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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 4/12 83/51
Mostly sunny with west winds 11-15 mph, gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thurs. 4/13 87/49
Sunny with west winds around 7-9 mph. Mostly clear.

Fri. 4/14 84/56
Mostly sunny with a high around 84 and a low near 56.

Sat. 4/15 79/55
40% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high near 79.

Sun. 4/16 76/46
60% chance of showers with a high around 76.

Letters to the Editor

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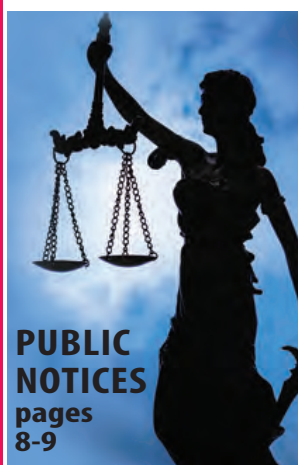
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Town voters to choose one of three for mayor, cast ballots for councilmen on Monday, April 17

by Geoff Fox
& Kate Shunney

Hancock residents who are registered to vote will choose from three candidates for mayor and two candidates for Hancock council on Monday, April 17 during the town's municipal election.

Voting booths open at 11 a.m. at Town Hall and remain open until 7 p.m.

Mayor Tim Smith is running for re-election and is opposed by Councilman Roland Lanehart Jr. and resident Preston Hall.

Hancock's mayors are elected for two-year terms. Smith, a longtime council-

man, is serving out his first term as mayor.

Lanehart's first term as councilman is running out as well. Instead of seeking re-election to his council seat, Lanehart sets his sights on the mayor's chair in this election.

Preston Hall has been a perennial mayor candidate for the last few elections.

Councilman Josh McCusker is seeking his first elected term on Hancock council in this election. McCusker was appointed to his seat in 2021.

Resident Richard Strong is vying for one of two open council seats.



Tim Smith

McCusker and Strong are unopposed in their election bids.

After polls are closed at 7 p.m. on Monday night,



Roland Lanehart, Jr.

Hancock election board members will count ballots to determine winners in each race.

According to county vot-



Preston Hall

ing records, there are 1,079 voters in Hancock.

See page 3 for more about the candidates.

Barnhart receives Hancock Arts Council scholarship

The Hancock Arts Council presented a scholarship check to graduating Hancock High School senior Jennifer Barnhart, who will be going to

Frostburg State University next year. Barnhart plays many instruments and performed at the recent Variety Show produced by the

Hancock Arts Council, where she gave an impressive performance of the Brahms Hungarian Rhapsody #5 on the marimba.



Pictured, from left, are: Hancock Arts Council member Mike Kligerman, Hancock music director Susan Mott, Hancock student Jennifer Barnhart, Hancock Arts Council members Sinclair Hamilton and Dan Murphy.

photo courtesy of the Hancock Arts Council

Preparing for a transport disaster, Part I: How is Hancock positioned to handle train or truck emergencies?

by Geoff Fox

In 2023, train derailments, toxic spills and other transport-related emergencies have been making headlines across the country. The most notable incident was a train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio which spilled a variety of toxic chemicals, and resulted in a fire that evacuated the immediate area for public safety. More recently, a tanker truck carrying 8,650 gallons of gasoline crashed in a fiery explosion in Frederick, causing the death of the driver and extensive property damage.

What if something like either of those happened in Hancock or across the Potomac River on the train tracks?

The Hancock News reached out to first responders and government offi-

cials to find out what the response would be. In Part I, this reporting will look at how local first responders would handle the calls.

Hancock Fire Company and Hancock Rescue Squad would be the first to respond to such an incident in the vicinity of town.

Fire Chief Robert Hoopengardner said in an email he isn't sure exactly what units would be dispatched for a train derailment as it would depend on what the caller reported was involved.

If the caller reported an Amtrak train derailed, it would trigger certain units to be dispatched to respond, versus a caller saying a cargo train derailed and a large cloud was visible around the crash site.

Because of the location of

the train tracks, Morgan County, W.Va. units would be dispatched to respond.

Hoopengardner said on a call like this, Hancock or Morgan County would arrive on scene and immediately setup incident command.

"We have and always will work closely with our neighboring first responders in Morgan County," he said.

Command would then decide if an evacuation would be needed or the public could shelter in place.

That could depend on what cargo trains were carrying through the area, if chemicals are toxic in an airborne form or how chemicals on trains might interact if released from their individual trains.

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DISASTER page 12

Good Friday tradition makes its way through town



Rev. Becki Wissinger of the Hancock United Methodist Church reads from Matthew 26:30-56 in the church's parking lot as part of the Good Friday Cross Walk last Friday, April 7. More pictures, page 6.

by Geoff Fox

People from across the Hancock area gathered in Widmeyer Park last Friday morning, April 7, to begin a Good Friday tradition of walking about a mile from Widmeyer Park to St. Peter's Catholic Church as part of the annual multi-church Cross Walk.

On a chilly morning close to 40 people, young and old, made their way in remembrance of Jesus' last day.

Pastors and deacons from churches in Hancock read scripture and led a reflection on each reading.

Rev. Kirk DeVore, Deacon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, read from Matthew 26:30-56 while Rev. Steve McCarty, interim priest at St. Thomas, gave a reflection. The crowd then sang "Go to Dark Gethsemane" before departing Widmeyer Park for the Hancock United Methodist Church.

At the United Methodist Church, Rev. Becki Wissinger picked up the Scripture reading at Matthew 26: 57- 27:14. Likewise a song was sung before moving on.

This occurred at each stop – Rev. James Mason, Deacon at St. Peter's, read and reflected at Martha's House;



Rev. Terry Martin-Minnich read from Matthew 27:38-44 and gave a reflection during the Cross Walk stop at the Meditation Garden of the Hancock Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Jeff Hawbaker, Pastor at Orchard Ridge Church of God, at Civil War Heritage Park; Rev. Dr. Terry Martin-Minnich, of the Hancock Presbyterian Church, in her church's Meditation Garden; Chaplin (Col.) (Ret.) Ron Martin-Minnich, Hancock Presbyterian Church, at St. Thomas; and Rev. Jack Lombardi, of St. Peter's Catholic Church, at that church.

Along the way, volunteers from those gathered – Pat Narrango, Tony Patterson, Jamie Morris, Danny Hixon, Haeleigh Shoop, Cooper Williams, Keirra Narrango and Lucy Shaw - carried the cross from each stop.

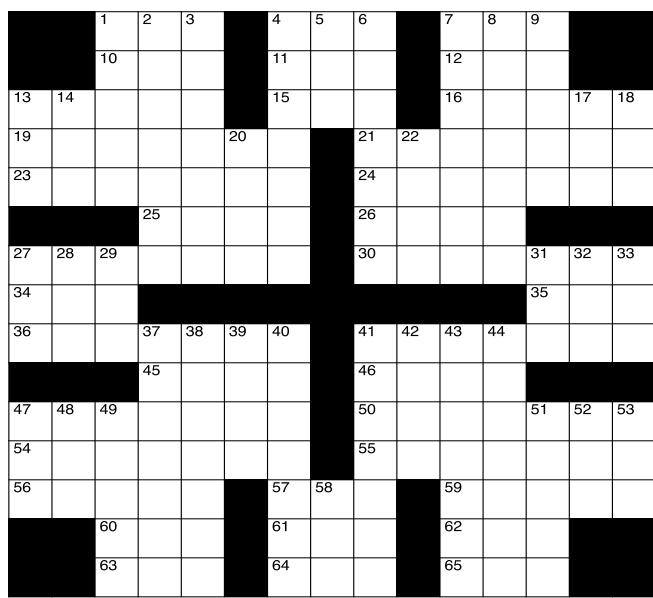
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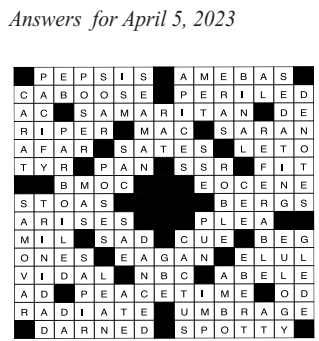
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1. Atomic mass unit
4. Criticize mightily
7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. Stand in for
11. Everyone has one
12. Brew
13. Rectify
15. Popular Dodge truck model
16. Beef or chicken intestine
19. Satisfy
21. Of a particular people or localized region
23. Movements in quick tempos
24. Able to pay one's debts
25. Fleshy bird beak covering
26. Dueling sword
27. Helps
30. Court is in it
34. Touch lightly
35. Airborne (abbr.)
36. Of one
41. Baked good
45. Jai __, sport
46. About aviation
47. Low oval mound
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. Compel to do something
55. A way to carve
56. Sao __, city in Brazil
57. Mustachioed actor Eliott
59. American Idol runner-up Clay
60. A way to soak
61. Car mechanics group
62. Born of
63. Time zone
64. Sea eagle
65. Even's opposite

