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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 1/4 64/44
90% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms, calm south winds.

Thurs. 1/5 56/36
Mostly sunny with west winds 3-6 mph with a high near 56.

Fri. 1/6 45/31
Partly sunny with a high near 45 and a low around 31.

Sat. 1/7 43/30
Partly sunny with a high near 43 and a low around 30.

Sun. 1/8 42/25
Partly sunny with a high near 42 and a low around 25.

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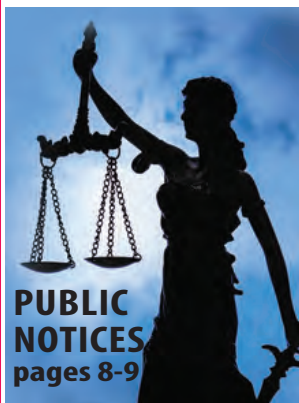
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Hancock Museum set to officially re-open Saturday in basement of Town Hall

by Lisa Schauer

In the before times, the Town of Hancock had a museum on Main Street in the old G.C. Murphy's store building.

After three years of closure due to "fire, flood and pestilence," volunteers say people still look for the museum in its former location, which was closed by a 2019 electrical fire.

Most of the museum's artifacts were saved and moved to the basement of the Hancock Town Hall and Community Center.

Next came the pestilence. COVID-19 protocols kept the Hancock Museum shuttered in 2020.

Finally, the flood. When a basement pipe burst in town hall, the town's historical relics were again preserved.

This Saturday, January 7 at 10 a.m. the Hancock Museum will re-open in its new location at 126 West High Street.

Artifacts, signs, and photos in the museum are arranged in dioramas depicting the town's stagecoach, canal, and railroad history. Rooms and hallways are devoted to natural history, culture, industry, transportation, and military history.



John Cohill, 65, of Hancock holds an undated of his family's Tonoloway Orchards property, on display at the Hancock Museum.

Local Native American artifacts are on display, as well as taxidermy arrangements of native birds and mammals.

"I'm retired, and my wife said I was watching too much TV," laughs chief volunteer, John Cohill, 65, of Hancock.

Cohill's family owned and operated Tonoloway Orchards, a local apple orchard enterprise that grew to include lumber, groceries, and banking from about 1919 to the 1940s.

see MUSEUM TO RE-OPEN page 6

Hancock Fire Department gets wildland fire protection grant

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service announced the awarding of Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants to 53 volunteer fire departments in 15 counties across the state. The projects to be funded help volunteer fire companies enhance their wildland fire protection in rural communities.

Hancock Volunteer Fire Department received \$3,000

for their efforts to fight wildfires. It was one of seven Washington County fire departments to get grants.

DNR awarded a total \$131,702 in match funding to complete \$277,138 in total project costs. Awards are 50% of the project total cost, up to a maximum grant of \$3,000 per department. Funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Wild turkey research set to begin in Maryland



Wild turkeys in a field.

photo by Stephen Badger, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

This winter, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is kicking off the first comprehensive study of wild turkeys ever conducted in the state.

State officials say the three-year research project aims to answer "many questions about factors potentially impacting turkey populations."

"Wild turkeys are an important game bird in Maryland," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "The results of this study will help inform management decisions and ensure turkey populations remain healthy going into the future."

Beginning this month, wild turkeys will be captured and outfitted with leg-bands and/or GPS radio-transmitters.

DNR staff will monitor the birds throughout the year and collect data on survival, reproduction, movements, and habitat use. The effects of weather, habitat, predators, disease, and hunter harvest

will all be investigated by the research team, said the DNR in a press release.

The department is asking the public to help by reporting any turkey flocks they see during the winter.

Although turkey populations have increased in Maryland in the past 50 years due to an effort to restore birds to their historic range, surveys suggest that their numbers have declined from their peak in some areas.

DNR officials said their annual Summer Wild Turkey Observation Survey has documented a general decline in wild turkey reproduction the past several decades, particularly in areas that were previous turkey strongholds.

Spring turkey harvests have dropped in some areas as well. Similar trends in other states throughout the U.S. have prompted numerous studies to investigate potential causes.

see WILD TURKEY RESEARCH page 3

A crunchy, slushy Potomac



Robert White sent us this photo of the Potomac River from the Cherry Run public boat ramp, taken on Friday, December 30 when temperatures were just starting to rise. The Potomac was full of ice floes after arctic temperatures during the last week of December.

Look back to 2022: Personnel in flux and local projects take shape

by Geoff Fox

Another year down, another year starting.

Let's take a look at a few stories from 2022 to remind us of what we are now leaving in the past...

January

Early 2022 saw the first snowfall of the year on January 6 and January 7 with about six inches of snow covering the ground. A second round of snow hit the area as another six inches fell.

The foundation of the new travel plaza was laid giving a base for the future Little Caesar's, IHOP, Burger King, and convenient store. A year later and the buildings are just about close to

being complete and ready to welcome customers.

February

Carrington Hall, a White Plains, Md., man was arrested in the Clear Spring area after fleeing from police in Hancock and stealing a vehicle in the Dollar General parking lot.

Councilwoman Misty Cabbage resigns from Hancock council because a change of residence.

March

Hancock Fire Company was on the receiving end of a \$500,000 grant toward a new tanker for the department. Fire officials said it could be 2023 or 2024 before they get the new tanker.

Hundreds of people covered bridges and sides of In-

terstate 70 in the Warfordsburg and Hancock areas showing support for a convoy of truckers heading to Washington D.C. to convince law makers to end the declaration of national emergency concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. The convoy would set up base at Hagerstown Speedway and travel daily to D.C.

Steve Douglas sells his family's car dealership, Douglas Chevrolet, to Hagerstown Ford owner Rick Kelly and closing the book on 80 years of the Douglas family owning the Hancock car dealership.

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Gov. Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford walk through Hancock in October.

OPINIONS

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Dear EarthTalk:

I hear that world population just topped eight billion. Is this growth wreaking havoc on the environment/climate and what is the prognosis for population growth globally over next few decades?

—Peter. W., Albuquerque, N.M.

Global population has indeed reached eight billion, but it won't remain there for long. Lower mortality rates and longer life expectancies have contributed to elevated population numbers. Although richer countries have lowered their birth rates in recent decades, poorer countries—specifically those in sub-Saharan Africa—continue to have high birth rates. Whether or not we will be able to support a continually growing population is still a hotly debated topic.

Many analysts still subscribe to philosopher Thomas Malthus' hypothesis, first postulated in a 1798 essay, that humans' ability to provide more and more resources will always be overwhelmed by ever-increasing population growth numbers. But others believe that growing population numbers can be supported with proper and effective resource allocation. Regardless, a growing population coupled with climate change will have an impact on resource availability and distribution.

Population projections are inherently tricky. It's impossible to account for every scenario that could be a determinant over the course of a century. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (UNPD) projects that human population will pass 10 billion by 2100. However, a convergence of population forecasts created by the Wittgenstein Centre projected a global population of 8.79 billion by 2100 after an initial peak of 9.73 billion in 2064. This projection is vastly lower than UNPD's projections due to their different modeling approaches.

