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## Hancock at a Glance

### Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday, February 2, from 12:30-6 p.m. at Warfordsburg Faith Center.

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## Weather

**Wed. 1/18 51/38**   
Mostly sunny with wind gusts up to 18 mph. Rain starting at 1 a.m.

**Thurs. 1/19 48/36**   
90% chance of rain with calm winds becoming southeast around 5 mph.

**Fri. 1/20 45/30**   
Partly sunny with a high around 45 and a low near 30.

**Sat. 1/21 43/28**   
Partly sunny with a high near 43 and a low around 28.

**Sun. 1/22 44/30**   
40% chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny with a high near 44.

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## Speakers at town meeting ask town for support in removing school books, air false claims about gender teaching

by Geoff Fox

Back in November of 2022, Ashley McCusker appeared before Washington County Board of Education officials talking about books she deemed pornographic being in Washington County schools, and asking them to be removed.

Last Tuesday, January 10, McCusker came to the January Hancock council meeting to repeat her message.

Ashley McCusker is the wife of Hancock councilman Josh McCusker.

She read excerpts from two books and asked town officials for their support to have some books removed from school libraries.

Ashley McCusker, sitting before town officials, read sections from books, including *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. The passage she chose included characters engaging in oral sex.

The books she had read from previously are not in Hancock school libraries.

Ashley McCusker also spoke about backing three candidates running for Board of Education seats this past election – Mike Guessford, Ethan Loewen, and Darrel Evans. Two – Guessford and Evans – won their seats. McCusker said voters in the Town of Hancock backed all three.

“This proves the town of Hancock is not okay with this type of material being available to minors in our schools,” she said.

McCusker also noted the Board of Education has said books cannot be removed due to it being against freedom of speech. However, she said forms have to be signed at the beginning of the year outlining what children are unable to say, write, and wear.

“Our children, under their guidelines, would not be able to write or read aloud the same story they can read from the school library,” McCusker said.

McCusker said she signed those papers as she agrees with the guidelines are “understandable” and “for the good of the children.”

However, she said, all she has gotten is pushback for trying to remove the books from school libraries.

She then asked town officials to stand with her and have the school board create a policy where concerned citizens can present books they find questionable and board members can do a review and potential removal.

Councilman Josh McCusker said he thinks town officials should send a letter in support of his wife’s plan.

After the meeting, Town Manager Mike Faith said he would be drafting a letter or resolution and it would be discussed at the town meeting Thursday, January 19.

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## West Virginia man arrested in assault of Hancock girl

by Geoff Fox

A 44-year old Kearneysville, W.Va. man was arrested on Wednesday, January 11, by West Virginia authorities on an arrest warrant issued by the Hancock Police Department.

In a press release, Sgt. Rich Miller said Gary Lee Jersild, Jr. was arrested for the charge of first degree and second-degree assault on a 15-year old Hancock female.

The incident occurred on January 6 in Hancock, Miller said. The female did not require hospitalization.

Jersild had permission to be at the female’s home at the time of the attack.

The female was able to escape the home and the Hancock Police credit the female’s quick thinking in preventing any further assault.



Miller said due to the female’s age, no further information would be released.

## Town will seek more bids for trash service

by Geoff Fox

Town officials will take a second stab at getting bids from companies willing to haul trash and recycling from residents inside Hancock town limits.

Hancock officials had put out a bid request for trash collection services in town limits and only received one bid – from Apple Valley Waste, which currently collects trash in Hancock.

The bid packet was unsealed during the January town meeting.

Inside the packet were two yearly prices: \$196,000 for automated collection and \$227,000 for manual.

The trash service alone is \$98,000 a year. Recycling adds another \$98,000, bringing the total to \$196,000.

This would add another \$30 a quarter to residents’ trash bills if they want recycling, Council Roland Lanehart, Jr. said during a January 10 meeting.

Apple Valley would cover the cost of any cans and that cost would be included in the bid price. The cans would be 96-gallon types, which hold four or five normal garbage bags. Town Manager Mike Faith, using his family as an example, said there are families who produce more garbage than others.

Brian Andre of Apple Valley Waste said the cost for an extra can would be a side discussion, but it could be a one-time cost of \$5 to \$10 for the can.

When it comes to recycling, Apple Valley promotes it but there isn’t much of a business outside sorting the recyclables, Andre said.

Apple Valley would still continue to provide that service.

Councilman David Kerns said he doesn’t want to get rid of recycling in Hancock as the town went through a lot to get it. However, he said, there would have to be “training” in order to do it correctly in order to get the best bang for the buck.



“I just hate to see it all go straight back to the landfill,” he said.

Former mayor Ralph Salvagno, who was in the audience, gave the suggestion of having a centralized recycling collection location.

There is a recyclable drop spot at the transfer station, but there is a \$25 fee to use for a year.

“It would be up to the citizen if they want to recycle, they can take their stuff to the station to recycle. If not, it’s going in the trash,” Mayor Tim Smith said.

There is a possibility the town could go the route Salvagno suggested.

Councilman Josh McCusker said people who want to recycle would continue to do so because they feel it’s the right thing to do.

Town officials did not approve the bid and Faith said on Monday town officials would be putting the trash collection contract out to bid again “real soon.”

## Special town meeting Thursday night

Town officials will be holding a special town meeting tomorrow evening, Thursday, January 19, at the Town Hall and Community Center.

## Hancock Fire Company signs contract for new tanker

by Geoff Fox

The Hancock Fire Company has signed a contract with a manufacturer to get a new tanker for their fleet of fire apparatus.

Hancock signed the contract with 4-Guys Fire Trucks for a Kenworth T-880 with a 565HP Cummins that will become the future Tanker 5.

Purchase of the tanker has been in the works since Company 5 learned they had secured a grant for the equipment last year.

The new tanker will have 3,000 gallons with a 1250 pump, the fire company said.

Tanker 5 will also have a whelen emergency lighting kit, six Fire Tech Hi-viz scene lights, and a Fire Tech brow light.



Company 5 is hopeful to take delivery of the new Tanker 5 sometime in 2024.

The purchase of the new tanker was made possible through a \$500,000 grant written in February 2022 by Debbie Cohill and came through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is a Rural Development Community Facility Grant.

Money also came through fund drives and fundraisers.

## Parking kiosks running, parking permits up for discussion

by Geoff Fox

The parking kiosks around town are up and running and town officials are exploring ideas for allowing parking for residents along Main Street and possible 15-minute spots for businesses.

Town Manager Mike Faith said there have been questions from residents asking about parking passes for those who live along the street as well as the lot on Canal Street and the Municipal Lot.

Faith said he also talked to former mayor Ralph Salvagno who had an idea of having a 15-minute spot in front of businesses where they could run in and drop off or pick up items.

He used the example of Willie’s Primitive where someone could use that 15-minute spot to pick up flowers.

“They wouldn’t have to pay, they wouldn’t be ticketed if they weren’t there longer than 15 minutes,” he said. “It’s just an idea.”

Faith’s opinion was he’d be okay with the 15-minute spots, but it would be hard to draw a line for the parking passes for Main Street.

Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr., said people would argue they had only been there 15 minutes.

If the passes were issued, it would be for the Municipal Lot and Faith said they’d then have to decide on what the price would be.

There have already been discussions with Payngo about the passes.

