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Weather

Wed. 72/45 4/19

4/19
Sunny with west winds 8-10 mph, gusts as high as 18 mph.

Thurs. 85/53
4/20
Mostly sunny with south winds 8-13
mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Fri. 87/56
Wostly sunny with a high around

Mostly sunny with a high around 87 and a low near 56.

Sat. 77/44

4/22
70% chance of showers in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy.

Sun. 4/23 59/35 59/35 40% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high around 59.

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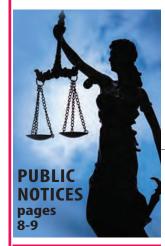
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Lanehart is Hancock's next mayor McCusker & Strong win seats on council

by Geoff Fox

Hancock residents turned out in low numbers Monday, April 17, to make their votes count as they voted to elect a mayor and two councilmen.

In a mayoral upset, former councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. beat incumbent mayor Tim Smith 134-74. A third candidate for mayor, Preston Hall, brought in nine votes.

Incumbent Councilman Joshua McCusker and newcomer Richard Strong were vying for the two seats on Hancock town council.

McCusker pulled in 168 votes and Strong received 135 votes. Both were already guaranteed their seats as they were unopposed in their race for two seats.

Election officials said there were 219 total ballots cast with 10 absentee votes and 209 in-person ballots. There are 1,079 voters in the Hancock area, according to county voting records.

Vote totals were tabulated shortly after 8 p.m. at the Hancock Town Hall.

Town officials will hold a



A total of 219 votes were cast in the 2023 Hancock municipal election on Monday, April 17, with Roland Lanehart, Jr. (center) winning the mayoral seat with 134 votes compared to fellow candidates Tim Smith's 74 and Preston Hall's nine. Richard Strong (left) received 135 votes and Josh McCusker (right) received 168 votes. All three men will be sworn in to their seat at a special town meeting on Monday, May 8, at Town Hall.

special town meeting on Monday, May 8, for the swearing in of the new mayor and councilmen. The regularly scheduled monthly town meeting will be held the following night on Tuesday, May 9.

Hancock buys Weaver's

by Geoff Fox

Hancock officials have signed a contract to purchase 77 West Main Street, formerly known as Weaver's Restaurant, and included the parking lot across the street for \$195,000.

Town Manager Mike Faith said once the town has completed that acquisition, the parking lot will have a parking meter kiosk added to it.

Once cleaned out, Faith said the town will put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the building.

Faith said when Weaver's closed, it was as if the owners turned out the lights and left everything as is in the building.

Some of the equipment in the building was leased and the town will have the companies who have ownership of that equipment come pick it up.



Hancock town officials have agreed to buy the former Weaver's Restaurant and a nearby lot for \$195,000.

Anything else left in the former restaurant would then have to be sold.

"We're not sure if we're going to sell it separately or with the building," Faith said about the equipment.

During the April town meeting, town officials unanimously gave Mayor Tim Smith authority to sign the contract to purchase the property at 77 West Main Street.

The purchase price of the property was \$195,000. Faith said the owner is getting \$190,000 with the other \$5,000 going toward paying taxes, water, and sewer.

see **WEAVER'S** page 6

Town awards trash collection contract to Burgmeier's

by Geoff Fox

In what could have been one of their shortest meetings to date, town officials agreed to award the contract to the company currently collecting residents' trash.

During the April town meeting last Wednesday, April 12, officials awarded the contract to Burgmeier's Hauling Inc. from Cumberland.

In a post on the town's social media page, officials said they were able to secure a contract that would allow the town to keep sanitation rates the same through the end of 2025.

Officials reminded residents to place their trash along the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

Residents are encouraged to place their trash along the curb the evening before, not the morning of collection, officials said.

The trash must be placed at the curb because when the trash truck stops at a location and there is no trash to pick up, the area around the location is photographed.

Trash pick up will start every Wednesday at 5 a.m. with recycling continuing on the same bi-weekly schedule.

When collecting trash and recycling, Burgmeier's trucks collect both the recycling and trash in the same truck, however they are loaded into different compartments.

There were five bids re-

ceived for the trash collection contract – Burgmeier's (\$484,695, tipping fee included), Apple Valley (\$634,360 no tipping fee), New Covenant (\$420,000, tipping fee included), J&J Trash Service (\$464,249, no tipping fee included), and Weaver's Sanitation (\$478,891, no tipping fee included).

"I don't think we are bound by the charter to go with the lowest bid," Faith said on Monday, April 17. "We can go with whatever bid we feel serves the citizens better."

Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. made the motion and seconded by Councilman David Kerns. Officials made the unanimous vote for Burgmeier's.



Kerns said the term of the contract would be three years and won't make the town raise rates over the next three years.

"Nobody's going to have to worry about their trash bill going up," Kerns said.

see TRASH CONTRACT page 6

Man who murdered Hancock resident found dead in prison

by Geoff Fox

The man serving life in prison in the murder of a Hancock man in 2016 was found dead in his cell at the State Correctional Institution at Somerset last week.

Ryan Lynn Horton, 34, was found unresponsive in his cell on April 11, Superintendent of the prison Eric Tice said in a release.

Prison staff and medical personnel immediately responded and provided lifesaving measures. EMS arrived and advanced life support measures were continued.

Horton was declared deceased at 6:16 p.m., the release said.

Horton was serving a life sentence for the first-degree murder of Edward Gilhart in 2016. He had been at SCI Somerset since February 19, 2021.

In accordance with state policy, Pennsylvania State Police were notified and conducting an investigation.

An official cause of death

is to be determined by the Somerset County Coroner's Office, the release said.

Gilhart was murdered on

Gilhart was murdered on June 2, 2016, in what was described as a staged robbery scheme near Mercersburg in Franklin County.

Gilhart was on his way from his Hancock home to work between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, June 2 when he stopped his car to examine a duffle bag in the middle of the road that had been placed there by Horton and Christian Harris.

Horton then came from behind a rock, shooting Gilhart multiple times and removing the contents of his wallet, including \$24 in cash.

A motorist alerted police to Gilhart's body in the roadway around 4 a.m. that morning. The driver told police they had tried to swerve to miss hitting the body but was unable to avoid it.

When police examined Gilhart's body, they found he had suffered multiple gunshot wounds and injuries consistent with being struck by a vehicle.

Gilhart's vehicle was found in Fulton County along Mill Hill Road – approximately 25 miles away from the murder scene.

Horton dumped Gilhart's vehicle in Fulton County and poured antifreeze throughout the Kia Sportage. Police later found the vehicle still running and the front bumper resting against a tree along the west side of the road.

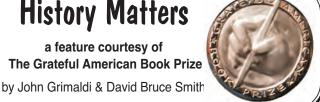
Pennsylvania State Police got a break in the case on Monday, June 6, 2016, when Emily Tucker arrived at the McConnellsburg barracks to report a domestic assault.

During the investigation, police found that three people – Tucker, Harris and Horton – had come up with a plan to stage a roadside robbery and then carried it out, leading to Gilhart's death.

DPINIONS

History Matters

a feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize



April 16 through April 30



California is the land of cloudless climate—and—episodic earthquakes. According to The U.S. Geological Survey tremors occur every three minutes, but most are undetectable.

Even so, two or three sizeable shocks pop up each year, which cause confined upheaval up to 5.5 on the Richter Scale.

On April 18, 1906, San Francisco was flattened by a oncein-a 200-year-7.8-seismic-calamity that rubbed out 3,000 residents and planed 30,000 buildings. According to History.com, it "was caused by a slip of the San Andreas Fault over a segment about 275 miles long, and shock waves could be felt from southern Oregon down to Los Angeles."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends A City Tossed and Broken: The Diary of Minnie Bonner: San Francisco, California, 1906 by Judy Blundell.



John Paul Jones was-arguably—the greatest naval commander in the nation's history; daring and dedicated during the Revolutionary War, he eventually earned the epithet "Father of the American Navy.'

On April 22, 1778, the audacious Jones led "a small detachment of two boats from his ship, the USS Ranger, to raid the shallow port at Whitehaven, England, where, by his own account, 400 British mer-

chant ships were anchored," according to History.com. He and 30 volunteers captured a fort, disabled its cannons, and set a fire that engulfed the town.

The captain's seafaring tour de force occurred "when he led the frigate USS Bonhomme Richard, into an engagement with the 50-gun British warship HMS Serapis...When the captain of the Serapis ordered Jones to surrender, Jones famously replied, I have not yet begun to fight! A few hours later, the captain and crew of the Serapis admitted defeat and Jones took command of the British ship."

For more information, The Grateful American Book Prize strong Sperry.



The Library of Congress has the world's largest portfolio of books, films, videos, audio recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts.

