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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 4/26 63/36
Partly sunny with light northwest winds 5-10 mph. Isolated showers.

Thurs. 4/27 65/45
Mostly sunny with light east winds around 6 mph in the morning.

Fri. 4/28 56/45
80% chance of rain with a high around 56 and low of 45.

Sat. 4/29 59/49
70% chance of showers in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy.

Sun. 4/30 65/41
90% chance of showers with a high around 65 and low of 41.

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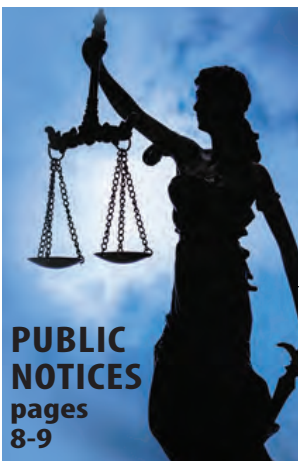
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Barge Bash to return to Hancock in June

In about two months, the C&O Canal will once again host barges in its waters as Hancock's "Barge Bash" returns to town on June 17.

Festivities and registration starts at 1 p.m. along Canal Street in Hancock. The parade of barges on the canal starts at 3 p.m.

There will be craft vendors, food vendors, non-profit organizations, churches, live music, and a great time, organizers said.

There is an entry fee. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for barge winners.

There were two attempts to revive the popular Barge Bash event in Hancock in 2019.

The first came in November 2019 when Hancock in Motion announced during the town meeting they were planning one for June 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic put that event on hold.

The second revival attempt was at the December town meeting that same year when then Town Manager Joe Gilbert said a res-



Handmade barges like this will be once again on display this June in Hancock as the Barge Bash makes its return to the C&O Canal in Hancock for the first time since 2014.

Hancock News file photo

urrected Barge Bash would be held the last weekend of August 2021 during the World Canals Conference in Hagerstown.

That plan didn't materialize, but organizers have taken on the community event once again.

To register a barge or become a vendor, email Eric Exline at eric@ericexline.com.

Summer camps for middle school students being offered in Hancock

by Geoff Fox

Middle school students in Hancock can now register for summer camps at Hancock Middle-Senior High School.

Registration opened at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 14.

The camp will run the month of July with four different time frames – July 3-6 (no camp on July 4), July 10-13, July 17-20, and July 24-27. Each day, camp will run for three hours, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The four classes will be "Global Citizen - A Long Walk to Water," "Environmental Warriors," "Sixth Grade Transition Camp," and "We the People: Getting to Know My State."

Ruth Bradley and Tina Lourdon will teach the Global Citizen course dur-



ing the July 3-6 and July 10-13.

The camp will allow students to discover their importance in the global world by studying excerpts from "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park.

In the course, students would design a service

learning project that would support improved water quality in Sudan and could be carried out by Hancock Middle-Senior High School students in the fall.

See SUMMER CAMPS page 6

Critton Hollow String Band to play free concert in Hancock April 29



Hancock Arts Council will host a free concert of traditional American music by acclaimed trio Critton Hollow String Band at the Hancock Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 29. The concert will start at 7 p.m.

Hancock Performing Arts Center is in Hancock Town Hall, located at 126 W. High Street in Hancock.

Since 1975, Critton Hollow has brought traditional American music to audiences throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, and Scotland.

With fiddle, hammer dulcimer, banjo, and guitar, they tend a stable of songs from the first settlements of Appalachia to the best of contemporary American folk music.

Critton Hollow combines precise instrumentation, melodic interplay, and vocals to create a warm and engaging sound. Their repertoire includes songs that express a range of experience that can make you laugh or make you cry and

Two Washington County volunteer EMS companies start transitioning staff to county employment



The Washington County Board of County Commissioners approves a transition plan to shift the Volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) companies career staffing into County employment. The Division of Emergency Services is authorized to begin transitioning the Volunteer EMS companies career staffing into county employment in the late Spring of 2023.

See EMS TO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT page 6

Soaking up the rays



The temperature was in the 50s on Monday, April 24, but that didn't matter to this and many other turtles in the C&O Canal along Berm Road as they were soaking in the bright sun.



occasionally do both at the same time, ballads that tell stories of bad men and disappointed lovers. Instrumentals that will make you want to get up and dance or sit back and listen.

The members of the band -- Joe Herrmann, Sam Herrmann and Joe Fallon -- combine precise instrumentation, melodic interplay and three part harmony to create a warm and engaging sound.

As Mitch Podolak, the artistic director of the Winnipeg Folk Festival, commented, they have a "unique ability to make their audience feel a part of their performance."

This free event is sponsored by the Hancock Arts Council.

For further information, contact sinclairhamilton@verizon.net.

OPINIONS

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

What are some examples of citizen science in efforts to monitor and combat global warming?

—Candace C., Tallahassee, FL

The world is getting warmer each year, and people worldwide want to do their bit to help. Many of us already are. We turn thermostats, bike to get around, recycle and urge elected officials to make our cities greener. But there is one more thing any of us can do to fight global warming: it's called citizen science.

Citizen science is the involvement of the general public—you, your communities, anyone who is not a professional scientist—in collecting data to support scientific research. Citizen science has actually existed for decades. For example, the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count began in 1900 to promote conservation. With the gigantic leap in 21st century technology, citizen science is now truly invaluable in dealing with the climate crisis. Ordinary people can record and share vast amounts of data on smartphones, and identify thousands of animal and plant species through apps. They can even connect from remote places to share information about the effects of global warming on their local ecosystems.

In citizen science there's something for everyone. Those concerned about climate can record the timing of flowering for Project Budburst. Those interested in oceans can monitor beach debris for the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST), which studies how global warming has hurt coastal ecosystems and their wildlife inhabitants. By listening to frog calls for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP), recording glacial melts in rural Alaska for the Indigenous Sentinels Network, or photographing mountain smog for the Appalachian Mountain Club, citizen scientists provide valuable data from all over the world that scientists couldn't otherwise obtain.

With climate change a worldwide concern, citizen science, too, is a global phenomenon, especially useful in poor or remote areas where accurate meteorological data are hard to come by. In such places, citizen scientists are the best way to collect data useful for local needs. In Bangladesh, farmers record temperature and humidity for the Transforming Climate Knowledge with and for Society (TRACKS) project to monitor how global warming harms the crops upon which they depend. In South Africa, villagers collect data on needed groundwater supplies via the Diamonds on the Soles of their Feet project.

Another promising aspect of citizen science is that it is being integrated into school curricula, introducing students worldwide to standardized measurements of climate change. Through Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE), citizen scientist students have collected data to study how climate change has affected the earth's energy balance and the spread of mosquito-borne diseases.

Regardless of location, age or nationality, citizen scientists are heroes in the worldwide effort to combat global warming. There is a wealth of information online that can help anyone find citizen science projects by location and project type so that they can get involved. SciStarter.org or CitizenScience.gov are good places to start the search.