Faith said with having a contract with Payngo, and their investment into the kiosks and technology, the company would need to get paid and can’t be cut out of any deal for passes.

There was also discussion of what the times would be



to balance free business parking and paid parking.

It was suggested to be Monday through Saturday being 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. and on Sundays 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Town officials agreed they couldn’t do Main Street parking passes but could handle passes for the lots.

The current kiosks are a little spread out, but town officials said they are getting more so people don’t have to walk so far from their spot to the kiosk. New kiosks are on backorder.

Councilman David Kerns did some math during the council discussion to figure up the cost to park in a metered spot for a week.

It’s \$6.75 per day to park along Main Street for a normal nine-hour day Monday through Saturday and \$3 for Sunday. For all charging hours, Kerns said it would be \$43.50 for a week.

“The point to that is that in a month is four times that, so now you’re up to almost \$180 for a month,” he said.

Kerns added you couldn’t discount a parking pass to the point that Payngo would not get anything out of their investment in kiosks and such.

Faith said if the passes went through Payngo, they’d get a portion of the money with Lanehart adding the town would still get a percentage of the money.

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# OPINIONS

## History Matters

a feature courtesy of  
**The Grateful American Book Prize**  
by John Grimaldi & David Bruce Smith



January 16 to January 31



On January 18, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson requested a congressional authorization of \$2,500 to underwrite an expedition by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, to determine the expanse of the country. According to History.com, the cost ramped up to \$50,000; an equivalent of \$1,177, 765 in contemporary currency.

Sixteen months later, the two explorers — along with a company of fifty— set out on their mission. It included a former African American slave “and a female Native American guide named Sacagawea. The team, which Jefferson called the Corps of Discovery, first surveyed the territory that comprised the Louisiana Purchase, a vast expanse that reached as far north as present-day North Dakota, south to the Gulf of Mexico and stopped at the eastern border of Spanish territory in present-day Texas. The team then crossed the Rockies and navigated river routes to the Pacific coast of present-day Oregon. Upon their return, the duo’s reports of the exotic and awe-inspiring new lands they had encountered sparked a new wave of westward expansion,” as reported by History.com.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Corps of Discovery: A Novel Based on the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806* by Jeffrey W. Tenney.



On January 27, 1888, a party of 33 geographers, explorers, teachers, lawyers, cartographers, military officers, and financiers convened in Washington D.C., and inaugurated the National Geographic Society.

History.com says they all “shared an interest in scientific and geographical knowledge, as well as an opinion that in a time of discovery, invention, change and mass communication, Americans were becoming more curious about the world around them. With this in mind, the men drafted a constitution and elected as the Society’s president a lawyer and philanthropist named Gardiner Greene Hubbard. Neither a scientist nor a geographer, Hubbard represented the Society’s desire to reach out to the layman.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The National Geographic Society: 100 years of adventure and discovery* by C. D. B. Bryan.



During the Civil War, Union forces frequently freed slaves wherever they were found; then, after Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation took effect January 1, 1863, bondage was declared illegal, and the President’s Executive order dusted up discord over the issues of states’ rights—and “what to do about slavery in border states that had not seceded or in areas that had been captured by the Union before the proclamation,” reports History.com

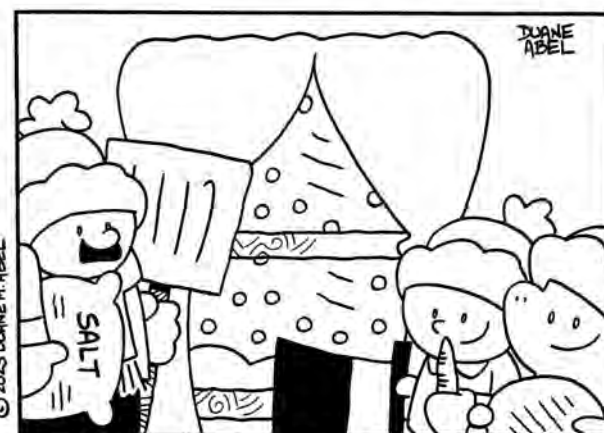
A year later, the Senate passed the 13th amendment—a try-out to officially tounce the “institution”—but the House Democrats rejected the reform. Lincoln, however, was re-elected with significant majorities—in each house—enough to sweep up posthumous ratification—and recognition—in 1864. The amendment was finally passed in the two houses of Congress on January 31, 1865.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Final Freedom: The Civil War, the Abolition of Slavery, and the Thirteenth Amendment* by Michael Vorenberg.

## Correction

Last week, we reported that two seats on Hancock town council that are not on the ballot this year would be up for re-election in April 2024. That is incorrect. Those seats won’t be up for election until April 2025. We apologize for any confusion our error caused.

## ZED by Duane M. Abel



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## EARTH TALK

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Dear EarthTalk:

**The Endangered Species Act has been around for five decades. How successful has it been in protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species?**

— A.J. Munson, Bern, N.C.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been successful in preventing the extinction of hundreds of wildlife species and in promoting the recovery of thousands more since its inception in 1973. Some of the species that have been successfully recovered and removed from the list of threatened and endangered species include American alligators, bald eagles, peregrine falcons and humpback whales.

According to the Center of Biological Diversity, a leading U.S.-based non-profit with the simple mission of “saving life on Earth,” the ESA has protected more than 1,600 species in the U.S., preventing the extinction of 99 percent of the species listed under it. Without the ESA, at least 227 species would likely have gone extinct by now since the law’s passage in 1973. In addition, 110 species have seen tremendous recovery since being protected by the act.

The ESA also supports conservation outside the U.S., as the federal government uses the law to enforce the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), a global agreement between nations to regulate trade on species under threat. Examples of the ESA’s reach beyond U.S. borders is in helping save giant pandas as well as several species of tiger.

However, it’s important to note that the ESA has not been successful in all cases, and some species have not recovered as expected or have even gone extinct despite being protected under the Act, especially in more recent years. There are many factors that can affect the success or failure of species recovery efforts, including habitat loss, climate change, disease and human activities. But researchers from Columbia and Princeton concluded that one threat looms even larger: lack of adequate funding for conservation efforts.

Their October 2022 study found that, since 1985, ESA funding has decreased by almost 50 percent when measured on a per species basis. Furthermore, they uncovered that the average wait time for a species to be listed has almost doubled over the decades from 5.9 years during the 1990s to some 9.1 years more recently. The upshot is that by the time a species receives protection, it may have already reached extremely low population levels to the point where the ESA may be ineffective.

Overall, the ESA has played a crucial role in the conservation of threatened and endangered species in the U.S., and it continues to be a key tool for protecting and recovering these species. This groundbreaking piece of legislation, now in its 50th year, has done incredible things for American wildlife. It has protected species of plants and animals and brought them back to sustainable population numbers. However, a few success stories don’t make the act perfect. There is still work to be done to improve the ESA’s effectiveness and ensure that it can preserve the species that we all love and know today.

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## Calendar of Events JANUARY

**Monday, January 23**

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

**Tuesday, January 24**

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

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### Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of January 9-15:

**January 9**  
Police information, Hancock area.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block Washington Street. Subjects advised.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block West Main Street. Subject checked okay and moved on.

Suspicious person, 500 block Quaker Creek. Unable to locate.

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

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 6000 block Robinson Road. Service to advise.

