, 56 entrants made their way east on Main Street with Sgt. Shawn Faith and Mayor Roland Lanehart leading the way in Faith's police vehicle.

Behind the police were the American Legion Color Guard and bands from Hancock, Southern Fulton, and Berkeley Springs; floats; fire and rescue apparatus from Hancock, Needmore, Great Cacapon, Longmeadow, Orleans, and Berkeley Springs; floats from various groups and businesses; classic cars and tractors; dancers; families; and politicians.

When the parade was over, there were a number of winners decided by the judges and Rotary.

Those winners were:

Youth Float

1. Good Shepherd
2. Girl Scout Troop #15127
2. Girl Scout Troop #80338
3. Cub Scouts Pack #45

Adult Float

1. Clear Spring Historical Society
2. Quilts of Valor
3. 304 Wild Hogs

Bands

1. Hancock
1. Southern Fulton
2. Berkeley Springs

Antique Autos

1. 1948 Chevy Truck (Gwen and Jack Cavey)
2. 1970 Chevy Camero Z28 (Steve Thompson)
3. 1966 Ford Mustang (Judith Burton)

Tractors

1. Farmall H Tractors (Stanford Pierce)

Majorettes

1. Silver Starlettes

Marchers

1. Hancock MSHS Drama Club
2. Hancock Girls' Little League Softball
3. Hancock Flag Football Cheerleaders

Judge's Choice

1. Hancock FFA Club



There were several vintage and antique cars in the parade, but Robert Munday had the oldest with his 1926 Ford Model T.



The Hancock Flag Football cheer leaders were out in full force during the Halloween Parade spinning and cheering for the football players. ***More parade pictues, page 12.***



Hancock Rescue Squad had their ATV covered in webs and a giant spider on it during the Halloween Parade.



It might have been October 28 and a Halloween parade, but Clear Spring Historical Society was bringing Christmas to Hancock with Plumb Grove Christmas by Candlelight.

Officials look at budget, grant matches & updated costs for infrastructure projects

by Geoff Fox

During the October town meeting, town officials were given an update on where things stand with a few projects engineering firm RK&K is doing in regard to the wastewater system upgrade.

One of the things presented to officials was costs going up and the need for a match for a grant.

Last Thursday evening, town officials sat down in public meeting to discuss where the financials were. There was no option for public comments.

RK&K Manager John Cole came back to Hancock for the meeting after bringing project updates to town officials during last month's town meeting.

Those updates included bids being opened for the Pennsylvania Avenue pump station and the project being over budget, the treatment plant, and collection system.

There were three bids received for the Pennsylvania Avenue pump station – Carl Belt for $1,516,499, another for $1,531,000, and Snyder Environmental.

Cole said RK&K has worked with Snyder before, but they do tend to run higher than the others.

He added Snyder has usually been the only bidder those times.

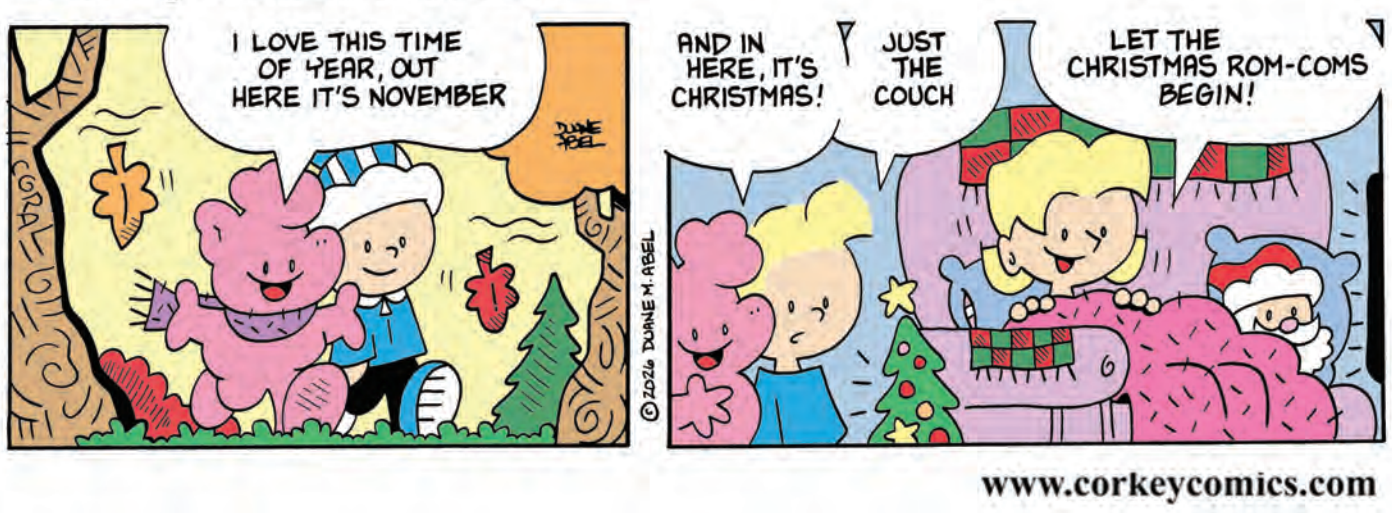
Mayor Roland Lanehart said the town is familiar with Belt, who was the low bidder, and RK&K has worked with them in the past.

Belt is currently finishing up a project in Paw Paw for RK&K, Cole said, as well as another pump station in Mineral County, W.Va.

see **PROJECT COSTS RISE** page 6

OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Do the "eco" and short cycles on dishwashers and washing machines actually save water and electricity?

—June Lorens, San Francisco, CA

Doing household chores like washing dishes and clothes can feel like a guessing game. When you load up a dishwasher or a washing machine, you might wonder if pressing the "eco" or "short" cycle buttons actually saves energy and water, or if they are just clever marketing gimmicks. To understand how these settings work, it helps to look at traditional wash cycles. Standard settings on older or basic machines often use high-wattage heating elements to blast water at maximum temperatures. Heating that water up takes a massive amount of electrical power, which drives up your monthly energy bill.

On the other hand, modern appliances feature "eco" modes designed to be much smarter about resource usage. According to industry data, lowering the washing temperature is the most effective way to save power, as heating water accounts for the vast majority of the energy a dishwasher or washing machine uses. To compensate for the lower heat, eco cycles extend the cycle time slightly. This gives the detergent more time to chemically break down grease and grime without needing high heat.

Denis Gallagher, of the independent consumer advocacy group CHOICE, explains that using more water and taking more time in a dishwashing cycle means higher costs with your energy and water bill. As a result, many people confuse eco modes with "short" or "express" cycles, assuming that a faster cycle is automatically better for the environment. However, short cycles often use more electricity and water. While short cycles seem better, in reality they use more energy to finish the job faster. Trying to force a heavy-duty cleaning job into a fraction of the usual time requires a burst of brute force and rapid rinsing.