The Wittgenstein Centre's models arrived at different population totals based on variables such as fertility, mortality and migration pattern changes. The models predicted a lower total fertility rate (TFR) as access to education and contraception for childbearing people increased. A low TFR will have long term impacts on the overall global population. A reduced global population would reduce carbon dioxide output and lower resource needs and stresses, but climate change will continue to have consequences that will affect resource availability for decades to come even if we are successful at reining in emissions.

Social programs and systems will need to adapt as populations age and access to contraception and education increases. Age gaps will expand in countries with low TFRs. Labor forces will decrease, social security and universal healthcare systems will become strained and economic growth will be lowered as a result. These factors create a daunting task to support a growing global population, but it is possible.

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Mountain Musings

by Kate Evans

The New Year's challenge

As the pandemic and the war in Ukraine continue along with famine, violence, discord, hate and intolerance and other ills of mankind, the big challenge for the 2023 New Year is staying positive while the world around us isn't necessarily being that way.

Winter often has gray, bleak days but those stretches of blue skies and sunshine bring happiness, comfort and healing to weary hearts.

The magic of Christmas is almost at an end. Those holiday decorations will soon be tucked away in boxes and crates until next Christmas season. The restful vacation break and time with family is replaced by the usual whirlwind grind of everyday activities.

So how do we extend those welcomed feelings of holiday well-being? We focus on the positive, the fun in life, on whom and what we love and how we can make things better in the world around us. That world can include home, work, school, church and community.

The main thing to do to stay positive is to count your blessings. We all have some. Sometimes when life piles on you more things than you can handle, it's hard to see what you have to be thankful for. But just look around and you'll discover that there are people who have it much worse.

Be grateful for everything that you've been given—family, loved ones, friends, pets, health, a home, food, clothing and a caring community in which to live.

What is it that you enjoy and love? Make sure that you keep that close at hand in your life. Does watching a great movie make you happy? Then by all means do it as often as you can. Does listening to your favorite music soothe your soul and bring you joy? Then make it a part of your daily routine.

Remember all the things that you love and include them in your life as much as you can—keeping in touch with friends and family, going for a walk, being outside, watching the birds at the feeder, reading a book, dancing, making crafts, cooking, baking, building things and more.

For that joy that we find in what we do will spread to other parts of our life and will touch other lives, too.

Positivity brings more positivity, kindness attracts more kindness, gratitude draws in more thankfulness and love breeds more love. Pretty soon we have a wealth of positive feelings and emotions being generated that begins to overtake the negativity and fill the world with goodness.

Nature, animals and music can also be such a comfort when life gets tough. Their beauty calms and soothes unconditionally.

We also need to take special care of ourselves and rest when we are tired, rejuvenate when we are burned out, de-stress when we are too wound up about everything and find peace in the midst of chaos.

For there will always be chaos and discord on our life's journey. Just as there will always be joy, love, peace and harmony, if we leave our hearts open to them. Stay positive, loving and thankful and keep trucking.



Calendar of Events DECEMBER

Monday, January 9

– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

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

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



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

December 19
Suspicious person Tollgate Ridge.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. One stop.

Property damage accident. 200 block Fulton Street.

December 20
911 hang-up 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue.

911 hang-up first block Brent Street.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Five stops.

Assisted WCNTF first block Pennsylvania Avenue.

Warrant service Pennsylvania Avenue. Warrant served on Thomas Eugene Thompson, Jr., 50, of Berkeley Springs.

December 21
Check well being first block West Main Street.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Four stops.

Property damage accident 100 block West Main Street.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office 3000 block Old Deneen Road.

Warrant service 100 block East Main Street.

Warrant served on Roy Sherman Pittman, Jr., 51, of Hancock.

December 22
Attempted suicide East Main Street.

Unable to locate subject.

Alarm 100 block West Main Street.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Two stops.

Assisted Maryland State Police on westbound I-70.

Service to advise first block Brent Street.

December 23
Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Two stops.

Traffic hazard Creek Road. Disabled vehicle 100 block East Main Street.

Property damage accident Blue Hill Road.

Driving while intoxicated 100 block West Main Street.

Arrested Craig Eugene Stanley III, 26, of Needmore.

Police information first block East Main Street.

December 24
Traffic enforcement Hancock area. One stop.

Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office 100 block East Main Street.

December 25
Alarm 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue.

911 hang-up 200 block West Main Street.

Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Five stops.

Assisted Hancock Fire Department 100 block Rayloc Drive.

Police information 100 block West Main Street.

Service to standby first block Brent Street.

Walking in the winter: Tips to prevent falls on snow and ice

by Kate Evans

Winter can be a tricky time for falls on snow and ice. Slips can cause serious injuries like sprains, broken bones or concussions or worse. Many safety precautions can be taken to reduce the risk of slipping, tripping and falling for people of all ages.

Health officials urge that everyone watch for slippery and icy sidewalks, walkways, driveways, roadways and parking lots and to plan ahead to allow extra time to get to their destination during the winter.

Pick the right footwear

Wear sturdy, flat-heeled boots or shoes that have rubber or composite grip soles to give you traction on snow and ice. Avoid wearing shoes with slick leather or plastic soles or shoes with heels because they could cause you to slip.

Carry your dress shoes to work instead of wearing them. Put ice cleats on your boots or shoes for extra traction but be sure to take them off before entering buildings as they can make you slip on indoor floors.

Vehicles

Don't jump from vehicles and equipment onto the surface – step slowly and carefully from them onto the pavement.

If the surface looks icy when you're ready to get out of your vehicle, try parking in another spot instead.

Use the vehicle for support when exiting it. Hold onto the door and the seat back to stabilize yourself. Wait until you're safely standing to retrieve objects from your vehicle.

When walking

Walk slowly. Don't walk with your hands in your pockets. You'll need your arms to maintain your balance if you start to slip. Walk

with your center of gravity over your feet as much as possible.

Take short steps and shuffle in icy areas. Don't carry heavy loads that may make you lose your balance when you're walking on snow or ice.

Give walking your full attention and look ahead for hazards. Don't text or talk on your cell phone or be digging items out of your purse, backpack or pockets while you're walking in slippery conditions.

Keep walkways clear of ice, snow, water and debris. Spread sand or grit on your steps and walkways.

Buildings, parking lots

Take extra caution when you're entering or exiting buildings. Use handrails for support as you're going up or down steps or ramps.

Avoid north-facing entrances and exits if possible. Walkways to these entrances can remain icy and slippery if they aren't well-cleared. Remove snow and water from your shoes or boots when entering buildings.

Walk on designated walkways as much as you can. You'll probably need to walk along the grassy edge of a sidewalk that's totally covered with ice. Stay away from curbs with ice on them.

Around a third of slip and fall injuries on ice happen in parking lots, according to Iowa State University and WLNS-Lansing, Michigan information.