**January 10**  
Suspicious person, 100 block West Main Street. Subject checked okay.

**January 11**  
Service to advise, 200 block Dale Street. Subject advised.

Traffic complaint, 200 block West Main Street. When arrived observed no traffic violations.

Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject checked okay.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 14,000 block Warfordsburg Road Animal complaint. Struck deer.

**January 12**  
Suspicious person, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked and moved on their way.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Six stops.

Assisted Maryland State Police Rt. 522. Disabled vehicle.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 400 block East Main Street. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

Assist Maryland State Police, 400 block East Main Street. Subject removed and trespassed.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 200 block Tollgate Ridge Road. Subject advised.

**January 13**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Two stops.

Traffic hazard, High Street. Tractor-trailer stuck. Fixed and moved on its way.

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

Suspicious other, 100 block West Main Street.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 911 hang-up, 12,000 block Seavolt Road.

**January 14**  
Traffic enforcement Hancock area. Eight stops.

Child neglect, 100 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Report to follow.

**January 15**  
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area. Three stops.

Property damage accident, 200 block East Main Street. Information exchanged.

Fraud, 200 block Jackson Street. Report to follow.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. All parties advised.

911 hang-up, 100 block High Street. Accidental.

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

## School books

(from front)

Ashley McCusker told town officials she would forward Town Manager Mike Faith an email from WCPS outlining a process for how books are considered age appropriate.

Ethan Loewen followed McCusker to echo her concerns and add his own.

Lowen, who unsuccessfully ran for a seat on the Washington County Board of Education, said the Supreme Court ruled books could not be removed.

WCPS then took the existing policy and "made it so restrictive" the community could not ask for a book to be removed unless the superintendent or school board decides to do so.

"They purposefully wrote it. It's quite obvious for that purpose," he said.

He said the time for community involvement with the local board of education "has never been greater" with the most visible being the books in the library.

"Where you find a wasp, you're going to find a nest not that far away," he said.

Loewen then claimed the school system had set up policies about student gender identities and led a class on the topic for all sixth graders, and even paid \$200,000 to a private company to educate students on different gender identities.

His claims were untrue, said Washington County Public Schools officials in response to questions from *The Hancock News*.

Loewen said there is a criteria where administrators in schools can change the gender of a child on school records and not tell parents.

According to WCPS Communication Officer Erin Anderson, Loewen's statement is incorrect.

Anderson directed *The Hancock News* to a document called "Administrative Regulations JOB-R" outlining how WCPS handles student records. The document was initially approved on November 30, 1983 and revised and signed by Superintendent Boyd Michael on January 7, 2022.

Under Section IV, Part D, it lists 13 steps that must be

taken to amend student records. Changes can't be undertaken by schools without administrators and a hearing involved.

Loewen also claimed teachers and administrators can teach children how to live as the other gender, keeping it a secret from parents. He also claimed WCPS spent \$200,000 on a class for sixth graders from Advocates For Youth, teaching "they were taught whether they were a boy or girl is subjective to how you feel, not what genetics are."

Anderson said it is Washington County Public Schools' priority to provide access to education and a learning environment where all students can reach their highest potential.

"If a student approaches a teacher or administrator about gender identity preferences, the staff member creates a safe space to discuss the student's needs and wishes," she said.

That approach follows the Maryland State Department of Education guidelines for gender identity and non-

discrimination in schools.

Anderson said all county students are presented with the definition of gender identity, gender experience, and sexual orientation as part of the county-wide Family Life curriculum, which is presented in sixth grade.

The county follows the state standards for this curriculum. It is available to review on the WCPS website (<https://wcpsmd.com/health-education/health-and-family-life-curriculum>).

Anderson said the county school board has not purchased a curriculum for what Loewen described.

"More specifically, the Board of Education has never approved any purchase for a program from Advocates for Youth for \$200,000," she said.

Loewen made more comments about how there needs to be more community involvement with the board of education, how the schools are being run, and violence in schools fueled by "drug motivated behavior" in schools before stepping away from the microphone.

## Town parking

(from front)

The Municipal Lot is set for improvement with a repave, a pavilion, and better lighting, Faith added.

Mayor Tim Smith said it's up to councilmembers how they want to move forward on parking passes.

## New 3-D relief map unveiled at Cacapon State Park

by Lisa Schauer

"This is our Christmas gift," enthused Cacapon Resort State Park naturalist Valerie Chaney of a new topographical map depicting the 6,000-acre park, unveiled on Saturday, January 14 at the nature center.

"Other parks don't have this," said Chaney, demonstrating how park naturalists will remotely operate the new interactive display to educate visitors on the state park's natural and manmade features.

With the tap of an i-Pad screen, Chaney lights up individual roads, trails, buildings, the golf course and lake, streams, the overlook and park boundaries in various colors on the map.

Chaney says the relief map will help visitors plan their activities and gain a greater understanding of the park.

Park volunteers Ariadne and Michael Gejevski of Cacapon South constructed the relief map to scale out of paper mache in their basement over a four-year period.

Michael, a retired engineer, and wife Ari, a retired art teacher, worked on the project section-by-section for about four hours every night until it was completed and hauled over to the nature center last week.

"The park is our playground. We love it," said Michael, who designed the relief map at a scale of 1:4,000 inches. He envisions the next phase as having a big screen above the map to show video of the area that's being lit up. Additional funding would be needed to add that feature.

Park volunteers initially asked Ari, an artist with paintings hanging in Maryland's Strathmore museum, to make a small model of the park. She says Michael insisted the map be to scale, and so the two decided to donate their time and materials



Park volunteer Michael Gejevski of Cacapon South stands beside a scale version relief map of Cacapon State Park on display at the nature center. Gejevski designed and built the map out of paper Mache with his wife Ariadne, an artist.

to construct the map the right way.

Also involved in the four-year project is Mark Hoyle of Winchester, who designed over 50 miles of current and projected mountain bike trails depicted on the map.

"All the future trails on here are fully funded, and construction should be completed within the next three to four years," said Hoyle.

Another participant in building the relief map of Cacapon State park is trail coordinator Eric Fitzpatrick of Winchester, who helped sketch out the trail locations.

Fitzpatrick started out as a volunteer at the park three years ago. He is now a seasonal employee, maintaining the trails and serving as a liaison between the state, volunteers, and contractors.

"It can get overwhelming," said Fitzpatrick, referring to the toll of recent storms on the trails.

Fitzpatrick said the three-mile Thunderstruck trail is scheduled to open in May, and will stretch from the overlook to Batt shelter. It already flickers across the top of the relief map now on display in the park's nature center.

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“Seeking a Homeland” (Hebr. 11:14)...  
Impressions on Returning to Hancock.

Is this “Groundhog Day”— a la The Catholic Church ? I just got re-assigned as pastor to St. Peter and St Patrick Churches, Hancock and Little Orleans. I was here previously for twelve years, and am now going to learn –and, hopefully, spread The Gospel–even more! I went to pastorally visit one lady, a widow, and her son. I brought my dog Bella, a yellow-Labrador, and she approached the door with wagging tail and smile on dog-face, and, upon seeing us, the lady said, animatedly, “I don’t know whether to hug you, Fr. Jack, or Bella!” Someone asked, upon my return: “Have things changed?” Yes and no. Like life. Same beautiful music, at church, but; even more people singing. And, I love the Latin chant which triggers alpha brain waves which stimulate peace and creativity!