Consumer habits also play a big role in how efficient your appliances really are. To wit, many people manually pre-rinse their dishes before loading the dishwasher. But modern dishwashers have sensors that detect how dirty dishes are, meaning pre-rinsing wastes water. Modern appliance design has evolved to make this even easier. Smart dishwashers and washing machines now feature advanced sensors that adjust water usage dynamically based on the exact size of the load, preventing wasted water on smaller loads.

When you weigh the financial and environmental trade-offs, the choice becomes clear. Eco modes might take a little longer to finish running, but the cumulative savings on household electricity and municipal water bills add up significantly over time. Ultimately, choosing the right setting matters. Opting for the "eco" button is a genuinely green choice that cuts energy use, while choosing a "short" cycle purely for speed often drains more resources than expected.

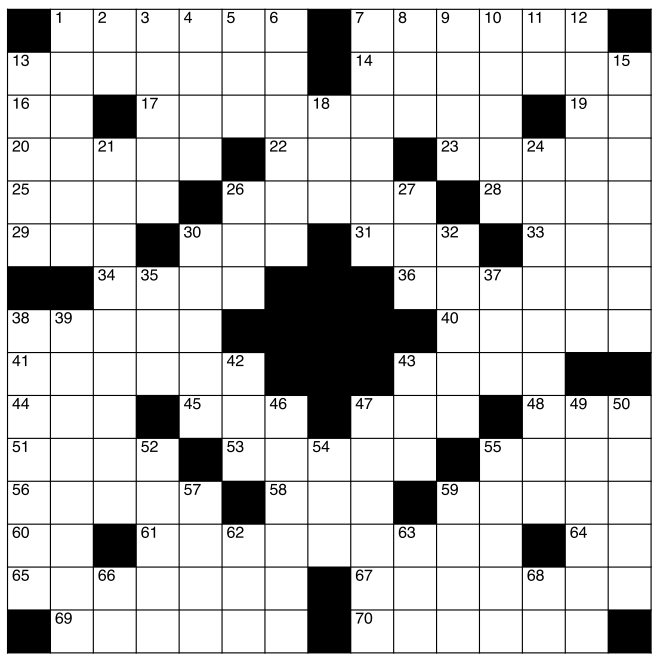
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33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
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69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

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1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
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The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. *Answer elsewhere in paper.*

Calendar of Events NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 7
– Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, November 8
– Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Monday, November 9
– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Community Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10
– 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?
To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

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Hancock Police Report

301-678-5633

Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of October 26-November 1:

October 26

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Virginia Avenue. Subject advised.

Traffic control, East Main Street.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, three stops.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

October 27

Undesirable, Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject removed.

Traffic control, East Main Street.

Traffic enforcement, five stops.

Service to advise, High Street. Service to advise.

Summon Service, 100 block Main Street. Summons served on Curtis Lee Ray.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Subject removed.

Undesirable, first block Virginia Avenue. Subject removed.

October 28

Trespassing, 100 block West Main Street. Subject removed.

Burglary in progress, 100 block Fulton Street. Curtis Lee Ray arrested for 4th degree burglary.

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

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

Traffic enforcement, three stops made.

Suspicious person, Main Street/Pennsylvania Avenue. Gone on arrival.

October 29

Domestic in progress, 100 block West High Street. Report to follow.

911 hang-up, East Main Street/Old Rt. 40. Unfounded.

911 hang-up, Blue Hill Road/Rt. 522. Unfounded.

Property damage, first block Blue Hill Road. Report to follow.

Traffic complaint, 100 block West Main Street. Unfounded.

Lost/found property, first block East Main Street. Backpack found.

Disabled vehicle, Blue Hill Road. Assisted.

Traffic enforcement, two stops made.

October 30

Service to advise, West High Street. Subject advised.

Animal complaint, Brent Street. Subjects advised of animal rights.

Service to advise, West High Street. Subject advised.

Malicious destruction of property, 200 block West Main Street.

Alarm, East Main Street. Nothing to report.

Towed motor vehicle, 100 block West High Street. Report to follow.

Service to advise, West High Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, West High Street. Subject advised.

Harassment, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects moved along.

October 31

Traffic complaint, Pennsylvania Avenue/Resley Street. Warning issued.

Echo call, 200 block East Main Street. Subject transported for medical.

Malicious destruction of property, Whispering Wind Road. Report to follow.

Disabled vehicle, first block East Main Street. Gone on arrival.

Community policing. Trick or Treat.

Animal complaint, 200 block Baptist Road. Two dogs loose, owner secured them.

Suspicious situation, 100 block West High Street. Gone on arrival.

Traffic enforcement, seven stops.

November 1

911 hang-up, Hancock area. Medical emergency.

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

Personal accident, Church Street/Main Street. Report to follow.

911 hang-up, first block Virginia Avenue. Unfounded.

911 hang-up, 200 block Rayloc Drive. Unfounded.

HCC seeks professional clothing donations for students

Hagerstown Community College's Career Services office is conducting its annual clothing drive to collect clean, lightly worn, and ready-to-wear professional clothing and accessories. The donated items are made available, free of charge, to students who are preparing for internships and employment opportunities.

Since 2018, the HCC Career Closet has served an average of 350 students annually. Students with the WCPS Marshall Street School Job Development Program assist in the coordination of this annual event.

The clothing drive will continue through March 31, 2027. Acceptable items include jackets, shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, pants, suits, shoes, ties, scarves, and jewelry/accessories. There is a current need for men's dress shirts size small and medium.



Donation collection boxes are located in Hagerstown at the following locations:

• HCC Main Campus, 11400 Robinwood Drive – Administration & Student Affairs (ASA) Building, Career Programs Building (CPB), Kepler Education Center (KEP) and Student Center (STC)

• Robinwood Professional Center Atrium, 11110 Medical Campus Road

• Washington County Public Schools, Central Office, 10435 Downsville Pike

HCC's Career Closet offers a full pop-up shop for students, on campus each semester. For more information, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/careercloset or contact the Career Services Office at internshipandjobservices@hagerstowncc.edu or 240-500-2260.

Funnel cakes & free health screenings

The Hancock Lioness Lions Club will have funnel cakes at the Hancock Senior Center Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Our stand will be located in the Hancock Community Center Parking Lot at 126 W. High Street in Hancock. There also will be a mobile screening unit which will offer free vision, hearing, blood pressure and glucose screenings.

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Free classic movies every Thursday

Every Thursday, the Star Community Center (SCC) presents a free evening of cinema at the Historic Star Theatre, 49 North Washington Street in Berkeley Springs.

As a nonprofit, the SCC's mission is to keep the arts accessible in Berkeley Springs. Our Thursday screenings are completely free to attend, although donations are accepted.