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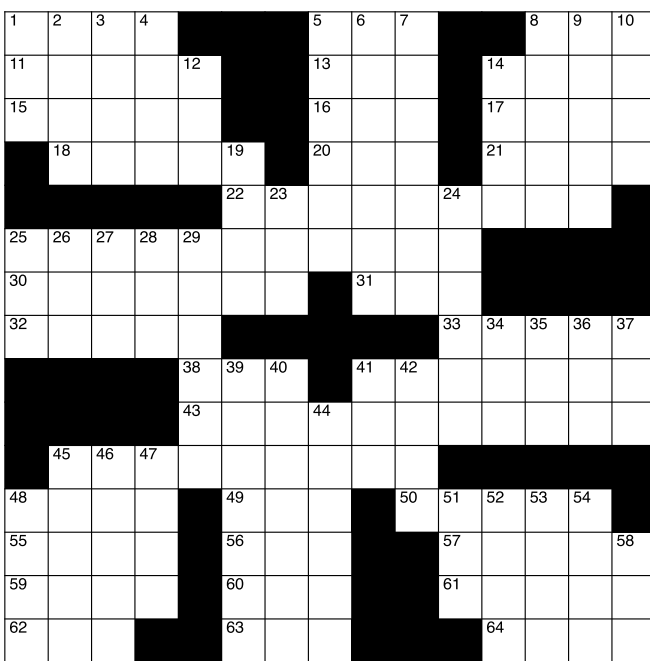
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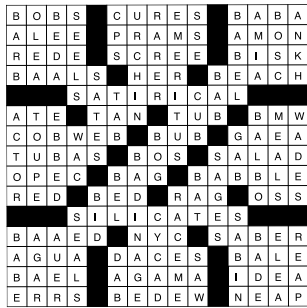
1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscule count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer DiFranco
61. FL city
62. Naturally occurring solid
63. Language of indigenous Asian people
64. Dark brown

DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement

7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

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Tuesday, May 2
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of April 17-23:

April 17
Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Subject gone on arrival.
Well being check, first block Fleming Drive. Unable to locate.
Well being check, 200 block West Main Street. Subjects checked okay.
Missing person, first block Hillside Road. Juvenile located safe.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, one stop.
911 hang-up, 200 block West Main Street. Accidental.
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 13,000 block White Oak Ridge.
April 18
911 hang-up, 200 block Resley Road. Unfounded.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, nine stops.
911 hang-up, 100 block West Main Street. Unfounded.
Noise complaint, first block West Main Street. Loud vehicle, subject advised.
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 14,000 block Rice Road. Alarm cancelled with proper passcode.
April 19
Suspicious vehicle, Widmeyer Park. Subjects checked okay.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, four stops.
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
Alarm, 300 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Building secure.
Harassment, 100 block East Main Street. Subjects advised.
Service to advise, 100 block East Main Street. Subject advised.
April 20
Traffic complaint, 100 block West Main Street. Subject stopped and advised.
Property damage accident, first block East Main Street. Information exchanged.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, three stops.
Well being check, Widmeyer Park. Subject checked and being charged for CDS at later date.

Parking complaint, 200 block Terrace Street. Vehicle checked okay.
Warrant service. Warrant served for child support on Joshua Michael Unger, 33, of Hancock.
April 21
Service to advise, 100 block High Street. Subject advised.
Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.
Police Information, first block Blue Hill Road. Information taken.
Police Information, 100 block High Street. Information taken.
Well being check, first block Blue Hill Road. Subject checked okay.
Service to stand-by, 200 block Pennsylvania Avenue. Subjects advised.
Well being check, 200 block East Main Street. Subject checked okay.
Police information, 200 block Old Rt. 40. Information taken.
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, property damage accident Tollgate Ridge. Information exchanged.
Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 5000 block Berm Road. Well being check on subject.
April 22
Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. Subjects advised.
Police information, 100 block High Street. Information taken.
911 hang-up, 100 block West Main Street. Accidental.
Suspicious person, 200 block West Main Street. Subject advised.
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, five stops.
Summons attempt, West Main Street. Subject served.
April 23
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, two stops.
Undesirable, 100 block West Main Street. Subjects advised.
Assisted Maryland State Police, westbound I-68 vehicle fire.
Attempted suicide, 100 block Franklin Street. Subject advised.
Service to advise, 100 block Franklin Street. Subject advised.

Needmore man arrested for DUI

by Geoff Fox
A Needmore man was arrested after police found a small amount of marijuana in his car.
According to Pennsylvania State Police, around 8:48 p.m. on April 20 in the area of Grist Mill Road and Neelyton Road in Burnt Cabins, police conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Chrysler.
Police said indicators of criminal activity were ob-

served and consent was given to search the vehicle.
A small amount of marijuana was found inside the vehicle and driver Andrew Anderson, 35, of Needmore, was arrested for driving under the influence.
Charges were to be filed through Magisterial District Judge Devin C. Horne.

Cacapon Resort State Park activities

Thursday, April 27
10:30 a.m. - Woodpecker Wow. Listen to a variety of local woodpecker sounds and learn some facts.
1:30 p.m. - Spring Discovery Walk Discovery Hike. Discover what trees and wildflowers are in bloom.
Friday, April 28
10:30 a.m. - Watershed Walk. Learn about Cacapon's tributaries and help conduct a stream survey.
1:30 p.m. - WV Wildlife Pelts and Molds. Learn about a variety of common wildlife and make a track mold.
Saturday, April 29
10 a.m. - Watercolor Painting at the Overlook. Join park naturalist and volunteers to paint the overlook on a small 5x7 canvas. This class is free with materials provided, all ages welcome. Take a chair. Class is limited to the first 20 participants, first come first serve. Meet at nature center then drive to the Cacapon Mountain Overlook, three miles on rough gravel road.
1:30 p.m. - Spring Discovery Hike. Discover what trees and wildflowers are in bloom.
7 p.m. - Irish Road Bowling. Roll a cannon ball around a course. Go and find out about the sport.
Sunday, April 30
9 a.m. - Geology and History Hike. Join park volun-

teer and Potomac Valley Master Naturalist for an informative walk. Meet at the front desk of the lodge.
Monday, May 1
10 a.m. - Tai Chi. This class will help increase balance, flexibility and focus on connection to mind, body and spirit. Meet at lodge.
10:30 a.m. - WV Clouds. What type of cloud do you see? Join seasonal naturalist to learn about some common clouds.
1:30 p.m. - Watershed Walk. Learn about Cacapon's tributaries and help conduct a stream survey.
Tuesday, May 2
10:30 a.m. - Amazing Amphibians. Time for frogs to start calling. Learn a variety of frogs and toads by sound.
1:30 p.m. - Mammals of the Month. Go and find out what are the three featured mammals. Learn about their tracks, traits and facts. Make and take a plaster cast foot print and receive some informational coloring sheets.
Wednesday, May 3
10:30 a.m. - The CCC Boys: A West Virginia Legacy. The CCC boys left a legacy that can still be seen by all in the WV forests and parks. Thirty minute film.
1:30 p.m. - History Walk. Join park naturalist for discover how Camp Morgan created this WV State Park.