6. Banes
7. Horse-riding seats
8. Arms of a shirt
9. Narrow path along a road edge
13. Viper
14. Disfigure
17. Variety of Chinese language
18. Portray in a show
20. Wrongful act
22. No (slang)
27. State of agitation
28. __ Diego
29. One point east of due south
31. 007's creator
32. The NBA's Toppin
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Examples
38. __ Gould, actor
39. The habitat of wild animals
40. Artful subtlety
41. Infielders
42. Keep under control
43. Herb
44. Distressed
47. A way to go down
48. Type of acid
49. Take by force
51. Collected fallen leaves
52. Shout of welcome or farewell
53. Monetary unit
58. Swiss river



Answers for April 5, 2023

DOWN
1. Sharp mountain ridge
2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
3. Provides new details
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Ottoman military title

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:
Is it really bad for the planet to upgrade my phone every two years?

— A.J., Darien, CT

Smartphones have certainly become ubiquitous, with some 85% of Americans and 67% of adults worldwide possessing one. Manufacturers sell almost 1.5 billion of them per year. And every year these manufacturers come out with upgraded models to lure customers into trading in their old models to get the latest technology at their fingertips. According to the Consumer Electronic Association the average lifespan of a smartphone is 4.7 years, but the average American user replaces their smartphone within three years. This can be, in part, attributed to planned obsolescence by manufacturers. As new smartphones are manufactured, new software updates accompany them; these updates can lead to older phones becoming unusable if they do not have the capacity to accommodate the new software.

Regarding pollution created by the industry, 95% of emissions come from the production phase. A culture that requires constant replacements results in ongoing growth of manufacturing emissions. In addition, continuously replacing phones creates e-waste in the form of the phones themselves. In 2019, 50 million tons of waste came from smartphones which constitute about 10% of e-waste globally.

One way to combat e-waste is to recycle. However, according to the World Economic Forum, only about 20% of global e-waste is recycled. The Basel Action Network used radio tracking to verify where shipments of e-waste were sent. They found that nearly 40% of e-waste from the United States was exported illegally to developing nations where it was unsafely processed or even burned in the open air.

There are steps manufacturers can take to alleviate the environmental burden, one being to introduce "repairable" phones. Currently manufacturers hamper smartphone repair with very high repair prices and restricting third parties from having access to the needed parts. Europe is leading the charge on embracing a circular economy surrounding smartphones that encourages repairs, refurbishments and upgrades instead of replacement. Various European countries have instituted programs to address the problem. France maintains a publicly accessible phone repairability index to help consumers there make smart choices about their smartphone purchases. Meanwhile, Sweden and Austria both offer financial incentives for device repairs to encourage fixing instead of junking old smartphones and other electronics.

Whether or not such programs exist in your neck of the woods, you can be part of the solution by simply waiting longer to upgrade your phone, which will help reduce the demand on production while lowering your environmental footprint. While it may not seem like much at first glance, keeping your phone for an extra year can reduce your lifetime device usage by 25%. When it is finally time to get a new phone, an eco-conscious consumer can turn to companies like Fairphone and SHIFT that offer easily changeable parts and support software upgrades throughout the phone's lifespan.

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How to get in the sports section

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

--Bring information to the news office at 263 Pennsylvania Avenue Extended (next to the optical practice) during our regular business hours, or use the drop box next to the front door for after-hours submissions.

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!



Calendar of Events APRIL

Tuesday, April 18
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?
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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of April 3-9:

April 3
Parking complaint, Baptist Road. Owner advised.

CDS/drug violation, 100 block Limestone Road. Subjects advised.

Lost/found property, Canal Street area. Owner located.

911 hang-up, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block West Main Street. Subjects gone on arrival and unable to locate.

Domestic, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subjects advised.

Noise complaint, 200 block Terrace Street. Unfounded.

April 4
Property damage accident, 100 block West Main Street. Information exchanged.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 4-mile marker east-bound I-70. Remove object from roadway.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 4-mile marker east-bound I-70. Unable to locate subject.

Assisted Pennsylvania State Police, Warfordsburg Road. Attempt to locate runaway.

April 5
Warrant service, 100 block Limestone Road. Warrant served on Angela Nicole Weller, 37, of Hancock, for animal cruelty.

Disorderly conduct, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject trespassed.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, three stops.

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

Warrant service, Widmeyer Park. Warrant served on Nathan James Stewart, 19, of Hancock, for burglary.

Suspicious person, Joseph Hancock Park. Subjects given ride home.

Suspicious person, 400 block West Main Street. Subject gone on arrival.

April 6
911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Accidental.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, 10 stops.

Abandoned vehicle, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Harassment, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Animal complaint, Widmeyer Park. Subject advised. Suspicious vehicle, Widmeyer Park. Subject on a golf cart advised.

Suspicious person, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised and trespassed.

Suspicious person, Pennsylvania Avenue area. Subject checked okay and moved on.

April 7
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, 11 stops.

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

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 200 block Quaker Creek. Subject advised.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 500 block East Main Street. Well being check.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 14,000 block Rice Road. Missing persons.

April 8
Well being check, 100 block Fulton Street. Subjects checked okay.

Assisted EMS, 100 block West Main Street.

Burglary in progress, 100 block Washington Street. Building empty.

911 hang-up, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Accidental.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, six stops.

Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office, attempt to locate vehicle in the Hancock area. Unable to locate.

Service to advise, 200 block Quaker Creek. Subject advised.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 3-mile marker west-bound I-70. Domestic.

April 9
911 hang-up, 100 block East Main Street. Unfounded.

911 hang-up, 2200 block West Main Street. Accidental.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 13,000 Millstone Circle check well being. Subject checked okay.

Well being check, 100 block West Main Street. Arrested James Anthony Rathburn, 55, of Berkeley Springs, for DUI.

Domestic in progress, first block Fleming Court. Report to follow.

Monthly 'third Wednesday' bird walk set for April 19

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will provide its monthly bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve on Wednesday, April 19. The walk will be led by Beth Poole from 7 to 10 a.m.

The trails at Cool Spring preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained foot paths to views, the preserve's 63 acres is home to much wildlife.

Meet by 7 a.m. in the front parking lot of Cool Spring Preserve. The walk will last a couple of hours. Participants should wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the prevailing weather conditions and take along water. Binoculars will be available for anyone who needs them.

This event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an interest is welcome to go along, regardless of their birding skills. Children 12+ are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Register at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/spring-third-wednesday-bird-walk-2

PVAS sponsors these bird walks regularly, on the third Wednesday of every month. Contact info@PotomacAudubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions.

Got Some Local News?

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Editor's note: All candidates for Hancock's town election were sent a candidate questionnaire to their official candidacy address in March. Below are candidate statements we received in response to the questionnaire.

What the candidates have to say

Tim Smith

Candidate for Mayor of Hancock

Age: 46.