If you start to fall

You can minimize your injuries in a fall if you roll with the fall, trying to twist and roll backwards and not fall forward. Try to relax as much as you can when you start falling. Protect yourself



first if you fall and drop whatever you're carrying.

If you're falling, try to avoid using outstretched arms to brace yourself. Bend your back and head forward so you don't hit your head on the ground as you fall.

Even if cleared

Melting snow can develop a thin layer of ice overnight which can make the ground slick in the morning. Even if sidewalks and parking lots have been cleared, there will be slippery patches of ice.

If the sidewalks and walkways aren't cleared and you have to walk in the street, walk against traffic and as close to the curb as you can. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing so you can be seen by oncoming vehicles.

All wet, dark patches on the pavement may be icy or slippery. Avoid walking there if possible. Find a path around snow and ice if you can.

If you're walking for exercise, take a rain-check on days when it's icy out and do indoor workouts instead. In better weather, you could try a set of trekking poles that can help maintain your balance. Nordic walking poles can increase your caloric burn and upper body workout. You can also use a walking stick for stability.

Police searching for woman in connection with drug death

Pennsylvania State Police are searching for a woman wanted in relation to a drug delivery that resulted in a death.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, on November 23, 2021, charges were filed against Leslie Ann Brubaker for drug delivery resulting in death, along with numerous other drug related charges.

An arrest warrant was obtained and Pennsylvania State Police in McConnellsburg is actively seeking Brubaker's whereabouts.

If anyone has information as to where Brubaker is located, they are asked to contact Pennsylvania State Police-McConnellsburg at 717-485-3131.

RIGHT: Leslie Ann Brubaker is being sought by police.

police submitted photo



Needmore fire engine damaged in accident, two arrested and signs stolen

by Geoff Fox

A Needmore fire engine was damaged in an accident on December 21 after responding to a brush fire in the median of westbound Interstate 70 in the Warfordsburg area.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, the fire engine was legally parked in the left lane of I-70 where it had arrived to put out a brush fire in the median.

A 2017 Subaru Forester was in the right lane passing the fire engine as a 2014 Volvo VNL tractor-trailer was following the Forester. Police said the tractor-trailer was traveling too fast for existing conditions.

As the Forester slowed down, the tractor-trailer was unable to slow in time and then drove between the car and fire engine.

The tractor-trailer struck the left rear of the Forester and then struck the front of the fire engine. The front left of the tractor-trailer then struck the front right of the fire engine.

Both the tractor-trailer and Forester came to rest on the westbound shoulder of I-70, police said.

The tractor-trailer sustained damage to the front right and two flat trailer tires.

Police said the Forester sustained damage to its left rear area and a flat tire.

The fire engine sustained damage to the front right area, police said.

Fischer's Towing arrived and changed a tire for the Forester and Bain's Mobile Truck and Trailer Repair arrived and changed the two flat trailer tires for the tractor-trailer.

Police said all three vehicles were driven from the scene.

The operator of the tractor-trailer was cited for the incident.

Two arrested for drugs

A November traffic stop led to the arrest of two Berkeley Springs residents on Great Cove Road in Fulton County.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, troopers from the McConnellsburg Barrack conducted a traffic stop on Great Cove Road on a 2020 Toyota Camry.

Police said the driver of the car, Dawn Flasher, 43, of Berkeley Springs, was found to be in possession marijuana and tramadol.

Police said the passenger, Brandon Shoop, 35, also of Berkeley Springs, was also found to be in possession of marijuana.

According to online court documents, Flasher was charged with marijuana – small amount personal use, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and five counts of obstructed window.

Online court documents show Shoop was charged with marijuana – small amount personal use and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Signs stolen

Pennsylvania State Police are asking the public's help in locating two stolen street signs.

According to police, on December 25, two street signs were stolen from the 4200 block of Timber Ridge Road.

The signs, valued at a combined \$150, were a STOP sign and a West Orchard Road street sign.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pennsylvania State Police McConnellsburg at 717-485-3131.

Wild turkey research —

(from front)

This research will be conducted across multiple states and partners, including the Pennsylvania Game Commission, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, Penn State University, University of Pennsylvania, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Data will be collected at sites throughout the mid-Atlantic region to allow comparisons among areas with different landscape characteristics, providing an avenue to learn even more about the birds.

More information about the project can be found on the DNR website.

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OBITUARIES

Merrill Stanley Shaw
1936-2022

Merrill Stanley Shaw, 86, Hancock, Md., passed away Monday, December 26, 2022.

Born October 6, 1936, in Hancock, W.Va., he was the son of the late Merrill Alvah and Dorothy Florence Shaw, and the oldest of three siblings.

He was a 1955 graduate of Hancock High School.

He was a former member of the Moose and a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He was a member, former elder and Sunday School Superintendent of the Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church.

He was an electrician for 32 years and shortly after retiring, went to work for the Washington County Parks and Recreation.

He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, gardening, singing and playing bass alongside his loving wife. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jessie Marie (Bishop) Shaw; four daughters, Barbara Clark, and husband, Bill, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Debbie Bowman, and husband, Kenny, Tammy Golden and husband, Randy, all of Hancock, Md., Cathy Moats and husband, Todd, of Hagerstown, Md.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Delores Finney and one brother, Leroy Shaw.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Vicki Marie Shaw Anderson; one grandson, Seth Kendall Bowman; and one great-grandson, Callum Michael Wright.

The family received friends Friday, December 30, 2022, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, 14253 Exline Road, Hancock, Md. Funeral services followed at the church at 12 p.m. Pastor Zack Bryne officiated. Burial followed the service in the adjoining church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, MD. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.

Kenneth Charles Hovermale
1951-2022

Kenneth Charles Hovermale, age 71, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at his home.

Born January 21, 1951 in Berkeley Springs, he was the son of the late Charles John William and Lizzie Belle Stotler Hovermale.

He was a member of Mt. Calvary Church of God in Clear Spring, Md. Kenneth attended Clear Spring public schools. He worked for C. W. Hetzer and W. Harley Miller. Kenneth loved hunting and fishing.

Kenneth is survived by his four siblings, Kitty Dean Salmon and her husband, Harry of Hedgesville, W.Va., Rosa Lea Vanorsdale, Remona Lea Weller and her husband, James, Hank William Hovermale and his wife, Cindy, all of Berkeley Springs, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Jennings Leon Vanorsdale, Sr., nephews, Ronnie Clay, Jennings Leon Vanorsdale, Jr. Tony Vanorsdale, Justin Hovermale and nieces, Denise Burditus, Amy Hovermale and Danielle Clay.

Services and burial will be private.

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

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

Harriet (Hedy) Lorraine Yost
1945-2022

Harriet (Hedy) Lorraine Yost, 77, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away Friday, December 16, 2022, at Stonerise Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Born February 11, 1945, in Hancock, Md., she was the youngest child of the late William A. and Hazel R. (Munson) McCusker. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She was a graduate of Hancock High School, Class of 1963.