On November 5, the SCC will kick off the month with "Lassie" from 1994 as a post-Halloween palate cleanser. After a month of thrills and chills, we'll be watching the story of a loyal collie dog who helps a family adjust to life on a sheep farm.

In honor of Veterans Day, the SCC will be screening "Hell's Angels" on November 12. This World War I epic directed by Howard Hughes follows two brothers whose bond is tested by aerial combat and a shared romantic entanglement with a seductive woman (Jean Harlow).

Next up, we will be celebrating "Noirvember" on November 19 with "Detour," a pulpy black-and-white masterpiece from 1945. Everything goes wrong when an unemployed pianist decides to hitchhike from New York City to Los Angeles.

Finally, the SCC hosts a special Thanksgiving showing of John Hughes' "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." The holiday favorite stars Steve Martin as an uptight advertising executive who must team up with a jovial traveling salesman (John Candy) to get home during a Thanksgiving snowstorm.

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I'm in the world and not of it...+Jn. 17:14-15

I've been going there almost 50 years, after I heard about it in college. And now I find myself split, err, better yet, bi-: I love being a parish priest and also love the monastic life. I think I'm bi-vocational! Maybe you are, too.

That means–both being in the world and also getting respite in the monastery cloister. Last week our Parish took a trip to Holy Cross Abbey, in beautiful Berryville, Va. It's only an hour away and yet it's a millennia away-and near-- as you may enchant yourself by the 1500 yr old chant; smell the incense wafting in the cloister; observe the monks and their deep bows; rise for Lauds very early morning and walk with silent pilgrim retreatants; and enjoy the bellower tolling the call to prayer seven times a day.

No, I don't wanna be a monk and yes I wanna keep the visits going and feed off of the thousand-year history the Trappist monks have given us

Fr. Joseph, Abbot of Holy Cross--met us and gave us a talk, review of daily life and how someone becomes --and stays--a monk. From South Africa. He was working in the gift shop & I asked him what he liked best about being a monk-he thought and responded--he like the being-away from the world and "in the desert" of the monastery. He said so many visitor-retreatants (anyone can go there and stay) write back and thank them for being here and being sentinels of the Lord. And then he said, as if catching himself, realizing something important, " Oh, worshipping God --that's the most important-- to love Him…That's what a monk does—love God"

Just about everyone who went on our trip made some remark like, "This is just so peaceful here" --as they glimmered in the sunshine. As we walked thru, looked around the Shenandoah River below Blue Ridge Mountain amidst clear blues skies and no surrounding noise pollution we were immersed in pure stillness and Sabbath contentment, and the monk's peace they have planted & left there. (See: Mt. 10:13 on "leaving peace".)

Now, I don't have to choose between the cloister and the parish; I am of both, centered in my community and periodically gaining refreshment from God-centered monastic wisdom, beauty and simplicity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warm Springs Baptist Church, 3683 Pious Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-1551. - Sunday SVCS 10-11 a.m. Sunday SVC 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 4 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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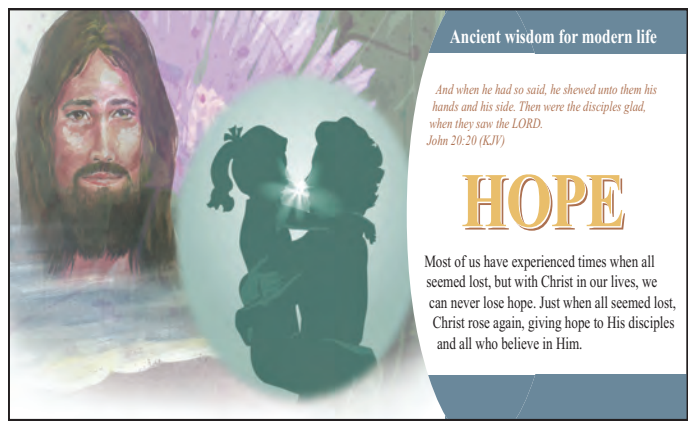
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OBITUARIES

Stanley R. Schilling

Stanley Richard Schilling, 88, of Berkeley Springs, died Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at his home.

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

Anna Shearer

Anna Shearer, 92 of Berkeley Springs, died Monday, October 26, 2026 at her daughter's home in Potomac, Md. while under the care of Hospice of Holy Cross.

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

Richard Filmore Young
1940-2026



Richard Filmore "Dick" Young, age 86, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, October 30, 2026 at his home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born July 14, 1940 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. he was the son of the late Albert Arbutus and Mary Catherine Fox Young.

Richard was a member of Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a 1958 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. After graduating, he worked at Pennsylvania Glass Sand and then went to school to study electronics. He worked part time at Joe's Radio Shop in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. From there, he worked doing electronic repair work in Hagerstown, Md. for 15 years and finished his career working for Clark's in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Throughout his life, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard work, gardening and range and pistol shooting. He was a previous member of the Izaak Walton League of America, Leetown Chapter, where he enjoyed participating in shooting matches and made many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Iris Jean Kyne Young, just one day shy of their 68th anniversary, at home, his daughter Kathy Merchant (Mike) and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, William A. Young.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. with Rev. Fr. J. Stephen Vallelonga officiating. Interment will be in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dick'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.

NOTE OF THANKS
The Family of
ROGER REED

would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who honored Roger's memory in such thoughtful and meaningful ways. Your kindness, support, and compassion have brought us comfort during this difficult time.

Thank you for the love, flowers, cards, food, visits, memorial donations and countless acts of kindness shown to our family. We are especially grateful to all who helped make the meal following the service possible.

Most of all, thank you for your prayers. Knowing that so many people were thinking of us and lifting us up in prayer has meant more than words can express. Your support has been a source of strength and comfort throughout this journey.

A special thank you to the Tri-State Honor Guard for the beautiful graveside service and for honoring Roger with such dignity and respect.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the love and support of our family, friends, neighbors, and community. We will always treasure your kindness and generosity.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Sharon Reed and Family

Pamela Kay Trumpower
1955-2026



Pamela Kay Trumpower, 71, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2026, at Doey's House in Hagerstown, Md., after a long battle with diabetes and renal failure.

Pam was born on June 17, 1955, in Hagerstown, Md., the daughter of the late Chester Jacob and Dana Maris Sensel. She graduated from Hancock High School in 1973 and continued her education at Hagerstown Junior College. Years later, she proved it's never too late, earning her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Frostburg State University in 1999.

Pam had a head for numbers and an entrepreneur's spirit. She spent many years working as an accountant and bookkeeper in the DMV area before setting out on her own. Over the years she launched many business ventures, the best known being Whiteside Tax & Accounting in Hancock, which she ran for 18 years, helping local families and businesses with their tax and accounting needs.