Hagerstown man arrested for DUI

A Hagerstown man was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of drugs and paraphernalia after hitting a tree in Fulton County.
According to Pennsylvania State Police, the accident occurred as a 2010 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Shane D. Dempsey, 20, of Hagerstown, was traveling downhill and around a right curve along Lucas Road in Warfordsburg at a speed greater than reasonable for the conditions.
Dempsey told police a deer emerged from the roadway and he swerved to miss it.
Police said the Jetta then spun across the left side and off the roadway before hitting a tree with its left side. The car then spun off the tree and came to a final rest.
Dempsey suffered a suspected minor injury in the accident and was not wearing a seatbelt.
Police arrested Dempsey and charged him with DUI, possession of drugs and paraphernalia.
Needmore Fire Company and Hancock EMS assisted at the scene.

Free agricultural tire recycling collection at Forty West Landfill



The Washington County Department of Environmental Management announces that there will be a free agricultural tire recycling collection event on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 as well as Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9.
All Washington County Farm Bureau Members along with all Washington County Md., Farmers and Agricultural landowners are welcome to bring their farm related and agricultural tires to this recycling event.
The Forty West Landfill located at 12630 Earth Care Road in Hagerstown is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Agricultural Tire Recycling Collection event is funded by the Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc. Washington County can accept and recycle 200 tons of tires. Beginning Friday, May 5* it is recommended that farmers call 240-313-2796 for a prerecorded message on the status of tire recycling acceptance before transporting tires to the Forty West Landfill.
Once the 200 tons of tires have been accepted for recycling, there will be a fee. Each load of tires must have a form which is available online at <https://www.washco-md.net>. There is no limit of tires per vehicle. Passenger, light truck and agricultural tires, on or off rims accepted. Commercial business is prohibited for this event.
For additional information, contact Washington County's Public Relations and Marketing Department at 240-313-2380 or pr@washco-md.net.
* Do not call prior to May 5, as the prerecorded message will not be available until then.

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“In Your Eternal Nature, O Godhead, I will find my nature.” +St. Catherine of Siena

Let’s face it: Why are our churches half empty--err, half-full?! Because of worldliness (Mk. 4:18ff) --and people want an “instant God”--

SomeOne who “pops up” and “performs” for them at whim, and they thus find, and get attached to, immediate stimulation and self-pleasure.

This is my latest theory and insight, so I’m trying it out on you!

Rather, God gradually reveals Himself to us, and we must be both patient and assiduous in desiring God, the true Lord, not some figment or consolation.

This idea may be summarized the book and title: “The Trivialization of God: The Dangerous Illusion of A Manageable Deity” by David McCullough. Read it. And weep. And then truly worship!

We all want God on our terms and now, and probably, at a safe distance. Faith-seekers fall off from church (or jump) when they realize God is also “Holy Mystery” and does not always act according to our whims and schedule.

Along with mysterious, gradualist “God-revelation” is our own un-concealment: it takes time, zig-zag pathways in life to find out the depths of our being and self-hood. Jesus even implies further changes and revelations in the afterlife of our own resurrection (God willing) where we will be like angels (Mt. 22:30). Hmmm, still more becoming!

While we are made in God’s Image, and as male and female (Gn. 1:27) there is room to explore, but not exploit--our true selves and bodies. If you are ever confused, always remember you are a child of God (Jn. 1:12). You are called to be a saint (I Cor. 1:2) and you are complete in Christ, as we “have come to fullness in Him” (Col. 2:10).The world is trying to mess with you and confuse you, so always remember, as God created you at birth, male or female, that “you are God’s “temple and the Holy Spirit dwells within you” (I Cor. 3:16). Everyone is gonna have troubles and even depressions in their self-becoming, but always remember: As I just performed a baptism I anointed the baby--and we all were, hopefully--priest, prophet and king, in the image of Jesus Who was all three and bestows all this Bliss upon us. You are God’s workmanship: “For we are what He has made us, created us, for good works...” (Eph. 2:10). The existentialists (Sartre and Nietzsche & others) rebelled against God and basically said we, humans, are a project for ourselves, excluding God and we basically make it up as we go along. Thus, today, we see a lotta messiness, meandering and me-ism.

We need be faithful forever and find our identity--and nobility-- in God, as St. Catherine said, and, also realize, there, in our “core” is the Lord Himself--as St. Augustine realized, “God is more interior to me than I am to myself.”

Rev. John J. Lombardi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church, 17 East Main Street, 301-678-5510 - Sunday worship 11 a.m. Senior soup and sandwich first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Church Social Room. Pastor Terry Martin-Minnich.

Grace Christian Fellowship, 130 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hancock, 301-678-6036 - Sunday services: Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting. Rev. Edward Guyer.

Hancock Church of God, 7528 Millstone Road - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening services 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services 7 p.m. Pastor James Touchton.

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

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

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

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

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 10 a.m.

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

Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-2212 - Sunday school and life groups 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Monday 8:45 a.m. ladies Bible study. Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Awana for children. Pastor Doug Poffenberger.

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

Gospel Light Tabernacle, 21 Gospel Lane on Williams Street, Berkeley Springs - Sunday school and worship/children’s church 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor Shane Boyer.

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, 14464 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordburg, Pa., 301-678-5340 - Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Warren Ensor and Deacon Emmanuel Ensor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buck Valley Christian Church, 717-294-3940 - Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:20 a.m. Primary church and junior church are held 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bill Croteau, Jr.

New Testament Church, Buck Valley, Pa., Warfordsburg exit on 484 west, six miles on right - Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pastor R. Bobby Layman.

Calvary Bible Church, 2065 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, just south of Dairy Queen on top of hill, 304-258-1099 or 304-579-9389 - Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study 7 p.m. Pastor B.J. Worley.

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-4581 or 814-392-3070 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Pastor Preston Monterrey.

Oasis Community Church, 1121 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, located in the South End shopping center across from South High, 301-745-6183 - Sunday worship 6:30 p.m. Rev. Bill Lynn.

Unity of Berkeley Springs, New Earth Granary, 143 N. Mercer St., Berkeley Springs, 304-268-4222 or 304-258-2954. Celebration service, 10 a.m. Rev. Anne Murphy-Oswald.

Mountain Top Church, one mile east of Rocky Gap State Park on Rt. 144, Flintstone, 301-777-0923 - Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship 10:45 a.m., evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 7:30 a.m.

Bethel Independent Church, Sleepy Creek - Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday worship 7 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study 7:30 p.m.

LifeHouse Church Bethel, 515 E. Wilson Blvd., Hagerstown, 301-739-1167 - Sunday life classes 8:30 a.m., worship gathering 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday family life 7 p.m.

Church of Christ, 290 South Green Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-5175 - Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m., worship 10:15 a.m. Evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. for all ages. Evangelist Van Sprague.

