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Weather

Wed. 11/11 66/43
Partly sunny with light south winds, 30% chance of rain at night.

Thurs. 11/12 56/35
70% chance of rain with calm northwest winds 5-7 mph in the afternoon.

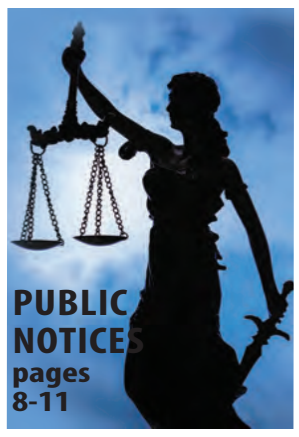
Fri. 11/13 47/30
20% chance of rain. Partly sunny with a high around 47.

Sat. 11/14 47/30
Partly sunny with a high near 47 and a low around 30.

Sun. 11/15 50/28
Mostly sunny with a high near 50 and a low around 28.

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Estimated price tag for wastewater plant construction is now $37 million, engineers tell Hancock officials

by Geoff Fox

"This is what happens when you wait."

Those are the words of Councilman David Kerns when town officials were handed a sheet of paper by RK&K Manager John Cole during a recent special town meeting with the figures for the new wastewater treatment plant.

"This is now double what it started at," Kerns added.

After starting a number of years ago at $18 million, the total pricetag for the town's new wastewater treatment plant still yet to be built has now reached almost $37 million.

Factors like the Covid pandemic, inflation, and tariffs have driven those costs higher.

"It's never gonna go down," Kerns said. "It's never going to get cheaper. They're going to make sure of that."

Cole told officials there have been funds identified from MDE with $706,000 already approved for the design efforts.

There have been funds already spent on part of the project and Cole said there could be reimbursements to the town, but he'd have to see where everything stands for the requests.

There could be $10 million coming out of the Bay Restoration Funds, which is where the flush tax on water bills goes.

Cole also noted the town has $2 million in loans already committed. He added he's committed to getting more loans or grants for the project.

There haven't been any applications filed to the USDA as RK&K is waiting for the Pennsylvania Avenue project to be approved for funding and they don't want too many applications out.

Cole said he's estimating the town could get a $12 million grant.

ARC is also aware for the town's need for funding, and could provide up to $500,000.

Similarly, Community Development Block Grants account for $800,000 a year, Cole said.

Those two grants would be applied for over two years, which is how long it would take to construct the wastewater facility.

Cole said the current schedule would see the design phase wrap up this December followed by the permit phase in April. After that, easements would have to be secured on waterlines as there would be three separate construction projects from the NAPA pump station to the treatment plant, with Cole's hope of putting the project out to bid for construction estimates in May.

The wastewater facility water wouldn't be potable water as it is recycled and can't be used for drinking, bathing, or other uses.

Cole said they are working to get a fire hydrant near the facility as there will be gases produced at the new facility.

Kerns proposed the town upgrade the water supply line to an 8-inch so it would be ready for property near the facility to be developed in the future, since the town is doing a waterline extension.

However, there was argument there would end up being stagnant water sitting in that pipe.

Right now the plan is to run a 6-inch pipe from the wastewater facility to the solar field.

Kerns asked that Cole check into what the costs would be for the difference in sizes for the pipe.

Part of the cost is also reforestation, Cole said.

Mayor Roland Lanehart said there's plenty of space where trees can be planted. Town Manager Michael Faith said the county is able to get seedlings for $1.08 each.

Town to host Comprehensive Plan Public Input Sessions Thursday

The Town of Hancock will host a Public Input Session to help form their Comprehensive Plan this Thursday, November 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

The public is asked to participate and contribute input on community priorities, decisions about housing and economic development and transportation.

All residents, business owners, property owners and community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Dan Bowling, project consultant helping the town formulate the Comprehensive Plan. He can be reached by calling 412-788-0472 or emailing dbowling@mackinengineering.com.

Those who cannot attend the session can take an online survey to rank community priorities and provide feedback. That survey can be found at surveymonkey.com/r/hancockcomplansurvey.

Vendor show attracts early holiday shoppers



On Saturday, November 7 the Hancock Senior Center's Annual Vendor Show gathered more than two dozen arts and crafts vendors to Hancock Town Hall with their homemade and assembled merchandise. Vendor fees go towards supporting the Senior Center's activities. photos by Kate Shunney

Festival of Trees deadline in two weeks



Christmas trees on display during a previous Festival of Trees. photo courtesy Wendy Weller

Organizers of the Festival of Trees is reminding those who may want to participate time is winding down to register.

The 4th Annual Festival of Trees runs Friday, December 4, through Saturday, December 5, and is hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The free event will be located at the church at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock and runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

The deadline for any organizations, businesses, churches, families, or individuals who want to participate is Friday, November 20, which is two weeks, and organizers are looking for more people to help make their event a success.

There are three different ways to register to bring and decorate a tree.

The first is to go to the "Free Activities 4 Hancock, MD" Facebook page and click the link in the post.

The second is to email festivaloftrees4hancock@gmail.com and a link to the registration form will be emailed to you.

The third is to find a flyer posted in the community and scan the QR code.

Set up for the event is scheduled to take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on November 30, December 1, December 2 and December 3.

Candle dipping workshop coming up on November 13

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a candle dipping workshop on Friday, November 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church located at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock.