On April 24, 1800, President John Adams signed legislation that provided \$5,000 for the purchase of books. Two years later, the library had 964 volumes and nine maps. But according to History.com "the British army invaded the city of Washington [during the War of 1812] and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume Library of Congress.'

Former president Thomas Jefferson came to the rescue [and sold] "his personal library [6,487 volumes], the largest and finest in the country," to restart it. "In 1851, a second major fire at the library destroyed about two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes, including two-thirds of the [Jefferson's books]. Congress responded quickly and generously to the disaster, and within a few years a majority of the lost books were replaced.'

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends America's Greatest Library: An Illustrated History of the Library of Congress by its historian, John Y. Cole.

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Calendar of Events **APRIL**

Monday, April 24 Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25 - Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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Dear EarthTalk:

Is buying refurbished electronics better for the planet than buying brand new ones?

—Peter Behr, Chicago, IL

According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the world produces some 50 million tons of electronic waste each year, and the figure is increasing. Meanwhile, only 20 percent of this electronic waste is disposed of properly. The remaining 80 percent is either sent to landfills, incinerated or illegally traded, resulting in a host of environmental problems including groundwater pollution, reduced air quality and the depletion of virgin natural resources to replace discarded items. As a result, buying refurbished electronics is a step in the right direction.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that buying refurbished electronics can significantly reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste. The EPA estimates that for every million smartphones that are refurbished and reused, approximately 35,000 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered. This is a considerable number of valuable resources that can be conserved by buying refurbished electronics.

Refurbishing electronics not only conserve resources but also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 50 percent, according to the EPA. This is because the production of new electronics requires a lot of energy, and greenhouse gas emissions are generated during the manufacturing process. "Most of the pollution that's made actually is in the manufacturing of the device, not the use," says Lucas Gutterman of the non-profit public interest group, U.S. PIRG. "So buying refurbished and using things for as long as we possibly can, really helps protect the environment."

Buying refurbished is also good for the pocketbook, given that they cost less. But is the savings worth it? Refurbished items sold by reputable retailers undergo tests and inspections to ensure that they meet the same quality standards as new items. According to the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), a trade association for the consumer electronics industry, buyers should look for refurbished electronics that come with a warranty that assures that the item has been thoroughly vetted and is of high quality.

"Some credit card companies will extend coverage on refurbished goods, too, as long as they come with a preexisting warranty," notes Consumer Reports' Yael Grauer. Another smart consumer tip is to always check the return policy on a refurbished item before hitting the "buy" button. "It might take you a little while to notice poor performance and defects in a refurbished product, so it helps to have at least one month to decide whether you want to keep it," adds Grauer.

Apple, Dell, Amazon, Walmart and BestBuy are among the large companies that sell many refurbished electronics with limited warranties and a return policy. Dozens of other smaller resellers (e.g., Refurb.io, Gazelle, TechForLess, RefurbMe, etc.) also specialize in refurbished products and typically offer similar if not better terms for consumers. "Buying refurbished products positively impacts the environment by boosting the circular economy, lowering the replacement cycle, reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, avoiding additional e-waste, and reducing energy and fuel consumption," says Simo Elalj of RefurbMe. "You do this by giving a new life to a preowned device."

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of **April 10-16:**

April 10

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, three stops. Suspicious person, first block Fleming Court. Unable

Suspicious person, first block Fleming Court. Gone on arrival.

Assisted EMS, first block East Main Street.

Well being check, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject checked okay.

911 hang-up, East Main Street. Accidental.

Washington Assisted County Sheriff's Office, first block Fleming Court. Police information.

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

Traffic complaint, first block Fulton Street. Unable to locate vehicle.

Assisted Washington Sheriff's Office, County block Roundtop 14,000 Road. Accidental 911 hang-

Assisted Maryland State Police, Rt. 522. Disabled ve-

April 11

Traffic hazard, 100 block Limestone Road. Tractortrailer stuck. Gone on arrival. Service to advise, 100

block Washington Street. Subject advised. Property damage, accident Pennsylvania Avenue. Infor-

mation exchanged. Disorderly conduct, 200 block Terrace Street. Sub-

jects advised. Alarm, 200 block West Main Street. Accidental.

April 12 Assisted Maryland State

Police, 2-mile marker eastbound I-70. Disabled vehicle. April 13

911 hang-up, 100 block East Main Street. Accidental. Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, one stop.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 200 block Terrace Street. Attempt to locate missing juvenile.

Property damage accident, Fulton Street. Information exchanged.

Parking complaint, 200 block West High Street. Owner advised.

Police information. Hancock area. Information taken.

Undesirable, Hancock Boat Ramp. Subject moved along. April 14

Traffic complaint, West Main Street area. Unable to locate vehicle.

enforcement, Traffic Hancock area, six stops.

Property damage accident, West High Street. Information exchanged.

Disabled vehicle West High Street. Vehicle moved

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 200 block East Main Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, 200 block Terrace Street. Subject

Suspicious person, Widmeyer Park. Nothing found. 911 hang-up, 200 block

Baptist Road. Unfounded. Service to advise, 200 block Terrace Street. Subject

advised. Warrant service. Warrant served on Joshua Allen Mellott, 39, of Hancock for FTA

traffic. Assisted Maryland State Police, 75-mile marker westbound I-68. Disabled vehicle.

April 15 enforcement. Traffic Hancock area, six stops.

Suspicious person, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised and moved on. April 16

Lost/found property, 100 block West High Street. Bike found and stored at police de-

partment. Assisted Maryland State Police, Exit 3 eastbound I-70.

Accident. Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, one stop.

Preparing for a transport disaster, Part II:

How is Hancock positioned to handle train or truck emergencies?

by Geoff Fox

Last week, The Hancock News reported on how Hancock Fire Company and Hancock Rescue Squad are prepared to respond to a train derailment or truck accident similar to recent incidents in East Palestine, Ohio, and Frederick.

In part two, we look at how the county's emergency services would coordinate with state and local agencies to tackle a major disaster incident in Hancock.

Washington County Division of Emergency Services Operations Manager - Fire EMS Eric Jacobs said multiple units from Washington County would be called in for any kind of mass incident in Hancock.

"Understand although Company 5 and 59 are in Hancock, they are part of Washington County Emergency Services," he said in an email.

Jacobs said units from across Washington County, such as the Haz-Mat unit that is staffed by career firefighters at Funkstown, would be called in to help local first re-

Because train lines run through Morgan County, W.Va., any train derailment or spill incident would trigger an Incident Command System by that county. Hancock Fire Company and Rescue could be assigned a role or responsibility in the larger incident response.

"With an incident such as a train derailment, unified command will likely involve fire/rescue chief officers, Law enforcement representatives, Emergency Management representatives, State and County designees, and a host of personnel for ancillary duties," he said.

Jacobs said if an evacuation were to be implemented for Hancock, it would be coordinated with town officials, Emergency Management, law enforcement representatives, and fire and rescue personner available.

Social media, along with mass notification system Everbridge, would also be used to coordinate and applied for evacuation purposes, Jacobs said.

In the case of a highway tanker spill or explosion, the airport does have a crash unit that carries foam and could be alerted to respond, based on the severity.

Jacobs said this unit was also requested for the March

Frederick.

Training for such situations are part of initial firefighting courses and, likewise, the Incident Command System is also part of the training at Chief Officer levels, Jacobs said.

"Training for these types of incidents are not common or uncommon, basics are provided and reinforced through additional courses in F/R education platform," he said.

Local Emergency Planning Committees can coordinate drills for such incidents like these, he added.

Jacobs 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.

Even though a state line and a river divides the rail lines from Hancock, environmental impacts could be felt in the entire area.

Jay Apperson, Deputy Director for the Office of Communications for the Maryland Department of the Environment, said the department's Emergency Response Team would coordinate with their counterparts in West Virginia on any response through the National Incident Management System, and likely through a Unified Command process, assuming there is an impact to the waters of the Potomac and/or the State of Maryland.

Both states are participants in EPA's Regional Response Team III (RRTIII), which is a multi-agency coordinating group ensuring effective planning, preparedness and response to oil and chemical incidents affecting human health and safety, as well as the environment.

"Through the RRT framework, we maintain an ongoing working relationship with our counterparts from within the US EPA Region III states, as well as various federal agency counterparts who have roles and responsibilities in incidents of this nature," Apperson said in an email.

In case of a rail car spill or tanker leak, environmental testing would need to be geared toward the specific chemicals involved in an accident. Placards on trucks and rail cars show what is being

4 gasoline tanker explosion in carried inside them, using a code system. First responders can refer to those codes and symbols to assess quickly what's in a tanker.

There is no testing tool that can detect every possible chemical, Apperson said.

"Additionally, the intake and treated waters of drinking water system must undergo periodic sampling," he said.

The MDE, he added, works with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), through a coordinated notification system, to inform water suppliers in the Potomac basin of any spills or other events that could potentially cause contamination.