She worked at Cacapon Lodge, Coolfont, Seely Furniture and retired from Caperton Furniture Works.

She was a member of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Hancock, Md.

She loved to shop and was an avid bingo player. She also liked to meet up with a group of friends at McDonald's in Berkeley Springs for coffee and a snack.

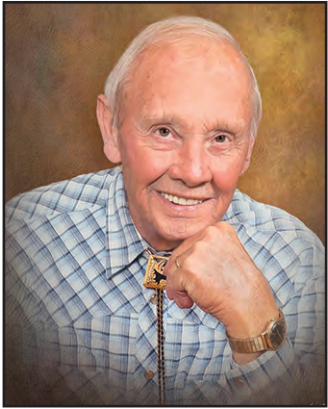
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Warren, Robert, Millard, Harry, Leroy and Henry; sisters Genevieve Plante, Madeline McCusker, Nellie McCusker, Fern Hart, Margaretta Joy and Lorna Thomas; several nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Lester Price.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A special thank you is extended to Stonerise Berkeley Springs for their care of Hedy for these last few months.

Services will be held on Sunday, January 8, at 2 p.m., at the Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, 14253 Exline Road, Hancock, Md.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Md. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.



Tracy Lynn Schultz
1969-2022

Tracy Lynn Schultz, 53, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022, at her home in Hancock, Md.

Born June 24, 1969, in Silver Spring, Md., she was the daughter of Walter S. and Betty (Coman) Wagner, and the wife of Dave Schultz.

She was a 1987 graduate of Park View High School in Silver Spring, Md., and a 1992 graduate of Messiah College in Grantham, Pa.

She was a member of the Hancock Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by 12 step-grandchildren; a brother, Andy Wagner, Leesburg, VA.; a sister, Terri Hamrick, Leesburg, Va.; three nephews and two nieces.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 2 p.m., at Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Md. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Pastor Andy Wagner will officiate. Burial will follow service at Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore, Pa.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, Hancock, MD. If you are unable to attend, online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.

James Alfred Reed, Jr.
1941-2022

James Alfred Reed, Jr. age 81, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, December 23, 2022 at his home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born October 29, 1941 in Lawrence Township, N.J., he was the son of the late James Alfred Reed, Sr. and Etta Cook Reed.

He attended Union Chapel United Methodist Church. James was a graduate of Princeton High School in Princeton, N.J. He worked as a director of Hopewell Township Public Works in Mercer County, N.J. until his retirement after 30 years of service. James was a member of Amwell Masonic Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M. in Lambertville, N.J. He enjoyed listening to bluegrass music, attending bluegrass festivals, singing, playing the bass and guitar. James loved going to the coast of New Jersey and ocean fishing.

James is survived by his wife of 29 years Sharon Mae Clarkson Reed, at home, two children, Janet Szalontay of Boca Raton, Fla., Kenneth Szalontay of Surfside Beach, S.C., two sisters, Joan Jones of Germantown, Ohio and Judith Katona of Trenton, N.J., two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in James memory may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

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

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

Joan Elizabeth Luttrell
1931-2022

Joan Elizabeth Luttrell, 91 years old, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va. passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022 at home surrounded by her loved ones while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born November 30, 1931 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the only child of the late Harry Cadin Luttrell and Lucy Marie Davison Luttrell.

She was married to the love of her life, Raymond Telle Luttrell. Their story began when she met him at Greenwood Church when he brought his aunt to church to see a Christmas program in which Joan played a part. They married on December 24, 1949 and just celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. Together they raised their family in the home that they renovated from the old Greenwood School. She was a homemaker on Greenwood Acres Farm where she cared for her parents in their later years. She attended Morgan County Schools and was a 1949 graduate from Berkeley Springs High School. She was a lifelong member of Greenwood United Methodist Church where she served on many committees. She was active in the Greenwood School PTA where her children and grandchildren attended. She was a lifelong member of the South Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, where she volunteered in the kitchen until her health no longer permitted her to do so. She was also a member of the Southern Belles and Farm Bureau. She loved cooking for her family, baking, ceramics, feeding and watching the birds and gardening, especially growing marigolds and geraniums. She also enjoyed taking pictures of her family.

Along with her husband, Raymond, she is survived by her son, R. Dallas Luttrell, her daughter, Dionis M. Platt, grandchildren Joseph C. Luttrell and his wife Brigitte L. Luttrell, Kaitlyn E. Platt and significant other, Jesse Hayes, Sierra Waugaman and her husband, Austin Waugaman, all of Berkeley Springs, her great-grandchildren, Elliott G. Luttrell, Radin M. Luttrell, Emarie G. Waugaman and many cousins that she held dear to her heart. In lieu of flowers, her wishes were to have contributions made to Greenwood Grove Cemetery Association and South Morgan Volunteer Fire Department.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Greenwood United Methodist Church, Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Interment will be in Greenwood Grove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

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

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



Michael James Hovermale
1955-2022

Michael James Hovermale, 67, Hancock, Md., passed away Monday, December 26, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester Va.

Born May 30, 1955, in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late William V. Hovermale and Waneta A. Hill Hovermale.

He was employed with Rayloc Automotive, Hancock, for over 34 years, retiring in 2007.

He enjoyed riding his golf cart, cooking, and playing cards and shooting pool with friends. Most of all he loved spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by a son, Lance A. Hovermale, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; fiancé, Tabatha M. McFadden, Hancock, Md.; a brother, Wayne Hovermale, Hancock, Md.; a sister, Sandy McCoy, Hancock, Md.; an aunt, Priscilla Walker, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and his baby, "Wynstan," an Old English Bulldog.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a special nephew, Roy James Gordon.

A memorial service for Michael J. Hovermale will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, MD. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.



Constance Jane Quarantillo
1939-2022

Constance Jane "Connie" Quarantillo, age 83, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at War Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.

Born February 13, 1939 in Pittsburgh, Pa., she was the daughter of the late John Albert and Catherine Marie Wilson MacCarthy.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Constance earned her Bachelor's Degree in nursing and worked as a health nurse with Cape May County Health Department in New Jersey and a registered nurse at Georgetown University. She was a member of the Foxglove Garden Club. Connie enjoyed sewing and loved gardening in her patch of lady slippers.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Edward Paul Quarantillo III and his wife Pam of Berkeley Springs and John Anthony "Jack" Quarantillo and his wife Missy of Montgomery Village, Md., five grandchildren, Nathan Quarantillo, Matthew Quarantillo, Emily Quarantillo, Michael Quarantillo, Amanda Quarantillo and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ned John MacCarthy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, with Father Mikee Lecias as celebrant. Burial will be in Greenwood Grove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, where there will be a rosary service recited at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Connie's memory may be made The Alzheimer's Association, 1601 Second Ave., Charleston, WV 25387 or to War Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility, Attn: Residence Fund, Shawna Athey, 1 Healthy Way, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

Online condolences may expressed at www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com.