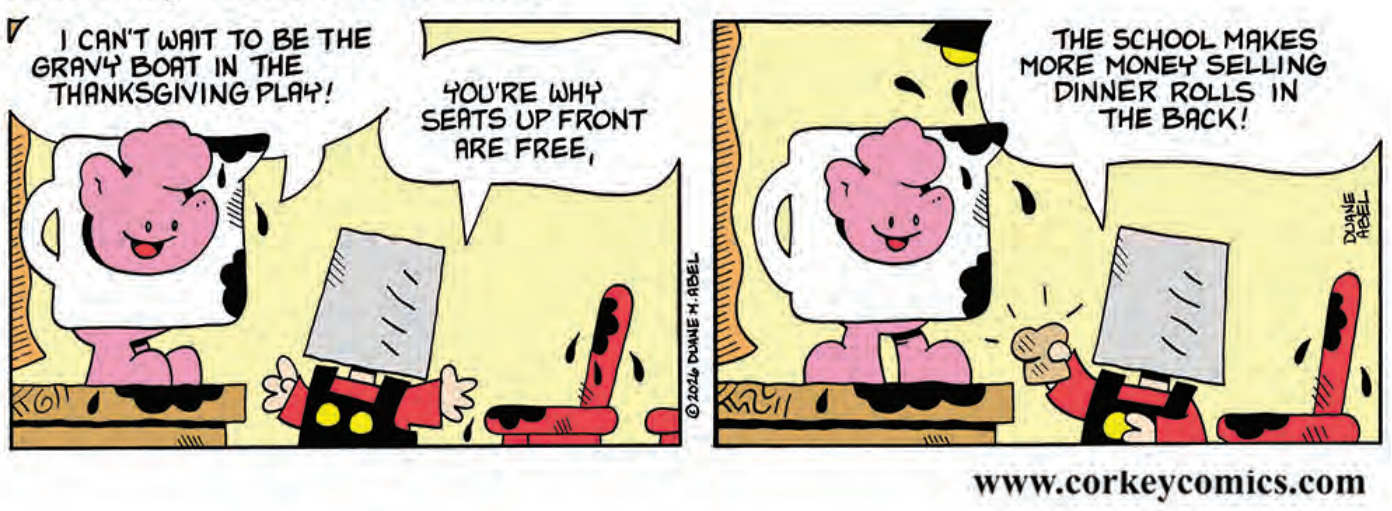
Organizers welcome you to join them for an evening of traditional candle dipping where you'll create two beeswax candles and one bayberry candle, which they say is perfect for cozy autumn evenings or early holiday gifts.

RSVP by texting Jennie at 814-617-0914.



OPINIONS

ZED by Duane M. Abel



History Matters

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

by Michael F. Bishop

The Election of 1800



The Election of 1800 was the defining political contest in the early American republic, setting Federalist incumbent John Adams against Democratic-Republican, Thomas Jefferson. Partisan tensions had fired up over the Quasi-War with France, the Alien and Sedition Acts, taxes, and the proper scope of federal power. While Adams favored closer British ties and a stronger military, Jefferson preferred limited government, a focus on agrarian interests, and more affable relations with France. The campaign was distinguished by fierce personal attacks; the Federalists accused Jefferson of being an atheist and dangerous radical, and the Republicans branded Adams as a would-be monarch.

Voting for electors began in November of 1800 in some states—but not all—there wasn't a uniform Election Day—yet. However, each set a date within a window fixed by Congress, and the nominators cast their ballots: Adams with Charles Cotesworth Pinckney; Jefferson was paired with Aaron Burr.

The lame-duck Federalist House deadlocked for 35 ballots between February 11 and 17, 1801. Many Federalists preferred Burr, but Alexander Hamilton's strong opposition to him proved to be decisive. On the 36th ballot, enough Federalists abstained to give Jefferson most state delegations (10–4). As the runner-up in the House election, Burr was elected vice-president, just as his party had originally planned. Jefferson was inaugurated on March 4, 1801, at the unfinished Capitol in Washington, D.C where, he sought unity by declaring, "We are all republicans, we are all federalists."

Jefferson later called the outcome the "Revolution of 1800," the first peaceful transfer of power between opposing parties. It ended Federalist control of the presidency and Congress, confirmed the legitimacy of the two-party system, and exposed flaws in the electoral process that led to the Twelfth Amendment (ratified 1804), requiring separate ballots for president and vice president.

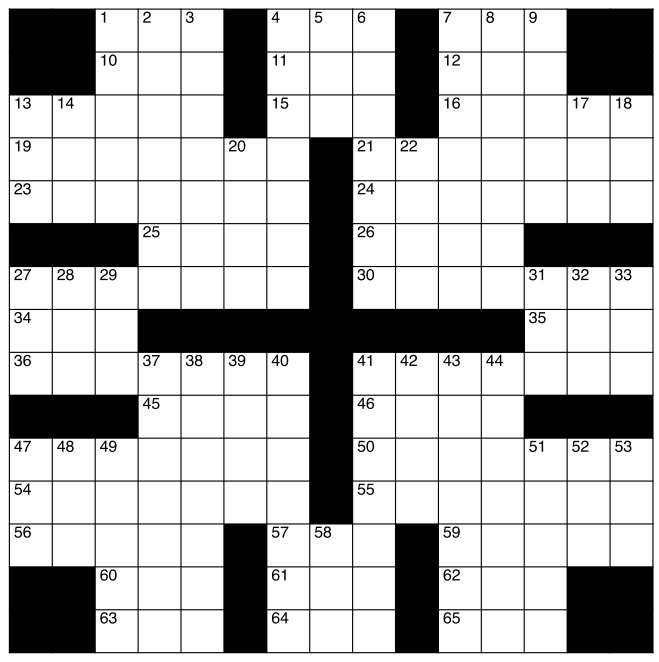
For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends John Ferling's *Adams vs. Jefferson: The Tumultuous Election of 1800*.