Occupation: Owner and auctioneer at Smith's Auction Services.

Pertinent Experience & Education: Hancock High graduate, 1997 graduate of American Academy, 14 years Town Council, two years Mayor and Reppert Auction School, 2022 graduate.

Why are you running for town office?

To provide Hancock citizens with strong leadership, dedication and experience.

What would you do to support economic growth in Hancock? What are your plans to rejuvenate the downtown area?

I would support and continue to bring new businesses to town. My plan to rejuvenate downtown would be to exercise the Urban Renewal Plan to make our downtown appealing and continue to get funding for downtown.

What amenities or resources do you think Hancock residents aren't getting? If elected, how would you bring those to residents?

I feel Hancock needs a transportation commuter service - more recreational amenities, and, of course, our swimming pool. If elected, I would give 100% to seeing these projects through.

What is the biggest challenge facing Hancock, and how should the town government tackle it? Be specific.

I feel housing is one of our major challenges along with new businesses. We should tackle this by acquiring property for house developers to work with for new housing and we should keep pushing for money for revitalization of downtown.



Preston Hall

Candidate for Mayor of Hancock

Age: 70.

Occupation: Stocker.

Pertinent Experience & Education: Computer business.

Why are you running for town office?

I would like to help the town.

What would you do to support economic growth in Hancock? What are your plans to rejuvenate the downtown area?

Help store owners that need help.

What amenities or resources do you think Hancock residents aren't getting? If elected, how would you bring those to residents?

Start a mission to help those that are in need.

What is the biggest challenge facing Hancock, and how should the town government tackle it? Be specific.

Think how we can help youth, because they are our future.



Free ukulele workshop

BlackCat Music Cooperative's monthly Ukulele Workshop will be held this Friday, April 14, 5 p.m.

Mike Kligerman of the Tri-State Ukelectics Orchestra will host the free beginner's workshop.

Class open to all ages. No uke, no problem. We have loaners available.

BlackCat is located at 155 Independence Street. For more information, call 304-500-2696.

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Who's Havin' a Birthday?
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Kay Nesbitt

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Resurrection: Ongoing? “Mystic Consciousness”...

“I want to know Christ and the power of the resurrection” (Phil. 3:10). Okay, His Resurrection is ongoing, communicable--Huh? Just like, Spring, Resurrection is both a verb and ongoing. We say--and see Spring--springing (thus, a verb, active and lively) it’s an ongoing season. Kinda’ likewise, for Catholics, we celebrate Easter for fifty days, until Pentecost, the Coming of the holy Spirit-Fire upon the apostles (Acts.2) We didn’t just fast (Mt. 6), confess (Jas. 5:16) and alms give (Mt. 6) for 40 days to forget and drop Easter so quickly. The Resurrection is now, continuing, whether thru “April showers” or “May flowers”-time. Contemplate St. Pauls’ HolySpirit “expansionist-mindset”: “And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you” (Rm. 6:5). Question is: Do you have and call upon The Spirit? Look, we’re so used to “treadmill time” and earthly consciousness--sequential, day after boring day, kinda like a flatline from 1 to 10, with no relation to Heaven or other “realms”. But there is “another realm” and Reality--God in His Heaven and Eternal Now (Latin, “nunc stans”), and wherein all things, time and history, and Haven are in a successionless Present to Him, perfectly co-existing and manifested. Now Eternal Bliss as, opposite our normal, everyday flat-line time; Visualize Eternity as a circle, or, better yet: a spiritual-sphere, a mystical globe (Catholics sometimes describe it as Mystical Body and Life). Now, most Christians, don’t image or think these two Ways or frameworks, the line and sphere, go together, but they do. Now visualize the flatline, no longer separate or under the sphere (separate) but rather see, (feel!) the line (daily life) going thru, interpenetrating the spiritual-sphere. So: “Total Reality”f is both flatline (we--and the Incarnational Jesus--experience sequences and repetitions and unfolding history) but, also, an sometimes sense interaction with Eternity and an-other Reality. Even Jews believe this: “The Lord has placed eternity in our hearts” (Eccl- es. 3:11), and the whole Book of Revelation is a “mystical report” of the porousness between Heaven and Earth. So, now, when we have this new kind of “mystical consciousness” (spiritually synergizing the flatline and the sphere--“by a renewal of the Spirit” (Rm. 12:2) --we always can relate to God, Heaven and, also, tap into the Eternal Now of His Grace, such as the Resurrection. Jesus “interrupts” (makes porous) that “flatline suffocation nature” to expose Eternity and, better, nowness of Christ’s Resurrection, when He says to Mary, even before it historically happens!l: “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” (Jn. 11:25)... So, upshot, practice “The ABC’s of Resurrection Renewal”: A= Awareness of the spiritual-spherical-eternal world penetrating daily life. See Acts 22:7, where The Crucified and Resurrected Jesus speaks to Paul, in his flatline life-Road to Damascus. Access Eternity now! B= Blur (make porous, by meditation-realization) the illusory and stifling walls supposedly separating you and God and Resurrection and Eternal Now-ness: “But we have the mind of Christ” (I Cor. 2:16). C= Consciously conjoin with Christ’s Resurrection Light and Glory , as St. Paul states: “For if we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection” (Rm 6: 5). Hook into, love, luxuriate in The Eternal “I AM” of Jesus’ Resurrection now, manana and forever! And enjoy the Manifestation-theophany all around us, Springing!

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

Hancock Assembly of God, 431 North Pennsylvania Avenue, 301-678-5313 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship service and kid’s church 11 a.m. Evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Women’s ministries first Tuesday of each month.

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

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

Saint Thomas’ Episcopal Church, Church and High Streets, Hancock, 301-678-6569 - Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School for children & adults 10 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall. Interim Rector Steven McCarty.

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 - The first church service of the year will be held Sunday, April 9. Then the services will be held every third Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. from May through December with Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich and Rev. Terry Martin-Minnich.

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.

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

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 10 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.

Love Assembly of God, 4 miles south of Berkeley Springs on Rt. 522 - Sunday praise & worship 10 a.m., children’s church and youth services 11 a.m., Tuesday family night and kid’s club 7 p.m. Pastor Dave Kidwell.

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., Warfordburg, 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.

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

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

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

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

Buck Valley Christian Church, 717-294-3940 - 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 Wills.

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.

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

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

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And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.
John 20:20 (KJV)

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Most of us have experienced times when all seemed lost, but with Christ in our lives, we can never lose hope. Just when all seemed lost, Christ rose again, giving hope to His disciples and all who believe in Him.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ellen Bohrer
1925-2023

Mary Ellen (Hixon) Bohrer, Hagerstown, Md., went to her eternal home on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sunday, January 11, 1925, at the Hixon family farm near Hancock, Md. She was the daughter of the late Elmer T. Hixon, Sr., and Mary R. (Kellner) Hixon.

She was educated at Tonoloway Elementary School, west of Hancock, and graduated from Hancock High School in 1942. She also attended Hagerstown Business College.

She was employed by Potomac Edison Company, Hancock, Md., as a secretary/clerk until her marriage to Mervin E. Bohrer, Sr. in November 1949. At that time, Potomac Edison didn't allow married women to work. She then sought employment with Rauth Motors in Hancock. After raising her family, she became employed with The Hancock Bank, the Peoples National Bank, and eventually retired from Sovran Bank.

She was a member of the Hancock United Methodist Church, where she served as pianist for many years. She was previously a member and pianist of Catalpa Methodist Church for 43 years.

Mary Ellen was a charter member of The Hancock Lioness Club, where she served as chairman of the funnel cake committee.

She loved crocheting afghans, spending countless hours doing this labor of love. She also crocheted countless dish cloths for church fundraisers.

She enjoyed working in her yard and flower beds. While she was raising her family, she spent countless hours sewing, gardening (even driving the Farmall tractor), canning and freezing food. She was known to take care of a few ground-hogs and snakes when necessary.

She loved to play Scrabble.