Pam was sassy and spirited, with high standards and an even bigger heart. She was her daughters' biggest cheerleader and a fiercely loyal friend. Life handed her more than her share of storms, including years of illness and hospital stays that would have stopped most people. Yet time and again she defied the odds and came back swinging, as if she simply refused to be counted out.

Pam had a strong faith in God and was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hancock. She loved her family above anything else and delighted in keeping up with her grandchildren's adventures and antics. She also loved Christmas, and her room was always decorated for the season. She gave generously to others, even when she had nothing left to give.

After many years in Big Pool with her husband, Bill, Pam spent her last seven years at Hagerstown Health Care, where it seemed everyone knew her name. She made many friends there and became the resident party planner and activities queen, always ready to organize the next celebration and bring people together. Her family is deeply grateful to the nurses, aides, and staff who cared for her. They treated her with patience, and they became her friends, showing her kindness on the hard days as well as the good ones.

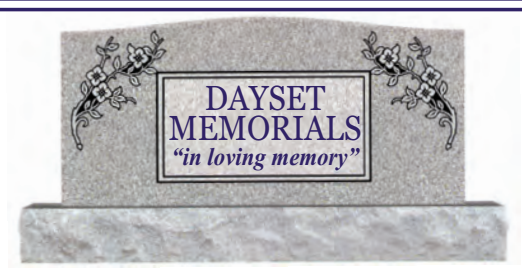
She is survived by her daughters, Meredith Moria Hendershot of Warfordsburg, Pa., and Amy Brooke Damoulakis and her husband, Nick, of Urbana, Md. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, John Edward Damoulakis, Paul Edward Hendershot, and Dana Estelle Damoulakis; her sister, Debra Ann Sensel of Reston, Va.; and her sister-in-law, Ellen Fulton Sensel of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Riley William "Bill" Trumpower, and her brother, Douglas Chester Sensel.

Friends and family will be received on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2 E. High Street, Hancock, Md. A funeral service will follow at 12 p.m., with a meal and fellowship immediately afterward in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Private burial will be Parkhead Cemetery in Big Pool, Md.

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

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



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

Mary Louise Messner
1935-2026



Mary Louise Messner, age 90, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Facility in Winchester, Va.

Born November 21, 1935 in Brosious, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Russell Norman and Mary Etta Hovermale.

Louise was a member of Berkeley Springs Church of Christ. She was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and went on to become a teacher's aide in elementary education. She loved to read, cook and play cards and Scrabble.

She is survived by her children, Larry Kent Messner (Kitty) of Leesburg, Va., Gail Louise Chapman (Charles) of Charleston, W.Va., Joann Lynn Maconaughey (Tommy) of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Janet Sue Rockwell (Mark) of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Dale Lindsay Messner (Jill) of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., three sisters, Ethel Mae Spielman of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Rosalee Etta Mick of Florida and Linda Marie Woods of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., fifteen grandchildren, Isaac, Tommy, Isaiah, Kent, Kris, Heather, Katie, Erica, Israel, Bradley, Jennifer, Bo, Lindsay, Josh and Jessey and many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Kent Messner in 2004, one son, Phillip Dean "Fippy" Messner and one brother, Lester Leo Hovermale.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, November 2, 2026 at Berkeley Springs Church of Christ, 290 S. Green Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. with Joshua Hetrick officiating. The family received friends on Sunday, November 1, 2026 from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and from 10-11 a.m. on Monday before the funeral services at the church. Burial was in Duckwall Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, 8989 Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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

Edith P. Cave
1942-2026

Edith P. "Edie" Cave, age 84, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. died on Monday, November 2, 2026 at War Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Born March 22, 1942 in Hancock, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Floyd Daniel and Pauline Ruth Unger Youngblood.

Edie was a member of First United Methodist Church in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. She was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. She worked in retail sales. Edie was a Past Matron of Berkeley Chapter #77 Order of the Eastern Star.

Edie is survived by her children, Brian Allen Cave, Virginia Beach, Va., Michael Andrew Cave, Winchester, Va. and Angela Lynn Poole, The Villages, Fla.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Cynthia Lea Lane; three sisters, Martha Ann Youngblood, Eileen Miller and Irene Doyle and one brother, Vernon Youngblood.

A memorial service will be condition by the Eastern Star at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Interment will be private.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Edie's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 122 South High Street, Morgantown, WV 26501.

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

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Bird walks offered in November

Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) announces bird walks on the following dates and locations in November.

Rolling Ridge Conservancy, 138 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, W.Va., Tuesday, November 10 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Join birders Bill Telfair and Scot DeGraf to explore the habitat and bird life with others on the gorgeous trails of Rolling Ridge Conservancy, the largest privately-owned wilderness area near Washington, D.C. Anyone 8 years of age and older with an interest in birding is welcome to join trip leaders Bill and Scot as they explore some of the 1500 acres of protected woodlands. These walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/rolling-ridge-conservancy-bird-walk-29/.



Cool Spring Preserve, 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, W.Va., Wednesday, November 18 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Join trip leader Bill Telfair for a bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve. Anyone aged 8 and older with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. The trails at Cool Spring Preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained footpaths to gorgeous views, the 74 acres of this preserve are home to much wildlife. This is a free/donation-based program for ages 8 and older. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants, and can be found at https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/bird-walk-at-cool-spring-preserve-25/.

Watch for additional walks on our website: www.potomacaudubon.org. For more information, contact PVAS staff at info@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

National Newspaper Association joins News/Media Alliance to push back against Open AI grabbing local content

from the National Newspaper Association

Federal courts must build a firewall between artificial intelligence programs and local news organizations, says National Newspaper Association Chair Jeremy Gulban, CEO, CherryRoad Media of Parsippany, New Jersey.

National Newspaper Association (NNA) has joined an amicus brief filed by News/Media Alliance on behalf of local news organizations in the federal Southern District of New York, where multiple newspapers are suing to block Open AI from taking local news content for free.

The National Newspaper Association is a 141-year-old organization representing local community newspapers. It represents members in every state. Its members publish in print and in all digital formats, including websites, mobile applications and commercial platforms.

Its typical member is a 3,000 to 5,000 circulation nondaily newspaper with staff based in communities they serve.

Both *The Morgan Messenger* in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and *The Hancock News* in Hancock, Md. are members of the national organization.

"Huge AI enterprises like Open AI cannot be allowed to hide behind the fair use doctrine or any other legal defense," Gulban said. "If the courts allow them to do so, the first loss will be to local news reporting."

The New York case is in a summary judgment phase, where the court is urged to resolve key legal issues about copyright infringement and fair use.

Gulban said the AI programs threaten the jobs of local reporters and editors and are likely to deprive local communities of reporters on the scene to cover city governments, civic affairs, youth sports and the activities of churches and nonprofit groups.