Michael F. Bishop, a writer and historian, is the former executive director of the International Churchill Society and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

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11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

DOWN
1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
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Calendar of Events NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 11
– Veterans Day
– Free bingo, 1 p.m., Hancock Senior Center, age 60 plus, all welcome

Saturday, November 14
– Hancock Museum open 9-11:30 a.m., basement of Town Hall

Sunday, November 15
– Hancock Museum open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., basement of Town Hall

Tuesday, November 17
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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Hancock Police Report

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of November 2-8:

November 2

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Animal complaint, Widmeyer Park. Unable to locate.

Service to advise, first block West Main Street.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Suspicious person, first block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Assisted EMS, 200 block Maryland Avenue. Subject transported to hospital.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Six stops.

Juvenile offense, 100 block Franklin Street. Juveniles advised.

November 3

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

Suspicious person 100 block East Main Street. Subject checked okay.

Disorderly conduct, first block Church Street. Subjects advised.

November 4

Check well-being, Widmeyer Park. Report to follow.

Animal complaint, 20 block West Main Street. Lost dog, Humane Society called.

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

Assisted HFD, 100 block West High Street. False alarm.

Theft, 100 block West Main Street. Information taken.

November 5

Animal complaint, first block High Street. Subject advised.

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

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

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Check well-being, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject advised.

November 6

Service to advise, 200 block West High Street. Subject advised.

Domestic, 200 block Myers Street. Verbal, subjects advised.

911 hang-up, 200 block Myers Street. All checked okay.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. One stop.

November 7

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Four stops.

Domestic, 100 block West Main Street. Verbal, all subjects advised.

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

Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. Subject trespassed.

November 8

Alarm, 200 block East Main Street. Building secure.

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

Annual Cacapon River Film Festival returns to Berkeley Springs

The Friends of the Cacapon River is hosting its annual Cacapon River Environmental Film Festival. The free event is on Saturday, November 21, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Historic Star Theatre.

The festival will celebrate the beauty of our West Virginia rivers, explore the challenges facing our watersheds, and entertain, inform and inspire our community.

The feature film, "River Warrior," is an incredible story of one woman's journey kayaking from her hometown creek in Appalachia all the way to the Gulf. The film follows her nearly 2,000-mile journey, powered by nothing but a paddle, pedals, determination, and the belief that water is worth fighting for.

"Friends of Cacapon River is proud to bring exciting and educational films to help us better understand how to preserve, protect and promote our beautiful river," said Glenn Archer, President of the Friends of the Cacapon River. "This year will also include films from West Virginia Rivers, the Potomac Riverkeeper and the Capon Springs Resort."

The Cacapon River Environmental Film Festival is free and open to the public. Free light refreshments will be available (donation suggested).

The fun and energizing afternoon will include several river conservation organizations sharing important information on how everyone can help support our rivers. Volunteers will be on hand to talk about ongoing projects and our watershed environment.



The Star Theatre is located at 49 North Washington Street in Berkeley Springs.

The Cacapon River Environmental Short Film Festival is part of the ongoing Keep the Cacapon River Clean Initiative sponsored by the Friends of the Cacapon River, Cacapon Institute, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper, and Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust.

The initiative brings attention to water quality issues and engages in volunteer activities for river lovers across the region. Donations are welcome. For more information, go to cacaponriver.org or email jeffduval@gmail.com.

Strings for Food Drive



Soaring food costs, cancelled SNAP benefits and escalating inflation have presented a challenging time for many people in the county which affects their ability to afford food to feed their families. BlackCat Music Shop is having their 17th Annual Strings for Food November 14-22.

From November 14-22, there will be a collection box at BlackCat Music Shop and at the Co-op next door.

Accepting donations of non-perishable food and canned items. In return, BlackCat will clean, condition, polish and restring your six-string acoustic or electric guitar with top quality for free.

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Your donation will go to Starting Points to help those in need this holiday season.

BlackCat Music Shop is located at 155 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs.

Virtual trivia night "Kingfisher Kahoot"

Come play a live, online quiz game. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, November 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. Join Master Naturalist Roy Boyle for a fun night of trivia and learning as we explore this month's theme, The Amazing World of Coniferous Trees. This engaging evening program is held over Zoom, so you can join in from the comfort of your favorite chair.

Kahoots are best played in a group setting, so we are excited to join together with fellow players virtually. We will play as a group with Roy Boyle as our team leader and host. Brand new to Kahoots? Roy will be available to answer any questions you may have at the beginning and along the way.



This event is free and open to the public. Anyone is welcome to join in. Pre-registration is required and limited to 25 participants.

For more information and to register, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/kingfisher-kahoot-virtual-trivia-night-the-amazing-world-of-coniferous-trees/.

Contact PVMN at PVMN@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions you may have.

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Time & Eternity –Yes we can do both!

Okay, here's another "both / and" meditation & Truth.

We need both prepare for death and, also, live in the present moment.

As Catholics—and Chistian's—we're called to consider The Four Last Things. Huh? That's: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. We're all going to face these—or most of them (hopefully not hell!).

But, contrastingly: think of all those books, podcasters and gurus promoting the present moment & living in the now Sometimes, narrowly thought out or presented, these can basically wipe out any sense of eternity and also planning for the future. Why can't we just do "both"?

You remember seeing those old paintings of some old saint, in a cave, writing at a makeshift desk, and just nearby on the ground is a human skull? Translation: we're all going to die and we should be ready for that moment. So : ponder death. When was your last confession (See: Jas. 5:16)? Is your soul pure (Mt. 5:8 & Rev. 21:27)? Do you have any inkling of where you're going--eternally (Jn. 14:6-7)? Do you ever visualize Heaven—and the ecstasy? (See. Rev.7). Do you ever visit a cemetery--especially in the Month of All Souls-November? All these can prepare us for death in a reasonable way & It doesn't have to be all cobwebs & ghouls--nor wipe out any sense of the present world & time.