She is survived by three daughters, Nancy E. "Cookie" Shaw Zirkle, Needmore, Pa., Mary E. Farris, Hagerstown, Md., and Kay A. "Buster" Nave (Troy), Elizabethton, Tenn.; one son, Mervin E. "Jimmy" Bohrer, Jr. (Karen) Norfolk, Va.; 10 grandchildren, Douglas G. Shaw, Jr., Leon W. Zirkle, William "BJ" Zirkle, Gregory W. Zirkle, Rhoda K. Farris Carroll, Ryan K. Farris, Rhonda K. Farris Ensor, A. Dane Bohrer, Kara A. Bohrer, and Faith A. Bohrer; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Nancy E. Ayres, Montgomery, Texas; one brother, Lowell T. "Buzzy" Hixon (Linda), Hancock, Md.; numerous nieces and nephews; and one very special nephew, Wayne H. Hixon (Shirley), who was raised as a brother to Mary Ellen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mervin E. "Jim" Bohrer, Sr. (1994); a daughter, Anne Denise "Necie" Bohrer (2013); three sisters, Lois A. Wolford, Ruth M. Bivens, and infant Evelyn Mae Hixon; five brothers, Elmer T. "Boogs" Hixon, Jr., Walter D. "Bits" Hixon, Joseph D. "Joe" Hixon, Davis R. "Tater" Hixon, and Gail K. Hixon.

A special thanks to niece Donna Hixon Young for her faithful visits and support. Also, a special thanks goes to Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community of Boonsboro, Md., for the loving and excellent care they gave her and to Hospice of Washington County, which has been a blessing.

Graveside services will be held at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park (Garden of Time), Hagerstown, Md., on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 11 a.m. Rev. Darryl Zoller will be the officiating pastor.

There will be no viewing or visitation.

Memorial donations may be made in Mary Ellen's memory to Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community, 8507 Mapleview Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713 or to Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, MD 21750.

Online condolences can be expressed to the family at www.grovefh.com.



Richard Wayne Butler
1928-2023

Richard Wayne Butler, age 94, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Born October 21, 1928 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Albert McKinley and Opal Fay Dawson Butler.

He was a Christian. Richard was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. In 1954, Richard began working with the United States Postal Service in Berkeley Springs and enjoyed serving the community for 30 years until his retirement in 1984. During that time, he attended Reppert School of Auctioneering in Indiana. Richard formed Butler's Auction Service. He held many public auctions in Morgan County and the surrounding areas for 30 years. His wife, Phyllis, worked alongside him in the business as a cashier. Richard loved being an auctioneer! He loved people and had a way of making them laugh.

Richard is survived by his two daughters, Barbara Hill and her husband, Randy of Berkeley Springs, and Kimberly Shives and her husband, Rev. Robert Shives of Middleway, W.Va., four grandchildren, Shannon Light and her husband Dave of Berkeley Springs, Kristin Shives-Monaghan and her husband, Sean of Falls Church, Va., Joshua Shives of El Paso, Texas, and Zachary Shives and his wife, Laura of Bethany, La., 10 great-grandchildren, Jaden Light, Colby Light, Kinsey Light, Tyson Light, Layna Light, Luke Shives, Macy Shives, Raelyn Shives, Piper Shives and Flynn Shives-Monaghan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Virginia Kessecker Butler on December 25, 2016, one infant daughter and one son, Rev. Keith Butler.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family will receive friends from noon until service time. Rev. Robert Shives will be officiating. Private burial will be at Snyder's Bible Chapel Cemetery, Hedgesville, W.Va.

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

Deborah Lynn Gotcher Stanger
1952-2023

Deborah Lynn Gotcher Stanger, age 71, of Great Cacapon, W.Va., surrounded by her husband, son and daughter by her side, went to Our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born March 24, 1952 in Brownwood, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Melvin Durwood and Juanita Ray Elliott Gotcher.

It takes a skillful artist to paint our lives. Our creator often commissions more artists to paint the colors of the sky, sunset, ocean, spring flowers and all of the details that make up this earthly world. On March 29, 2023, he called another artist home. Debbie's artistic eye and skilled hands will now be used to add color to our world. With a quick swipe of our creator's brush Debbie left her earthly home surrounded by loved ones and joined friends and family that have gone before her.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Michael F. Stanger, one son, Chad Ferguson and his partner, Raudel Caldera, one daughter, Shae Nelson and her husband Brian, one brother, Darrell Bullard and his wife Kathy, one sister, Glenda Traweek and her husband Larry, five grandchildren, Alex Nelson and his wife Allison, Caitlyn Day, Sam Day, Jack Nelson, Brandon Ferguson and Baily Ferguson, three great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Macklan and Baby Day, nieces and nephews, Kyle Traweek and his wife Kathleen, Tim Bullard, Shawnee Traweek, Christie Stanger, Tony Elliott and wife Kathi and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Debbie served in the United States Army from February 17, 1987 until her honorable discharge on August 9, 1990 at the rank of a Specialist, where she was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge with M16 Rifle Bar and Driver and Mechanic Badge. She worked as a dietician and florist. Debbie was an artist who worked hard and took pride in all that she did. She was most passionate about family, friends and loved ones and was always quick to lend a hand or offer guidance. Debbie was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandma and great grandma.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, WV. Father Mikee Lecias and Father John Rice as celebrants. Burial with graveside military honors provided by the Tri-State Honor Guard will be in the Stanger Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. on Friday at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where a rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

The family would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Kelli Peacemaker, Jerry G. Parker, Bill Mauck, the Harrold Family, Karen Burtnick, the Shrier's, Coleman Stanger, Patrick McBee, Alex Nelson, Hospice of the Panhandle and Chad for coming one week, every month- Love,

Rejoice and celebrate her passing from her flesh body; she is not hurting anymore.

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

Janice R. Trail
1933-2023

Janice R. Trail, 90, passed away Monday, April 10, 2023, at War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where she was a resident of the Extended Care Unit.

Born March 2, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Jess and Janet Apple and the widow of Donald James Trail.

She retired from Ravenwood Lutheran Village Nursing Home in Hagerstown, Md.

She attended Hancock Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by one son, Michael Trail, and wife, Teresa, of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter, Connie Bennett, and husband, Palmer, of Hancock, Md.; a grandson, Cassidy J. Barton, and wife, Amanda, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; a granddaughter, Aimee J. Punt, and husband, Christian, of Greencastle, Pa.; two great-grandchildren whom she loved very much, Cohen J. Barton and Olivia T. Barton, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; and one sister, Virginia Lee Lefever, of Hagerstown, Md.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lindsay L. Barton; a brother, Richard J. Apple and a sister, Marlene Williar.

At the family's request, funeral services will be private. She will be laid to rest at Rehobeth Methodist Church, Needmore, Pa.

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

Linda Cheryl Caldwell
1944-2023

Linda Cheryl Caldwell, age 77, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Hospice of the Panhandle Inpatient Care Facility in Kearneysville, W.Va.

Born August 10, 1944 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Claude Arles and Dolores Dakota Nestor Sanders.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Linda was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and attended two years of vocational school. She worked as a coder/biller in insurance. Linda enjoyed genealogy and drawing. She was a pianist and organist and played at numerous local weddings over the years.

Linda is survived by two sons, Nelson "Chick" Caldwell and his wife, Patricia and Joseph Michael Caldwell, all of Berkeley Springs, five grandchildren, Zachary William Shea Caldwell, Noah Charles Caldwell and Grace Symarian Caldwell, and Dakota Levi Caldwell all of Berkeley Springs, and Jasmine Love Caldwell of Great Cacapon, two great-grandchildren, Nevaeh Rayne Caldwell of Great Cacapon and Levi Lee Caldwell of Berkeley Springs, two sisters, Lois Carol Chaney and Cathy Gail DeLawder, both of Berkeley Springs.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Charles "Stretch" Caldwell, one sister, Willadene June Householder and one brother, Donald Arles Sanders.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be private in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Pastor Rodney Truax will be officiating.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Linda's name may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

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



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Margie, Robert,
Helen, William
& Families**

Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, April 13

10 a.m. - Sights and Sounds of Spring. What sounds are you hearing lately? Spring frogs or toads?