Biggest impression: How warm and elated people were to see me. Universally. Even our postal mail carrier, on Main St., came and greeted me dynamically. (Full disclosure: Yes, treats for Bella bestowed!)

“Welcome home!” That’s the most common theme of my return. Heartwarming.

The Sunday School and kids did an “Epiphany Play” recently which was absolutely fun, festive and faith-filled—and showed: Christmas is not just a date but a spiritual state—extended into the present!

I’ve noticed an exchange of businesses in town--some closing, others opening. Shows me: We all need to witness the Faith, publicly, and with all the change in the world: We need God, eternal values and industrious virtues. In Little Orleans at Bills Place a man offered to buy me a beer. (Full disclosure: Maybe next time, I had to keep moving). Faith-folks there slapped me on the back- “Welcome home!”

Differently, a lady came up to the altar during Mass- to help hold the communion paten for distribution of Holy Communion. That may seem small, but it was poignantly big, honoring our Lord and helping others graciously.

Yes, I miss the people back in Baltimore where I came from-- their faith and heroic spirit. I had challenges and resistance, but the Lord taught me about this, previously, through the Bible and saints, and He also sent peacemakers and witnesses, and so I learned: Keep on keepin’ on. Love always.

This is weird – I was thinking a lot about back here, while I was away, of you all, the Faith, the mountains and simplicity of life. And Providence prevailed.

As I write this on the Sabbath I see the sun setting over the Potomac River, Round Top Mountain looming nearby, and pink and blue skies with marshmallow clouds dreamily floating.

Yes, I’m home. At least home away from Home! (Hebr. 11:16)

Rev. John Lombardi

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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 7 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Women’s ministries first Tuesday of each month.

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

**Buck Valley Zion Lutheran Church** - Monthly church services will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Mother Marguerite Brack.

**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 - Sunday school 10 a.m., service 11 a.m. Pastor Barbara Suffecool.

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

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

**Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church**, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 11 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 - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services 7 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.

**IST 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 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday night fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Rev. Joe Martin.

**Berkeley Baptist Church**, Route 522 and 13, 304-258-4101 - Youth Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m., Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service and children’s church 10:45 a.m. Food pantry distribution site call for more infor. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Joey N. Giles, Jr.

**St. Mark’s Episcopal Church**, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 9 a.m.

**Damascus Christian Church**, Big Cove Tannery, Pa. - Worship every Sunday 11 a.m. Pastor Travis Mellott. Sunday services online.

**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.

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**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 - Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Warren Ensor and Deacon Emmanuel Ensor.

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

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

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

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**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**, 717-294-3940 - 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.

**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., 717-573-4581 or 814-392-3070 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Preston Monterrey.

**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.

**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.

**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 United Methodist Church**, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, I-70 east at exit 9, Indian Springs, 301-842-3212 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., morning worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Len Horst.

**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 Wells.

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

**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.

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**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.

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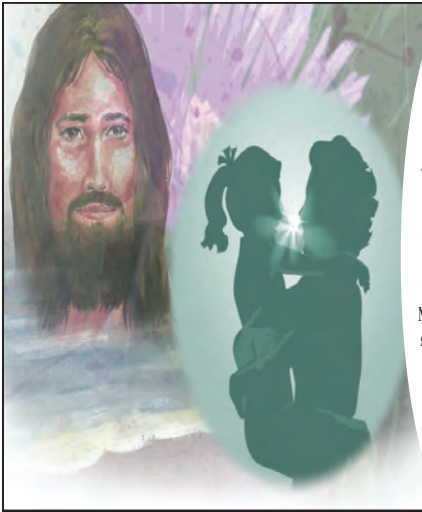
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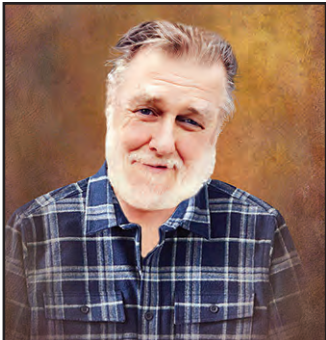
OBITUARIES

John W. Hovermale

John Wayne Hovermale, 58, of Berkeley Springs, died Saturday, January 14, 2023 at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

Richard D. Miller  
1941-2023

Richard D. Miller, 81, Hancock, Md., passed away Friday, January 13, 2023, at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va. Born November 13, 1941, in West Virginia, he was the son of the late Charles and Hattie Miller and the husband of Joyce A. Miller. He was employed at Tristate Tile Inc.



He enjoyed fishing on his boat, mushroom hunting, riding his Harley Davidson, and playing guitar. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Richard L. Miller, Hancock, Md.; two daughters, Judy A. Barnhart, and husband, Larry, Needmore, Pa., and Julie A. Haines, and husband, Donald, Hancock, Md.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two sisters. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Grove Funeral Home, 141 W. Main St., Hancock, Md. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m., at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, 17636 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md. Pastor Jeff Hawbaker will officiate. Military honors will be provided by Tristate Honor Guard. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 W. Main St., Hancock, MD. Online condolences can be expressed to the family at [www.grovefh.com](http://www.grovefh.com).

Joseph Matthew Unger, Jr.  
1961-2023



Joseph Matthew “Joey” Unger, Jr., age 61, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at War Memorial Hospital. Born April 17, 1961 in Winchester, Va., he was the son of Joseph Matthew Unger, Sr. and the late Loretta Marie Richmond Unger. Joey was a Christian. He was a graduate. He retired in 2019 after 13 years of service with the United States Postal Service as a rural carrier. In earlier years Joey worked in carpentry and masonry. Joey enjoyed riding motorcycles, tinkering with cars, playing the guitar, laughing, smiling and loved spending time with his grandbabies. Joey is survived by his wife 25 years, Loretta Carol Somers Unger, at home, his children, Michael Jamison of Berkeley Springs, Zebadiah Unger of Martinsburg and Ryan Unger of McConnellsburg, Pa., two sisters, Vicky Unger of Berkeley Springs and Shirley Barton of Stephens City, Va., seven grandchildren, Riley, Hannah, Kennedi, Korbyn, Ella, Levi and Lilah and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 17 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family received friends from 11 a.m. until services time. Burial was in Mahne’s Chapel Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com](http://www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com).

Robert Michael Donadieu  
1944-2023



Robert Michael Donadieu, age 78, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Winchester Medical Center, surrounded by his loving wife, Rita Donadieu, and several other adoring family members. He was prayed into an eternity with his Savior Jesus Christ by his grandson who treasured the opportunity to have been reading comforting scripture to his “Pop Pop” for a time before his passing. Born February 6, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pa., “Bob” Donadieu was the son of the late Joseph G. and Teresa A. (McElhatton) Donadieu. After his relationship with his Heavenly Father, Bob most cherished his relationships with his earthly family. Although June Lee Donadieu, his beloved wife of 37 years, passed away in 2003, he was subsequently blessed to find a new life of love and adventure with Rita, his wife of the last 18 years. Bob relished his relationships with his three children and their families: Michelle and Michael Walters with their daughter, Emily Baughman, and her family; Michael and Rhonda Donadieu with their sons, Bryan, Juston, Collin, and Camren and their families; and Denise and Brian Kraus with their daughter, Hannah. Bob also counted it great joy to find an expanded family of step children and their families: Tab and Sung Trainor with their children, Abigail, Ryan, Grace, and Stephen, and Julie and Gus Sampras with their daughters, Olivia and Gabby. Finally, Bob treasured the times when he could be with his six siblings and their families, most recently at his brother’s birthday party just days before his passing. Bob’s siblings and their spouses are: Joseph and Phyllis Donadieu, Teresa and George Van Lieu, Kathleen and Pete Petretta, Regina and John Gomba, John and Joanne Donadieu, and Margaret and David Baker.