So, we must also anchor ourselves in daily life ("Consider the flowers / the birds"- Mt.6:26-34) + the world (Jesus mentioning contemporary human events in Lk.13:4-5); and hopefully, "Practice the Presence of God" (Ie, Jn. 1:29). It's not either / or : i.e.., either think long term or get stuck in rat race-present, but, rather, we need think & live both "long game" and "present tense." How will you actually "do" this—live this out?

Take some time to "get off the grid; take a walk, enjoy nature and the present moment—unfiltered. And, at night, just before sleep do an examen—of your conscience of the day's events and be ready to be judged.

Make a Morning Resolution accepting and flourishing in the gifts God will give you thru the day. Also, sometime do a "Life Review" meditating upon the major events of your life and then think of your "Last End," dying and death. You can also pray, walk The Stations of the Cross in any Catholic Church, or online. Be "spiritually ambidextrous"—both fully in time and linked to eternity.

Nowadays we have so many blocks to thinking about death—medicine, entertainment, internet, constant news, also barriers to the present moment—smartphones constantly dinging, retirement preparation, pondering 401k's & even next years' vacation plans. In other words it's hard for us to focus—on both time and eternity…But as Jesus The God-Man Himself lived, let us precisely embrace both, for "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart" (Eccl. 3:11).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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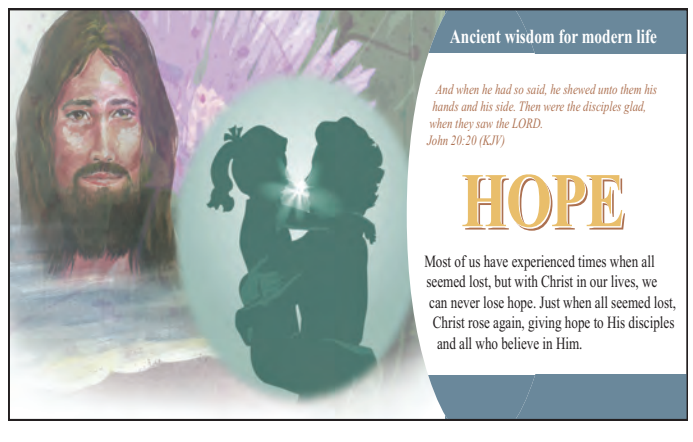
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OBITUARIES

Doris Elaine Vistoria Schultz
1938-2026



Doris Elaine Vistoria Schultz, 88, of Hancock, Md., passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Born April 5, 1938, in Frederick, Md., she was the daughter of the late George B. Fraley and Helen Keeney.

Doris attended Catoctin Furnace School in Thurmont, Md. She had a wide range of employment that included, Little Miss Tomato in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Valley View Nursing Home, Park-N-Dine and Best Western. She was also a caregiver for the elderly in Hancock.

She enjoyed playing cards and Bingo. Most of all she loved spending time with her one hundred and twenty-three grand, great-grand, and great-great grandchildren.

Doris is survived by five sons, Douglas D. Schultz, Sr. and wife Diane of Connecticut, Joseph R. Schultz II and wife Virginia of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., David J. Schultz, Sr. of Warfordsburg, Pa., John L. Schultz and wife Donna of Connecticut, and Jay S. Schultz Sr. and partner Carol of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; two daughters, Helen E. Betts and husband Donald of Hancock, Md., and Connie S. Wills and partner Ray of Hancock, Md.; daughter-in-law, Nikki Schultz; and one hundred and twenty-three grand, great-grand, and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her loving husband, Joseph R. Schultz, Sr.; one son, Daren E. Schultz, Sr.; one great-grandson, Austin F. Pease; one brother, George B. Fraley; and one sister, Sonja "Becky" Blackston.

Services were held on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 1 p.m. with two-hour prior visitation at Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home. Pastor Daren Schultz Jr. officiated. Burial followed at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Hancock, Md.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home, 141 W. Main St., Hancock, MD 21750.

Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grfuneralhome.net.

Grove-Rogowski Funeral Home

Robert Ward Raynor
1933-2026

Robert Ward Raynor departed this life early Friday morning, October 30, 2026.

Born Robert Ward Raynor in Jamaica, Queens, Long Island, N.Y. on March 7, 1933 to Gertrude May and Frederick Joseph Raynor. Graduated Mepham High School where Dad always said he'd gotten a college education in June 1950.

Following his brother and his father before him, Dad enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1951 and served until May 1955 rising to the rank of Radioman, Second Class.

Married Joan Marie Boyle of Freeport, N.Y. February 1, 1958. The two met while working at Jones Beach, L.I. They were married 65 years at the time of Joan's death in November 2023.

Never one to leave a job undone, Dad was always hard-working, keeping an ever-watchful eye on the future.

After becoming a parent of three, he dedicated himself to his career as a salesman of office supplies and took an active role in local politics in Smithtown, N.Y. during the late 1970s and 1980s. He was Councilman for the Town of Smithtown, N.Y., a member of American Legion #944, member of the Chamber of Commerce, and Founder and Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 539 in N.Y.

He loved a good laugh, movies, cooking, and staying on top of current events. Known to ask complete strangers about their financial investment strategies, even offering free advice to help guide them, Dad diligently made smart money choices and stayed on top of the latest financial advice at all times. His hobbies included woodworking (especially Colonial-style wood chests) and feeding tons of stray and other neighborhood cats. Both he and his wife were life-long animal lovers.

Always an amazing storyteller, one of his fondest memories was of meeting his high school teacher, Miss Ruth Nickerson, completely by surprise at the Tomb of Napoleon in Paris while he happened to be there on shore leave. The two went on to have a celebratory drink at a cafe before she and her sister left for Rome, and Bob admired and talked about her wistfully to his last days.