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

Hilltop Christian Fellowship, 12624 Trinity Church Drive, Clear Spring, 301-842-2225, Early Bible class 8:15-9 a.m. Sunday school 9:15-10:15 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7:15-8:15 p.m. Pastor John Miller.

Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, 717-294-3028 - Fellowship 9 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Bible basics class for children K through fourth grade. 12941 Buck Valley Rd., Warfordsburg.

Unitarian Universalist, 626 Washington Avenue, Hagerstown, 301-745-6576 - Sunday service 10:45 a.m. youth religious education 10:45 a.m. Minister Valerie Wills.

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

Green Ridge Assembly of God, Green Ridge - Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and prayer 6 p.m. Holy communion first Sunday of each month.

Blairs Valley First Church of God, Clear Spring, 301-842-2663 - Sunday school 10, worship 9 a.m. Bible study Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Pastor John Cook.

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

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

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Annual Ruth Ann Dean Memorial birdathon

Potomac Valley Audubon Society will be having the 2023 celebration of the Ruth Ann Dean Memorial Birdathon Monday, May 1 to Sunday, May 7. This year's Birdathon will center around a birding competition at the Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in Back Creek Valley in Berkeley County, W.Va. The idea is to see who can count as many birds of as many species as possible at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in a one-week period.

To participate, community members can form a team (1-4 participants) and come up with a clever name (i.e. Millennial Falcons).

Pick a day and time (or multiple days and times) between May 1 and May 7 to meet up with your team to bird at Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve.

Keep track of all birds observed, both number of species and number of birds themselves. Teams can use eBird but should also email them to KC Walters at Kate.lyn@PotomacAudubon.org.

All lists matter, large and small, and contribute to our knowledge and record keeping of the birds of Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve.

The team that observes the most bird species will win a \$20 gift certificate to pick out bird-friendly plants at our Spring Native Plant Sale. The winning team will also be added to the honorary Birdathon plaque displayed at Case Nature Center and be featured in Valley Views.

Go to PVAS's Birdathon page on the website to print out and complete a bird scavenger hunt instead. Take completed scavenger hunt to the Case Nature Center at Cool Spring on any weekday during Birdathon between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to exchange for a prize.

For additional information, contact Katelyn "KC" Walters at Katelyn@potomacaudubon.org or go to www.potomacaudubon.org/event/birdathon-2

OBITUARIES

Jerry L. Verdier

Jerry L. Verdier of Smithsburg, died Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Services will be at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by JL Davis Funeral Home.

Cindy Ann Stumpff 1961-2023

Cindy Ann Stumpff, age 61, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Monday, April 17, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family and while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born September 15, 1961 in Covington, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Albert Leroy and Mildred Theresa Brinkman Wolnitzek.

She attended Love Assembly of God. Cindy was a graduate of Meade High School in Ft. Meade, Md. She worked as a receiving clerk for Weis Markets. Cindy enjoyed reading, camping, swimming, playing cards and spending time with her family.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Robert Dale Stumpff, at home, her daughter, Danielle Marie Carbaugh and her husband, Edward, two sisters, Theresa Swartout of Bel Air, Md. and Patricia Harris of Harrisburg, Ky., four brothers, Matthew Wolnitzek and Stanley Wolnitzek both of Pasadena, Md., Lawrence Wolnitzek of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., James Wolnitzek of Chesapeake Beach, Va. and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Wolnitzek.

Funeral services were conducted at noon on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Love Assembly of God, 31 Buzzard Acres Lane, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Pastor Dave Kidwell officiated. Burial was in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery.

The family received friends from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

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

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



Theft-prone Hyundai and Kia vehicles should be recalled

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown, in response to Hyundai and Kia's continued failure to take adequate steps to address the alarming rate of theft of their vehicles, recently joined a coalition of 18 states calling for a federal recall of certain Hyundai and Kia vehicles.

The letter, sent to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), requests NHTSA to institute a recall of unsafe Hyundai and Kia vehicles manufactured between 2011 and 2022 whose easily bypassed ignition switches and lack of engine immobilizers make them particularly vulnerable to theft. The letter calls on the federal government to step in, as the vehicles' systems are out of compliance with federal standards and pose an unreasonable risk to public safety, and the companies have failed to address these safety issues.

"Car manufacturers failing to adequately address serious public safety concerns is completely unacceptable," said Attorney General Brown. "There is a problem with these particular Hyundai and Kia vehicles that puts lives at risk and has even resulted in multiple deaths. These companies must be held responsible for fixing the safety problem without putting the burden to do so on the cars' owners."

Between 2011 and 2022, Hyundai and Kia chose not to include anti-theft devices that were a standard feature in almost every other new car manufactured during that time period, including the same Hyundai and Kia models sold in Canada and Europe. Hyundai and Kia owners now face unnecessary risk of having their vehicles stolen, as well as related concerns, like struggling to obtain insurance for the affected vehicles.

"Even if the vehicle is stolen while the owner is safely away from their car,

the disruption to their quality of life is real," said Attorney General Brown. "The time lost from work, the money spent to replace their vehicle or fix damages, even the stress of trying to find alternate transportation to get to work, school, appointments, it is all a load these owners should not have to bear, nor endure."

The coalition asserts that Kia and Hyundai have not gone far enough in their attempts to remedy their vehicles' vulnerability to theft. While the companies have offered a software upgrade, this upgrade will not be available for many affected vehicles until June, and the upgrade can't be installed in some 2011-2022 models. Vehicle owners who cannot receive the software upgrade can reportedly receive a free steering wheel lock from Kia and Hyundai, but this again places additional burdens on owners and does not address the underlying ignition system flaw that makes the vehicles so vulnerable to theft. Many owners have contacted NHTSA for assistance with this theft issue.

In the letter, the states urge NHTSA to take immediate action by instituting a recall of the unsafe Hyundai and Kia vehicles because:

- The vehicles violate federal requirements that vehicles have a starting system that prevents the activation of the engine or motor and steering system when the key is removed;
- The vehicles' vulnerability to hotwiring and theft has created an unreasonable and well-documented risk to safety on U.S. roads;
- Surging thefts of unsafe vehicles have consumed law enforcement and emergency responder resources; and
- The companies' response through a phased and voluntary service campaign is insufficient to protect drivers and the public.

Gilbert Linwood Kerr 1932-2023

Gilbert Linwood "Gil" Kerr, age 90, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Sterling Care at South Mountain in Boonsboro, Md. while under the care of Hospice of Washington County.

Born October 21, 1932 in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late George Alexander and Elizabeth Mary Ziegler Kerr.

He was a high school graduate. Gil served with the United States Navy from September 27, 1951 until his honorable discharge on September 2, 1955 at the rank of a Seaman Recruit during the Korean War, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He worked as a clerk with Bethlehem Steel Company in Sparrows Point, Md.. Gil was a 25 year member of Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60, where he was active with the weekly Wednesday bingo night and was an active 20 year member with the Tri-State Honor Guard. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1483 in Berkeley Springs and a Masonic Lodge member in Maryland. Gil enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Gil is survived by his wife, Linda Lou Waugh Kerr at home, two sons, James Wilson of Palm Coast, FL and Jay Wilson of Dundalk, Md. and one grandson, Michael Scott Wilson.