Although Bob lived most of his younger life in Philadelphia, as a teenager his family moved from the city to the small borough of Yardley, Pa. where he enjoyed the new pace of suburban life. Later in life, Bob recounted many fond childhood memories: serving as an altar boy at his parish, going off to Boy Scout camp, ice skating on Yardley’s Lake Afton, and making a little spending money delivering newspapers, selling snowcones, and caddying on the neighborhood golf course. It was likely during this time that Bob developed his evident sense of humor– and some might say penchant for high jinks. But it was also when he started to show his unique God-given ability to easily connect with other people. Bob rarely met a stranger who didn’t quickly become a friend. Bob was a 1961 graduate of Bishop Egan High School in Levittown, Pa. and a 1965 graduate of LaSalle College in Philadelphia, Pa. After college, Bob served his country in the U.S. Army Reserve, receiving his Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J. Bob also began his professional career as a manager at the W.T. Grant Company, where he met his future bride, June Lee Beeler. In 1973, Bob moved his young family to south Morgan County, W.Va.– June Lee’s birthplace– where they purchased and operated a small general store for a period of years. With that same entrepreneurial spirit, Bob later operated an accounting and business services firm (maintaining a num-

ber of tax clients well into retirement), but he spent the significant part of his career as an accountant/controller at Coolfont and Tom Seely Furniture in Berkeley Springs before ultimately retiring from the U.S. Silica Company. Bob enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies and interests, such as playing chess, darts, and quoits with his grandchildren, following the local sports teams (WVU Mountaineers and Washington Redskins), and participating in just about any backyard competition with family, but many of his best friendships and life stories revolved around the golf course. Over the past dozen years, Bob derived great joy from the time spent and relationships developed with his wife Rita at their second home in Garden City, S.C., and he was always thankful that the Lord continued to provide the health and strength to allow him to play a couple rounds of golf each week when the weather was nice. Far beyond any leisure activity, Bob focused most on building God’s kingdom. He was one of the founders of Faith In God Chapel where he was an assistant pastor for over 40 years. He was also a leader in the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for 35 years. In this role, Bob developed close relationships with students at Berkeley Springs High School, acting as encourager, mentor, and friend to a multitude of young people over the decades. Many of these now-grown men and women have warmly expressed the firsthand impact that Bob had in their coming to an abiding relationship with Christ, and countless numbers are now influencing the next generation in growing in their faith. Bob was so gratified to hear when past students were called into full-time ministry, and he remained in contact with so many of these dear friends decades later. In addition to FCA, Bob was one of the primary organizers for the Christ Night events occurring in Berkeley Springs over many years. It was his sincere hope that through these events, the greater Morgan County area would be ultimately transformed by a relationship with Christ. Most recently, Bob had found great new ministry opportunities in serving at the Oaks Bible Church, Murrells Inlet, S.C. where he taught Bible studies and occasionally preached. Bob was given an extraordinary life that he shared in extraordinary ways with everyone God gave him the opportunity to minister to. Even during his dialysis appointments, doctor’s visits, and hospital stays over the last few years, Bob spent his time ministering and giving himself to others for the glory of God. There’s no doubt that when he met Jesus, he heard, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Please join the family and friends for a Memorial Service (Bob’s final “Christ Night”) to be held at Cacapon State Park Lodge on Sunday, January 22, 2023, beginning at 2 p.m. Come prepared to share your memories. Visitation will occur at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donating to one of the missions Bob supported, including the mission ministry of his dear friends, Elijah and Jasmin DeMarco (support information found at Overland Missions.com/donate/thedemarcos) or to Faith Builders World Changers in its effort to minister to Guatemala (support information found at SimpleGiftsFarmstead.com). Online condolences may be expressed at [www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com](http://www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com).




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# Respiratory illness cases remain steady

**by Kate Evans**  
The number of area seasonal flu, RSV and COVID cases are remaining level, according to local health officials.  
River Bend Family Medicine medical assistant Becky Huff said that their office had been seeing pretty steady amounts of flu, COVID and RSV cases along with some strep, bronchitis and other normal winter illnesses.  
Health officials urge everyone to get an updated

COVID-19 booster shot and their annual seasonal influenza vaccine now. Pneumonia vaccines are also recommended for children and adults of all ages.  
**COVID Health Dept. advice**  
As of Friday, January 12, the Morgan County COVID-19 community level is medium. The Morgan County Health Department advises that individuals who are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID wear a high-quality mask or respi-

rator when indoors in public and take additional precautions.  
Consider self-testing to check COVID infection before social or household contact with someone at high risk of getting very ill. Wear a high-quality mask when indoors with them.  
Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses.  
Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive COVID test or exposure to someone with COVID-19.  
Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.  
Get tested if you have symptoms.  
Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID.  
People can choose to wear a face mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect themselves and others.  
**Flu**  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) flu update noted that

seasonal flu activity continues but is declining in most areas. CDC officials continue to recommend that everyone age six months and older get flu vaccines as long as flu activity continues.  
Seasonal flu activity began early this season. The majority of flu cases have been Influenza A.  
Virginia is currently experiencing high influenza-like illness (ILI) activity, while Pennsylvania and Maryland ILI levels are considered moderate. West Virginia is showing minimal ILI activity. ILI is respiratory illness that includes fever plus a cough or sore throat.  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that so far this season there have been at least 24 million illnesses, 260,000 hospitalizations, and 16,000 deaths from flu.  
There have been a total of 79 pediatric deaths from influenza so far nationwide.  
**COVID**  
Morgan County had 11 new cases of COVID-19 and four active COVID cases as of Monday, January 16.  
To date Morgan County has seen 4,363 confirmed

COVID-19 cases and 780 probable cases-a total of 5,143 COVID cases. Some 5,062 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. Morgan County has had 77 total deaths from COVID-19. Some 33.7% of Morgan County's population is fully vaccinated from COVID-19. Booster doses are at 17.9%.  
Washington County has had a total of 618 deaths from COVID-19 and 40,473 confirmed COVID cases as of January 16.  
**RSV**  
Symptoms of Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection include runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever and wheezing. Individuals are generally infected with RSV as an infant or toddler, but people of any age can be infected, said CDC officials.  
Treatment involves over the counter fever reducers like acetaminophen and ibuprofen (don't give children aspirin) and drinking plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.  
RSV is the leading cause of pneumonia and bronchiolitis in children younger than one year old, according to the

CDC. Some older adults and infants younger than six months may need hospitalization if they are having trouble breathing or are dehydrated.  
**Prevention**  
Preventing RSV, flu and COVID-19 involves the same measures.  
Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve-not your hands.  
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.  
Stay home if you or your child are sick, except to get medical care.  
Don't send a sick child to school or day care.  
Avoid close contact with others, such as kissing, shaking hands and sharing cups and eating utensils.  
Clean frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, telephones, counter-tops, cell phones and keyboards.  
Consider wearing a face mask, especially if you develop a runny nose, cough or fever.