"Open AI and its colleagues in the AI space should not be able to lift local journalism content, neither for training, nor remarketing nor for any other purpose," Gulban said. "Publishers depend upon copyright laws to protect the work of journalists, as well as the messages of many local businesses that count on our publications to promote their products and services."

News/Media Alliance, the National Press Photographers Association and ProPublica were signatories on the brief, which is available at the link below. Gulban said he appreciated the work of N/MA to express the industry's views.

Gulban also said community newspapers had a growing concern about all types of digital producers that see newspaper content as a free service, available for their own use to repackage and sell for profit.

"We've had enough," he said. "It's time for public policy to shore up traditional protections for copyrights."

Quilt to be raffled off



The Hancock Senior Center will be raffling this quilt made by Hazel Dunn. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased during the Holiday Craft Show at the Hancock Community Center. The raffle will be drawn on November 7.

Laz Rapidaz to play live concert November 7

BlackCat Music Cooperative's Laz Rapidaz acoustic band will perform their free fall concert, "Notes We Left Behind" on Saturday, November 7 at 2 p.m. at the Historic Star Theatre.

Laz Rapidaz was formed in the summer of 2022 featuring eight enthusiastic youngsters wanting to learn and play music. Over the years, members have relocated and others have turned their attention to various artistic ventures.

The current members have played and performed together for the past few years in the tri- state region. All four members play multiple instruments and are also involved in music programs at Berkeley Springs High School and solo projects.

Laz Rapidaz created the show from top to bottom, including the name, song selection, poster art and social media promotion.

Admission is free with donations gladly accepted.

For more information contact BlackCat Music Cooperative at 304-500-2696.



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

Reflections on Domestic Violence Month

Editor's note: This article submission is from a local person, whose name is withheld because of the sensitivity of the topic.

October was Domestic Violence Month. 24 women per minute are involved in domestic violence. And the average woman will leave her abuser 7 times before she breaks away.

We hear about, we read about it, but how much of it do we understand? Abuse starts small, punching the wall, loud voice, losing control. Gas lighting, it's your fault, you're to blame. First they mix kindness, violent one day, sorry the next. Then abuse is made to feel normal.

I normalized so many things that were slowly disconnecting me from myself. Not because I was weak. Because when something becomes your everyday reality, your nervous system adapts to survive it.

I thought abuse was normal. There is attachment between an abuser and the victim. The guilt of what will happen to them if you leave. You lose yourself, your identity, your freedom.

Don't hope they'll change – they won't.

Don't agree just to win – you won't.

Don't believe their words – they come after character not the issue.

Don't share your secrets and dreams.

Don't expect loyalty.

Don't wait for an apology.

Don't let them convince you you can't make it without them.

We accept the love we think we deserve.

After years of domestic violence, I am dealing with the hopelessness, anxiety, dissociation, depression and panic attacks. I'm finally at peace with things I cannot control. Not because everything is perfect; it's not. I've cried, I've lost, started over and rebuilt. But somewhere along the way I started finding me again. Not just surviving, but actually living. Letting go is hard. Healing is hard. Starting over is hard. Staying is harder.

Choose your hard.

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Project costs rise

(from front)

"They're more than qualified to do this pump station rehabilitation project," Cole said.

Before putting the project out to bid, RK&K did a cost update in May 2026 for the engineering estimate, which came out as $1,510,100.

Cole said they told the agencies they were looking to get financial assistance. The original bid was over $800,000 in 2023.

Right now, the project, in total, is estimated to be $1.9 million with the town being $752,000 short in funding and the town reaching out for additional funding.

The town has the month of November to put together a supplemental package for that $752,000, Cole said. The person helping won't have to have their papers submitted by December 4.

The town is asking the USDA and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the full amount to be allotted to them and hope for a 50/50 split or some kind of split between the two agencies.

Cole said there is an ask from the CDBG, which he mentioned at the town meeting, asking if the town could come to the table with any additional funding. Right now the town is looking at $11,000.

"If you come up with an amount that you think you can do, then I'll share that with the two agencies," Cole said.

Town Manager Michael Faith said the entire project was fully funded prior to inflation hitting the country.

He said the two agencies asking for the match is them asking the town to have some skin in the game as it is their project.

The town has money in the RedSpeed account, which is used for police; money in the Trulieve account; and CDs, which are the town's rainy-day fund.

Councilman Joshua McCusker said the town really can't use the Trulieve funds.

Lanehart said the Trulieve money had been talked about as use for street repair, but some of it could be used toward the pump station project.

Faith said there would be funds available for street repair from highway user revenue.

Councilman David Kerns tossed out the town contributing $100,000, which Lanehart said he was going to suggest half that.

"If we say $100,000, what's that going to say to them," he said. "I feel that's our responsibility."

McCusker said if the town were to go $50,000, would there be room to negotiate, but Lanehart said $62,000 or something odd to start.

Cole has emphasized to the agencies that Hancock is a small town and strapped with their budget.

Since it was a special meeting, town officials agreed to offer an additional $64,000 along with the $11,000, for a total of $75,000, for the Pennsylvania Avenue pump station project.

Town officials then moved to the collection system and funds available for that project.

The collection system, Cole said, would run $8 million for phase one. This would be getting Lanco (now Pennland-Pure) hooked into the system and to the wastewater treatment plant.

There is interest for funding the design from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) with a 50/50 match. There's also interest from CDBG in funding, but there is funding for the pump station.

The contact at the CDBG wants the town to take everything in stride as the town can get back with the increase for the pump station.

"Once we get that one locked in on Pennsylvania [Avenue], then we'll reapproach and have a conversation with CDBG as to the match for ARC," Cole said.

The town doesn't have forever, but the town must keep ARC in the loop.

Cole said if the town wants him to keep pursuing those funds, he will but the town can't sit by idly by waiting for the congressional funding.

There was no action made on that project during the meeting.

Lanehart said the town should continue to meet with county commissioners and "maybe some of our delegates" regarding the project.





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Heartbreak at home for the Lady Panthers

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School's varsity volleyball team entered their contest against Northern Garrett on Monday, October 26 without any home losses this season.

But there's a first time for everything.

In a heartbreaker at home, the Lady Panthers fell 3-1 to a formidable Huskies team, now with 15 straight wins on the road.

The final set scores came out to 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-12.

After a hard-fought season, the Lady Panthers close the season with a record of 6-7.

Head coach is Christi Mosier.

Panthers to host Blazers in playoffs

The Hancock High School Lady Panthers will be hosting the Clear Spring Blazers this evening, Wednesday, November 4, in the MPSSAA quarterfinal at 6 p.m.

The Hancock Volleyball team finished the regular season at .500 including victories over Allegany and Berkeley Springs.

Deadline Notice

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

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.	L	0-3
Oct. 22	at South Hagerstown (JV/V)	6 p.m.		
Oct. 26	Northern Garrett (JV/V)	5:30 p.m.	L	1-3

• Games that are both JV/V - Times are for JV which plays first.