The ICPRB has a time-oftravel model for estimating when a spilled chemical would potentially reach different points on the river so that system can adjust operations and treatment accordingly, Apperson said.

There have been incidents where a chemical spill upriver on the Potomac has led to the shutdown of water intakes by town public water supplies as the substance moves downriver.

Apperson said the MDE operates a statewide air quality monitoring network, too.

Town can declare emergency

Hancock Town Manager Mike Faith said under the town's charter, the mayor had broader powers in such a situation of an emergency like a derailment or explosion where he can declare an emergency.

"When you have an emergency situation, people need evacuated, you can't necessarily hold a vote, you can't go through committees and things like that," Faith said.

If there were a run on supermarkets or gas, the mayor could put forth some means on controlling people so they wouldn't be able to hoard things.

Faith pointed out that Hancock has its own police department and fire department, which some small municipalities do not have.

Town officials would then coordinate with those two agencies, he said.

Faith said the town could also coordinate services to residents through agencies like the Interfaith Service Coalition and others.

Faith said the town is considering holding an emergency response expo, where agencies from the county would come in and let residence know what resources are available.

Faith said Town Hall could be used as an evacuation point as there are cots available should there be a power loss and people are exposed to the heat of summer or cold of winter.

Right now, Town Hall does not have a generator, however the town is working on a grant to purchase one for the building.

The town is also in the process of coming up with a formalized plan and Faith said there might have been one in the past, but "who knows where that is now?"

Faith said the town has its website and social media pages to help with notification to residents in a possible evacuation.

There's also a phone list for water and sewer customers, he said, "so we would try to get the word out that way."

Without a local television station or radio station, Faith said the town could reach out to some of the groups in town like Rotary, ISC, Hancock in Motion, and have them help spread the word.

When he was a kid, Faith said he remembered the fire department being used to get the word out for what he thinks was a flood.

The town gets their water from a well that is an aquifer, which could be vulnerable in the case of a chemical spill or leak in the area.

Faith said the town could possibly have a permit to draw water from the Potomac River, as other towns do.

Should that happen, Faith said a portable filtration system could come in to assist in drawing water from the river.

There could also be a boil water requirement or limit on usage of water should that need arise.

"I can't imagine being able to supply the town at the same level of water with that doing a system like that," Faith said. Hancock's public water system has two wells. which has been a priority as town officials plan for a backup source if one well can't function.

While county, state and national resources are available to the town in case of an emergency, Hancock officials have discussed how to serve and protect local residents if those assets can't get to the area immediately.

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Orleans man arrested in domestic incident

by Geoff Fox

A Little Orleans man was arrested by the Allegany County Sheriff's Office on April 13 in connection to a domestic incident in Orleans and facing multiple charges.

According to police, deputies with Allegany County Sheriff's Office were alerted of a possible domestic assault victim on April 13.

Deputies were able to locate and speak to the victim at an undisclosed location.

Investigating deputies learned that a female victim had allegedly been assaulted on the evening of April 12 at her Orleans residence by Lucas Leroy Coleman, 43, of Orleans.

The victim reported that during the assault, Lucas had attempted to strangle her with a belt and cut her legs using a razor.

Lucas allegedly removed the rear tire from the victim's vehicle to prevent her from escaping.

After deputies observed injuries consistent with the vicstatements, they traveled to Coleman's Orleans home in an attempt to take him into custody.

Deputies would later locate Coleman in his vehicle on Mountain Road in Orleans.

Upon contact with Coleman showed signs of possible impairment by alcohol and/or

After completing a field sobriety test, Coleman was placed under arrest.

Police searched his car and found Coleman was in possession of a Smith and Wesson and a Glock handgun, both of which were loaded.

Coleman was transported to the Allegany County Detention Center and later ordered to be held without bail after an initial appearance before a District Court Commissioner. According to online court

documents, Coleman is charged with first and second degree assault, reckless endangerment, two counts of handgun in vehicle, two counts loaded handgun in vehicle, two counts handgun on person, two counts loaded handgun on person, two counts illegal possession of a firearm, two counts convicted felon possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammo, and false imprisonment.

Coleman is also facing multiple driving offenses.

A bail bond review hearing was held on April 14 and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 15.

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

SOUTH





Receive and Conceive His Mercy ...

While journeying with my dog recently, after a busy day, I was refreshed to find a small park to walk Bella, my yellow lab-dog. . For a half second I saw an accident coming; then a miracle.

As a person approached close, Bella wagged her tail, smiled as she swaggered toward the person, who then knelt down and welcomed Bella into her lap, together, perfect strangers. I approached and the youngish lady who saw me in my Roman-priest collar, who then said, "You have a hard job...I'll pray for you..." I replied it was my privilege and then after a bit she said, "Thank you!".

This woman was supremely open-- to absolute strangers--a dog and man; and, she was giving in nature--she supported my priesthood-ministry and thanked me for it... Receive and conceive. In the early Church and Acts of Apostles we read of openness: "Overcome with awe" and "sharing all things in common" and partaking of "the breaking of the Bread". Sounds charismatic, Pentecostal like--as it should, and so should we be--alive, open filled with some Spirit! Jesus got on the religious leaders -Scribes and Pharisees --because they were so closed, stuck up and asphyxiated on their own narrowness.

We can all get stuck up, tied, bound. By some past or present trouble, another person or an event, and become closed, stuck. We can be nervous, agitated people

Remember: Receptivity and generosity. Get and then give. Essentially, accept and bequest the

Lord's Mercy and Love.

We are Christians -hopefully in the Spirit and in Church, or, are you just "checking the boxes?" Openness to Him...How much (more) have you opened yourself --your heart, not just some mechanical brain-thoughts., to Him, to His forgiveness?

Now, think of "A Worst-Case Scenario" from gritty Life: Alessandro Serenelli who murdered St. Maria Goretti (+1902), after attempting to abuse her, and after 27 years in prison he was released and went to Maria's mother, who said: "If Maria forgives you so do I." He received radical forgiveness and then gave back to God- lived his life as a Franciscan brother, living in penancefor decades-all the way to 1970. Receive and conceive.

Sometimes we cannot or will not receive His forgiveness. We are closed, shut down, consciously or not. Perhaps you are unmerciful toward yourself, Maybe you're' a perfectionist and have all kinds of steel doors and barriers over your heart.

What is you needing to be be opened?--Remember the young lady meeting me and my dogand radical receptivity and giveaway? Be likewise.

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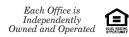
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Hancock Assembly of God, 431 North Pennsylvania Avenue, 301-678-5313 - Sunday school 10 a.m., worship service and kid's church 11 a.m. Evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday activities 7 p.m. Women's ministries first Tuesday of each

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

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. Alcholics 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.

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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.

Independent Corner 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

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 Suffe-

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.

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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.

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

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

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

Bethel Community Church, Bethel Church Road off Rt. 522, Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-991-7141 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday night fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Rev. Joe Martin.

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,

Doug Poffenberger.

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.

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 chil-

dren's church 10:45 a.m. Food

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Church, 180 South Washington

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258-2440 - Sunday service 10

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6939 Great Cove Road, Need-

more, Pa., 717-573-2212 - Sun-

day school and life groups 9

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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

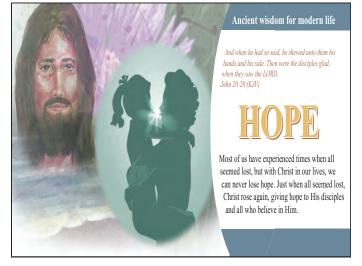
Whips Cove Church, Rt. 643, three miles east of Town Hill, Exit Rt. 156, 717-294-3229 - Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

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 Lvnn.

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

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., War-

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

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 discoplieship center. Pastor Lowell Bard.

Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Exline Road, Hancock, 301-678-6038 - Church service 9:30 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Andrew Ashkettle 1966-2023



Joseph Andrew Ashkettle, 56, Warfordsburg, Pa., passed away Friday, April 14, 2023.

Born December 25, 1966, in Hagerstown, Md., he was the son of the late Bernard Ashkettle and Irma Ashkettle.

He served 4 years in the

U.S. Marines as a Crew Chief. He was a Correctional Officer for 34 years at MCI-H and worked in construction for 28

He was of the Catholic faith.

Joe enjoyed taking care of and loving his family and helping as many people as he could.

Joe was a loving husband and wonderful father. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Bonnie Ashkettle; children Jacob, and wife, Emily, of Fredericksburg, Va., Emily, of Chambersburg, Pa., and Jeremiah and Adam, of Warfordsburg, Pa.; siblings Lynn Ashkettle, and fiancé, Cindy Clark, Mary Apple, of Hancock, Md., and Matthew Ashkettle, of Big

Cove Tannery, Pa.. and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Ashkettle, and great-grandmother, Mary Brooks. The family will receive friends, Wednesday, April 19, 2023,

2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St, Hancock, Md., as well as 1 hour prior to funeral service. There will be a rosary service held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 16 East High Street, Hancock, Md. Father Jack Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Joe's memory directly to the St. Peter's Catholic Church.