1 p.m. - Discovery Hike. Discover what trees and wildflowers are starting to bloom.

Friday, April 14

10 a.m. - Woodpecker Wow. Listen to a variety of local woodpecker sounds and learn some facts.

1 p.m. - Amazing Amphibians. It's spring and time for frogs to start calling. Learn a variety of frogs and toads by sound.

Saturday, April 15

10:30 a.m. - Vernal Pool Hike. Take a short hike to see signs of spring, any frogs or salamander eggs?

1:30 p.m. - Signs of Spring Hike. Discover what wildflowers are in bloom.

Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m. - Beginner Birding Walk. Discover the spring song birds returning to Cacapon. Learn how to identify them by sight and sound, followed by a short walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at lodge.

1:30 p.m. - Weed Warriors. Meet seasonal naturalist to help save the park from invasive plants. Help pull and cut oriental bittersweet vines. Loppers provided. Take sturdy gloves.

Monday, April 17

10:30 a.m. - WV Clouds. Look up. What type of cloud do you see? Join seasonal naturalist to learn about some common clouds.

1:30 p.m. - Watershed Walk. Learn about Cacapon's tributaries and help conduct a stream survey.

Tuesday, April 18

10:30 a.m. - The CCC Boys: A West Virginia Legacy. The CCC boys left a legacy that can still be seen by all in the WV forests and parks. Thirty minute film.

1:30 p.m. - History Walk. Join park naturalist for discover how Camp Morgan created this WV State Park.

Obituary policy

Death Notices of residents of Hancock and immediate area will be printed for free in *The Hancock News* as a public service which can include name, age, date of death, residency and services.

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Hancock Cross Walk 2023



Danny Hixon, with help from Haeleigh Shoop and Michael Shoop, carries the cross up Church Street from the Meditation Garden at Hancock Presbyterian Church to St. Thomas Episcopal Church during the Cross Walk last Friday, April 7.



Haeleigh Shoop, Cooper Williams, Lucy Shaw and Keira Narrango carry the cross up High Street from St. Thomas Episcopal Church to St. Peter's Catholic Church with a little assistance from Michael Shoop and Pam Shaw during the annual Cross Walk on Friday, April 7.



Deacon James Mason read from Matthew 27:15-23 in front of Martha's House last Friday, April 7, during the Good Friday Cross Walk. After the scripture reading and a reflection, the crowd sang "Ah, Holy Jesus" before moving on to the next stop, the Civil War Heritage Park.



Around 40 people took to the street last Friday morning, April 7, for the Cross Walk, which has become an annual event on Good Friday. Rev. Jack Lombardi and Patrick Narrango led the first part of walk from Widmeyer Park to Hancock United Methodist Church.

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Mid-Atlantic black bear biology and management on April 20



Wildlife biologist Brian Eyler is shown with eight-week-old black bear cubs that have been tagged and micro-chipped for monitoring purposes.

The local black bear population is in the spotlight during "Mid-Atlantic Black Bear Biology and Management," a free program on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Apostles, 336 Barnett Avenue, Waynesboro, Pa.

The program is hosted by The Institute in partnership with the Antietam Watershed Association (AWA), and presented by Brian Eyler, a wildlife biologist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wildlife & Heritage Service.

"Black bears are a common resident in the mountains that surround the Cumberland Valley and Antietam Watershed," Eyler said. "This once-rare species in the area is expanding its range due to successful conservation efforts."

Eyler will discuss the biology and status of black bears in the mid-Atlantic region and how the Maryland Department of Natural Resources manages this charismatic species and the challenges they can present.

A Waynesboro native, Eyler holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from Penn State and a master's in ecology from the University of Maryland. He has been a biologist with the Maryland DNR for 21 years.

For more information, email The Institute at info@NatureAndCultureInstitute.org, or call 717-762-0373.

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No seventh inning stretch for Panthers baseball fans

by Lisa Schauer

The seventh inning stretch is a time-honored tradition in professional baseball when fans have a chance to stand and stretch, cheering on their winning team halfway through the game's final inning.

That chance was narrowly missed for Panthers fans last week, when the Hancock High School boys' varsity baseball team lost to two different rivals in the final inning of each non-conference game.

Coming off a 0-10 loss in Berkeley Springs on Monday, April 3, the Panthers traveled to Cresaptown on Tuesday, April 4 to take on Calvary Christian Academy.

They were tied 2-2 at the bottom of the sixth, before the Eagles scored a winning run in the final inning.

Then on Thursday, April 6, the Hancock Panthers were leading the Forbes Road Cardinals 5-3 at the bottom of the sixth in Waterfall, Pa.

But fans watched their lead slip away in the seventh when the Cardinals chirped back with three winning runs and a final score of 6-5 for the home field team.



Hancock pitcher Logan Trumpower comes in to cover home plate as Indian's Garrett Stotler slides in on Monday, April 3.

The 2-5 Panthers were on the road again this week, Monday, April 10 in Fort Hill, and Tuesday, April 11 in Bedford County, Pa. pitted against Hyndman High School.

Their next home game will be on Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. versus Southern Fulton.

Panther pride at Berkeley Springs outdoor track and field event



Two of Hancock Panthers runners hustled around the track at the Berkeley Springs meet on Wednesday, April 5. photo by Lori Younker

by Lisa Schauer

The Hancock Panthers outdoor track and field team was represented at a quad event held at Berkeley Springs High School on Wednesday, April 5.

Junior Waylon Leach took second place in the shot put event with a distance of 38'7". Sophomore Brody Stratton placed fourth, putting 34'7".

Leach placed fifth in discus with a distance of 90'5".

Senior Aiden Faith won the long jump event with a height of 16'6". She also won the high jump event with a jump of 4'10".

Senior Josie Foltz won the discus event, placing first at 85'5".

Foltz also won first in shot put, with a distance of 30'3".

The next meet is today, Wednesday, April 12 at Hagerstown Community College.

Lady Panthers head across the river to play the Berkeley Springs Indians



Alyssa Keefer goes back to the fence to catch the fly in Wednesday, April 5, game against the Berkeley Springs Indians. photos by Lori Younker



Brianna Buskirk stretches to get Indians Jayda Thompson out at first. The Panthers lost to the Indians 9-0.



Skylar Smith hustles down the first base line and makes the turn to see if she can make it to second.



Hannah Stouffer squeezes the glove on the fly ball.



Amy Davis slides in to second base.

League bowling scores for mixed leagues

Bowling scores for the Tri-State Mixed on March 6:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 556, The Concorde 506 and Git-R-Done 497.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,633, The Concorde 1,443 and Git-R-Done 1,424.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 233, Pete Coe 204 and Mike Burks 201. Women: Sandy Bettag 200, Deloris Stotler 182 and Shirley Whittaker 166.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 665, Ed Braithwaite 532 and Mike Burks 526. Women: Sandy Bettag 519, Deloris Stotler 500 and Gilda Blank 448.

Bowling scores for the Tri-State Mixed on March 13:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 556, Git-R-Done 511 and The Concorde 485.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,583, Git-R-Done 1,386 and Old Vets 1,310.

High scratch game men: Joey Giles 220, Mike Burks 219 and Jeremy Breeden 214. Women: Deloris Stotler 184, Shirley Whittaker 181 and Sandy Bettag 175.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 579 and Mike Burks 572. Women: Deloris Stotler 480, Gilda Blank 451 and Sandy Bettag 444.

Bowling scores for the Tri-State Mixed on March 20:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 616, Git-R-Done 522 and Old Vets 513.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,677, Git-R-Done 1,542 and Old Vets 1,399.