John David Kyne
1955-2022

John David Kyne, age 67, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, December 30, 2022 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

Born August 13, 1955 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Robert Daniel and Jessie Mae Machonaughey Kyne.

He was a Christian. John attended Berkeley Springs High School and worked, until his retirement, with the West Virginia Department of Highways. He enjoyed hunting and was a true outdoorsman.

John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Wanda Lee Guyer Kyne, at home, two sons, Jason Richard Kyne of Berkeley Springs and Travis Lee Kyne and his significant other April Miller, of Shade Gap, Pa., four sisters, Linda M. Silvers, Frances Diane Cain, both of Berkeley Springs, Rose E. Justice of North Carolina, and Emily Sue Wolfe of Big Cove Tannery, Pa., four brothers, Robert "Gene" Kyne of Falling Waters, W.Va., Paul Vernon Kyne of Berkeley Springs, Charles William Kyne of Florida and Phillip W. Kyne of Hedgesville, two grandchildren, Trenton Kyne and Kierra Kyne, both of Berkeley Springs and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Joshua David Kyne, and two brothers, James Henry Kyne and Larry Daniel Kyne, Sr.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Interment will be in Mahnes Chapel Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908

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



Museum to re-open

(from front)

“They’d ship the apples in the barrels they’d made,” Co-hill recounts at the museum’s orchard history display.

Also of interest are mid-century displays of Hancock’s more recent boom time, including signs and merchandise from London Fog and Fleetwood, both of which closed in the early 1990s.

Memorabilia from old diners and orchards are a trip down memory lane for those who remember when Hancock was the place to be on a Friday night.

Pause to reflect at a wall of local heroes in the military room, which includes a collection of wartime artillery and artifacts.

The Hancock Museum is located at 126 West High Street in Hancock. It is free to visit and open to the public. Parking is available in the rear of the building.

Beginning January 7, it will be open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Hancock Museum opens Saturday, January 7 at 126 West High Street. It will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Mid-century memorabilia on display at the Hancock Museum.

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Looking back

(from front)

Michael Faith is appointed to the Hancock council to replace Misty Cubbage.

April

An unauthorized release of a letter regarding an alleged forgiveness of utility bills causes a stir. The letter was released on social media and provided to *The Hancock News*. Mayor Tim Smith told the paper the town incorrectly billed the former property owner for trash and the new owner needed the bills taken care of before settlement.

A social media post causes a police presence at Hancock Middle-Senior High School for two days in mid-April.

The posts threatened there would be acts of violence against anyone at the school on Tuesday, April 19, and Wednesday, April 20. The posts had been removed from social media but had been shared by concerned parents and community members.

May

After sitting empty and closed for a number of months, Park-N-Dine is sold to Ben Lewis for \$500,000. Lewis only bought the real property, which is the building and land, but not the personal property inside. Lewis’ business partner would later propose town officials move Town Hall to the property.

For the fourth time since 2017, Hancock Middle-Senior High School was slated to get a new principal. During their May 3 meeting, WCPS officials approved the transfer of Hancock Principal Amanda Mulledy to Clear Spring for the same position and Springfield Middle School Principal Jennifer Ruppenthal to the same position at Hancock Middle-Senior High School. It will be Ruppenthal’s third time at the school – the first as a student, graduating in 1988, and the second as a teacher from 1992 to 1997.

For the first time in its 108-year history, *The Hancock News* adds a website — www.thehancocknews.com - for an online presence.



Mike Faith goes from being an appointed council member to Town Manager for Hancock.

June

Hancock Police lost an officer but gained two more in the matter of three days. On June 4, Officer Quentin Brown resigned his position as an officer in Hancock. A day earlier, Officers Donnie O’Brien and Jesse Walls graduated from the Police Academy. Both O’Brien and Walls are sworn in as Hancock Police Officers on June 8 during the town meeting.

Town officials approved a \$4 million budget for fiscal year 2023.

Senator Ben Cardin requested federal \$13 million



Progress on the Hancock Truck Plaza continued throughout 2022.

be earmarked for Hancock’s wastewater project.

July

Hancock Fire Company will be getting one of four new emergency boats and custom trailers from Washington County through funds from America Rescue Plan.

A quick moving storm rocked the Hancock area as it uprooted trees, knocked out windows, and leaving some residents in the dark without any power on Saturday, July 23. Because of forecasted heat the following day, Hancock Fire Company and Interfaith Service Coalition opened their doors to those who didn’t have electricity.

Mike Faith resigns from the Hancock council to take the job of Town Manager.

August

Hancock officials began awarding applying busi-

nesses up to \$10,000 in grant money through their Trulieve funds. The current grant process closed on December 31 and will reopen when officials feel they are ready.

Hancock council members appoint Patrick Norris to fill the council seat left vacant by Faith’s resignation.

September

Five parking kiosks were installed as town officials began using the digital parking kiosks instead of the regular meters. While credit/debit card based, the kiosks still accept coins for parking.

October

Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford come to Hancock to meet with town officials as part of their “Walk Across Maryland” tour of towns and cities. Hogan and Rutherford

walked through town with town officials, met with police officers, and even drank a milkshake at Potomac River Grill.

Hancock town advisor Bill Valentine, who worked with the town during the vacancy of the Town Manager position, is let go by town officials.

November

Seth Bowman, 20, of Hancock, is killed in a single vehicle accident near Funkstown.

Hancock Rotary celebrates the 75th anniversary of their annual Halloween Parade.

Ashley McCusker attends a WCPS Board of Education meeting raising concerns about books containing sexually explicit material being in Washington County schools’ libraries.

Voters in Hancock and Washington County back GOP candidates in county races as Maryland voters in general trend Democrat in 2022 Gubernatorial Election.

December

After 46 years as veterinarian in Hancock, Dr. Dan Murphy hung up his stethoscope after seeing his last patient on November 30.

Precipitation and cold temperatures turn into an ice storm in mid-December, shutting down schools and government offices.

Artic temperatures during the Christmas week pose a hazard, and several public agencies offer up space as warming and food centers to protect residents without sufficient heat.

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

The Hancock News

Section II

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Pirates tiptoe past Panthers 52-47 in Christmas tournament rematch

by Lisa Schauer

After losing to the Hancock Panthers in their season opener at home last month, the Paw Paw Pirates boys' varsity basketball team traveled to Hancock last Wednesday, December 28 for a non-conference Christmas tournament rematch.

By the end of the third quarter, the Hancock Panthers were leading the game 42-38 with another victory in sight.

But the Paw Paw Pirates fought back, scoring 14 points in the final quarter, and snatching the victory 52-47 over the Panthers.

Scoring 21 points was sophomore Aiden McCarty, selected Hancock player of the game.

Junior Isaiah Demory scored 10 points in the game. Freshman Ethan Calhoun-Hill scored 5 points.

The Panthers traveled to Hyndman, Pa. on Tuesday, January 3 to tip off against Hyndman Charter School.



Hancock Panthers surround a Paw Paw player as he shoots on the Panther court.

The Panthers' next home game is Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. versus Faith Christian Academy of Martinsburg.