Preschoolers bring Halloween spirit to downtown businesses

RIGHT: A multitude of costumed characters paraded down Hancock's Main Street on Thursday, October 29 from Good Shepherd Preschool to visit downtown businesses, who treated the youngsters with goodie bags.



BELOW: *The Hancock News* reporter Geoff Fox and editor Kate Shunney (back) joined the costume fun to greet Good Shepherd Preschool students as they made their way around Hancock on October 29.





Open mic night

BlackCat Music Shop's Free Open Mic Night Friday, November 6 from 7-10 p.m.

The JPegs will host. This monthly event is open to all musicians, singers and songwriters. Show up, sign up, play or listen.

All ages are welcome. BlackCat Music is located at 155 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs.

For more information call 304-258-4440.

Honor Roll

Southern Fulton Elementary School
First nine weeks

"A" honor roll

Fourth grade — Talia Ah Loe, Haven Cacala, Mya Chesnut, Blake Covalt, Willow Fischer, Cole Francis, Madelynne Golden, Valerie Lynch, Barrett Mellott, Declan Taylor, Ava Whitenight and Lydia Williams.

Fifth grade — Avery Casher, Aayden Clark, Adrian Deneen, Paul Gregory, Gracelynn Keller and Poppy Woodal.

Sixth grade — Azaria Brown, Colten Conrad, Daphnee Fischer, Nikolai Gordon, Ryder Hartman, Aaron Jenkins, Maddox Keefer, Mason Mellott, Isaiah Mosemann, Baylee Norris, Caleb Paul and Xavier True.

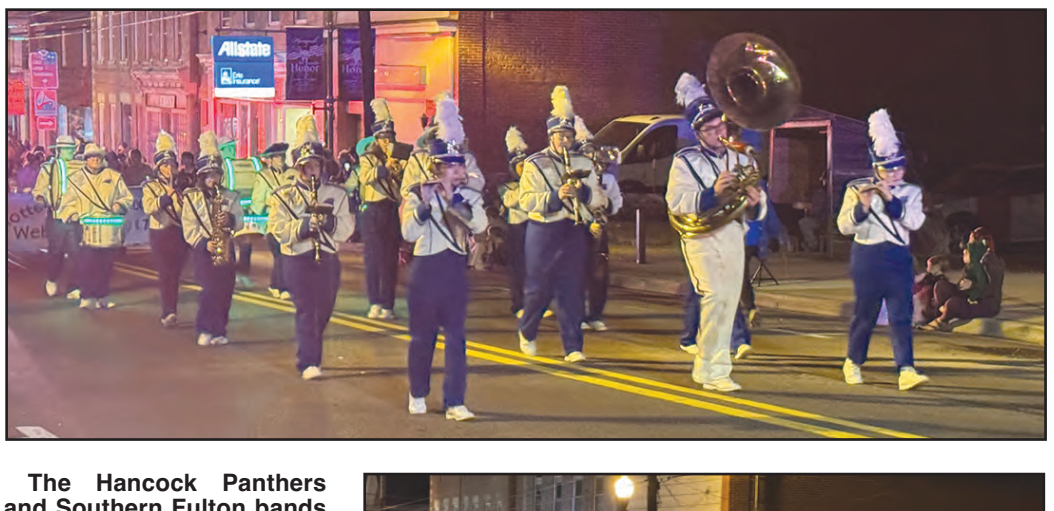
"A/B" honor roll

Fourth grade — Rylan Boden, Elliana Brown, Isaac Carbaugh, Violet Evans, James Flowers, Henley Golden, Abigail Hendrickson, Benjamin Hernandez, Bryron Leese, Jace Mellott, Liam Reese, Dominic Roach, Emmett Schultz, Laikynn Smith, Marlee Sullivan, Avery Trail, Amelia Velazques, Charley Watson, Peyton Williams and Jaxon Younker.

Fifth grade — Kaylee Carbaugh, Hope Courtney, Braxtin Covalt, Owen DeShong, Isabella Divelbliss, Easton Elias, Dayton Hann, Ellie Heltzel, Jensyn Hull, Adam Knight, Kingston McCusker, Zalen McFadden, London Moser, Scarlet Sandrus, Violet Sandrus, Gracie Trail, Samuel Valladares and Robert Williams.

Sixth grade — Braxson Bigler, Easton Cacala, Jaxton Juma, Joleen Lamier, Korben Mellott, Mason Norris, Jase Schetrompf, Marcus Schultz, Hannah Scott, Charlotte Sheeder, Hadley Ward, Autumn Weippert, Oliver Wertz and Julian Winfield.

Bands perform at Hancock Halloween Parade





The Hancock Panthers and Southern Fulton bands marched down Main Street with their music giving people enjoyment.

photos by Geoff Fox/ *The Hancock News*

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

Washington County parks closed for the season



Washington County Parks & Recreation announces that all county parks officially closed for the season on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Guests are encouraged to continue visiting the parks throughout the off-season but should be aware that some amenities and facilities will be limited.

Restrooms will be closed at all parks, with the exception of Marty Snook Park. The following restroom facilities will remain open at Marty Snook Park:

• Pavilion 4 near the Dog Park and Bower Avenue
• Pavilion 2 at the new inclusive playground
• The Guard Shack near the tennis courts

Additionally, water service at Central Bark Dog Park will be discontinued after Monday, November 2.

Pavilion rentals will not be available during the off-season. However, reservations for the 2027 season are currently being accepted, and reservations for the 2028 season will begin on January 4, 2027.

All Washington County parks are scheduled to reopen with full amenities on Saturday, May 1, 2027.

Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly when visiting county parks during the off-season and are reminded that available amenities will be limited.

For more details contact Washington County Parks & Recreation at parks support@washco-md.net or 240-313-2700.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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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:

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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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Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83928

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF John Joseph Aruta, Jr.

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representatives shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of April, 2027.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal 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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Carla Huntsberry
Joseph Aruta
Personal Representatives
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83923

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

Notice is given that Clarence Cook, Jr., 22236 Ringgold Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742-1472 was on October 8, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Glenn Allen Cook who died on September 28, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of April, 2027.

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

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

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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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Mary Anne McKown
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HELP LINES

MARYLAND CRISIS CONNECT

Call 211, Press 1

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

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

240-313-3310

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

MARYLAND CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-422-0009

Maryland's Crisis Hotline is available 24 hours/7 days a week to provide support, guidance and assistance.

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.

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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:

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Eric Barger
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-21-3th

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.

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Register of Wills
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Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
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pd10-28-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
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.

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:

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pd10-28-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
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

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
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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. 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:

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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
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This Week's Crossword Answers

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ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
10715 Downsville Pike
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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
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
Robinson & Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 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:

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Marianne Faye Small
Personal Representative
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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

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June Vance Jack
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

Michael G. Day, ESQ.
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10715 Downsville Pike
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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

(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.