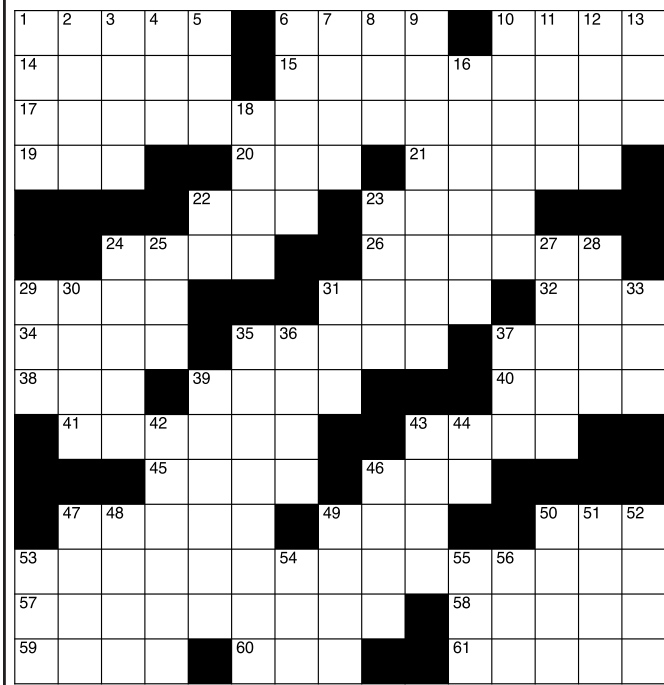
**Winter Blues or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)?**  
**by Jennifer Schetrompf**  
Many of us have been there. As the dark, dreary days of winter arrive our "get up and go" seems to have exited stage left.

My spirit animal who seems sluggish on a good day, tends to morph into a hybrid creature who wants to hibernate like a bear and move with the blazing speed of a sloth who caught a ride on the back of a turtle.  
Will there EVER be light again? Will my hands and feet ever thaw out? Couldn't the leaves have lasted a little longer? These are just a few of the thoughts that generate from my winter blues. But how can we tell if our winter blues are speed skating toward Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)?  
One of the major differences between winter blues and SAD is that winter blues typically do not hinder our ability to enjoy life. Winter blues are temporary and should not affect our ability to truly function throughout the day. While we may feel down and out, we are still able to complete necessary daily tasks, such as going to work or school and completing household duties, etc.  
Some of us may experience a serious mood change during the winter months, often due to their being less natural sunlight. This condition is called seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, which is a type of depression that usually lifts during spring and summer.

SAD Symptoms can include the following, though not everyone may have the same symptoms: Sad, anxious, or "empty" feelings, feelings of hopelessness and/or pessimism, feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness, irritability, restlessness, loss of interest or pleasure in activities you used to enjoy, fatigue and decreased energy, difficulty concentrating, remembering details and making decisions, difficulty sleeping or oversleeping, changes in weight, thoughts of death or suicide.  
So, what are some ways we can practice selfcare and combat our winter blues? Routine can help!  
Quick Tips for a Winter Morning Routine:  
-Set an alarm with uplifting music  
-Use a lamp to mimic sunrise  
-A few minutes of yoga or meditation  
-Drink a glass of water  
-Make a warm breakfast  
-Make hot tea or coffee  
-Take a warm shower  
If you feel that yourself or someone else is at risk of harming themselves or another, call 988 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7 or go to [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

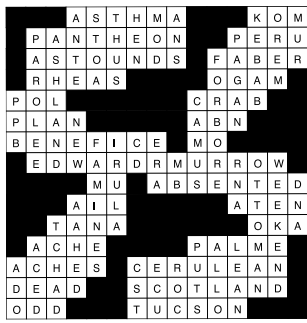


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40. Comprehend the written word  
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49. Swiss river  
50. Foot (Latin)  
53. Have surgery  
57. Formal withdrawal  
58. Monetary units of Peru  
59. Greek war god  
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10. More musty  
11. Large, flightless rail  
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16. People who can account for you  
18. Taunt  
22. South Dakota  
23. Cover the entirety of  
24. Kids' favorite visitor  
25. A way to save for retirement  
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28. C. China mountain range  
29. Type of sandwich  
30. Team  
31. Paddle  
33. Partly digested food  
35. Most cagey  
36. Shoppers make one  
37. Cathode-ray tube  
39. Food supplies  
42. Backbones  
43. Concern  
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46. Broadway songwriter Sammy  
47. Dutch colonist  
48. Full-grown pike fish  
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult  
50. Type of bread  
51. S. Nigerian people  
52. Scottish tax  
53. Young women's association  
54. Brazilian city  
55. Hide of a young animal  
56. Midway between north and northeast

Answers for January 11, 2023



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over 400 words  
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## Where to turn for help

Maryland Crisis Helpline  
Call 211, Press 1

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

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

Washington County Health Department Behavioral Health Services  
240-313-3200

CAMEO HOUSE  
Residential treatment program for adult females who are pregnant or have children.  
Call Admission Screening at 240-313-3322.

Peer Recovery Services Program for those seeking or in recovery from substance use disorder.  
Call 240-313-3242 to enroll.  
[kelly.marquart@maryland.gov](mailto:kelly.marquart@maryland.gov)

Project Act Now  
Call 240-313-3310 to learn more about how to use Naloxone or take a class on its use.  
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## Panthers topped by Falcons

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School varsity boys' basketball team lost to Martinsburg's Faith Christian Academy 68-48 in a non-league battle at home on Thursday, January 12.

The seniorless Panthers got off to a slow start, putting up five points in the first quarter to the Falcons' 31.

Then the Panthers rallied back, besting their opponent in both the second and fourth quarters. But it wasn't enough to overtake the Falcons' early lead.

Junior Mason Conrad scored 13 points in the game. Sophomores Jacob Anderson and Aiden McCarty each scored 10 points.

Junior Isaiah Demory scored six points.

The Panthers were on the road next on Friday, January 13 in Confluence, Pa. where they put it on the line at



Jordyn King maneuvers around Turkeyfoot defense.

Turkeyfoot Valley Area School.

The Rams took the win over the Panthers 68-51 in the non-league away game.

Aiden McCarty scored 19 points in the game.

Junior Jordyn King scored nine points.

Junior Jeremiah Thomas scored seven points.

The Panthers were ranked 2-10 heading into their next match-up. They faced off again against the Paw Paw Pirates at home on Tuesday, January 17.



Isaiah Demory dribbles the ball through a group of players.



Aiden McCarty shoots for the basket.



Hancock High School 2022-2023 varsity boys' basketball team: (Front row, left to right) Ethan Calhoun-Hill, Jordyn King, Jeremiah Thomas, Blair Ray, Aiden McCarty. (Back row, left to right) head coach Eddie Morris, Mason Conrad, Hayden McCarty, Jacob Anderson and Isaiah Demory, assistant coach Rocky Wills.

photo by Lisa Schauer

## Lady Panthers fall in heartbreaker at home

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School girls' varsity basketball team lost their non-conference game against Pennsylvania's Turkeyfoot Valley Area Rams 47-46 in a heartbreaker

at home on Friday, January 13.

In close match throughout, the Lady Panthers ultimately fell to the Rams by just one point.

Next up, the lady Panthers (0-9) travel to Frederick on Thursday, January 19 to tip off against Maryland School for the Deaf.