Lady Panthers lose non-conference match-ups

by Lisa Schauer

The Hancock Panthers girls' varsity basketball team hosted Hagerstown's Grace Academy Knights on Monday, December 19 for a non-conference game in Hancock High School's main gym.

The Lady Panthers lost to the Knights 64-25 at home.

Next, the Panthers traveled to Northern Garrett County on December 20 for a non-league match-up against the Huskies, losing 63-4 on the road.

The Panthers girls' varsity basketball team is 0-6 for the season. They will face off against the Berkeley Springs Indians (0-2) at Berkeley Springs High School on Wednesday, January 4 at 7 p.m.



Hannah Stouffer goes for the shot against Grace Academy. photos by Lori Younker



ABOVE: Skylar Smith takes the shot.

LEFT: Sarah Mellon goes for the basket.

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 263 Pennsylvania Avenue Extended (next to the optical practice) 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!

Dapper undertaker is mystery hero

Tim Cockey is the author of *The Hearse You Came In On*, the first in the "Hearse" series starring Hitchcock Sewell; a dapper undertaker caught up in murder investigations, political blackmail, dirty videos, and corruption within the police department.

Cockey was born in 1955 in Baltimore, Maryland and spent his childhood there. He completed his education overseas and then returned to Baltimore after graduation to work for a local paper. His work was advertising sales and design as well as book reviews.

While young, he knew he wanted to write, especially after reading DC comics' Batman series as well as Howard Pyle's *Robin Hood*. He liked the idea of outsiders taking drastic or heroic efforts to stop evil and help good.

After a stint in North Carolina, he moved to New York City and promptly wrote *The Hearse You Came In On*. This was after his first book remained unpublished. The book became A Book Sense "Top Ten" pick and was nominated for a Dilys Award. His third book, *The Hearse Case Scenario* won the "Lefty Award" from the Left Coast Crime Association. The Hearse series runs to four



Tim Cockey

books. In addition to writing books, Cockey has been a story analyst for American Playhouse, ABC and Hallmark Entertainment.

Tim Cockey also writes under the pen name of Richard Hawke.

Fun With Words - Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) welcomes anyone to have fun writing mystery like Tim Cockey. Using only 100 words, place a character from a profession not associated with solving mysteries and begin a mystery with something found under the snow. Title your work and submit to: https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 22nd of the month to receive an MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses to be published with next month's article as well as posted on the MWA website.

During the months of October and November, faculty and staff from Hagerstown Community College raised \$13,585 during a fundraising campaign to benefit the United Way of Washington County.

These funds are used to support collaborative programs that improve education, health, and financial stability in Washington County, as well as provide basic needs to members of the community.

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From left, are: Kelli Tencer, United Way director of community impact and investments; Heather Guessford, United Way president and CEO; Megan Curry, HCC campaign coordinator and Jim Klauber, HCC president.

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Estate No. 79750
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Wilma L. Meyers.
Notice is given that Deborah Kelso, 1114 Fry Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on December 16, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Wilma L. Meyers who died on December 2, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 16th day of June, 2023.

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.

Deborah Kelso
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79706
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Sabrina N. McCoy.
Notice is given that Sandra L. McCoy, 75 Mesner Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 was on November 29, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sabrina N. McCoy who died on October 27, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th day of May, 2023.

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

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Sandra L. McCoy
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

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Estate No. 79611
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Neale Bradley Clouser.

Notice is given that Cheryl Nicole Clouser-Zolnieriek, 755 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on December 16, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Neale Bradley Clouser who died on September 29, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 16th day of June, 2023.

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

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Cheryl Nicole Clouser-Zolnieriek
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79737
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF David Lee Coleman.

Notice is given that Travis Q. Fore, 1415 Morrison Street, Madison, WI 53703 was on December 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of David Lee Coleman who died on October 20, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of June, 2023.

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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Travis Q. Fore
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79690
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Sylvia Elaine Kline.

Notice is given that Bambi Kline-Boutelle, 222 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on December 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Sylvia Elaine Kline who died on September 23, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of June, 2023.

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

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Bambi Kline-Boutelle
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79754
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lois Ann Patton.

Notice is given that Daniel R. Patton, 129 Addison Avenue, Greencastle, PA 17225 was on December 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Lois Ann Patton who died on October 8, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 15th day of June, 2023.

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.

Daniel R. Patton
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
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pd1-4-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79736
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Anna May Knight.
Notice is given that Linda K. Leather, Post Office Box 36, Chewsville, MD 21721 was on November 29, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Anna May Knight who died on October 20, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 29th day of May, 2023.

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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Estate No. 79773
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Russell L. Ebersole.

Notice is given that Meredith L. Oudt, 2654 Valley Avenue, Suite E., Winchester, VA 22601 was on December 9, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Russell L. Ebersole who died on November 11, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 9th day of June, 2023.

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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Meredith L. Oudt
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79523
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Benjamin Agresti.

Notice is given that Sherrie R. Agresti, 13540 Forest Place, Hedgesville, MD 20637 and Anna Marie Peters, 2751 Fillmore Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201 were on December 8, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Benjamin Agresti who died on September 12, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th day of June, 2023.

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.

Sherrie R. Agresti Goggi
Anna M. Peters
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79293
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Theresa K. Carr.
Notice is given that Colleen Carr, PO Box 268, Hedgesville, WV 25427 and Kathryn Russell, 1 Highbush Dr., Hilton Head, SC 29926 were on December 19, 2022 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Theresa K. Carr who died on May 28, 2022 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 persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 19th day of June, 2023.

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.

Colleen Carr
Kathryn Russell
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd1-4-3th

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Dolores Elaine Smith

Estate No: 75687
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Thomas J. Kokolis, ESC., 110 North Washington Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20850 for judicial probate of the will dated September 28, 2017 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 January 31, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Lunsford Owen Garrett III

Estate No: 79784
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE
To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Lunsford Owen Garrett IV, 142 South Logan Avenue, Aududon, NJ 08106 for judicial probate 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 January 24, 2023 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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Soups for the New Year

by Trish Rudder

Beef Barley Soup is a perfect soup for the cold weather. The recipe by Ina Garten from Food Network.com is made with beef oxtails, but I make it with regular stewing beef from the grocery store.

I think the added leeks make the soup a winner.

When I served it last, my granddaughter, Caroline said, "Thank you, Nana, for the delicious soup," which made my day, of course.



Rich Beef Barley Soup

- 1 TB. good olive oil
- 2 lbs. beef oxtails or stewing beef
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cups chopped leeks, white and light green parts (2 leeks)
- 2 cups (1/2 inch) diced carrots (4 carrots)
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 cup (1/2 inch) diced celery (2 stalks)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme leaves or ½ tsp. of dried thyme
- 3 bay leaves
- 10 cups beef broth
- 1 cup pearled barley

Heat the olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add the meat, 1 tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper and cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes until browned all over. Remove the meat with slotted spoon and reserve.