High scratch game men: Jeremy Breeden 255, Pete Coe 203 and Mike Burks 202. Women: Deloris Stotler 192, Shirley Whittaker 159 and Bernadean Michael 158.

High scratch series men: Jeremy Breeden 736, Pete Coe 574 and John DuVall 514. Women: Deloris Stotler 507, Bernadean Michael 461 and Shirley Whittaker 432.

High average men: Jeremy Breeden 189, Pete Coe 182 and Mike Burks 166. Women: Deloris Stotler 157, Sandy Bettag 153 and Shirley Whittaker 150.

Standings wins: Mike's Scrap Metal 61, Git-R-Done 47, The Concorde 46, Team Name Here 44.5, Old Vets 43.5, Kaponites 40 and Spare Me 37.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on March 9:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 509, King Pins 482 and Country Side Doodles 446.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,338, King Pins 1,326 and Country Side Doodles 1,299.

High scratch game men: Pete Coe 195, Mike Burks 192 and John DuVall 184. Women: Sandy Bettag 183, Debbie Wachter 153 and Bernadean Michael 149.

High scratch series men: Pete Coe 527, John DuVall 498 and Bobby Farris 491. Women: Sandy Bettag 450, Deloris Stotler 405 and Debbie Wachter 386.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on March 16:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 527, Country Side Doodles 520 and King Pins 481.

High scratch series: Country Side Doodles 1,408, Mike's Scrap Metal 1,389 and King Pins 1,368.

High scratch game men: Bobby Farris 244, Dick Voorhaar 213 and Pete Coe 204. Women: Deloris Stotler 172, Sandy Bettag 167 and Bernadean Michael 154.

High scratch series men: Dick Voorhaar 577, Pete Coe 564 and Bobby Farris 543.

Women: Deloris Stotler 485, Sandy Bettag 451 and Bernadean Michael 416.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on March 2:

High scratch game: Mike's Scrap Metal 529, King Pins 495 and Country Side Doodles 480.

High scratch series: Mike's Scrap Metal 1,537, Country Side Doodles 1,365 and King Pins 1,361.

High scratch game men: Bobby Farris 225, Dick Voorhaar 211 and Jack Wachter 168. Women: Deloris Stotler 191, Sandy Bettag 179 and Susie King 150.

High scratch series men: Bobby Farris 589, Dick Voorhaar 528 and Mike Burks 466. Women: Deloris Stotler 482, Sandy Bettag 461 and Bernadean Michael 416.

High average men: Pete Coe 176, Dick Voorhaar 171, Mike Burks 164 and John DuVall 164. Women: Deloris Stotler 162, Sandy Bettag 152 and Shirley Whittaker 147.

Standings: Mike's Scrap Metal 68-36, Strikers 55.5-48.5, King Pins 54.5-49.5 and Country Side Doodles 46-58.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer, PA
864 Jefferson Boulevard
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 79988
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Elizabeth Ann Ruos.

Notice is given that Douglas V. Ruos, 19202 Olde Waterford Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on March 29, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Elizabeth Ann Ruos who died on January 13, 2023 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 September, 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.

Douglas V. Ruos
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-12-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80063
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Wilma E. Clark.

Notice is given that Dale A. Clark, 42 N. Main St., Box 474, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on March 30, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Wilma E. Clark who died on March 6, 2023 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 30th day of September, 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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Dale A. Clark
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Letters To The Editor
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will not be published.

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

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

Estate No. 80128
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Sally Ann Cline.

Notice is given that Robert L. Webb, Sr., 13035 Ritchie Road, Smithsburg, Maryland 21783 was on March 30, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Sally Ann Cline who died on March 17, 2009 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.

Robert L. Webb, Sr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-12-1thn

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

Estate No. 80139
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Bernard Kerns

Notice is given that Debra Kerns, 840 Camp Ridge Rd., Harrisonville, PA 17228 was on April 4, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Bernard Kerns who died on February 13, 2023 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:

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Debra Kerns
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Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

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

Estate No. 80125
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Myrtle Elizabeth Lapole.

Notice is given that Robert L. Webb, Sr., 13035 Ritchie Road, Smithsburg, Maryland 21783 was on March 30, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Myrtle Elizabeth Lapole who died on March 10, 2019 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.

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152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

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

Estate No. 80127
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Virgie Cline.

Notice is given that Robert L. Webb, Sr., 13035 Ritchie Road, Smithsburg, Maryland 21783 was on March 30, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Mary Virgie Cline who died on October 1, 2018 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.

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pd4-12-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80124
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Tammy Greer.

Notice is given that Christina Cleveland, 87 Hemlock Lane, Gerrardstown, WV 25420 was on March 29, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Tammy Greer who died on February 23, 2023 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 29th day of September, 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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Christina Cleveland
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80107
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Samuel Edward Williams, Sr.

Notice is given that Samuel Edward Williams, Jr., 11910 Greenhill Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on April 6, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Samuel Edward Williams who died on February 26, 2023 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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Samuel Edward Williams, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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pd4-12-1thn

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

Estate No. 78185
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jack Allyn Pike.

Notice is given that Mary Pike, 6 W. Main St., Apt. 41, Hancock, MD 21750 was on January 3, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jack Allyn Pike who died on July 27, 2021 with a will.

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

All 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.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80123
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lorraine Elizabeth Kline.

Notice is given that Cheri Haupt, 18646 Keedysville Rd., Keedysville, MD 21756 was on March 29, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lorraine Elizabeth Kline who died on February 7, 2023 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 29th day of September, 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.

Cheri Haupt
Personal Representative
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pd4-12-3th

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Estate No. 80043
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Phillip Doran Bresee.

Notice is given that Leslie Bresee, 17935 College Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on March 7, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Phillip Doran Bresee who died on February 18, 2023 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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Notice is given that Michael Lee Becraft, 16605 Here at Last Lane, Charlotte, NC 28278 was on March 31, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gertrud Margaret Kerr who died on March 25, 2023 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 30th day of September, 2023.

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The Washington County Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center at 7303 Sharpsburg Pike in Boonsboro.

The plant sale will feature over 3,000 plants grown by Master Gardeners including perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, fruits and houseplants.

A garden market will feature new and used gardening books, tools, art, gifts and supplies. A silent auction will spotlight dozens of garden items donated by local businesses.

Visitors will get free gardening tips and learn about the Master Gardener program. Children will have a children's learning area.

All funds raised by the plant sale support the gardening education programs of the Master Gardeners. Both cash and checks will be accepted.

The event will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection.

Volunteer educators with the University of Maryland Extension, Master Gardeners teach people safe, effective gardening practices that build healthy gardens and communities. They give educational talks, create demonstration gardens, offer therapeutic



horticulture programs, recognize Bay-Wise landscapes, and host information booths at community events.

For more information on the event or the Master Gardener program, contact Annette Cormany at acormany@umd.edu or 301-791-1604.

Spring nature journaling with PVAS

A nature journal gathering will explore the marsh edges returning to life after winter on Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Looking for migrating birds and new life along the marsh and creek edges, as well as flowering and budding trees and meadow plants. Stauffer's Marsh is also a good place to follow tracks of foxes and rabbits, if there's a bit of mud.

Spring is splendid, no matter the weather, so dress for the weather and tune in to your senses. Take a nature journal supplies (pencil and blank book, other supplies welcome), a chair and water.

PVAS Field Journaling Guides Deana Thorsell and Noah Alcantara will meet near the parking lot in the main open space, meander the trails and fields at our own pace and eventually return again to the same spot to add details to our work and share inspiration.

For questions, contact Thorsell at wvdeana@hotmail.com.

For additional details, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/spring-nature-journaling-at-stauffers-marsh-nature-preserve-2



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This event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. Children 12+ are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes and take along drinking water.

For details and to register, go to: www.potomacaudubon.org/event/usgs-eastern-ecological-science-center-spring-bird-walk

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The group will meet at 10 a.m. in the large parking lot on Canal Road at Lock 38, across from Shepherdstown. Wear comfortable walking shoes and know that if it has been rainy, the trails may be slippery or muddy in spots.