Like the best mariners, Dad always plotted his own course. Like the Radioman he was, he anticipated things and planned for them.

He is survived by his three children, Bob, Amy, and Pattie; six grandchildren, and his cherished cat, MooMoo. He is reunited in heaven with his sweetheart Joan, his big brother Fred, big sister Gertrude and his Mom and Dad.

He was an original. He was stalwart and true. He will be keenly missed.

Fair winds and following seas, Dad.

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

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

Anna Shearer
1933-2026



Anna Shearer, 92, died peacefully on October 26, 2026, at her daughter's home in Maryland and surrounded by her family. She was a longtime Berkeley Springs resident and active member of the community.

Born December 11, 1933, Anna was originally from Osijek, Croatia. In 1944, she was evacuated from the former Yugoslavia with her mother and only brother. About a month later, her father fled to join the family in Hungary. They quickly moved to Austria where they stayed during the remainder of World War II. Due to political unrest in Yugoslavia, they were unable to return home after the war and lived in Austria as displaced persons before coming to the United States as refuges in 1951.

Anna and her family eventually settled in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband, James Shearer. Anna had been an assistant buyer in the jewelry department of the Hecht Company before starting several businesses with Jim. They refinished furniture and had large contracts with universities, hospitals, hotels, and federal agencies throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In the 1960s, they began manufacturing camping trailers in Chambersburg, Pa. By the early 1970s, they transitioned their business to focus on camper tops and moved to Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where they raised their three daughters.

Anna had a thirst for knowledge and valued education. Because she and her husband wanted to set an example for their children, the couple enrolled in night classes at Berkeley Springs High School and earned their GEDs.

Anna was an involved parent and had served as an active volunteer in the local Band Boosters, regional director for the Parent-Teacher Association, Girl Scout troop leader, and service unit director for the Shawnee Girl Scout Council.

Anna taught a generation of Morgan County children how to swim through her volunteerism as a Red Cross swim instructor. She was a past chairman and treasurer of the Morgan County American Red Cross; a former board member of the Potomac Center, in Romney, W.Va.; past president of the WV Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Council and Hemlock CEOS club; and a 50-year member of GFWC WV Women's Club of Berkeley Springs, serving as a past president, past GFWC WV Eastern District president, and a lifetime member of GFWC West Virgina.

Anna's happiest memory was coming to the United States. She became a naturalized citizen and was an extremely patriotic American who placed great importance on civic responsibility. She served as a poll worker during elections and was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 60. In the late 1990s, Anna assisted the WV Development Office International Division and other community groups with settling multiple refugee families following the war and breakup of the former Yugoslavia.

Anna was proud to be a West Virginian and deeply honored when she was selected as the Morgan County Belle in 2006 for her community leadership. Each county selects a Belle who embodies the pioneer spirit as part of the annual West Virginia State Folk Festival.

Among her many talents, Anna was an expert quilter and mastered sewing, knitting and crocheting as a young child. She was an avid reader and loved traveling. In their younger years, Anna and her husband were passionate adventure seekers. While her husband was a private pilot and flew them for day excursions, Anna took formal training to captain their recreational boating trips. The couple also enjoyed auto racing and attended the Indy 500 for over 50 years.

Anna had been a long-time parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and past treasurer of the Alter and Rosary Society.

Anna is survived by daughter Angela Shearer and son-in-law Matt Payne, of Berwyn Heights, Md.; daughter Theresa Eisenman, son-in-law Eric Eisenman and granddaughter Ava, of Potomac, Md.; and daughter Kathleen Lieberson, son-in-law Matt Lieberson and granddaughters Sara and Megan, of Damascus, Md. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Shearer; her brother Florian Rettig; and her parents Johann and Maria Rettig.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery following the Mass. The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 22 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service held at 6 p.m.

Following the committal prayers at the cemetery, everyone is invited back to Paul Niner Hall at the Catholic church for a luncheon.

Anna strongly believed in community service and helping those in need. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to the Woman's Club of Berkeley Springs c/o P.O. Box 183, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or a charitable organization of your choice.

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Danny Lee Fox
1948-2026



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Danny Lee Fox, who departed this life on November 7, 2026, surrounded by his beloved family. He was born on October 22, 1948, in Oklahoma City, Okla.. Danny was a cherished son of the late Hennis Howard Fox and Evelyn Marie (Carr) Fox.

Danny was a devoted husband to Pamela Diane (Potter) Fox, with whom he shared 55 wonderful years of marriage. Their union, which began on April 24, 1971, was blessed with two children: Dan Lance Fox, married to Nicole, and Dana Delane Gray-Fox, married to Stephen. Danny's legacy continues through his five grandchildren, Elizabeth Fox, Lyla Gray, Jayden Gray, Luke Fox, and Tilanea Williams, who were the lights of his life. He is also lovingly remembered by his siblings, Darlene Risinger and her late husband Tom, Gary Fox and his wife Robin and Lisa Fox.

Danny was a proud graduate of Berkeley Springs High School in 1966. He continued his education at Marshall University and Shepherd College before answering the call to serve his country. Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1968, he served with distinction until 1974, including a tour in Vietnam during 1969-70. As an intelligence specialist, he was trained in the Vietnamese language, serving as an interrogator with the 635 Military Intelligence Company, a part of the renowned "Blackhorse" 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was awarded a Purple Heart , the Vietnamese Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his military service, Danny worked as a computer operator for the Internal Revenue Service in Martinsburg, W.Va. His dedication extended beyond his professional life into his community, where he was a proud member of the Disabled American Veterans Association.