Mason Conrad takes the shot for the Panthers.

photos by Lori Younker



(Front row, left to right) Amy Davis, Keelyn Seal, Brooklyn McCusker, Skylar Smith, Alyssa Morris. (Back row, left to right) Hannah Stouffer, Hailey McDaniel, Greenleigh Howes. Not pictured are head coach Todd Ruppenthal and assistant coach Alison Mellon.

### Dean's List

**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Students at Pennsylvania Western University who have been named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

Over 3,500 Pennsylvania Western University students earned placement on the Dean's List. Degree-seeking undergraduate students who achieve high academic standards are identified in accordance with the following criteria:

The student must earn a minimum semester GPA of 3.40.

The student must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester, not including credits by proficiency examinations, incomplete grades, temporary grades (e.g., Not Reported), or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades.

Local students include:

- Reece Enochs of Chester, W.Va.
- Marissa Howard of Weirton, W.Va.
- Kennedy McGeehan of New Cumberland, W.Va.

### President's List

**SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY**

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2022 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Weirton, W.Va. - Matthew Caudill and Jessica Davidson.

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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  
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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:

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Daniel R. Patton  
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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  
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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:

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Travis Q. Fore  
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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:

(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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Sandra L. McCoy  
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Estate No. 79803  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Orley Burdette Lane, Jr.

Notice is given that Sandra Brogden, 19603 Marigold Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on January 6, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Orley Burdette Lane, Jr. 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 6th day of July, 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. 79775  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Barbara F. Horne.  
Notice is given that Cindy L. Righter, 4708 Alesia Road, Millers, MD 21102 was on December 9, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Barbara F. Horne who died on November 3, 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:

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Cindy L. Righter  
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Estate No. 79804  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Leona Mullenix.  
Notice is given that Lisa Keyser, 20845 Emerald Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 and Kim Roof, 2562 Me 77th Road, Wildwood, FL 34785 were on December 29, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Leona Mullenix who died on December 21, 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 29th 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.

Lisa Keyser  
Kim Roof  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79801  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Dorothy Newey Zinkand.

Notice is given that William Collier Zinkand, 5 Wood Rd., Elkton, MD 21921 was on December 27, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Dorothy Newey Zinkand who died on October 15, 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 27th 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.

William Collier Zinkand  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-11-3th

Russ Robinson  
152 W. Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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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  
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Estate No. 76894  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Patricia Ann Palmer.

Notice is given that William C. Palmer, 17223 Amber Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on December 5, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Patricia Ann Palmer who died on August 12, 2020 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 5th 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.

William C. Palmer  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-11-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
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Estate No. 79780  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald L. Hershberger.

Notice is given that Donald L. Hershberger, Jr., 8906 Ledgestone Lane, Williamsport, MD 21795 was on January 4, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Donald L. Hershberger who died on December 5, 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 4th day of July, 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.

Donald L. Hershberger, Jr.  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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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

(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.

Meredith L. Oudt  
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

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Estate No. 79811  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Virginia Marie Boyer.

Notice is given that Kathleen Marie Long, 4936 Summerfield Drive, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on January 5, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Virginia Marie Boyer who died on December 17, 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 5th day of July, 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.

Kathleen Marie Long  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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TOWN ELECTION INFORMATION

Voter registration can be accomplished by completing a voter's registration card at the Town Office or can be picked up at post office. All registrations must be completed and on file no later than **March 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m.**

All registered voters are encouraged to vote for Mayor and Council positions, **Monday, April 17, 2023.** Voting booths will open at **11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.** Voting will be at the Town Hall & Community Center, 126 West High Street, Hancock, MD.

NOTICE  
TOWN OF HANCOCK ELECTIONS  
FILING CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION

The Town of Hancock is now accepting applications for nomination for elective offices for the municipal election which will be held on **17th of April, 2023.** Positions that will become vacant are **Mayor and Two (2) Council Members.** Mayor's term of office will be two (2) years and council members will be four (4) years.

To file for the elective office for the municipal election Mayor and Council Members shall have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding their election and shall be qualified voters of the Town.

Applications for nomination may be obtained at the Town Hall and Community Center, 126 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750 during normal business hours 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All nomination applications must be received no later than **February 16, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.**

No person shall file for nomination for more than one elective town public office or hold more than one elective public office at any time.

Ian R. Mclroy, ESQ.  
Kane, Wilburn & Stone, P.A.  
28 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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Estate No. 79830  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Richard Merle Jones, Sr.

Notice is given that Richard Merle Jones, Jr., 9753 National Pike, Big Pool, MD 21711 was on January 6, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Richard Merle Jones, Sr. who died on November 29, 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 6th day of July, 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.

Richard Merle Jones, Jr.  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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SMALL ESTATE  
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Estate No. 79839  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Edward R. Houser, Jr.

Notice is given that Terri Smith, 6034 Lockhouse Dr., Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on January 9, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Edward R. Houser, Jr. who died on December 13, 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 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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79717  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Henry Astor Jones.

Notice is given that Tracey Anne Happel, 11125 Eastwood Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on January 11, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Henry Astor Jones who died on October 26, 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 11th day of July, 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.

Tracey Anne Happel  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-3th

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79761  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Helen Virginia Gerberich.

Notice is given that Jeffrey D. Gerberich, 10901 Roessner Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on January 6, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen Virginia Gerberich who died on November 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 6th day of July, 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.

Jeffrey D. Gerberich  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79797  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Gladys Brewer.

Notice is given that Judy Eckard, 1050 Connecticut Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on January 5, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gladys Brewer who died on November 25, 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 5th day of July, 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.

Judy Eckard  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79713  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Norma J. Shank.

Notice is given that Cynthia J. Shank, 25 Darlmouth Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on January 9, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Norma J. Shank who died on November 5, 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 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.

Cynthia J. Shank  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-1thn

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79825  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Teel.

Notice is given that Brenda Bowers, 25 Sunbrook Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21742 and Carol Mooers, 2002 Londontowne Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 were on January 5, 2023 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Betty Jane Teel who died on December 18, 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 5th day of July, 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.

Brenda Bowers  
Carol Mooers  
Personal Representatives  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79835  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF John W. Phillips, Jr.

Notice is given that Nicole Fuller, 3719 Pebble Terrace, Punta Gorda, FL 33980 was on January 6, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of John W. Phillips, Jr. who died on November 9, 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 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.

Nicole Fuller  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79822  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Ann Baker.

Notice is given that Jamie L. Blickenstaff, 16029 Spade Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on January 6, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Margaret Ann Baker who died on December 22, 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 6th day of July, 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.

Jamie L. Blickenstaff  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
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Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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### SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79834  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Camille M. Floyd.

Notice is given that Robert T. Floyd, 139 Chelsea Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650 was on January 6, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Camille M. Floyd who died on December 16, 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 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.

Robert T. Floyd  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-1thn

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

Estate No. 79844  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF William Reckley.

Notice is given that Patricia Lewis, 5822 Butterfly Lane, Frederick, MD 21703 was on January 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of William Reckley who died on December 8, 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 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.

Patricia Lewis  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-1thn

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79740  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Shelby J. Resh.

Notice is given that Genevieve Resh, 13171 Kaiser Ridge Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on January 9, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Shelby J. Resh who died on November 25, 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 July, 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.

Genevieve L. Resh  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-3th

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79836  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Judith Ann Peck.