Everyone is welcome to join the Wellness Walks/ This event is free, open to the public and all ages are welcome to attend. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

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


For additional details, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/wellness-walk-on-the-co-canal-near-lock-38



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Capricorn, you are surrounded by positive energy and eager to be out and about with friends this week. Start exploring all of the possibilities around you.
Aries, you don't want to have mundane tasks hanging over your head. Try to check as many of them off your to-do list this week as you can. This will free up a lot of free time.
Cancer, this week will be a busy time for social opportunities. Other people will want to be around you as you can be the life of the party when you come out of your shell.
Libra, take advantage of some free time to get things done around the house, Libra. Cleaning or other home improvements should be a priority.
Aquarius, this may be a good week to devote a large chunk of time to being alone. Some time with just your thoughts and a little silence could be everything you need.
Taurus, you may be planning a much-needed vacation at the present time. Figure out a place you've never been and then fill your itinerary with plenty of fun things.
Leo, don't be surprised if your energy level is high this week, Leo. This leads to you feeling restless at home and even at work. This could be a fine time to take up a hobby.
Pisces, discussions at work could get a bit heated. It's best to distance yourself from these situations as best as you can.
Gemini, you likely will have to devote a lot of attention to practical matters in the days to come, Gemini. This includes taking a hard look at your spending and making cuts.
Virgo, you may be looking forward to an evening out with a romantic partner or close friends. Try to narrow down a day this week or next. Have a few restaurants at the ready.
Sagittarius, the thought of financial prosperity has you scouring the recruitment sites this week, Sagittarius. Speak to others about the pros and cons of leaving your current job.

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Spring brings greater risk of wildfire in Maryland

Spring wildfire season has begun in Maryland, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources urges residents across the state to prepare and help prevent wildfires.

Wildfire occurrence is highest in the spring and fall when forest fuels are the driest and weather conditions — warm, dry, and windy — are most conducive for the spread of fire.

The department works closely with the National Weather Service to notify citizens on days when this threat is most likely.

Each year, the Maryland Forest Service responds to an average of 122 wildland fires that burn 1,050 acres of forest, brush, and grasses.

The Department of Natural Resources also helps equip and train Maryland’s local volunteer fire companies to combat wildland fires through its Volunteer Fire Assistance Program.

The leading unintentional cause of wildfires in Maryland is burning of debris or any kind of outdoor burning, which on a 10-year average accounts for 34% of the fires to which the Maryland Forest Service responds.

The second-leading cause is arson, followed by several

other man-made causes such as heat or sparks from equipment use. Lightning is the only natural source of fire ignition, but accounts for only 3% of fire starts.

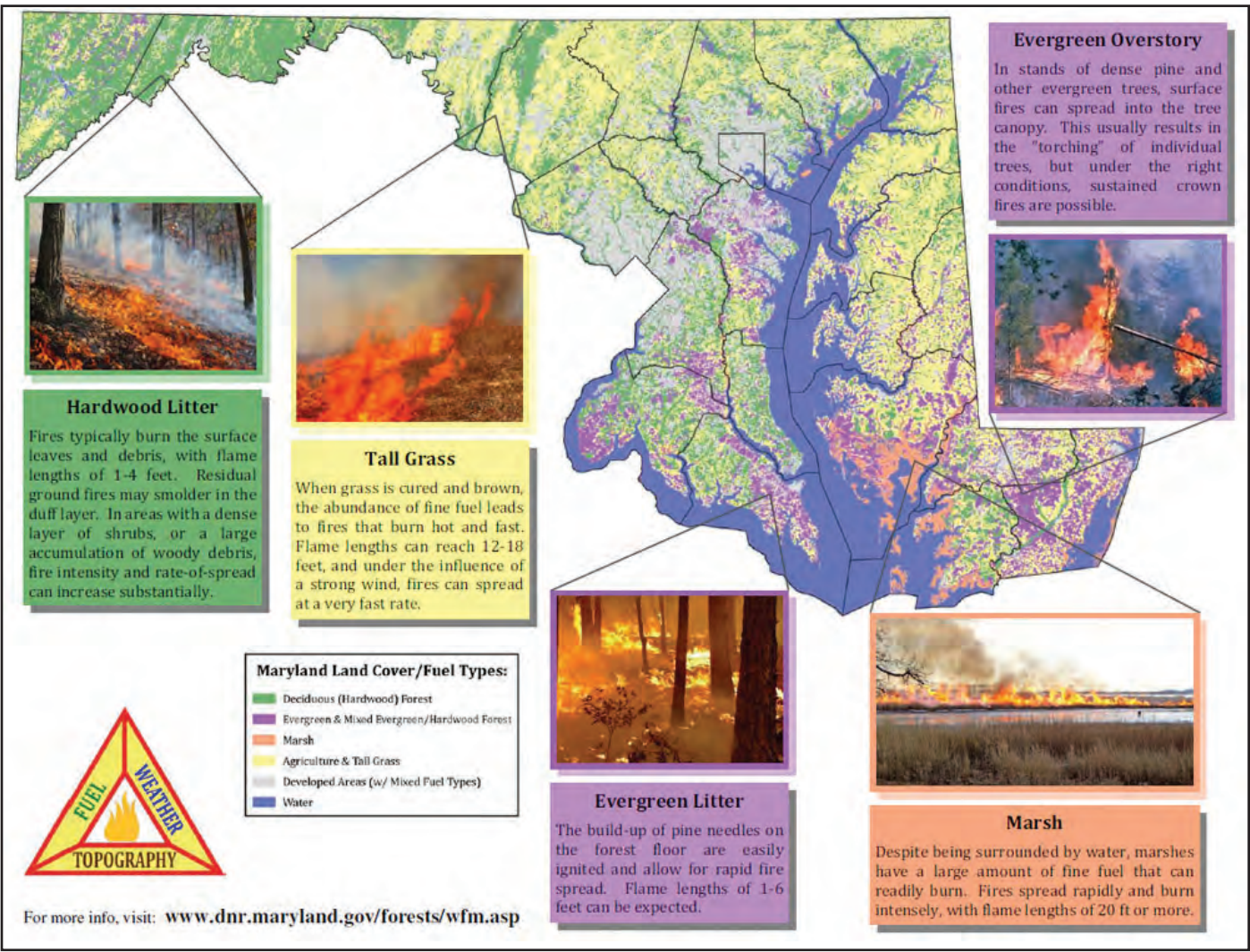
The Maryland Forest Service recommends alternatives that are safer and more environmentally friendly than

outdoor debris burning — including composting or mulching of yard waste, leaves and brush, and using larger brush or trees for firewood.

Outdoor burning should only be done on low fire danger days. State regulations apply to activities in or within 200 feet of woodland, or activities adjacent to or within an area where flammable materials are located.

Open air burning is only allowed if:

- There is a natural or constructed fire break at least 10 feet wide completely around the material to be burned that is free of flammable materials;
- Adequate personnel and equipment are present to prevent the fire from escaping;
- At least one responsible person remains at the location of the fire until the last spark is out; and



— Burning occurs between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight unless the ground is covered with snow.

Residents should check with their county or municipal health department for

local regulations and permit requirements before burning. More information on open

air burning is available on the Department of Natural Resources website.

Transport disaster

(from front)
Placards on rail cars alert first responders to what is inside.

Morgan County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director Jason Hoover has said the county’s first step would be to contact CSX or the appropriate rail company to verify the contents of rail cars and tap their expert resources in how to respond to any spill or fire.

Morgan County fire and EMS units have the same training as Hancock agencies, and would work to coordinate their response through Emergency Services managers, who can request equipment, staffing and expertise from their respective states and national emergency agencies.

How does evacuation work?

“If Hancock had to be evacuated, command would be in contact with the Division of Emergency Services in Washington County and have them send a text out on Everbridge to the community and also request the assistance of the police department to make announcements on a PA system while driving through the community, and if needed go door to door,” Hoopengardner said.