Add the leeks, carrots, onion, celery and garlic to the fat in the pot and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes, until the vegetables start to brown.

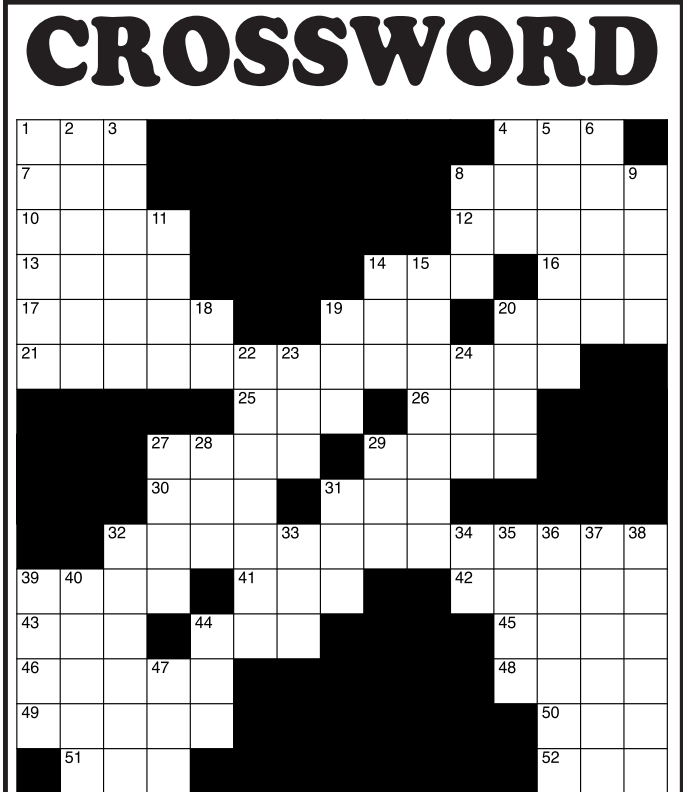
Tie the thyme sprigs together with kitchen string if using fresh and add the thyme to the pot along with the bay leaves.

Return the meat to the pot and add the broth, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. pepper. Raise the heat and bring to a boil. Lower the heat, cover, and simmer for 1 hour. Discard the thyme bundle and the bay leaves. Skim off the fat.

Meanwhile, bring 4 cups of water to a boil and add the barley. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, drain and set aside.

When the soup is ready, add the barley and cook the soup for another 15-20 minutes, until the barley is tender. Depending on the saltiness of the stock, the soup might need another teaspoon of salt and some pepper.

Recipe by Ina Garten

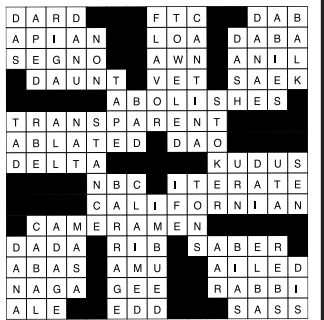


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basics
- 4. Swiss river
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Building occupied by monks
- 10. Discount
- 12. Deal a blow to
- 13. Relating to the ear
- 14. Thyrotropin
- 16. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 17. Large intestines
- 19. Move with a curving trajectory
- 20. Witnesses
- 21. You need both to live
- 25. Dash
- 26. Network
- 27. Dig
- 29. C. European river
- 30. Supplement with difficulty
- 31. Corporate executive
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's on-screen wife
- 39. No variation
- 41. Airborne (abbr.)
- 42. "Heidi" author
- 43. Affirmative
- 44. Pie ___ mode
- 45. W. Asian country
- 46. Grotesque or bizarre
- 48. Delicacy (archaic)
- 49. Textile
- 50. Denial
- 51. Electronic data processing
- 52. Attempt

- 8. Fire byproduct
- 9. Hankerings
- 11. Outer
- 14. One-time aerospace firm
- 15. Seafood
- 18. Commercial
- 19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 22. Type of gland
- 23. Arrest
- 24. Check
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Alias
- 29. A major division of geological time
- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- 32. Joked
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
- 37. A person who delivers a speech
- 38. One after 89
- 39. Young hawk
- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing

Answers for December 14, 2022



DOWN

- 1. Engulf
- 2. Waterside hotel
- 3. Printed cotton fabric
- 4. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 5. One who follows the rules
- 6. Lace up once more

HELP LINES**MARYLAND
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Governor Hogan honored with lifetime achievement award

Forty years ago, the Stephanie Roper case made headlines and the Roper family began advocating and making changes for victims' rights across the nation. Since its inception, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, formerly the Stephanie Roper Committee, has serviced thousands of victims with services ranging from referrals to legal representation and accompaniment. This year, MCVRC created the Roberta Roper Lifetime Achievement Award and Governor Larry Hogan was one of the first recipients.

Unfortunately, Governor Hogan was unable to attend MCVRC's 40th Anniversary Gala in October, but MCVRC was able to personally thank him for his continued support and advocacy during his career and tenure as governor of Maryland on Monday, December 12.



MCVRC was able to present their award along with a painting done by artist Krista White. Governor Hogan was honored, particularly knowing the plight of the Roper Family and what it stands for to Marylanders.

Since 2015, Governor Hogan has directed more than \$345 million to support Maryland crime victims, which includes his recent \$35

million funding to protect victim service providers from devastating Victims of Crime Act federal cuts. This important funding supports a range of services including direct advocacy, case management, crisis and hotline support, counseling, support groups, court and hospital accompaniment, legal representation, shelter, transitional housing and forensic medical exams.

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Monthly Audubon Program set for January 11

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will host its next monthly program on Wednesday, January 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. The program will be held at Hospice of the Panhandle Education Center, located at 330 Hospice Lane in Kearneysville, W.Va. No registration is required, admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

The January Monthly Program will be "Warmer, Wetter, Woods?" presented by Bob Schwartz, Maryland Watershed Forester of the Maryland Forest Service.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded in 2021 that the Earth has "unequivocally" warmed and that human activity is "indisputably" the cause. These findings come as perhaps no surprise, given the warmer, wetter trends and stronger, more frequent severe weather events seen in recent decades. Even in the best-case scenario of immediate worldwide emissions reductions, the planet will continue to warm through at least the 2050s. In the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, forests are the dominant land-cover.

There are a variety of types of forest and different plant species will react differently to changing conditions. The good news is that, while our past actions caused this crisis, our conservation actions now can directly affect what species share our landscapes with us in the future as well as the health of those landscapes.

Originally from Chicago, Bob earned an undergraduate degree in Forest Ecosystem Science and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is about to complete a Master of Science in Environmental Biology and Climate Change from Hood College in Maryland. Bob serves as Western Watershed Forester for the Maryland Forest Service where he works with private and public landowners to improve forested watershed health through facilitation of cooperative conservation and restoration projects.

For additional details, go to <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/pvas-monthly-program-warmer-wetter-woods/> or call PVAS's office at 681-252-1387.