Notice is given that Darren Peck, 6024 Lockhouse Dr., Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on January 11, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judith Ann Peck who died on December 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 11th day of July, 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.

Darren Peck  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-3th

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

Estate No. 79827  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Doris U. Carlin.

Notice is given that Mary Barth, 13332 Keener Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 and Robert Barth, 13332 Keener Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 were on January 5, 2023 appointed personal representatives of the small estate of Doris U. Carlin who died on December 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 representatives or the attorney.

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

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

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

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

Mary E. Barth  
Robert W. Barth  
Personal Representatives  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
pd1-18-1thn

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

Estate No. 79805  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED  
IN THE ESTATE OF Emma Louise Harner.

Notice is given that Sharon K. Sullivan, 11762 Meadowlark Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on January 6, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Emma Louise Harner who died on December 10, 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 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:

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Sharon K. Sullivan  
Personal Representative  
True Test Copy  
Lacy M. Flook,  
Register of Wills for  
Washington County  
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
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**TOWN OF HANCOCK MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE**  
Municipal election will be held at the **Town Hall & Community Center, Monday, April 17, 2023** between the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Offices that will be contested are Mayor (1) and two (2) Council Members. The mayor shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and two (2) council members will be elected for a term of four (4) years.  
All bona fide residents within the corporate limits of the Town of Hancock who are citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and properly registered to vote in the town's election at the time of elections shall be a qualified voter.  
Eligible persons who wish to register to vote can pick up voter registration forms at the post office or the Town Hall building for the upcoming election during regular business hours until **12:00 p.m., on March 23, 2023.**

**ABSENTEE VOTER QUALIFICATION**  
The following persons may vote as an absentee voter under this Ordinance.  
a. Any qualified voter who may be unavoidably absent from the Town for any reason on election day.  
b. Any qualified voter whose physical disability or confinement in or restriction to an institution prevents or will prevent him/her from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
A. Application for Absentee Ballot shall be provided by the Hancock Board of Election Supervisors and shall be available to any qualified voter upon request.  
B. How to Apply for Absentee Ballot: A qualified voter desiring to vote at any election as an absentee voter, shall make application in writing to the **Board of Election Supervisors, 126 West High Street, Hancock, MD 21750**, requesting an absentee ballot for the election on **April 17, 2023**. Written request for absentee ballot must be received no later than **14 days** prior to the election, (**deadline for application is April 3, 2023**). The application shall be made under penalty of perjury and shall set forth:  
(1) Name and Residence of address of the registered voter.  
(2) Statement that the requesting person is a qualified voter and lives at the residence address given.  
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**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19  
You may believe you can think your way out of a situation this week, Capricorn. But sometimes logic just doesn't cut it. You may have to use your heart to get to the root.


**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19  
Aries, make a concerted effort to focus your attention on something that interests you. This may require that you find something new to stoke your passion.


**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22  
Cancer, don't box yourself in with a strict to-do list and schedule. You need a little more wiggle room to explore your creativity and what makes you happy.


**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22  
Being available to other people is admirable, Libra. Make sure this is not at the expense of your own well-being. You may need to dial back and prioritize your own needs.


**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18  
Take a second look at your talents and your abilities, Aquarius. You may have been selling yourself short for some time. But you can accomplish anything with some effort.


**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20  
It's a week for love and you have all of the resources available to take advantage and explore your feelings. Work things out in your head before taking action.


**LEO**  
July 23–August 22  
Your open and outgoing nature may lead many people to think they know all about you. Instead, you can be quite a mysterious person. Show others only what you want.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21  
Living in your comfort zone may lead to missed opportunities, Scorpio. You may need to let your risk-taking side show this week. Enjoy the ride.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20  
Don't make assumptions about how others see you, Pisces. You have a lot to offer. It's time to recognize all your strengths.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21  
Gemini, currently you are playing a much smaller role at work than you would like. It is not that you aren't capable, but it's a matter of paying your dues before taking the next step.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22  
Believing someone is flawless can set you up for disappointment when you realize no one can live up to that standard, Virgo. Be realistic when assessing partners or other people.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21  
You might start to notice you are losing some traction in your love life, Sagittarius. Figure out a way to talk and spend more time together in the days ahead.

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Representing Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Kathryn Henry will be presenting “Backyard Birding.” She will highlight birds’ basic habitat needs as well as the joy of feeding and observing backyard birds. The presentation will feature the professional photography by fellow local birder and naturalist, Wil Hershberger.

Whether you are an avid or a casual birder, or just someone who likes bird photos, this presentation is your chance to get a wonderful



sampling of our local birds plus the food types and feeding equipment that help attract them to your backyard.

Kathryn Henry is a past-president of Potomac Valley Audubon, an avid birder and retired professor of Biology at Hood College.

Contact Kristin Alexander at Kristin@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions or go to [www.potomacaudubon.org](http://www.potomacaudubon.org).

## C&O Canal hike set for Jan. 22

As part of their continuing hike series, the C&O Canal Association will lead a casual out-and-back hike on the C & O Canal National Historical Park towpath at Point of Rocks on Sunday, January 22. The hike will start at 10:30 a.m. at the National Park Service boat ramp parking lot just south of the Rt 15 Potomac River bridge and will return around 2:30 p.m. Possible bald eagle activity and will observe the narrows where the railroad and canal fought for passage.

This hike will occur rain or shine. Check for updates at [candocanal.org](http://candocanal.org) or contact Pat White at [hikemaster@candocanal.org](mailto:hikemaster@candocanal.org) or 301-977-5628. Dress for the weather and bring lunch or a snack.

Participants are expected to comply with any local COVID-19 or other health or safety related rules in effect at the time of the event.

Future hikes are being planned at Harpers Ferry and Oldtown in the upcoming months.

## People Told Us...

—PUNSTER JOKED: How do rabbits travel? By hareplane!

—OLD WEATHER LORE: If January had any fine weather, winter won’t end until May.

—Chinese New Year is this Sunday, January 22. 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit.

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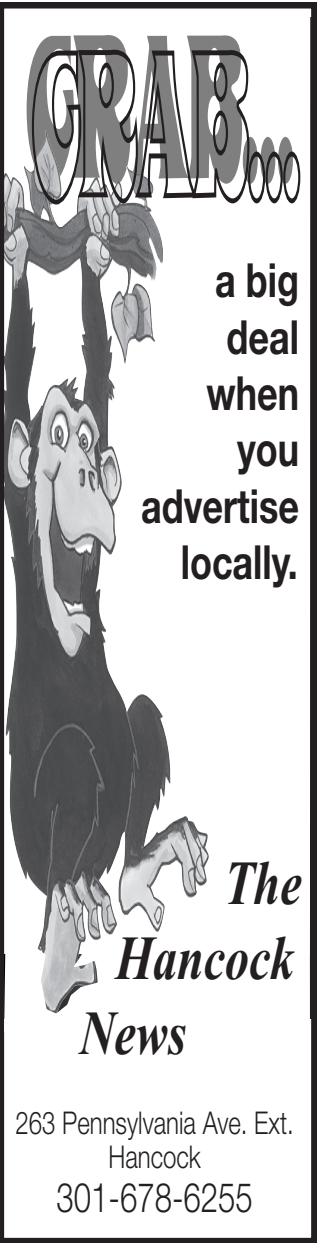


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