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.

Etta Jean Davis 1935-2023



Etta Jean Davis, age 87, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, April 7, 2023 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born October 14, 1935 in Gallagher, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late George William and Estella Caroline Rogers Morris.

She was a member of Berkeley Baptist Church. Jean was a 1955 class graduate of Nicholas County High School

in Summersville, W.Va. She worked as a hostess, waitress and cook with the Holiday Inn in Glen Burnie, Md. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, mushroom hunting and loved to bowl.

Jean is survived by her children, Dimple R. Thomas of Berkeley Springs and Randy William Davis of Largent, W.Va., one brother, Pastor James Daniel Morris of Huntington, Pa., five grandchildren, Bonnie Jean Brake and her husband, Craig of Summersville, W.Va., Shawna Myer and her husband, Ryan of Gassaway, W.Va., Anthony Thomas, Samantha Davis and Sarah Davis, all of Berkeley Springs, five great-grandchildren, Lindsay Pettry and her husband, Dalton, Levi Brake and his wife, Eve, Lyric Dahlia Loving, Jayde Harmony Rink and Kahler Blaze Murphy and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Davis on March 18, 2003.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family received friends from 11 a.m. until service time. Pastor James Morris officiated. Burial was in Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Great Cacapon, W.Va.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

Sharon Denelle Clark 1953-2023

Sharon Denelle Clark, age 70, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born April 15, 1953 in Fayetteville, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Charles LeRoy Canady, Sr. and Helen Christine Baker Canady.

She was a Christian. Sharon was a graduate of Reid Ross High School in Fayetteville,

N.C. She was a homemaker to her family. She loved cooking, supporting local fundraisers, and attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 40 years, Steven Wilson Clark at home, her children, Matthew Clark and his wife, Becky, Adam Clark and his wife, Meredith, Matthew Canady, Stephanie Stewart and her husband, Michael, Amanda Galarneau and Joshua Clark and his wife, Jessica, three brothers, Charles Canady, Jr., Gregory Canady and Christopher Canady, 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Quincy Canady.

Services and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sharon's memory may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430 or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

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

Velma L. Crouse 1928-2023

Velma L. Crouse, 95, of McConnellsburg, Pa., passed away Friday, April 14, 2023 at the Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Velma was born in Hancock, Md. on January 15, 1928, a daughter of the late Sylvia I. (Clingerman) and Marshall J. Trail. She was the widow of Frank Crouse, whom she married on September 23, 1947. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2003.

Velma was a homemaker but worked at GC Murphy in

her younger years. She was a member of the Hancock Assembly of God in Hancock, Md. She enjoyed reading, especially her Bible, sewing, quilting, gardening and loved her flowers.

She is survived by her daughters Carol A. (wife of Donald) Sigel, of Greencastle, Pa., Mary J. (wife of Paul) Avella, of Hancock, Md., Sharon L. Crouse, of Greencastle, Pa., sons W. Curtis (husband of Diana) Crouse, of Big Cove Tannery, Pa., Mark A. (husband of Stephanie) Crouse, of McConnellsburg, Pa., brothers Merle (husband of Janet) Trail Sr., of Hancock, Md. and David (husband of Marie) Trail, of Warfordsburg, Pa. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister Miriam Stachowski and brothers Allen Clingerman, Marshall Trail, Jr. and Donald

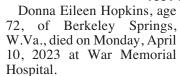
There was a visitation held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home, Inc., McConnellsburg, Pa.

Funeral services will be held at the Hancock Assembly of God, Hancock, Md., at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 with Pastor Dick Bernhard officiating. There will also be one hour of visitation held prior to the service.

Interment will be at Union Cemetery, McConnellsburg, Pa. Arrangements were made by the Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home Inc., McConnellsburg, Pa.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.howard lsipes.com.

Donna Eileen Hopkins 1951-2023



Born January 24, 1951 in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Richard Jacob and C. Elizabeth Barrett Engle.

She attended Calvary United Methodist and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches in Great Cacapon, W.Va. Donna was a

graduate of Northeast High School in Pasadena, Md. and received her Bachelor's Degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse with Sinai Hospital, Taylor Manor Hospital, Lake Montebello Hospital and Frederick Villa Nursing and Rehab Center. Donna enjoyed knitting, cooking, baking, word searches, and coloring books and was an avid reader. She loved spending time with her friends, family and grandchil-

Donna is survived by her husband, Frederick Joseph Hopkins III, at home, her four sons, Frederick Joseph Hopkins IV and his wife, Rosa of Fort Ashby, W.Va., Richard L.D. Hopkins and Peter Joshua Hopkins and his fiancé, Jessica, all of Berkeley Springs and Benjamin Samuel Hopkins and his wife, Rachel of Hedgesville, W.Va., one sister, Cathy Smith of Great Cacapon, W.Va., one brother, George Engle, two grandchildren, Julien Scott Hopkins and Ruby Alice Joy Hopkins, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, William Engle.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Burial will be in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

Zsuzsanna Gazso Webb 1959-2023



Zsuzsanna Gazso Webb, age 63, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born September 10, 1959 in Bekesesaa, Hungry, she was the daughter of the late Vilmos Imre and Bari I Bolya Gazso.

She was a graduate and went to a trade school for merchandising. Zsuzsanna worked as a cake decorator for Martins Food Stores. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, and mushroom

hunting and loved being outdoors.

Zsuzsanna is survived by her husband, Jack Andrew Webb. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at her family home, 249 Timber Way, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Zsuzsanna's memory may be made directly to the funeral home to help defray funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

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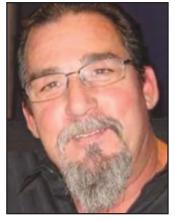
neral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Jeffery Wayne Weber 1963-2023

Jeffery Wayne "Web" Weber, age 59 of Viola, Del., passed away suddenly on April 8, 2023.

Born April 14, 1963 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Ralph Wayne Fox, Sr. and the late Mary Ellen Corbin Fox.

Web is described as a larger than life man with a captivating personality who would talk to anyone. He was a proud graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. Jeff served with



the United States Army from August 27, 1981 until his honorable discharge on November 16, 1990 at the rank of Staff Sergeant, where he was awarded the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Drivers Badge, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Drivers Mechanic Badge, Army Commendation Medal and the Marksman Qualification Badge. He worked for Asplundh Tree Company and later in life for several trucking companies. Jeffery was a member of the Harrington Moose Riders, The American Legion Post #7, and the Harrington Moose Lodge #534.

When Jeff wasn't working, he enjoyed golfing, riding motorcycles, fishing, horseback riding, and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and his dog, Largo, as he referred her by "me-dog."

Web is survived by his wife, Connie Elks and her boys, Hank Cole and his wife, Elizabeth, Mark Cole and his wife, Kimberly, Shaun Cole and his wife, Holly, his grandchildren, Dillon, Alexandria, Peyton, Caleb & Bryce Cole, his siblings, Cynthia Diana Hinckle, Anita Rae Gue, Sandra Kay Stotler and her husband, Donald, Ralph Wayne Fox, Jr. and his partner, David Rainey, Tina Marie Ditto and her husband, Jeff, his dog, Largo, and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Web was preceded in death by one sister, Greta Ellen Fox and one brother, Steven Lynn Weber and two brother's-in-law, Richard Hinckle and John Gue.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family received friends from 11:30 a.m. until service time. Rev. William K. Stottlemyer officiated. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jeff's memory may be made directly to the funeral home to help defray funeral ex-

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

Following the services, everyone was invited for a time of food and fellowship at the Risinger-Stotler VFW Post #4019, 4490 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Nancy L. Harden 1942-2023



Nancy L. Harden (Olin), 80 years old passed away on April 15, 2023 at War Memorial Hospital on her 62nd wedding anniversary. Born April 16, 1942 in

Ashtabula County, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Betty Branch Olin. Nancy earned her associates

degree from Kent State University, her Bachelor's degree from Malone College in busi-

ness. She was the first female computer programmer for NCR in the country. She retired 22 years ago from Foseco INC. in Conneaut, Ohio, where she was plant controller.

Nancy did a lot of volunteer work whenever she could. She was a member and past Senior Regent of Women of the Moose Chapter #86 in Conneaut Ohio, a member of the Red Hat Society of Ashtabula County, Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star Orion Chapter #12 of Kingsville, Ohio, the Conneaut Elks Lodge #256 and Conneaut Valley Lions Club both in Conneaut, Ohio.

Nancy enjoyed reading, gambling, especially Bingo, shopping, and traveling to all 50 states. Most importantly she loved spending time with family and friends. She had many homes but her favorite was the cabin in Orleans Crossroads; she loved when it was filled with family and friends.