Celebration of Life service will be at a later date. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gil's memory may be made to the Tri-State Honor Guard, c/o Tom Kiley, 527 N. Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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

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



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Sign-up period for Maryland’s small acreage cover crop program now open

Program is open to small farms & urban growers who plant less than 10 acres

The Maryland Department of Agriculture announced that the sign-up period for its Small Acreage Cover Crop Program is open now through May 26. Now in its second year, the program provides grants to help small farms and urban growers plant cover crops on their production areas to build healthy soils, improve crop yields, protect local water quality, improve climate resilience and provide other environmental benefits.

“Small-scale and urban farmers play a major role in growing fresh, healthy food for local communities,” said Maryland Department Agriculture Secretary Kevin A. Atticks. “The Department is excited to provide these essential growers with conservation grants that promote healthy farming practices that support local food production. I encourage all eligible growers to apply for our small farm cover crop grants

during the open enrollment period.”

The Small Acreage Cover Crop Program is for urban and small-scale producers who do not qualify for traditional cover crop programs. New this year, operations that plant less than ten acres of qualifying cover crops—including cereal grains or cover crop seed mixes—can apply for grants. Financial assistance for this program is capped at \$1,500 per grower, per year.

Program highlights include:

- Maximum payment per grower is \$1,500 per year
- Growers will be reimbursed based on paid receipts
- Eligible species include single cereal grains or cover crop seed mixes
- Cover crops may be planted in open plots/fields, raised beds, or a high tunnel following the harvest of a production crop (vegetables, herbs, flowers, corn,

sorghum, soybeans, hemp, millet, or tobacco)

- Growers should follow cover crop planting recommendations made by the seed manufacturer or the University of Maryland Extension for eligible species.

Urban and small-scale producers may download grant applications on the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s website. Applications must be postmarked by May 26, for consideration in this year’s program.

The Small Acreage Cover Crop Program is funded by the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and managed by the department’s Small Farm and Urban Agriculture Program. Growers who want to apply for these small acreage cover crop grants should contact Bill Tharpe, Program Administrator for the Small Farm & Urban Agriculture Program at bill.tharpe@maryland.gov or 410-841-5869.

Ice House presents Sakura Matsuri Festival

The Morgan Arts Council welcomes you to join us on Saturday, April 29 at the Ice House, as we present our first Sakura Matsuri - A Japanese Spring Festival that celebrates the season. The program will be entertaining to adults and children alike.

The full day of free activities include:

10 a.m. - Nature Haiku walk led by Eddy Rubin, followed by participatory origami and calligraphy.

Noon-2 p.m. - Origami and Calligraphy participatory demonstrations by Amanda Solo and Hiroko Rubin.

2-3 p.m. - Bobby Seigetsu Avstreich will present a “Folktales of Old Japan” program for children.

2-4:30 p.m. - Jane Frenke will teach a class on Shibori dyeing (paid pre-registration is required for this class).

The evening performances begin at 7 p.m.

Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration by Hiroko Rubin.

Japanese Sword Dance performance by Tadashi Kato.

Shakuhachi (flute) meditation & Folktales of Old Japan with Bobby Seigetsu Avstreich.

Japanese Taiko Drumming



by Kurt Griffith and Shango Mountain Taiko.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the

Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes.

The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer in downtown Berkeley Springs. For more information on this and other MAC activities go to www.macicehouse.org or on our Facebook page.

EMS to county employment

(from front)

The transition of EMS companies career staffing into county employment doesn’t affect Hancock Rescue Squad yet.

The voluntary transition will begin by transferring staff from Williamsport Fire and EMS and Smithsburg EMS into county employment.

The county will also start to evaluate and determine the most economical and feasible approach to a countywide billing service.

A countywide billing service will establish uniform billing rates and billing processes throughout the county, which will also relieve the burden of billing services from the volunteer corporations.

“Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS is committed to furthering steps with the county taking over EMS with their plan and would like to continue talks in that direction to finalize takeover as soon as possible,” said Williamsport Fire and EMS President Timothy Ammons.

Smithsburg EMS President Joan Cooper-Gerber said, “I am pleased to announce that the staffing of the Smithsburg Emergency Medical Services will be absorbed by the Division of Emergency Services. For several years, we have struggled to maintain the most qualified individuals in a competing market. We have concluded that DES staffing

is the best solution to deliver excellent emergency medical services for our community. Our Board of Directors and staff are fully committed to this new approach and are eager for its success.”

In 2007, a study on the future of EMS was conducted by a workgroup of fire and EMS officials within Washington County.

The study highlighted challenges the volunteer EMS companies endure, including issues related to staffing, financial, and administrative functions.

These challenges were carefully considered, and Washington County Government in partnership with the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and each volunteer fire and EMS company determined the delivery of EMS services in Washington County could not remain sustainable under the current deployment model.

It was determined the consolidation of all supplemental career staffing under the Division of Emergency Services would be necessary. Additionally, a consolidation allows both full and part-time personnel to be utilized throughout the county, enhancing both service levels and administrative efficiency.

Currently, five of the eight volunteer EMS companies have indicated an interest in moving forward with conversations to consider the transi-

tion. The transition requires the development of Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) to govern the relationship between the county and the host companies. This deployment model will help provide equity across the system with standardized competitive salaries and benefits packages.

Hancock Chief Stephen Barnhart said right now it will only be Williamsport EMS and Smithsburg EMS, but Hancock could be part of the transition “down the road.”

“Washington County Government is proud to continue its collective partnership with the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and each of the volunteer fire and EMS companies throughout the County. While the County moves forward with the transition, it is important to remember that these volunteer companies will continue to depend on the donations and support of citizens,” said R. David Hays, Director of Emergency Services.

Commissioner President John Barr said, “Washington County Government is committed to providing outstanding services to its citizens. As we continue to look for ways to enhance public safety services, we have full confidence that this transition will progress us in the right direction.”

Summer camps

(from front)

Students would also be making pencil pouches to send abroad and also make water bottle holders as a reminder of the important contributions they make as global citizens.

This is the only course where students are encouraged to attend both weeks.

Bradley and Lourdon will teach the Environmental Warriors camp as well, which will be held July 17-20.

Students will be exploring their personal, local, and global impact on the environment. They would be collecting and analyzing data from a stream and the school’s yard.

The camp will culminate in an Environmental Round Table where students would propose ideas for improving their contributions to a healthy environment.

A field trip to Camp Harding in Pecktonville is also included in the camp.

The Sixth Grade Transition Camp is exclusive to sixth graders and will help them get a jump-start on the 2023-2024 school year. April Shupp, Michael Leith, and Heather Smith will be teaching the camp during the July 17-20 week.

Students would be learning what it takes to be successful in middle school with activities that include fun games, nature projects, and team-building exercises.