Virginia W. Durham
Frederick Christian Wright, IV
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

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.

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

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Rickey Onsolow Fling
Donna Jean Risinger
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

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:

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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.

Wayne Lynn Shank
Ronald Lee Shank
Personal Representatives
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Washington County
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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

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Ann Mason
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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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:

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Dolly Lynn Foster
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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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

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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.

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Rockville, MD 20852
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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

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

William C. Wantz, ESQ.
123 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83898

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Conway Stuart Barnes AKA: Conway S. Barnes.

Notice is given that Barbara Barnes, 11800 Saint Marys Ct., Smithsburg, MD 21783-2037 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Conway Stuart Barnes who died on September 18, 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.

Barbara Barnes
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-4-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Shirley Queen Wright

Estate No: 83973

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Elliot N. Lewis, ESQ., 2 Candlemaker Court, Unit 104, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 for judical 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 10:00 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd11-4-2th

Jade R. Pagel, ESQ.
Stouffer Legal
658 Kenilworth Dr. Ste. 203
Towson, MD 21204-2334

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83967

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Gerald Arthur Klein, Jr.

Notice is given that Mark Walter, 224 Old Springs Rd., Fort Mill, SC 29715-7070 was on October 22, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gerald Arthur Klein, Jr. who died on August 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 22nd 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 22nd day of April, 2027.

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

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

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Mark Walter
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-4-3th

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18421 Henson Boulevard, Suite 201
Hagerstown, MD 21742

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.

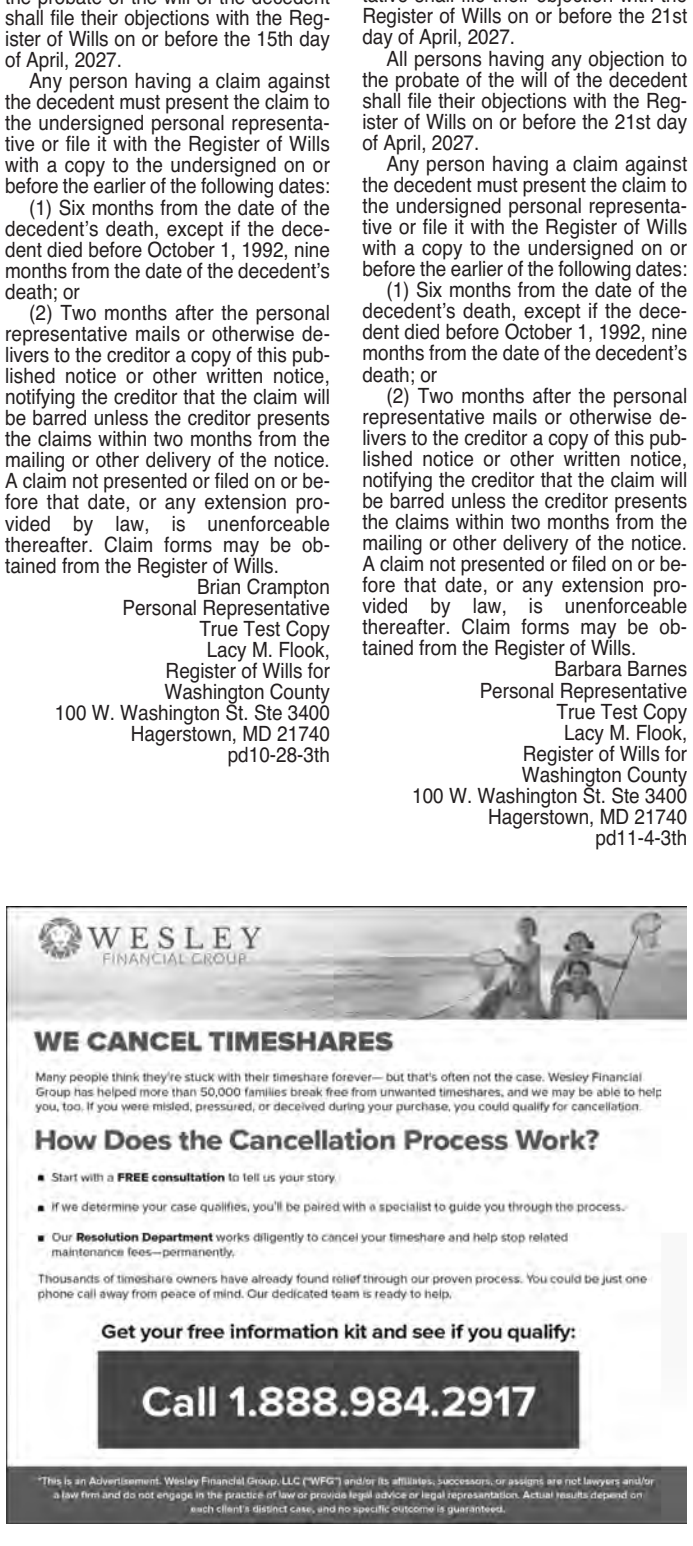
The undersigned Sheriff is informed that the only existing Senior Lien against the Properties is that judgment lien in favor of the Comptroller of the State of Maryland for unpaid tax (hereinafter the "State Tax Lien") entered in the Court on September 26, 2019 in Case No. C-21-JG-19-001562 in the original 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.

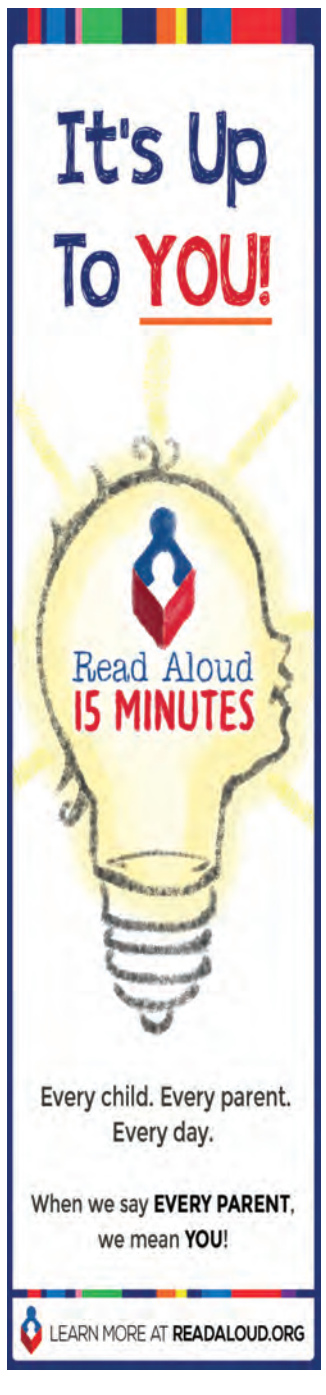
The Properties will be offered for sale and shall be conveyed "AS IS, WHERE IS", without recourse, together with and subject to all applicable conditions, restrictions, covenants, limitations, rights of way, streets, alleys, reservations, easements, appurtenances, agreements, Senior Liens, Public Liens 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83971

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Lisa Gay Beard-Figard.