She married her soulmate Gladstone (Gabby) Harden. Together they had 3 children Cyndi (David Gaither) Harden of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., John (Sheri) Harden and Chris (Mike) Harden. She had 7 grandchildren, Kimberly (Chris) Harris of Ashtabula, Ohio, Eric Stewart, Stacia Harden, Stephin (Kayla) Harden, Teila (Cole) Baldwin, Tianna Young all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Kristofer Harden of Morgantown, W.Va. She had 5 great grandchildren Tristain Harris of Morgantown, W.Va., Braylon Harris, Blaise Iorio of Girard Pa., Beckett Baldwin of Ashtabula, Ohio and Izaiah Frasure of Jupiter, Fla. and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two sons, John Harden and Chris Harden and two sisters, Pat (Jay) Hunter and Judith (Don) Breedlove.

Celebration of Life services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 4581 Orleans Road, Great Cacapon, W.Va. Pastor Dick Voorhaar will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

A second Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Conneaut Moose Lodge #472, 280 Park Ave., Conneaut, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Church Cemetery Association, c/o Stuart Gloyd, 672 Orleans Road, Great Cacapon, WV 25422.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsley johnsonfh.com.

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

Town tweaking arrangement, operations of new parking kiosks

by Geoff Fox

Back in September, town officials gave the green light for a number of kiosks to be set up along Main Street where people could pay via credit/debit card or with coins to park along the street or in one of the town's municipal

Even though the kiosks were installed in late 2022, enforcement didn't take place until early 2023.

But if you drive down Main Street, you'll notice the signage for those kiosks has been removed.

In an email, Town Manager Mike Faith said the signage for the kiosks on Main Street have been taken down. The signage is still up in the parking lots, he added.

'We've had some issues with the kiosks working properly and we've also had complaints about where they're located," he said.

Some residents had taken to social media to complain about the kiosks, but there have been some concerns

about the kiosks and addressed to town officials as

The kiosks are still on, but they haven't been functioning with any consistency, Faith

Even though the signage along Main Street has been removed and the signage staying up in the lots, Faith said you still have to pay for parking. However, there won't be any enforcement and tickets won't be issued.

There are plans to install a few more kiosks in town so people wouldn't have to walk so far for a kiosk.

The town is in the process of finalizing the purchase of 77 West Main Street, formerly Weaver's Restaurant. That purchase includes the parking lot across the street.

Faith said once the town has completed that acquisition, the lot would have a parking kiosk installed. The town will clean out the old restaurant and seek out a new occupant or use for the downtown business.

Town to crack down on unregistered vehicles

by Geoff Fox

Hancock officials are looking to crack down on unregistered vehicles around town after Town Manager Mike Faith noticed a number of such vehicles while doing town business.

A Hancock ordinance prohibits people in town from having unregistered or unlicensed vehicles on public or private property.

The whole ordinance is defined under 'Chapter 373 Vehicles, Abandoned" in the town's charter.

"In other words, if you have a vehicle and it's not licensed or registered, you can't have it parked on a vacant lot, or in your yard, or anywhere," Faith said.

He said it should be a point of enforce-

ment for town officials to give notice to those who have such vehicles 30 to 60 days to remedy the issue.

Faith said he's talked to someone already about helping people out in removal of any unlicensed or unregistered

There could be a situation where someone moved out of a house and left the vehicle behind.

Councilman Josh McCusker said officials should start off with the 60-day notice to allow residents to make appointments and get to the DMV.

Town officials voted unanimously to give Faith authorization to issue notifications regarding the unlicensed and unregistered vehicles.

Faith said he wants to figure out a way to notify the citizens because sending out letters would be time consuming and expensive.

He said it might be this week when he sends something out.

"I think there a lot of people that think 'Well this car doesn't have plates; it's not registered but it's parked on my property.' Can't have it," Faith said.

Cars that are unlicensed or unregistered on private property can be kept in an enclosed garage.

Faith said dealerships and licensed garages would be allowed to have unlicensed or unregistered vehicles as they could be impounds, wrecked with dead plates, or vehicles for sale.

State's wastewater & stormwater systems receives federal funding

U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Congressmen Steny H. Hoyer, Dutch Ruppersberger, John Sarbanes, Kweisi Mfume, Jamie Raskin, David Trone and Glenn Ivey (all D-Md.) recently announced \$18,326,000 in funding to upgrade essential wastewater and stormwater systems to protect public health and waterways.

This funding, allocated through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), will be used to upgrade and modernize wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in localities throughout the second wave of \$2.4 billion announced for clean water infrastructure upgrades nationwide through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in February. Over \$3.2 billion will be provided to the CWSRF when combined with Fiscal Year 2023 funding available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"Updating our water infrastructure is crucial to providing communities with the tools they need to manage their critical infrastructure," said the lawmakers. "This funding will not only ensure that

Maryland. This announcement builds on Marylanders have clean water for decades to come, but it also protects public health and our environment by investing in climate-resilient sewer and stormwater systems that reduce runoff and improve water quality."

> The CWSRF has been the foundation of water infrastructure investments for more than 30 years, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. Under the Clean Water programs, EPA provides funding to all 50 states and Puerto Rico to capitalize on SRF loan programs.

Weaver's

(from front)

Councilman David Kerns said the money to make the purchase is not coming from taxpayer money. Instead, it is coming from money set aside for the town in former Governor Larry Hogan's budget for the town to clean up the downtown area.

"We have to spend that money from Governor Hogan on that," Kerns said.

Faith said the town's main objective with the purchase is to acquire the parking lot because of parking issues in

"We can use that resource to help citizens, help businesses, that's the main reason," he said during the meeting. "We don't have any intention of keeping the restaurant."

Once the building is cleaned up, the mayor and council would have to decide at a later point exactly what will be done.

There are also some things that need to be fixed, such as a leak in the roof.

"I don't think the town's interested in putting a lot of money into it, but we'll probably put some money into it just to get it to where when somebody walks in there's not water on the floor," Faith said.

Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the town couldn't purchase just the parking lot, as the building and lot were a package deal.

An ordinance introduced in March and passed in April allowed the purchase of the real estate. A closing on the property is expected in May.

Crime Victims' Rights Awareness hosts annual color splash walk

The second annual Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk will take place Friday, April 28 at 3 p.m., at Fairgrounds Park.

The event is free and open to the public.

The event is being held to heighten public consciousness about victims of various types of crimes, to acknowledge their rights and to demonstrate—as a community—that no victim and no surviving loved one of a victim fights alone.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the walk either individually or as a member of a team of family members, friends or co-workers. The walk will take place over the one-mile trail within Fairgrounds Park and there will be six designated "powder" areas where participants will be powdered with different colors during the walk. Blue represents victims of made signs and posters reprechild abuse, purple is for domestic violence, red is for substance abuse, orange is for gun violence, teal is for sexual assault/sexual abuse and green represents mental health/mental illness crimes. To underscore the collective message that the community is fighting in conjunction with and supporting victims of those crimes, walkers are encouraged to carry home-

senting crime victim awareness. Participants are also urged to wear a white shirt to make the colors pop and to wear sunglasses or a form of eye protection.

For more information, email Danielle Staley, Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network Coordinator for Washington County, at dsta ley@hagerstownpd.org.

Trash contract

(from front)

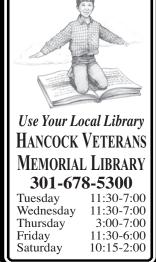
Lanehart added sanitation should remain the same.

Burgmeier's has been covering trash collection in Hancock for the last three weeks while the bids were being collected.

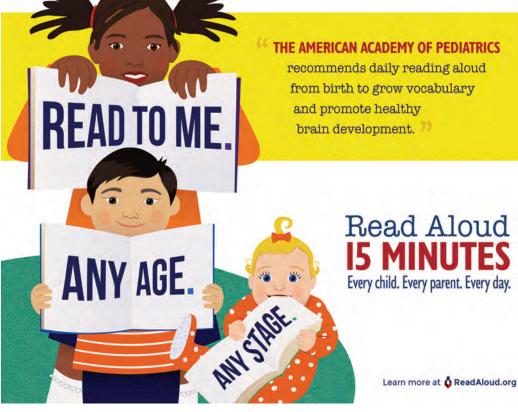
New Covenant, which was the lowest bid, had been pick-

ing up trash while the town got bids, but they only collected one day and decided they weren't big enough to handle the job.

Faith said the company had submitted a bid and there was no request to withdrawal that bid, so it was opened alongside the rest of the bids.







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Panthers fall to Indians at home



Kaydence Gaither slides into third against the BSHS Indians on Friday, April 14. The Lady Panthers softball team took a loss of 22-9 to Berkeley Springs.

photos by Lori Younker



Brianna Buskirk stretches to get the out at first against the Indians.