Students would also be introduced to the school’s positive behavior program, counseling services, sixth grade routines, and goal setting processes.

It also allows students to meet their fellow middle schoolers and their teachers.

The final camp would be “We the People: Getting to Know My State,” which will Lourdon will be teaching during the last week of the camp, July 24-27. It’s the only camp offered that week.

Students will be studying the structure of Maryland government and exploring how it has influenced local history.

Students will be adding artifacts to a portfolio in response to the question “Why am I a proud Maryland citizen?”

A guest speaker is planned.

Parents and guardians can register students for these camps by accessing the on-line camp document at this website https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSsipFnnvXWxQvHGRSYm1fEr081CoVGfND4L7A_n7BEG6xjSg/viewform

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Panthers fall prey to Indians

Hancock High School’s boys’ varsity baseball team lost to the Indians 5-15 in Berkeley Springs last Thursday, April 20.

Still stinging from a 24-1 loss at home against Southern Fulton the day before, the Panthers now stand 3-9 on the season.

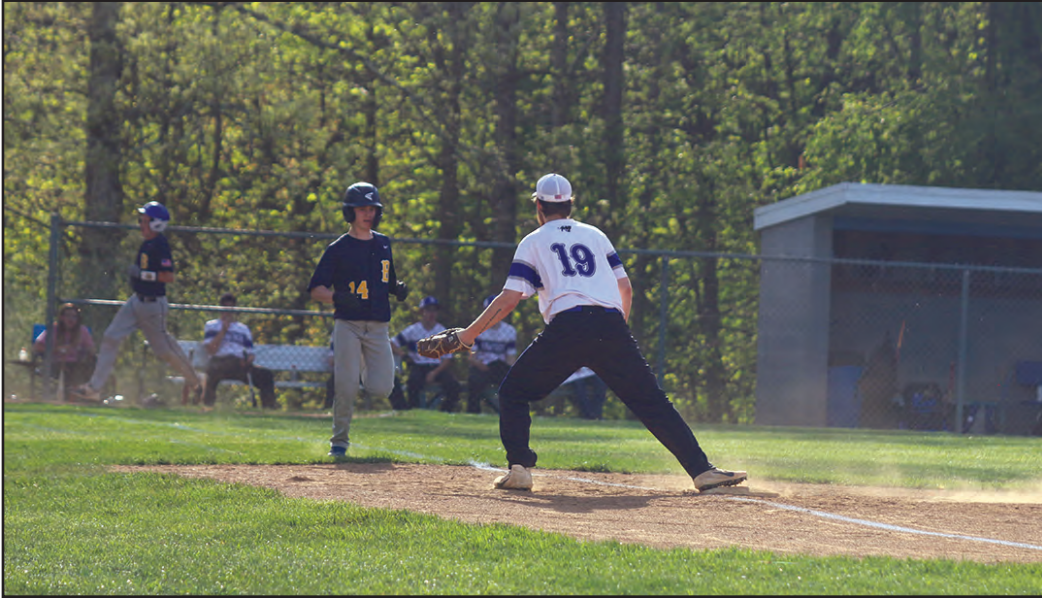
The lady Panthers fared a little better in their home game against Southern Fulton last Wednesday, with a loss of 6-3.

The Panthers host the Turkeyfoot Valley Area Rams on Tuesday, April 25. Hopes should be running high for both Panther

teams, who each took home victories the last time they encountered the Rams in Confluence, Pa.

Next up, the lady Panthers host Bedford High School at Hancock High School on Thursday, April 27 at 4:45 p.m.

The next Panthers’ varsity baseball and softball home games after that will be on Thursday, May 4 at 4:45 p.m. when the boys take on Clear Spring High School, and the girls face off against Maryland School for the Deaf.



Brady Trumpower (19) holds back Indian Jaxon McClintock to get the out.



Ethan Hall (8) gets the out for the Panthers when Indian Kyle Rankin slides into base.



Blair Ray was on the mound for the Panthers in Thursday, April 20, game against the Berkeley Springs Indians. photos by Lori Younker

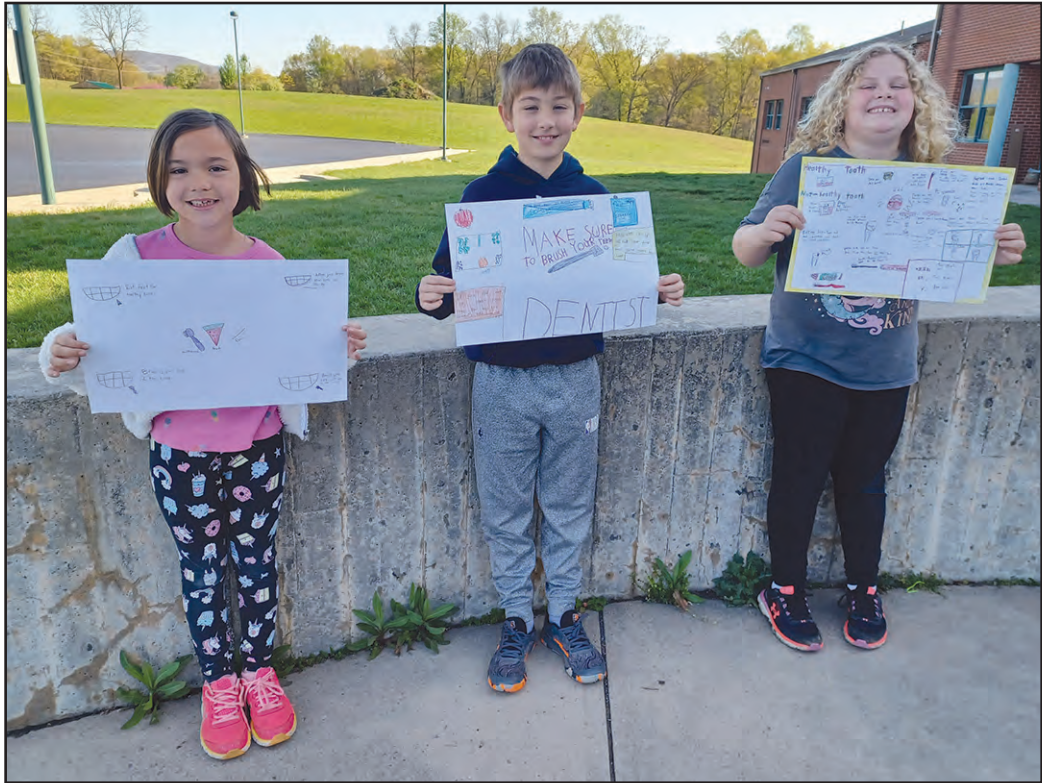


Jeremiah Thomas catches the fly ball to get the out.



Tyler Clingerman attempts to slide in under the catch.

Students are all smiles with winning dental posters



Third graders at the Southern Fulton Elementary School recently participated in a poster contest. Following a dental lesson, the students created posters highlighting the information they learned. The winners were from left to right: Maria Beal, Maverick Powell and Kendall Fleegle.