Danny had a deep passion for music, especially from the 50s and 60s. He curated an extensive collection of songs from this era. He assisted disc jockeys and music enthusiasts across the country in uncovering rare and obscure tracks. His love for music brought him joy and allowed him to connect with many who shared his interests.

Family and friends will be received from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, located at 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

A service to honor Danny's life will follow at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home Family with Reverend Joshua Rider, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Friends are invited to gather and celebrate the remarkable life of a man who touched so many.

The family would also like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Hospice of the Panhandle for their compassionate care during Danny's final hours. Memorial contributions can be made in Danny's memory to the Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

Danny Lee Fox will be dearly missed by all who knew him. His warmth, generosity, and unwavering love for his family will forever remain in our hearts.

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Community Forestry Catalyst Fund simplifies access to local forestry grants



Students at Snow Hill Elementary plant new trees.

photo by Mary Chamberlain

Through the Community Forestry Catalyst Fund, local governments, nonprofits, schools, community associations, businesses, and other organizations may apply to fund projects on eligible public or private property in Maryland.

Maryland communities seeking support to care for their trees and forests can now use a single application to access several funding sources through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Community Forestry Catalyst Fund (CF2).

The Maryland Forest Service is transitioning the program from large grants supported by the federal Inflation Reduction Act to a more flexible micro-grant framework. The revised approach responds to continued demand for community forestry assistance by supporting smaller projects, including the ongoing care and management of existing trees and forests.

"Communities often know what work needs to be done but don't know where to find the funding to do it," said J.T. Bowers, deputy director of the Maryland Forest Service. "By bringing several funding sources together under one application, we can make it easier for local organizations to get projects off the ground."

Applicants describe their project through a common application, and Forest Service staff determine which available funding source best fits the proposed work. When a project qualifies for more than one compatible source, funding may be combined into a single award.

Potential funding sources include the U.S. Forest Service urban and community forestry funds, the Maryland Department of Transportation's Urban Tree Program, and Tree-Mendous Maryland, depending on availability in each review cycle.

CF2 launched in 2024 with support from the USDA Forest Service through the Inflation Reduction Act. The initial grant round drew requests for more than five times the available funding, demonstrating strong demand for local forestry assistance.

Awards helped communities manage existing forests, train workers, and build local programs for tree care and stewardship. The new framework builds on that experience by making smaller awards available on a continuing basis rather than relying on occasional large funding rounds.

The revised program complements the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Urban Trees Program by providing assistance for smaller projects and ongoing stewardship. Communities can seek support for work that improves existing trees and forests, develops local skills, or prepares sites for future planting and restoration.

Eligible work can include forest assessments and management planning, invasive species control, tree establishment and care, and education or volunteer training.

Standard funding requests may be made for up to $10,000. Projects require a cash or in-kind contribution from the applicant or its partners, such as volunteer time, donated materials, or professional services, but there is no minimum contribution amount or percentage.

Local governments, nonprofits, schools, community associations, businesses, and other organizations may apply for projects on eligible public or private property in Maryland. Individual residents are not eligible for direct awards. Additional eligibility requirements are outlined in the program's Request for Proposals.

Applications are accepted year-round with reviews Jan. 15 and July 15. The next review deadline is Jan. 15, 2027. Organizations that receive an award may apply again in a later review cycle.

Applications are available on DNR's Community Forestry Catalyst Fund webpage; potential applicants should review information on the Request for Proposals page. Questions about eligibility or the application process may be directed to forestry_grants.dnr@maryland.gov.

People Told Us...

—DAD JOKED: What form is required for all members of the military? A uniform!

—Wednesday, November 11 is Veterans Day. Expect government offices to be closed, and no mail to be delivered.

—Visitors can enter any park in the National Park System at no cost on November 11, Veteran's Day.

—OLD WEATHER LORE: Count the number of days between the last new moon and the first tracking snow of the season, and that will equal the number of the winter's snowfalls.

—OLD WEATHER LORE: The darker the woollybear, the worse the winter will be. If the front end of the woollybear is black and the back end light, the winter will start hard and lighten up. And viceversa.

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Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, November 12

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

1 p.m. - Journey North. The super generation of monarch butterflies are arriving in Mexico. Learn more about their migration and watch their movement data submitted by community science volunteers on journey north.org

3 p.m. - Turkey Felt Craft. Make a craft with felt. It doesn't have to be a turkey. All ages are welcome.

Friday, November 13

9:30 a.m. - Name that Tree. Naming trees without leaves is harder but not impossible. Learn some leafless ID tricks. Stem features, fruits, seedpods, and bark can help ID a tree. We'll take a short walk to reinforce our newly learned skills.

1 p.m. - Vultures: Nature's Clean Up Crew. Learn some unique features and behaviors of vultures. Can we see any using binoculars?

Saturday, November 14

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

1-3 p.m. - Birds of Prey Migration Watch. Join us at 1p.m. at the locked gate just beyond the Batt Parking Area. We will watch migrating birds & year-round birds. You'll need to be early or on-time to get in. These birds: black vulture, turkey vulture, bald eagle, northern harrier, northern goshawk, rough-legged hawk, and red-tailed hawk, would be experiencing peak migration at this time. Other wildlife could be spotted: ravens, crows, and deer. Come join us just this one time or all the birds of prey watch series listed in the upcoming events. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Dress for the weather but this event will be canceled due to rain, fog or snow.

3:30 p.m. - Turkey Talk. Wild turkeys of North America were almost wiped out. Let's learn about their history, fun facts, do turkey calls and see feathers and taxidermy. Tell us your turkey encounters.

Sunday, November 15

9:30 a.m. - Beginner Birding. Meet at the lodge. Binoculars provided or bring your own. It's a 45 minute-1 hour walk. See which fall birds are still in the park. Learning one new bird is the goal but learning even more would be fantastic.