Alyssa Keefer throws the ball in from the outfield.



Amy Davis makes it safely to second base against the Lady Indians.

Rained out Panthers take to the diamond

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School's varsity baseball and softball games were rained out last Saturday, April 15.

Both home games have been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 4:45 p.m. when the Panthers host Southern Fulton of Warfordsburg.

Last week, the Panthers boys' varsity baseball team returned from Pennsylvania with a 5-4 victory over the Hyndman Charter School Hornets on Tuesday, April 11.

Panthers on the prowl at outdoor track invitational events

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School's co-ed varsity outdoor track and field team competed in two regional invitational events last week.

On Wednesday, April 12 the Panthers traveled to Hagerstown Community College for a varsity meet against three other Maryland high schools.

Freshman Emalee Chewning placed sixth in the girls' 200-meter race. Freshman Eamon Faith finished seventh in the boys' 400-meter race.

The Panthers came in second in the girls 4x100 relay race.

Senior Josie Foltz won first place in the shot put and discus events.

Senior Aidan Faith won first place in the long jump and the triple jump events.

Then on Saturday, April 15 the Panthers traveled to Cumberland to compete against 10 other teams from three different states in the Fort Hill invitational at Fort Hill High School.

Uke-Sing and Jammers for intermediate ukulele players

BlackCat Music Cooperative's monthly Uke-Sing and Jammers for intermedidate ukulele players will be held this Friday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Mike Kligerman of the Tri-State Ukeceletic Orchestra will host this free get-to-gether.

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

Martinsburg VA starts PGA HOPE golf program at Cacapon for veterans



Participants in PGA HOPE take to the driving range at Cacapon Resort State Park.

submitted photo

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) has established a partnership with PGA HOPE, which teaches the sport of golf as therapy to veterans.

Their newest chapter will operate at Cacapon State Park's golf course.

"The program aims to enhance physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being, and is led exclusively by PGA professionals who are trained in adaptive golf, as well as military cultural competency," said VA officials.

The Martinsburg VAMC has referred over 30 veterans so far to local PGA HOPE programs, with the newest chapter offered at Cacapon Resort State Park.

Deadline Notice

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

"Eighteen Veterans recently participated in the inaugural Cacapon program," said Darren Yowell, Recreation Specialist at the Martinsburg VAMC. "We are excited to bring this opportunity of golf as therapy to our area's Veterans."

PGA HOPE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which enables direct referrals to the PGA HOPE program as a form of therapy.

Interested veterans can receive more information by calling 304-263-0811, ext. 4031, or by email to Darren.yowell@va.gov.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Estate No. 80109

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Betty L. Robeson. Notice is given that Keith W. Robeson, 13915 Chatterly Place, Germantown, MD 20874 was on March 27, 2023 appointed Personal Representa-

tive of the estate of Betty L. Robeson

who died on February 22, 2023 with a

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 attor-

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 be-fore the 27th 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

Keith W. Robeson Personal Representative True Test Conv Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79802 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Rebecca J. Gay. Notice is given that George Michael Gay, PO Box 552, Care of Hillside Personal Care, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 was on March 27, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Rebecca J. Gay who died on September 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 attor-

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Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80042 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Donald J. Dubuque.

Notice is given that Douglas Dubuque, 20432 Millers Church Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on March 28, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Donald J. Dubueque who died on December 31,

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 attor-

ney.
All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th 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

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Douglas Dubuque Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

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Estate No. 79111 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Bentley Austin Wigfield.

Notice is given that Breana Wigfield 60 Drake Ave., Falling Waters, WV 25419 was on March 27, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Bentley Austin Wigfield who died on February 3, 2022 without a will There was a prior small estate proceed

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 attor-

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 27th day of September, 2023

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Breana Wigfield Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

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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 attor

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or be-

fore 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 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 attor-

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 be fore the 30th day of September, 2023.

Any person having a claim against cedent 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 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-12-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80114 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ronald Lee Keller. Notice is given that Richard A. Keller, 13703 Franks Run Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 and Sarah Jane Keller, 610 South Black Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715 were on March 28, 2023 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Ronald Lee Keller who died on March 16, 2023 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 28th day of September, 2023.

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

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Richard A. Keller Sarah Jane Keller Personal Representatives True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

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Estate No. 79995 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Herbert C. Baker,

Notice is given that Catherine Root, 17359 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on March 27, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Herbert C. Baker, Jr. who died on February 7, 2023 with

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ney.
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Cartherine Root Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington Št. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

Jennifer L. Creswell, Esquire Law Offices of Jennifer L. Creswell, LLC 3317 Blackberry Lane Davidsonville, Maryland 21035 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80110 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Blanche Lee Diffenderfer.

Notice is given that Stephen Edward Diffenderfer, 22300 Honey Hill Lane, Clarksburg, MD 20871 was on March 28, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Blanche Lee Diffenderfer who died on June 30, 2020 without a will

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Stpehen Edward Diffenderfer Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-5-3th

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Estate No. 79989 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Linda Jean Byers. Notice is given that Tina Marie Bow-man, 15719 Fenton Ave., Williamsport, MD 21795 was on April 4, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Linda Jean Bvers who died on

February 16, 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 attor-

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 be-fore the 4th day of October, 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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Tina Marie Bowman 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

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

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

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 attor-

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

(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 wil 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 Clair 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

Russ Robinson 152 W. Washington Street Hagerstown, MD 21740
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80130 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Gertrud Margaret

Notice is given that Michael Lee Be-craft, 16605 Here at Last Lane, Charlotte, NC 28278 was on March 31, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gertrud Margaret Kern

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 attor-

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:

(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

(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 wil 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.

Michael Lee Becraft 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. 80123 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Lorraine Elizabeth

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 attor-

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 representa-tive 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

(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 Regis-

Cheri Haupt 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

Bonnie A. Winders, Esq. 223 N. Prospect Street, Suite 301 Hagerstown, MD 21740 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79763 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jean Payne. Notice is given that Lana E. Pittenger, 16126 Shaffer Road, Sharps-burg, MD 21782 was on March 22, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Betty Jean Payne who died on August 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 attor-

ney.
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 22nd 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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80096 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Elaine A. Kem-

Notice is given that Scott Kemmerer, 172 Melrose Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419 was on April 14, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Elaine A. Kemmerer who died on March 15, 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 attor-

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 14th day of October, 2023. Any person having a claim against

the decedent must present the claim to

the undersigned personal representa-tive 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 représentative 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 Regis-

ter of Wills Scott Kemmerer Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80095 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ralph L. Powell.

Notice is given that Connie Young, 10617 Hershey Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795 was on March 23, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ralph L. Powell who died on March 19, 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 attor-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 23rd day of September, 2023. Any person having a claim against cedent must present the claim to

the undersigned personal representa-

tive 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 Regis-

ter of Wills Connie Young Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-3th

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Estate No. 80026 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Siri W. Young.

Notice is given that Jenny M. Brown 49 N. Prospect Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228 was on March 22, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Siri W. Young who died on January 22, 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 attor-

ney.
All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objection to the appointment shall file their objection to the appointment shall file their objection to the appointment of Wills within 30 tions 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

(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

(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.

Jenny M. Brown Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80075
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Betty Jane Crist.

Notice is given that Jeffrey L. Crist, 15965 Wishard Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 and Donna L. Knapp, 19507 Marsh Circle, Hagerstown, MD 21742 were on March 24, 2023 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Betty Jane Crist who died on March 11, 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 representatives or the at-

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 24th day of September, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representa-tives 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 L. Crist Donna L. Knapp Personal Representatives True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington Št. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-3th

I. William Chase Attorney-At-Law 1190 West Northern Parkway, Suite 124

Baltimore, Maryland 21210
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS **NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS** Estate No. 68846

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Charles Lindberg

Notice is given that Joshua E. Zukerberg, 1190 West Northern Parkway, Suite 124, Baltimore, Maryland 21210 was on April 14, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Charles Lindberg Bean who died on September 1, 2013 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 attor

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of tions with the Register of Wills on or before the 14th day of October, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representa-tive 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

(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

Joshua E. Zukerberg Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-3th

SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 80169 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Jeffery Schindel Doarnberger.

Notice is given that Elizabeth Miller-Zuber, 8083 Winding Way Ct., Spring-field, VA 22153 was on April 14, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Jeffery Schindel Doarnberger who died on March 20, 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 attor

ney.
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

(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

(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.

Elizabeth Miller-Zuber

Personal Representative True Test Copy Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills for Washington County 100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740 pd4-19-1thn

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hancock, as its duly constituted legislative body, that a Public Hearing will be held in Council chambers, Town Hall, on May 9, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

The hearing is being scheduled pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Hancock, to consider whether or not to introduce, pass and make effective a proposed Ordinance adopting a **budget** for said Town for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

A complete copy of said proposed budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hancock, Maryland. Same may be copied or inspected in that office and it is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for convenience and economy.

Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Mayor and Council are open to the public. Any comments regarding the proposed budget submitted by 3:00 p.m. June 9, 2023, to Town Hall will be made part of the Record of the Public Hearing. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Heather Keefer at 301-678-5622. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer at his/her expense.

TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND By: Mayor and Council

Edward L. Kuczynski

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

MARYLAND IN THE ESTATE OF: Benjamin Kwaku Gbordzi

Estate No: 80102 **NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE** To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Angela Hildebrand, 12201 Fallen Timbers Circle, Hagerstown, MD 21740 for judicial probate for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at The Orphans' Court of Washington County, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on June 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook, Register of Wills 100 W. Washington St STE 3400 Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896 Phone: (301)-739-3612 pd4-19-2th

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NOTICE

Town of Hancock, Maryland, a municipal corporation,

existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of

Maryland, that pursuant to and in accordance with the

powers contained in the Charter of the Town of Hancock

as adopted and subsequently amended, and in accordance

with and pursuant to the provisions of the powers vested

in the Town of Hancock under the Annotated Code of

Maryland, the said Mayor and Council, as the legislative

body for the Town of Hancock, at a duly constituted

meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 11, 2023

passed "An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of

Certain Real Estate Pursuant to the Provisions of the

Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Hancock,

Maryland." Said Ordinance provides that the Town of

Hancock has determined that it is in the best interest of

the citizenry and public in general to purchase said

property at and for the consideration of One Hundred

Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$195,000.00) Dollars.

The Ordinance was introduced on March 23, 2023

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE

TOWN OF HANCOCK, MARYLAND

passed on April 11, 2023 and states that the effective date

of said Ordinance shall be May 1, 2023.

Edward L. Kuczynski, Town Attorney

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the

Morgan Messenger Office

Bird walk at Cool Spring

Potomac Audubon Society (PVAS) will host a spring family bird walk at Cool Spring Preserve on Tuesday, April 25 at 8 to 10 a.m.

The trails at Cool Spring preserve have a lot to offer. From well-maintained foot paths to gorgeous views, the preserve's 63 acres is home to much wildlife. Meet by 8 a.m. in the front parking lot of Cool Spring Preserve. The walk will last a couple of

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. Take the whole family, kids included. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Register potomacaudubon.org/event/ spring-family-bird-walk

Contact info@Potomac Audubon.org or 681-252-1387 with any questions.

PVAS to host family foraging event

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will host a family foraging event at Cool Spring Preserve on Saturday, April 29 at 5 to 7 p.m. Participants will forage the forest for a natural dinner.

Join the youth program team members, Laurel Schwartz and Ellie George, to hunt for wild edibles, including onion grass, garlic mustard, cattail, red bud flowers and dandelions. While out on the trails, families will learn the universal edibility test, which is a lifesaving method that survivalists use to test whether or not an unknown wild food is safe to eat. After we return with the wild edibles we have harvested from the preserve, we will try out a couple of recipes using the finds.

The Cool Spring Preserve is a 63-acre nature preserve owned by PVAS under conservation easement with the West Virginia Land Trust. The preserve is located six miles south of Charles Town and features Bullskin Run, Cool Spring Marsh, a pollinator meadow, and an old orchard that is slowly returning to its natural state.

The address for Cool Spring Preserve is 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town W.Va.

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

For additional details and to register, go to www. potomacaudubon.org/event/ forest-foraging-dinner

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, quidance and assistance on how to access Substance Use Disorder services, in addition to the current mental health crisis services provided by this

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

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Peer Recovery Services Program for those seeking or in recovery from substance use disorder.

Call 240-313-3242 to enroll. kelly.marquart@mary land.gov

Project Act Now Call 240-313-3310 to learn more about how to use Naloxone or take a class on its use. Visit http://projectactnow. org for a list of treatment resources, support group meetings and more.

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PVAS introduces new quarterly book group

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) will be hosting a new quarterly book club, called Pages and Pathways, with its first meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 1 to 4 p.m. The goal of the group is to read a book, have a lively discussion and then go on a field trip or do an activity pertaining to the book together.

Starting off this Spring with a reading of The Home Place by J. Drew Lanham.

We will then gather at Cool Spring Preserve on Sunday, April 23 for a lunchtime discussion followed by a walk around the preserve, including an walk back into the marsh.

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

For additional details, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/ event/pages-and-pathwaysbook-group-2

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Maryland Department of Agriculture asks residents to act now to help control mosquito populations

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program is urging residents to act now to reduce mosquito populations by reducing standing water on their properties. Aside from being nuisances, mosquitoes can also carry a number of diseases that are harmful to humans and animals, including West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

"Protect yourself and others from mosquito-borne diseases by eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites on your property," said Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Kevin Atticks. "If you start now and do it for five minutes every week, then you should be able to greatly reduce the number of biting mosquitoes in your yard.'

It is important to start before mosquitoes become adults because some mosquitoes can live for several weeks — including Maryland's biggest nuisance, the



Asian Tiger Mosquito (Aedes albopictus). These small black insects have a white stripe on the back and white spots on the legs. They do not fly very far —the majority will fly less than 500 feet so by eliminating their breeding locations, you may get rid of them in your yard. Asian Tiger Mosquitos breed in anything that holds rainwater, especially toys, tarps, abandoned swimming pools and plastic gutter extenders, which hold water in their ribbing and curves.

The department recommends covering gutter extenders with a fine mesh material and a rubber band and to clean the leaves and



debris out of them twice a

For items that hold water but cannot be dumped, residents can consider putting a biorational larvicide such as Mosquito Dunks or Mosquito Torpedoes into the water. The pesticides only kill mosquito larvae and are available at most hardware stores and other retailers. For proper application, read the label of all pesticides before use.

For more helpful tips and information, go to MDA's Mosquito Control Program webpage at https://mda. maryland.gov/plantspests/Pages/mosquito control.aspx.

For information on mosquito-borne diseases and West Nile virus, go to the Maryland Department of Health's website.

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5. Makes healthy

10 The Who's "O'Riley" 14. Side sheltered from wind

15. Flat-bottomed sailboats

16. Egyptian supreme god 17. Advice

18. Mass of small, loose

stones 19. Online learning services

provider 20. "Lords" in Northwest

Semitic languages 22. Of she

23. A place to relax

24. Critical and mocking

27. Consumed

30. You get one in summer 31. Bath

32. Luxury automaker

35. Spiders spin one 37. Guy (slang)

38. Greek personification of Earth

39. Large instruments 40. Domestic cattle genus

41. Appetizer

42. Oil group 43. Where to put groceries

44. Speak incessantly 45. Popular color

46. A place to sleep 47. Make fun of

48. Former CIA

49. Salts 52. Bleated

55. Never sleeps 56. Sword

60. Water (Spanish)

61. Cyprinids

63. "Dark Knight" actor Christian

64. Fictional demon

65. Old World lizard

66. The content of cognition

67. Makes a mistake

68. A way to make wet 69. Tide

DOWN

1. One-liner

2. Evergreen genus

3. College in Rome 4. Prevents from seeing 5. Cycles/second

6. Mischievous child 7. Less common

8. Honorably retired 9. Midway between south

and southeast

10. A confusion of voices and other sounds

11. Bony fish genus

12. Type of pear

13. Egyptian cross

21. Satisfies 23. Founder of Babism

25. Bar bill 26. Chicago ballplayer

27. Performer

28. Hairpiece 29. Partner to flowed

32. Aircraft formation

33. You have 3 per day 34. Goes into

36. College athletic organization

37. Wet, muddy ground 38. Talk

40. Witty conversation

41. Gurus

43. "French Price of __ Air" 44. Sports equipment

46. Try to get

47. Flower cluster

49. Sea dwellers 50. Palmlike subtropical plant

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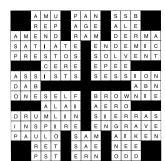
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Answers for April 12, 2023



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April 23 - 29, 2023



You may be tempted to butt heads with authority figures in the days to come, but you'll catch more flies with honey. Get your frustrations out another way.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22 The week may start off sluggishly, Cancer. Give yourself permission to start off slowly and build up as you get enough energy



Relationship issues come to the forefront, Aquarius. This can be any relationship, be it personal or professional. Sit down with this person and flesh things out.

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20 The current cosmic climate has you a tad restless, Pisces. You're ready to stretch your fins, so to say. Set off on a grand adventure.



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Figure out where your priorities lie, then position yourself in the right corner to get things done effectively. It could take some time before you see progress. Remain



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21 It's best if you can keep tight control of your emotions and not let others see what is brewing behind your stoic demeanor. This will give you an advantage in negotiations.