Notice is given that Ryan Spencer Pearson, 12548 Licking Creek Ct., Mercersburg, PA 17236-8748 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Lisa Gay Beard-Figard 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 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83954

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Patrick Flannigan.

Notice is given that Beverly Nord, 423 Turkey Rd., Saltsburg, PA 15681-2423 was on October 21, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Patrick Flannigan who died on September 25, 2026 without a will.

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Where to turn for help

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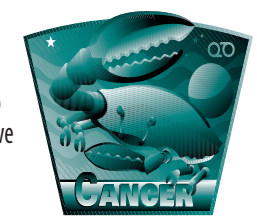
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November 8 - 14, 2026



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Expensive items have been on your mind, Capricorn. However, this may not be the best time to make big financial decisions. Give them a little more thought.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Try your best to turn a situation that could easily get out of control into one you can manage more easily. This is likely to require some quick thinking.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a new coworker may come to you with questions because you are an expert in a particular area. This presents a good opportunity to serve as a mentor.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, enjoy socializing with your friends this week. You have been on the go so much that it is time to settle down and enjoy a break and some good conversation.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, surround yourself with people who have more experience than you and can offer advice. Listen to the pearls of wisdom they may share with you.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You are very good at compromising, Virgo. This is one reason why people like you as a friend. However, do not compromise your own ideals to go along with every plan.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Try to take emotion out of your decision-making this week, Aries. Lead with your head instead of your heart, especially where work is concerned.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Your creative side will be on display this week. You can showcase crafts or artwork that is inspired by the colors of autumn. Put your thoughts in motion.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
A series of events at work may have you thinking about a change in position and/or career, Taurus. Don't make any rash moves just yet.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you have been mulling over going back to school, then now is your opportunity to enroll in a vocational class or take college courses for more credit.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Family matters come to the forefront this week, Gemini. You may find yourself in the middle of a family squabble. Fortunately, things will blow over quickly.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sometimes going about the same schedule day after day can put you in a rut. Change up one aspect of your daily life, and you may notice a big difference, Sagittarius.

Characters spook downtown Hancock



Always one of the favorites of folks along the parade route, Good Shepherd Preschool decided to go on safari this year on their float. photos by Geoff Fox



This spooky old lantern carrier was making his rounds in a graveyard float. *More parade photos and videos online.*



Main Street was crowded with folks on both sides of the as the 79th annual Hancock Rotary Club Halloween Parade made its along Main Street.



No, that's not the cast of "A League of Their Own." It's the Hancock Little League Softball players reminding people that, to paraphrase Jimmy Dugan's (Tom Hanks) line in the movie, "There's no crying in softball!"

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Rail Trail safety



Rules of the trail are posted at the entrance to the Western Maryland Rail Trail near BuddyLou's in Hancock. photos by Kate Shunney

(from front)

On shared trails like the Western Maryland Rail Trail, there is a set of rules about which trail users have the primary right-of-way and which must yield, and who cannot use the trail at all.

A sign in Hancock at the entrance to the Western Maryland Rail Trail near BuddyLou's specifies the rules.

Motorized vehicles and horses are prohibited on the paved trail. Walkers and joggers have the right-of-way and bikers are expected to yield to those on foot, to slow their speed around pedestrians and to notify walkers or runners when their bikes are approaching from behind.

These are all safety steps meant to keep bicycles and people on foot from colliding unexpectedly, or being pushed off the trail.

Pets on the trail are also supposed to be leashed, so they are under control of their owners. That's another safety rule meant to protect non-pet trail users from encountering an animal unexpectedly and having a bad experience.

Fort Frederick, part of the Maryland Park Service, governs the Western Maryland Rail Trail.

According to their trail website, Class 1 Electric Bicycles can use the Rail Trail. Class 1 e-bikes have pedal-assist only and have a top speed of 20 miles per hour. Bikes with throttles or a higher speed rating are not allowed on the Rail Trail.

Sandi Olek, Maryland's Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation with the DNR, told The Hancock News that new e-biked rules rolled out in July, but they didn't change the kind of bikes allowed on the Western Maryland Rail Trail, which already allowed Class 1 e-bikes.

"What's changed is the popularity and frequency of those bikes on trails," she said.

"We see the e-bikes growing and we knew they were already in our parks," Olek said. That recognition spurred a move to make new regulations that are clear about how the new generation of cycling fits into public lands in Maryland.

Olek noted that if a trail has a speed limit posted on it, that limit remains primary, even if an e-bike can go faster. She noted that's the case at Assateague, where there's a 15-mph speed limit.

Larger signs with bike and safety rules are needed, the longtime trail user suggests. Park officials should urge trail visitors to "Read before you Ride," he said.

Olek said she agrees that the public could use more education about how to use trails in various ways and her office is making videos and brochures to spread that message.

"You have to be a good neighbor," she said.

One of the efforts her office is undertaking is reminding people who has the right-of-way on trails. Bikers yield to pedestrians, and all trail users yield to horses where they are allowed.

"We're releasing guidance on trail etiquette, and who yields to who," said Olek. "There are slow users and fast users and we're trying to make fast users more aware."

This is especially true for visitors coming from other locations, where e-bikes may be more popular and trail rules could be different when it comes to their use.

Clearer messages should be put in place to say that bikes with throttles and certain speed capacity just aren't allowed on the Rail Trail.

There used to be law enforcement patrol of the local trails in Hancock by bicycle, but that doesn't appear to be as frequently seen these days.

"I want Hancock to have tourism," said the Hancock senior. "The emphasis needs to be on public safety."

"What happens if an elderly person on the Rail Trail gets hit by an e-bike?" the older trail user asked. "I stay off Western Maryland Rail Trail now and walk Berm Road. It's not likely I'll get back on the Rail Trail."

Olek and her office agree about the importance of safety and the risks to all if bicyclists, walkers and runners don't share the trail with courtesy.

She said her office is looking at making partnerships to spread the word about safe trail use for all in the era of e-bikes and increased trail use.

People Told Us...

—DAD JOKED: Think of raking leaves as Mother Nature's way of getting us in shape for shoveling snow.

—Veterans Day is next Wednesday, November 11. Originally called Armistice Day, it marked the end of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – November 11, 1918.

—A true "Indian summer" follows a cold spell or hard frost and happens between St. Martin's Day (November 11) and November 20. St. Martin is the patron saint of soldiers—as well as tailors and drunkards.

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