He added they would also send personnel to the airport to make sure they are evacuated as well.

With the train yard being close to the 522 bridge, there is the possibility the crossing over the Potomac would be closed, too.

Hoopengardner said once command had evaluated the incident and decided the road would need shut down, they would have dispatch contact MDOT and West Virginia Division of Highways to shut down U.S. 522.

With the Hancock area being at the crossroads for four roads — US 522, US 40/MD144, I-68, and I-70 — there are tanker trucks hauling gasoline and other chemicals through the area at all times.

In the Frederick incident, the tractor-trailer was loaded with gasoline when it wrecked, causing damage to the tanker and allowing the gasoline to spill onto the ground and catch fire, the fire chief said. The fuel spread as it continued to spill out.

“We have too many possible scenarios here where we live because of all the interstates to try and say what we

would do,” Hoopengardner said.

He gave an example of a tanker crashing on the I-70 bridge over Pennsylvania Avenue with the same scenario as Frederick.

Hoopengardner said units would arrive on scene and set up a command post and request additional resources from other companies while attempting to extinguish the fire — Hazmat, Town of Hancock, state roads, MDE, and activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

“We would then request the police department evacuate Pennsylvania Avenue from Resley Street to High Street and have the 911 center send a text out over Everbridge of an immediate evacuation of that area,” Hoopengardner said.

He added there would be a request for a foam unit to help extinguish the fire from Hagerstown Regional Airport and Martinsburg Airport.

“We would try and contain the spill to that area,” Hoopengardner said.

He noted firefighters in Hancock don’t train enough for these situations and they have their initial training and reading materials through the year.

Chief Stephen Barnhart of the Hancock Rescue Squad said Company 59 would respond with their heavy rescue squad that has a lot of specialty equipment to assist the fire department with absorbents if there are leaks, and damming or diking to help with water control.

There are also pads that could divert whatever chemicals are going into streams and storm drains.

Barnhart also said they’d respond with manpower to assist the fire department with putting out any fire as well, including mitigation of any chemicals. He added there are rescue techs that would be available.

Hancock Rescue would be at the direction of command and more than likely be the first EMS response to be on scene taking care of any patients who might be injured or exposed to anything.

“Our primary role first, as far as the EMS side of it, would be take care of any critically injured or sick people from any hazardous material that may have come about,” Barnhart said.

Hancock has two medic units available at the station

and would take both to the scene as there will more than likely be multiple patients, so it would be mitigated with the second unit and as much manpower as possible.

Barnhart said the type of incident and injuries would dictate where patients might go for treatment.

Each railcar or tanker has a placard alerting first responders and others what is being transported in the containers and there is a guidebook first responders have that would also help in determining where the patients go for treatment or if there needs to be an evacuation or shelter in place issued.

Barnhart said if somebody were exposed to chemicals, they would get treatment at Meritus in Hagerstown if possible, as they have a decontamination unit and could handle the number of possible patients. It’s also a level three trauma center.

If a patient isn’t stable, they would go to War Memorial Hospital, which is much closer.

Should there be an evacuation situation, Hancock Rescue Squad would assist and could assist with some of their utility vehicles if there was a mass evacuation due to whatever chemical possibly floating in the air.

Barnhart said if they had to evacuate for a possible two-mile radius, they would have to see what manpower they could pull together to assist the fire department.

In that situation though, Barnhart said they’d also be pulling resources from other parts of Washington County as well, along with the major role police would play as well.

Safety of bystanders

With people looking to get “likes” and other forms of social media affirmation, there will bound to be onlookers looking to get a closer look at major emergency sites.

Hoopengardner said if people know what’s going on, they should stay inside their homes until an evacuation order is issued because it could be decided that a shelter in place could be issued instead of being evacuated.

Should the evacuation order be given, Hoopengardner said people should only take with them what’s necessary for a couple days like medications, clothes for a couple days, cash, and credit cards.

Agencies recommend each household has an emergency kit ready in case of such events.

Depending on what’s involved, command could shut down U.S. 522 in Maryland at the bridge initially and in West Virginia near Lover’s Leap, River Road at Culp Road, Pious Ridge at River Road, and Fairview Drive at River Road for a train derailment.

“Doing this shuts down access to the crash site,” he said.

When asked how the public could keep themselves safe if there was a tanker explosion, Hoopengardner admitted it wasn’t an easy question to answer because it depends on the type of call.

If it was like Frederick, Hoopengardner said people would need to get away from the area involved in the fire.

“If I lived where Harry’s store used to be [on Pennsylvania Avenue], I would walk out the back door and walk towards Virginia Ave.,” Hoopengardner said.

If it’s a train derailment with a hazardous substance leaking and the wind carrying it over Hancock and no evacuation order given, Hoopengardner said people should shelter in place. That means bringing family and pets inside; locking doors and closing windows, air vents, and fireplace dampers; and turning off fans, air conditioners, and force heating systems.

“If you know of an emergency, listen to local media for updates and what you may need to do,” he said. “Do not try and see what’s going on.”

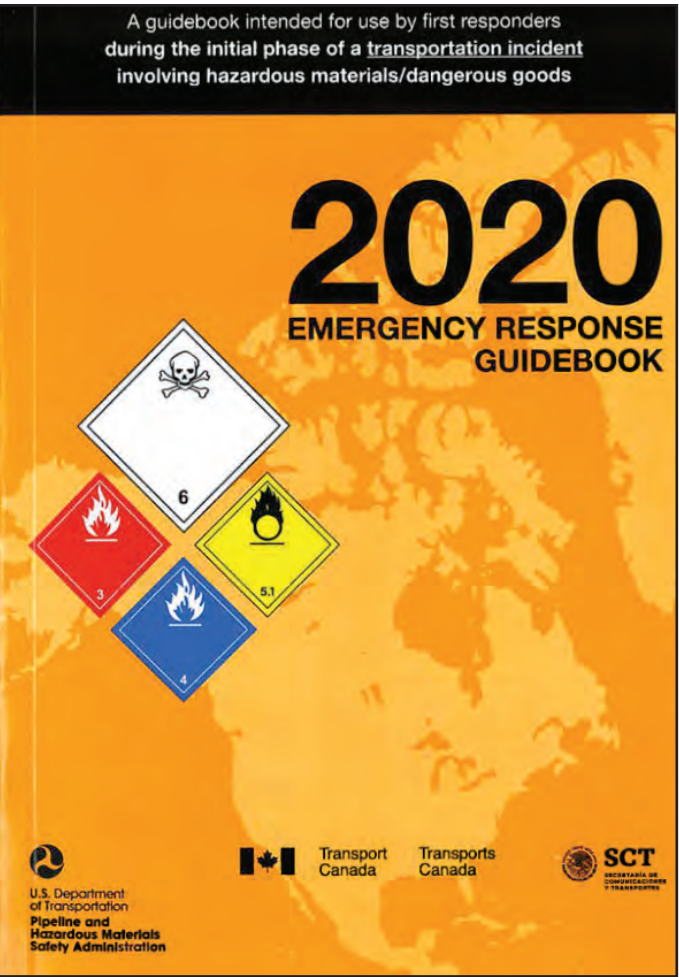
Hoopengardner added people should listen to firefighters, EMS, and/or police when they tell you to either evacuate or shelter in place.

“Remember we only do this when it is absolutely necessary to keep you safe,” he said.

Barnhart added if there were to be a large-scale incident and there were not an immediate threat to a person, he would strongly suggest a shelter in place until instructed otherwise.

“Shelter in place is probably the best thing until you hear otherwise and just monitor local TV channels and radio channels,” he said.

Eric Jacobs, Washington County’s Division of Emergency Services Operations Manager, said generally an



incident like a train derailment would require a great deal of command, control, and communications.

“Washington County,

through Emergency Management, would be charged with updating the general public on potential risks and known evacuations,” he said.

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