GFMINI - May 22/lun 21 If you're too pragmatic this week, you may miss the opportunity to do something spontaneous and really enjoyable with friends. Don't think; jump in this one time.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, rather than being ready to roar at the world, you can barely let pass a meow. You're more than happy to roll back over in

bed most days. Search for an energy boost.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, early on in the week you may feel disorganized and out of sorts. But soon enough you will find your stride. Once you're in a groove it will be smooth sailing.



LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, if someone at work has been holding you back or seems to be standing in your way, it's justifiable to feel resentment. Take the high road and remain pleasant and positive.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, don't ignore your responsibilities, no matter how mundane they may seem. Completing small tasks will help you set the course for more success.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 Your judgement may be clouded by some lofty dreams you have been having. Separate the whimsy from what you actually may be able to transfer to real life.

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The Hancock News was established in 1914 and is now in its 104th year. No one else completely covers the Hancock area every week of the year. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome and are invaluable in producing an ever-improving paper each week. We hope this guide will help you understand how to help us provide the most comprehensive coverage of ALL of Hancock and how to contact us.

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GETTING AN ITEM PUBLISHED

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We prefer typewritten, double-spaced copy to minimize errors, but we will accept legible, handwritten

If you are not sure how to write your story, please contact the office for assistance. We will be glad to help

If you have a suggestion for a story or photograph or a question about a news item, please call The Hancock

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

No more than two letters from any individual will be printed in a four-week period.

Letters are subject to editing. Letters longer than 400 words will not be published. Nor will letters that are libelous or too personal and not of general interest to the public.

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OBITUARIES

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.

Obituaries will be printed for a fee based on the amount of information that is provided by a licensed funeral home. A photo of the deceased can be included.

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If you have a question, suggestion or problem with something that appears in The Hancock News, please

If we have made a correctable error, corrections will be published in the same section of the newspaper where the original article appeared.

DEADLINE

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

Hagers-town Town and **Country Almanac**

Mid-Atlantic weather watch: Dry and mild, then heavy rain (1,2,3,4,5); dry, then turning warm and slightly humid with isolated PM showers(6, 7, 8, 9, 10); dry again, near record warmth developing (11, 12, 13, 14); frequent PM showers and thunderstorms followed by cooler and more seasonable conditions(15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20); frequent PM showers and mild (21, 22, 23, 24, 25); seasonable with occasional showers (26,

Extreme weather watch: The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanac sees heavy rains in the Mid-Atlantic Region (3,

Full moon: May's full moon will occur on Friday, May 5. Many flowers emerge and blossom during this month so many Native American tribes called it Flower Moon while the Huron tribes specifically chose to call it Budding Moon for the very same reasons. The colonial farmer called it Milk Moon because of the noticeable increase in milk produced by his dairy cows in the month of May.

Special notes: The National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4 was established in 1952 at the direct suggestion of Reverend Billy Graham (1918-2018). It was signed into law under Ronald Reagan in 1988. Rogation Sunday falls on May 14, Ascension Thursday, on May 18 and Pentecost on May 28.

Holidays: Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on Sunday, May 5. Mothers are honored on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14. Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29.

The garden: Once your last frost data has passed, warm season crops can be planted. When the ground temperatures reach 70 degrees Fahrenheit, it is safe to begin planting Okra, Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Peanuts, Watermelon, Cow Peas, Black-eyed Peas, Crowder Peas, Butter Peas and Butter Beans. With a little luck, you may begin to see the first fruit on your strawberries by late this month. The birds will enjoy them very much if you don't provide some protective netting over them. Newly-planted strawberries should have the blossoms picked off until they become well-established.

The farm: Best for planting root crops (18, 19); weeding and stirring the soil (20, 21, 25, 26); planting above-ground crops (22, 23, 24); harvesting all crops (7, 8); best days for setting hens and incubators (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31); slaughtering and butchering meat (19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26); harvest and store grains (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18; transplanting (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26); weaning of small animals and livestock (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14).

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DNR police investigate out of season turkey hunt

by Geoff Fox

Maryland Natural Resources Police Officers are investigating a hunting incident on private property in Hancock.

According to a press release on social media, Natural Resources Officers were on patrol in Hancock on Friday, April 7, when they observed Jeffrey McCarty, 57, and a 15-year old male hunting for turkeys on private property.

According to police, Mc-Carty and the juvenile did not have permission to hunt on the property.

Spring turkey hunting season did not begin until April 18 in Maryland, and youth turkey season was on April 15, meaning they were hunting out of season.

Police said McCarty was hunting with a 12 gauge .222 over/under combination rifle and shotgun. The juvenile was hunting with a .223 rifle.

Maryland only permits hunting with shotguns, crossbows, vertical bows, or air guns that shoot arrows or bolts during the spring, police

While speaking with officers, McCarty admitted to harvesting a turkey a month prior on another property. Police also learned the juvenile illegally killed a buck on November 13, 2022.

Police said they plan to charge McCarty at the conclusion of their investigation. The minor will be charged through Juvenile Services.

Police seized both firearms and all hunting equipment due to the violations.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

KnitWits group knits & crochets together to help others in need



A cream-colored Starting Points blanket for their spring baby shower and a colorful Project Linus blanket are displayed by Sallie Purcell- KnitWits member, Beverly Locke-KnitWits organizer and Agnes Ratliff-Project Linus Eastern Panhandle Chapter Coordinator, who was a guest at the KnitWits meeting.

by Kate Evans

The KnitWits – a group of knitting and crochet enthusiasts in Morgan County -work on hand-created projects together to help those who are in need.

The group has been in action for 16-18 years, depending on who you ask.

Their skilled hands make baby blankets, lap blankets

for hospice clients, hats for patients receiving chemotherapy and warm winter things for local schoolchildren.

The group meets every Thursday morning in fellowship from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Senior Life Services of Morgan County in Berkeley Springs. They meet and work outdoors in the summertime under the Senior Center's pavilion.

KnitWits members obviously have fun and enjoy each other's company while creating items like hats, blankets and scarves to cheer cancer victims, veterans, the homeless, babies, schoolchildren, disaster victims and the military. They also work on personal projects for their own grandchildren and chil-

Group organizer Beverly Locke said the KnitWits have been meeting for 16-18 years now. The number of group members varies each week. Some weeks, 10 KnitWits members join together and on other weeks, 21 members come in, Locke said. New members are always welcome.

Members share their patterns and ideas and are open to teaching new members how to knit or crochet. Some will stay after their KnitWits time to have lunch at the Senior Center while others get together for lunch at other places.

Hearts project

One recent group project has been knitting and crocheting hearts for a lady at Wesley Chapel Church. The hearts will be sent to the Boston Marathon for the 10th anniversary of the marathon bombings on April 15, 2013.

Other ongoing projects have included making baby blankets for Starting Points annual baby showers; blankets, scarves and hats for the Morgan County Homeless Coalition; lapghans for the Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle; chemo hats for Berkeley Medical Center's oncology department and children's hats and scarves Morgan for County schoolkids.

Members have made hats for veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Martinsburg and also for homeless veterans,

Deadline Notice

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Monday each week at noon.

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afghans for the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, baby hats for Berkeley Medical Center and items for the annual Starting Points Empty Bowls auction.

The group also makes "Loveys" -- small blankets with animals -- that are given to children in traumatic or abusive situations. The group also gives the loveys to police officers in Berkeley Springs and Paw Paw to console a child, when needed.

One-time projects

Over the years, the KnitWits have hand-crafted items for different agencies and organizations, like disaster kits, Project Linus cancer blankets, blue hats for schoolkids to combat bullying, baby hats, toiletry kits and children's activity kits hurricane victims, scarves for Morgan County Special Olympics, chemo

prayer squares for military. For several years, the KnitWits made Senior Center Christmas gifts -- lapghans, shawls and other items.

If group members know of a charity or agency where there is a need, they are encouraged to bring new project ideas to the group's attention.

A \$1 donation is requested weekly from members to help with needed project supplies or postage for mailing projects. The money has also gone for their Christmas party and door prizes, Locke said.

Locke said that the KnitWits won't meet if local schools are closed for the day or have a delay due to inclement weather. If the Senior Center is closed for some reason, they'll try to inform group members that they won't be meeting that day.

The group always has a good time together and feels blessed that they've found a home at the Berkeley Springs Senior Center, said Locke.

Members really enjoy getting together and also sitting outside in the new pavilion. One likened their Thursday morning gatherings to ther-

Locke noted that "our fingers are always busy."

For more information about the KnitWits, call Beverly Locke at 304-258-3327.

National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD

People Told Us...

JOKED: -PUNSTER What do you get if you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy? A rash of good luck!

-This Saturday, April 22, is Earth Day. Celebrate it we've only got the one.

-Treatment for gypsy moths, if you've got 'em, should be underway. You can also start beginning disease and pest control in home orchards after petals fall.

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

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