1 p.m. - Recycling Creations. Using food scraps (orange peels) and glass, plastic, tin cans and bottles, create a second use for them.

Monday, November 16

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

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

1 p.m. - Triple Life: Red-spotted Newt. Newt vs Salamander. How does the red-spotted newt have 3 lives? How can community science help monitor the red-spotted newt?

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

Tuesday, November 17

10 a.m. - Spectacular Fall Walk Series #26. The Ridge Trail will be today's walk. Meet at the Nature Center. Rated easier but has a climb to the top. 1.5 mile loop. (45 minutes to 1 hour) overlooks, rock formations, lake view, mountain ridges view.

1 p.m. - Monarchs in Mexico. Join the park naturalist for a presentation on traveling to Mexico with Natural Habitat Adventures. The journey awaits. https://www.nathab.com/central-america/monarch-butterfly-tour

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

Wednesday, November 18

10 a.m. - Logcocks, Peckerwoods, Woodhacks & Woodnackers. Whatever you call them, our local woodpeckers are beneficial for a healthy ecosystem. Learn their calls and some fun facts of each WV species. A short walk to search for woodpeckers will follow the brief talk.

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

3 p.m. - Spectacular Fall Walk Series #27. The Lower Lake Perimeter Walk will be today's walk. Meet at the Nature Center. Rated easy. 1.5 miles. 1 hour. Ridge trail along beach fence, lake road, lower dam, green trail will make a loop around the lake. Rock formations, lake views, dam, CCC structures.

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The Hancock News

Section II

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Lady Panthers bow to Blazers 3-0 in playoff tournament

by Lisa Schauer

The Hancock Panthers varsity volleyball squad lost 3-0 on Wednesday, November 4 against the visiting Clear Spring Blazers.

The non-league playoff tournament battle was a tough finish for a season of grit and determination.

With football off the table now at Hancock High School, the Lady Panthers stepped up to host the Homecoming game back on October 12 against Berkeley Springs.

"Ending our season with a tough one is never easy, especially for a group of girls who have worked, sacrificed, and given so much to this team. I am so incredibly proud of the way this team competed and the way they grew throughout the season. They showed grit, determination, resilience and heart," said Coach Christi Mosier.

The Lady Panthers end the season with a 6-8 record and full support from the community.



Payton McMahon (#12).



Madison Booth (#1)

photos by Lori Younker



Maya Shoemaker (#2)

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.

How to get in the sports section

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

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

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!

How to Contact Schools & Officials

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Website: https://hmshs.wcpsmd.com
Principal Andrew Kaetzel
kaetzand@wcps.k12.md.us

Hancock Elementary
301-766-8178
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Principal Shauna Gore

Washington County Public Schools
301-766-2800
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301-766-2809
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83947

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

Notice is given that Matthew Shrader, 11735 Rocky Meadow Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1848 was on October 15, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Martha Lee Shrader who died on July 13, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of April, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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Virginia W. Durham
Frederick Christian Wright, IV
Personal Representatives
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. 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
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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.

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Wayne Lynn Shank
Ronald Lee Shank
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd10-28-3th

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.

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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.

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Dolly Lynn Foster
Personal Representative
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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. 83730

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

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of April, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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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Washington County, Maryland
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Edward L. Kuczynski, ESQ.
22 W. Salisbury Street
Williamsport, MD 21795

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83948

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

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

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of April, 2027.

All persons having any objection to the probate of the will of the decedent shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of April, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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
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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:

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

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

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

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:

(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.

James Allen Haines
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. 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
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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.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

655 Forest Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

59 Elizabeth Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MANNER OF OFFERING; REQUIRED DEPOSITS

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

TERMS OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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

Brian K. Albert, Sheriff
Washington County, Maryland
Attorney for Washington County
Sheriff's Department:
Roger Schlossberg, Esquire
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7704 Mapleville Road
Boonsboro, Maryland 21713
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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,
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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

(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.

Mark Walter
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
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pd11-4-3th

William C. Wantz, ESQ.
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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
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Michael G. Day, ESQ.
Michael G. Day & Associates, PC
10715 Downsville Pike
PO Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83984

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Roseann W. Fisher.

Notice is given that Marith L. Fisher, 3778A Madison Ln., Falls Church, VA 22041-3680 was on October 28, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Roseann W. Fisher who died on October 3, 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 28th 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 28th 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.

Marith L. Fisher
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

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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.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83930

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Evelyn Rae Eccard.

Notice is given that Marjorie Sharlene DeLauter, 11302 Wolfsville Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1841 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Evelyn Rae Eccard who died on September 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 representative or the attorney.

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of 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 30th 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.

Marjorie Sharlene DeLauter
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83925

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Helen Barbara Shank.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Linda Geraldine Hendrickson
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Donald William Mills, Sr.

Estate No: 83958

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Donald Mills, Jr., 19817 Friendship Lane, Boonsboro, Maryland 21713 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 8, 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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pd11-11-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 82926

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Richard Ryno Flook.

Notice is given that Julie Lough, 10728 Connor Dr., Williamsport, MD 21795-3165 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Richard Ryno Flook who died on October 30, 2025 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of 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 30th 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.

Julie Lough
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83975

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Daniel Wheeler Moylan.

Notice is given that Dana Moylan Wright, 24 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4800 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Daniel Wheeler Moylan who died on September 21, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th 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 30th 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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Dana Moylan Wright
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)
BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND
IN THE ESTATE OF:
Denise L. Keller
AKA: Denise Lichhliter Keller

Estate No: 83944

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Gregory Allen Keller, 19404 Amethyst Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 for judicial probate of the will dated May 28, 2026 (and codicils, if any, dated 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 8, 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.