Young Scholarship looking for donations to 2023 prize

by Geoff Fox

The Herbert A. Young Scholarship fund is seeking donations for their annual scholarship that will be given to a senior member of the Hancock High School Band.

Young was a longtime band teacher at the school from 1965 until 1990.

The scholarship was de-

signed to honor the memory of Young’s 52-year career as a band director.

Each year, when there are eligible students, the Fund awards a senior band member who is chosen by Band Director Susan Mott during the band’s Spring Concert.

Last year’s recipient was Seth Bivens.

The concert will be held Tuesday, May 2, at the high school auditorium. The award will be presented at the band picnic on Tuesday, May 16.

To donate to the scholarship, send a check to David Young, 7320 Millstone Road, Hancock, MD 21750. Checks can be made out to David Young.

Mixed League bowling scores

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on March 23:

High scratch game: Strikers 547, Mike’s Scrap Metal 512 and Country Side Doodles 477.

High scratch series: Mike’s Scrap Metal 1,408, Strikers 1,353 and Country Side Doodles 1,290.

High scratch game men: John DuVall 190, Mike Burks 183 and Dick Voorhaar 174. Women: Bernie Michael 210, Deloris Stotler 173 and Susie King 150.

High scratch series men: Dick Voorhaar 488, John DuVall 476 and Bobby Farris 472. Women: Deloris Stotler 491, Bernie Michael 478 and Sandy Bettag 426.

High average men: Pete Coe 175, Dick Voorhaar 171, Mike Burks 163 and John DuVall 163. Women: Deloris Stotler 162, Sandy Bettag 152 and Susie King 140.

Bowling scores for the Thursday Night Mixed on March 30:

High scratch game: Mike’s



Scrap Metal 534, King Pins 514 and Strikers 451.

High scratch series: Mike’s Scrap Metal 1,405, King Pins 1,334 and Strikers 1,313.

High scratch game men: Bobby Farris 232, Pete Coe 213 and Dick Voorhaar 180. Women: Deloris Stotler 170, Sandy Bettag 167 and Bernie Michael 158.

High scratch series men: Bobby Farris 561, Pete Coe 496 and John DuVall 490.

Women: Deloris Stotler 470, Bernie Michael 442 and Sandy Bettag 434.

High average men: Pete Coe 175, Dick Voorhaar 171, Mike Burks 163 and John DuVall 163. Women: Deloris Stotler 162, Sandy Bettag 152 and Susie King 140.

Standings: Mike’s Scrap Metal 73.5-41.5, Strikers 66-50, King Pins 58.5-53.5 and Country Side Doodles 50-63.

How to Reach the Schools

Hancock Elementary School • 301-766-8178

Class supply lists and other school information at:
<http://wcpsmd.com/schools/elementary-schools/hancock-elementary>

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Bus routes for Washington County Schools can be found online at the district website at:
<http://wcpsmd.com/transportation/bus-routes>

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80131
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Loraine Fritz, Sr.

Notice is given that Robert L. Fritz, Jr., 13705 Clear Spring Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on April 11, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert Loraine Fritz, Sr. who died on March 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 attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 11th day of 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:

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

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

Robert L. Fritz, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80172
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Valerie Randall.

Notice is given that Rudi Randall, 13803 Emerson Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on April 17, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Valerie Randall who died on September 16, 2019 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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:

(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.

Rudi Randall
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Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80147
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Joseph A. Belluscio.

Notice is given that Margaret Belluscio, 26 Mealey Parkway, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on April 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Joseph A. Belluscio who died on December 23, 2022 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 11th 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:

(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.

Margaret Belluscio
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80118
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Helen V. Doub.

Notice is given that Dennis Doub, 29 Broadway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on April 12, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen V. Doub who died on March 21, 2023 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th 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:

(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.

Dennis Doub
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80031
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Arlene Virginia Dotter Boggs.

Notice is given that Kenneth Dotter III, 104 East Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771 was on April 12, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Arlene Virginia Dotter Boggs 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 attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th 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:

(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.

Kenneth Dotter III
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

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 attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th 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.

Jeffrey L. Crist
Donna L. Knapp
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-19-3th

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

Estate No. 80033
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Betty June Snyder.

Notice is given that Dixie Hickman, 4015 Potomac Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268 was on April 17, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Betty June Snyder who died on January 12, 2023 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Dixie Hickman
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-1thn

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

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

Notice is given that Michael Lee Becraft, 16605 Here at Last Lane, Charlotte, NC 28278 was on March 31, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gertrud Margaret Kerr who died on March 25, 2023 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 30th day of September, 2023.

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.

Michael Lee Becraft
Personal Representative
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Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-12-3th

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

Estate No. 80138
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Peter V. Sellers.

Notice is given that Brian Jay Gordon, 13128 Little Antietam Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on April 17, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Peter V. Sellers who died on March 20, 2023 with a will.

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

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

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

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Brian Jay Gordon
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-1thn

Cathleen F. Ward, Esquire
Ward & Co. Law LLC
308 Crain Highway, N.W.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80148
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patricia Maureen Bettinger Keplinger.

Notice is given that Denise Bettinger, 1423 Norcross Rd., Severn, MD 21144 was on April 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Patricia Maureen Bettinger Keplinger who died on February 28, 2023 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 11th 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:

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

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Denise Bettinger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-3th

Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer, PA
864 Jefferson Boulevard
Hagerstown, MD 21740

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

Estate No. 80149
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Rollin E. Byers.

Notice is given that Joan E. Byers, 8858 Signal Drive, Williamsport, MD 21795 was on April 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Rollin E. Byers who died on January 1, 2023 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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Joan E. Byers
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd4-26-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80134
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marguerite B. Jacques.

Notice is given that Denton R. Jacques, Jr., 13037 Jacques Lane, Smithsburg, MD 21783, Brian Jacques, 13000 Jacques Lane, Smithsburg, MD 21783 and John Jacques, PO Box 274, Smithsburg, MD 21783 were on April 17, 2023 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Marguerite B. Jacques who died on March 25, 2023 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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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Denton R. Jacques, Jr.
Brian Jacques
John Jacques
Personal Representatives
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SMALL ESTATE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80116
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Elmer Ellsworth Long, Jr.

Notice is given that Linda J. Funkhouser, 222 Koontztown Rd., Hedgesville, WV 25427 was on April 10, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Elmer Ellsworth Long, Jr. who died on March 21, 2023 with a will.

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

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

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

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

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

Linda J. Funkhouser
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Estate No. 79716
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Irvin Eugene Lee.

Notice is given that Gary Lee, 130 Cumberland Street PO Box 107, Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on January 18, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Irvin Eugene Lee who died on October 10, 2022 with a will.

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

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80157
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Alexander J. Serpi, Sr.

Notice is given that Florence M. Wolford, 17531 Lincolnshire Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on OApril 12, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Alexander J. Serpi, Sr. 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 attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 12th day of October, 2023.