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Monthly 'Third Wednesday' bird walk

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will provide its monthly bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve on Wednesday, January 18. The walk will be led by Beth Poole from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The trails at Cool Spring Preserve travel through a variety of habitats and provide lovely views.

Species likely to be seen in winter include White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Wren, Chickadees, Titmouse, Nuthatches and lots of woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Some hopeful sightings include: Winter wren, Brown Creeper, Rusty Blackbirds, Swamp Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch.

This walk is open to the public at no cost. Anyone with an interest in birding is welcome to attend, regardless of experience. Children ages 12 and up will be welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required at <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/spring-third-wednesday-bird-walk/2023-01-18/>

PVAS sponsors these bird walks regularly, on the third Wednesday of every month.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes (trails can be slippery), and take drinking water. Binoculars will be provided if needed.

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

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HOROSCOPES January 8 - 14, 2023

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) Think about all the possibilities you have before you, Capricorn. When you consider all of the positives in your life, the negatives just may fade away.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) Aries, you are willing to take risks and never afraid to try new things. This benefits you as you seek new solutions regarding how to get things done.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Could this be the right time to think about making a career move, Cancer? The new year marks a fresh start, and perhaps you have had your eyes on a new work opportunity.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22) You've been keeping quite busy, Libra, but don't forget to make time to touch base with friends and loved ones from time to time. Keep those lines of communication open.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) Your name is on the lips of so many people. That is likely because you are affecting change wherever you go. Keep forging ahead because you are helping others.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Taurus, figure out a new goal to pursue and start to make a list of how to get to the finish line. You may need to recruit a few volunteers to help along the way.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) There's more than meets the eye this week when someone from your past suddenly pops up on your radar again, Leo. Learn all of the facts before you make assumptions.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21) Patience is a virtue of which you are in short supply recently, Scorpio. You have no control over the timeline on certain things and that can be frustrating. Wait it out.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) Now that spending has ceased, take a closer look at how you can budget for the new year. Make your money work for you, Pisces.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Gemini, when a project at work lands on your desk, you may be ambivalent about it. You appreciate the challenge, but already have a long list of things to do.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) Virgo, try to stay in the loop around the office. Doing so might pay professional dividends that could open the door to new possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21) It's time to tackle all of those tasks you have been putting since the end of last year, Sagittarius. If you need help getting organized, reach out to someone you trust.

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Letters to the editor are invited. They must be signed, typed and double-spaced. The writer must include a phone number and address for verification.

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DEADLINE

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

Strengthen your body to increase your balance and prevent falls

by Kate Evans

In winter as inclement weather sets in, it's even more important to deliberately stay physically active and healthy. Strengthening our bodies and working on balance and flexibility can improve health, prevent falls and reduce injuries.

Strength training

Strength training or resistance training includes exercises that improve strength and endurance. Often it involves lifting weights or using resistance bands.

Strength training can increase muscle and tendon strength, bone density and metabolism and improve joint and cardiovascular health. It can reduce the risk of injury in the elderly and in athletes. Older people can prevent some muscle loss that happens with aging and regain some strength with weight training.

Trainers recommend three sessions of light strength training exercises each week. Home-based exercises usually consist of weight lifting (3 to 5 pounds to start) or elastic band exercises.

Upper body exercises can include biceps curls, chest presses, shoulder routines and triceps and back exercises – all using dumbbells. Lower body workouts include squats and lunges with dumbbells.

Warming up your body before doing more strenuous exercises is always a good idea. Neck rolls, toe touches, arm raises, arm, wrist and foot circles, waist twists, side bends and other stretches are important to do first.

Balance exercises

Improving balance makes

daily activities like climbing stairs and carrying weighty items easier. Having your body strong in its base will give you more fluid movement and coordination. It will improve your health and fitness levels and help lower the risks of falls and injury.

Balance exercises can include yoga positions such as the Tree, the Mountain Pose and the Stork, which require balancing on one leg. The Rooster pose involves standing on your toes with your eyes shut.

Other balance exercises are a one-legged stand, bean bag balance, standing march, sit to stand and stand to sit, sideways walking, heel to toe walk and tightrope walking on a string on the carpet.

Core and modified exercises

Core-strengthening exercises strengthen the body's core muscles that include abdominal muscles, back muscles and pelvic area muscles.

Good exercises that strengthen your core are single-leg and double-leg abdominal presses, modified, regular and side planks, abdominal crunches, the bird dog, leg raises and the Superman pose.

Many exercises can also be done in a seated or modified position. They include bicep curls, shoulder press, triceps extensions with weights and modified push-ups, planks, seated tummy twists with a medicine ball, seated calf raises and squats using a chair for balance.

Tai chi

Tai chi began as an ancient martial art in China. Tai chi involves a series of slow gentle movements and physical postures, a meditative state



and controlled breathing. It is now more connected to health, balance, mobility and rehabilitation.

Studies have shown that tai chi may reduce the rate of falls by around 20%. Practicing other balance exercises like rising from a chair, stepping up or rotating while standing could reduce the rate of falls by 24%, according to National Institute of Health (NIH) research.

Tai chi was also found to be beneficial in lowering fasting blood glucose, insulin resistance, body mass index and total cholesterol in people with type 2 diabetes.

Isometric exercise

Isometric exercise is any form of exercise that holds the body in one position with no muscle or joint movement. Isometric exercises are an excellent way to build muscle endurance.

Some positions to try are the chair sit, the plank, isometric squats, calf raises, wall sits and glute bridges. Some studies show that isometric exercise can help lower back pain, knee os-

teoarthritis and neck pain and may also lower blood pressure.

Line dancing

Line dancing can be a fun way to work on your balance, flexibility and coordination. A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeating sequence of steps while in lines or rows.

Each line dance is usually connected to a specific song. Most videos will go over the main steps several times before they put the whole dance together.

Dancing improves physical, mental and emotional health along with cardiovascular and brain function.

Walking and yoga

Walking is considered to be the best exercise by many. It involves no equipment – just a desire to get moving. Fitness experts recommend 20-30 minutes of walking 4-5 days a week. If the weather is inclement, there are 10-30 minute indoor walking videos with Denise Austin, Kathy Smith, Leslie Sansone and others. Or you can work out on a treadmill.

People Told Us...

—PUNSTER SAID: Why should you put your new calendar in the freezer? To start the new year in a cool way!

—January's full moon – the Wolf Moon – will shine this Friday, January 6.

—OLD LORE: The weather of the first 12 days of the year foretells the weather of the following 12 months.

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

—Tell our advertisers you read about them in *The Hancock News*.

Wellness Walk on C&O Canal at Lock 31

In January, join PVAS on our Wellness Walk as we explore the C&O Canal downriver from Harpers Ferry. The group will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 10 a.m. at the parking area on Keep Tryst Road (see website for parking details).

Everyone is welcome to join our Wellness Walks. Wear comfortable walking shoes and know that if it has been rainy or snowy, the trails may be wet, slippery and muddy in spots.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Details and registration can be found at <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wellness-walk-on-co-canal/>

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