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pd11-11-2th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83963

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

Notice is given that Malcolm McCoy, 11005 Coventry Ln., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7708 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Jane McCoy who died on January 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 30th 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 30th 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.

Malcolm McCoy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83983

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Colleen Phyllis Barkman-Crowther.

Notice is given that Gwendolyn Ann McCully, 341 Chicasaw Ct., Saint Johns, FL 32259-4329 was on October 27, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Colleen Phyllis Barkman-Crowther 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 27th 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 27th 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.

Gwendolyn Ann McCully
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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pd11-11-3th

J. Russell Robinson III, ESQ.
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83988

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Francis Richard Crowther II.

Notice is given that Gwendolyn Ann McCully, 341 Chicasaw Ct., Saint Johns, FL 32259-4329 was on October 29, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Francis Richard Crowther II who died on March 10, 2021 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th 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 29th 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.

Gwendolyn Ann McCully
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

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Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83987

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Amelia Mowen.

Notice is given that James Russell Robinson III, 152 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-4710 was on October 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Mary Amelia Mowen who died on September 14, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th 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 29th 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.

James Russell Robinson III
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83994

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Ellen Shipley.

Notice is given that Ronald Wayne Ellis, Jr., 520 W. Howard St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6363 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Mary Ellen Shipley who died on April 7, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th 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 30th 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.

Ronald Wayne Ellis, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83972

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Paul Everitt Needy.

Notice is given that Tammy Lyn Needy, 10863 White Hall Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783-1709 was on October 29, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Paul Everitt Needy who died on September 16, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th day of 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 29th 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.

Tammy Lyn Needy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83981

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF John Adam Wallech, Jr.

Notice is given that John Webster Wallech, 358 S. Locust St., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6153 was on October 26, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of John Adam Wallech, Jr. who died on December 19, 2025 without a will.

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

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

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

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

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

John Webster Wallech
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-1thn

SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83962

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF James C. Haught AKA: James Clemmons Haught.

Notice is given that Laura Hagmann, 112 N. Bentz St., Frederick, MD 21701-4917 was on October 26, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of James C. Haught who died on September 30, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Hagmann
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83991

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Beulah May Kursey Wilk.

Notice is given that Earl Dennis Wilk, Sr., 802 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-6256 was on October 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the estate of Beulah May Kursey Wilk who died on October 18, 2026 without a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th 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 30th 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.

Earl Dennis Wilk, Sr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83836

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Joyce Marie Shifler.

Notice is given that Deanna Lee Nalley, 11114 Glenside Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740-7841 was on October 26, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joyce Marie Shifler who died on August 14, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 26th 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 26th 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.

Deanna Lee Nalley
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83940

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey Milton Savage.

Notice is given that Lucinda Savage, 11428 Boyd Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722-1814 was on October 29, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jeffrey Milton Savage who died on October 9, 2026 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Lucinda Savage
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Estate No. 83959

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Michael Willard Yourtee.

Notice is given that Justin Michael Yourtee, 1016 Klick Way, Hagerstown, MD 21742-2989 was on October 30, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Michael Willard Yourtee who died on October 12, 2026 with a will.

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

All interested persons or unpaid claimants having any objection to the appointment of the personal representative shall file their objection with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th 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 30th 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.

Justin Michael Yourtee
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-3th

Christopher Joliet, Esquire
223 N. Prospect Street, Suite 303
Hagerstown, MD 21740
SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 83960

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

Notice is given that Charles M. Beall, Jr., 11038 Hickory School Road, Williamsport, MD 21795 and Jacqueline D. Knight, 1 Ford Avenue, Boonsboro, MD 21713 were on October 20, 2026 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Mary J. Beall who died on October 4, 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 shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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

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

Charles M. Beall, Jr.
Jacqueline D. Knight
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-1thn

SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate No. 83914

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Diane Ruth Gilsinger.

Notice is given that Maddie Jean Donna Myers, 218 Brow Ln., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-6117 was on October 30, 2026 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Diane Ruth Gilsinger who died on August 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 representative or the attorney.

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

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

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

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

Maddie Jean Donna Myers
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd11-11-1thn



PVAS to host program and PVMN open house

Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will host its November monthly program on Wednesday, November 11 from 6-8 p.m. The program will be at Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education at Shepherd University, 213 N. King St., Shepherdstown, W.Va. We will also be offering this program virtually on Zoom. No registration is required, admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

Join PVAS and Potomac Valley Master Naturalist (PVMN) for social time before the PVAS Monthly Program. Learn about how you can expand and share your knowledge of the natural world, make a difference in our community, and learn about the Potomac Valley Master Naturalist program. If you're already a Master Naturalist, we welcome you to join us and share your experiences and what you like most about being part of this vibrant community. Come connect with fellow nature enthusiasts and explore how you can contribute to preserving our local environment.



Then, we will welcome CJ White, Manager of Education and Community Engagement for the Second Chance Wildlife Center, for an engaging presentation on 10 Simple Ways to Be a Good Wildlife Neighbor. From bird collisions and lead exposure to outdoor cats, litter, and the common misconception that wildlife can make good pets, our everyday choices can have a bigger impact on wildlife than we realize. Join us as we explore 10 simple ways to help prevent wildlife injuries, protect the animals we share our communities with, and become a better wildlife neighbor — all through real-life rehabilitation stories and practical tips, numbers, and information from a wildlife rehabilitation hospital.

The PVMN open house will begin at 6 p.m.; the PVAS program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time and light refreshments. To reduce waste, we are asking that people take their own mugs. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. There will be time for discussion and questions at the end of the presentation, which will conclude around 8 p.m.

For additional details, including the Zoom link, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/monthly-program-november-2026/