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(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.

Florence M. Wolford
Personal Representative
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Lacy M. Flook,
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Capital is a key measure of a bank's financial health and CNB continues to be rated a well capitalized financial institution by regulatory authorities. CNB's capital totaled \$34.9 million or 6.0% of total assets as of March 31, 2023.

CNB, with total assets at March 31, 2023 of \$584.8 million, has two full service offices and ATMs in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. The Bank has three full service branch offices and ATMs in Berkeley County, W.Va. Our Berkeley County office locations are in Hedgesville, South Martinsburg and Falling Waters, W.Va. The Bank has three full service branch offices and ATMs in Washington County, Md. Our Washington County office locations are in Hagerstown offices located at 1591 Potomac Avenue and the Bank's newest location at 1625 Dual Highway.

Maryland State Police taking applications for 2023 Leadership & Career Development seminar

The Maryland State Police is now accepting applications for the fourth annual Leadership and Career Development Seminar, which will take place from August 4-6. The goal of the free event is to develop interest and introduce high school rising juniors and seniors and incoming college freshmen to career opportunities with the department.

The two-day, action-packed seminar will be held at the Maryland State Police Training Academy in Sykesville. Those interested in starting a career in law enforcement – either sworn or civilian – are can learn about the Maryland State Police from troopers and civilian employees who specialize in a wide range of expertise. The seminar is a way to identify young talent and foster a relationship with the community. The goal is to provide participants with hands-on experiences and an introduction

to the Department's mission critical career opportunities.

Attendees will learn about emergency communications, fitness and defensive tactics, facets of a law enforcement career, aviation/flight paramedics, leadership, digital forensics/cybersecurity and details into our diverse civilian occupations.

Troopers and civilian employees from various specialized units will be on hand to share their experiences about life as a state trooper or as a civilian employee in a law enforcement career. This will include representatives from Criminal Investigations, Forensic Sciences, Police Communications, Information Technology and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Along with this exciting opportunity, food and lodging will be provided on the campus of the Maryland State Police Academy. Each bar-



Students listen to presenters at last year's Maryland State Police Leadership and Career Development Seminar.

rack commander will select one applicant to represent their respective county, including Baltimore City.

To qualify for enrollment, applicants must submit either a two-minute self-taped video or a written essay to explain why they are interested in a career in law enforcement. The deadline for applications

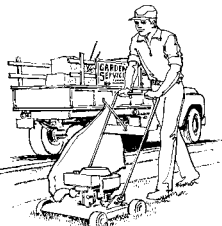
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Allow others to take the lead when a project ends up coming across your desk. You could learn something from the expertise of others if you emulate their actions.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, there are a few decisions that you will need to make in the days to come and they are not to be taken lightly. Give each ample time and consider all angles.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you have left no stone unturned in a situation that involves relocation. Now it is just a matter of wait and see. Give it a few weeks, then move on.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
An opportunity all but falls into your lap, Leo. Make sure you jump on this because opportunity may not knock again. The benefits are too big to pass up.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, others have very positive things to say about you, especially during the course of the next few days. Relish in their attention.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
There is not much more help you can lend to a situation, Virgo. This week you may have to accept that you have simply done all that you could do. Move on and focus on the future.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, even though you have been making great progress, you have some more work ahead of you this week. Overcome any distractions that get in your way.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Expect some strange things to happen to you this week, Libra. The unexpected could be the breath of fresh air you need, especially if your schedule has been stagnant.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may want to avoid crowds this week. Use this opportunity to enjoy some quiet, alone time to recharge. There will be time for socialization in the weeks ahead.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Assist a loved one as much as you can this week. You may need to be a devoted caregiver or a listening ear. Whatever the case, handle it with undivided attention.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You may be called in as a mediator this week, Gemini. It may be challenging to remain impartial, as you are friendly with both people involved. Tread carefully.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a deep focus on health may compel you to get around to making some changes you've been planning. Embrace this newfound resolve.

Valley Art Association to host May exhibits, events

Valley Art Association will host an exhibit of their members' art, called "May Flowers," May 5-28 at The Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown City Park. The exhibit will be open Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Valley Art Association "Art in the Hallway" will hang as a collaboration of the VAA and Meritus Medical Center. Works by artist Judy Melby Robinson will be on display during the month of May in "the link" between the hospital's main entrance and Same Day Surgery Center, Hagerstown. A portion of sales proceeds are donated to the hospital Auxiliary.

Valley Art Association will hold its general meeting on May 24 at 7 p.m. The business meeting followed by featured artist Lynn Ferris with watercolor demonstration. This is free and open to the public.

Valley Art Association will also offer classes in sculpture, led by Lesa Cook. There is a fee for the class. Check the association's website for more information, email valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).



Valley Art Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been promoting the arts and artists in the tri-state Cumberland Valley since 1938. Funded in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the VAA is headquartered at The Mansion House Art Center & Gallery in Hagerstown City Park.

PVAS offers a variety of bird walks

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) announces they are having a variety of bird walks for the month of May.

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30-10 a.m., Rolling Ridge Conservancy: Join volunteers Bill Telfair and Scot DeGraf on the gorgeous trails of Rolling Ridge Conservancy, a privately owned wilderness area in Jefferson County, W.Va. that includes 1500 acres of protected woodlands. Walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The trails wind through the woods with some hilly, rocky sections that could be slippery when wet. Wear sturdy walking shoes, take along drinking water and walking poles are encouraged. Binoculars will be available for anyone that needs them. Meet by 7:30 a.m. at 138 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, W.Va. The walk will last at least a couple of hours. More information and registration at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/spring-rolling-ridge-conservancy-bird-walk-3

Wednesday, May 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m., USGS Eastern Ecological Science Center: For the non-early birds, enjoy this evening bird walk at the USGS Eastern Ecological Science Center led by Karli Rogers and Cheyenne Simpson. The property has a mix of open ponds and woods offering different species. The route is generally flat, with some gradual hills. This event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes and take along drinking water. Children 12+

are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and limited to 10 participants and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/usgs-eastern-ecological-science-center-spring-bird-walk-4

Wednesday, May 17, 7-10 a.m., Cool Spring Preserve: This 63-acre preserve is a birding hot spot. Join volunteer Beth Pool for her "Third Wednesday Walk" at 7 a.m. in the front parking lot of Cool Spring Preserve. The walk will last a couple of hours, though attendees can leave at any time. This event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an interest is welcome to come along, regardless of their birding skills. Children 12+ are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. 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. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants and can be found at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/spring-third-wednesday-bird-walk

Watch for additional walks on our website: www.potomacaudubon.org. For more information, contact Kristin Alexander at Kristin@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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—WOMAN JOKED: I find it hard to believe that the three bears in the Goldilocks story made porridge and the only thing wrong with it was the temperature.

—Next Monday is May Day – celebrated around the world as an ancient spring holiday, and also as an international day honoring workers. Some mark the day by dancing around a "maypole" decorated with colorful ribbons.

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