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Hancock at a Glance


Weather

Wed. 5/17 70/38 
Sunny with north winds around 11 mph, gusts as high as 18 mph.

Thurs. 5/18 68/43 
Sunny with light and variable southeast winds 5-8 mph.

Fri. 5/19 73/48 
Sunny with a high around 73 and a low near 48.

Sat. 5/20 72/51 
40% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a high of 72.

Sun. 5/21 76/50 
Mostly sunny with a high of 76 and a low around 50.

Letters to the Editor

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Letters are a way for citizens to comment on current issues. They are not meant to provide anyone with a platform to write again and again about their philosophy, group or business.

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Farmer's Market returning, pickleball court a possibility

by Geoff Fox

A few years ago, the Town of Hancock hosted a bi-weekly farmer's market in Joseph Hancock Park along Main Street, but it fell off and disappeared.

Now, the town is looking to reignite the farmer's market and is looking for vendors to fill spots.

The new farmer's market will carry the same days – Tuesday and Saturday – and location of Joseph Hancock Park. No fixed time was given, but Town Manager Mike Faith said it would run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 p.m., "right around there."

Faith said he's received numerous phone calls and emails regarding having a farmer's market and has

since put an advertisement in the *Hancock News* last week.

He said vendors could begin setting up around 7 a.m. and spots are about 15 feet in size.

"We're not reserving spots. We're not going to spray paint lines," he said. "It will be first come first served."

All items sold at the farmer's market such as produce, herbs, nuts, fruits, flowers, plants, jellies, soaps, and preserves, must be grown or produced by the vendor.

Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the previous farmer's market ran into issues where people were told they had to pay to have

spots, however that wasn't the case then and is not the case now.

It's free for vendors to have their spot at the farmer's market, but they still need to register at Town Hall.

Pickleball & disc golf coming to Hancock?

Town officials also discussed possibly adding a disc golf course or pickleball court at the tennis court and improving the basketball courts in Widmeyer Park.

Town Manager Faith said the town wants to improve and renovate those courts and add a pickleball court as well.

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Students to take part in Prom Promise

by Geoff Fox

This Thursday, May 18, juniors and seniors at Hancock High School will be learning the dangers of too much partying after their prom, which is Saturday evening.

On Thursday morning, folks driving by the high school may notice some activity at the school involving first responders and a crowd of students outside.

Beginning at 10 a.m. May 18, there will be a Prom Promise event for the students in which first responders from Hancock Rescue Squad, Hancock Fire Company, and Hancock Police Department, as well as Grove Funeral Home, will show the effects of driving under the influence of drugs



or alcohol and texting and driving.

Over the past several years during prom weekend, approximately 300 teens have died in alcohol-related car accidents leaving families and friends of loved ones devastated.

Prom Promise is an awareness campaign targeting teenage individuals planning to attend prom during their junior and senior years of high school and focusing on preventing those accidents.

Plant giveaway this weekend

by Geoff Fox

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be giving away plants this Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the church located at 200 Douglas Street in Hancock thanks to local growers and members of church. Should there be rain, the event will be moved inside.

Organizers are asking people not to come early that day.

Wendy Weller told town officials about the giveaway, which as of this past weekend had about 2,000 plants from donations from two greenhouses and those in the congregation. There were still some plants that needed picked up, she told officials.

Weller said four other greenhouses could donate more plants this week.

"We're not sure what we're going to end up with, but we'll have plenty for people who want to come," she said.

The focus has been on reaching out to those who help families in need, such as food banks, churches, and senior centers.

There will be five master gardeners attending the event to answer questions and have information tables. Those master gardeners, Weller said, will be from Washington and Morgan counties.

Back in March, Weller approached town officials to make them aware of the plant giveaway.

Weller wanted to remind town officials about a possible traffic back up on Douglas Street and Pennsylvania Avenue during the two-hour giveaway.

She said that might be something to reach out to the police to maybe monitor those two hours.

Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. told Officer Shawn Faith to have whoever is working during that time to check on the traffic that day.

There will be parking and those attending are asked to line up and they will be given a cardboard flat to put their plants in.

"Volunteers will be available to assist in carrying flats if needed," Weller said.

In an email, Weller later added there would be an



array of vegetables, herbs, flowers, corn and bean seeds, and even potatoes.

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints wants to bless the community by serving its neighbors," Weller said.

She added the church has also shared information about the giveaway with food banks and organizations that serve low income families in Hancock, Needmore, Warfordsburg, and Berkeley Springs.

COVID public health emergency ends, but disease remains

by Kate Evans

On May 5, the World Health Organization cancelled its designation of COVID-19 as a public health emergency. The United States also removed its designation of COVID-19 as a public health emergency on May 11, more than three years after it was first instituted.

However, health officials say that COVID is still considered a major cause of illness and the disease can be life-threatening in certain populations. Long COVID is a medical phenomenon still being measured.

The case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 have diminished nationwide. To date, 1,127,928 people have died from COVID in the United States as of May 6, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC)

Over 1,000 deaths weekly

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent, reported in a May 10 article that there were nearly 9,900 new COVID-related hospital admissions in the United States for the week ending May 5 and an estimated 1,050 COVID-related deaths per week in America at the end of April.

In a May 5 Public Health Emergency Briefing, CDC Principal Deputy Director, Dr. Nirav Shah said, "Although next week marks the end of the public health emergency, it is not the end of COVID-19. "COVID-19 remains a risk. And

CDC remains committed to preventing severe illness and death associated with COVID-19. Particularly for those who are at higher risk. This includes older Americans, people who are immune compromised, and those who are living with disabilities," said Dr. Shah.

Over 65, others still at risk

Clay B. Marsh, MD is the Chancellor and Executive Dean of West Virginia University's academic health sciences center and West Virginia's COVID-19 czar. Marsh noted in a May 5 interview regarding the COVID demographics that around 90% of deaths and hospitalizations are from those over 65 years old and from those with conditions that compromise their immune systems.

On average over the past seven days, about 1,900 people per day are hospitalized, and 190 deaths per day are from COVID-19, he said.

Marsh said that staying current with recommended COVID vaccinations reduces the risk of long COVID, as does taking the oral antiviral paxlovid and/or the drug metformin, if one tests positive for COVID-19. Both medications can also reduce the severity of the COVID infection.

Marsh stressed that "even with the end of the healthcare emergency status, COVID-19 is still a highly infectious virus that spreads primarily by airborne transmission and continues to mutate, as evidenced by the con-

tinuing appearances of more powerful COVID variants. The most recent variants are from the Omicron family."

90% immunity

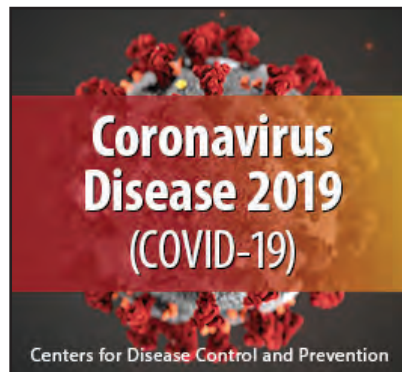
Marsh noted that "with the production of COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, as well as high levels of native immunity for those who have been infected with COVID-19 and recovered, over 90% of the U.S. population has immune protection to COVID-19. This greater immune protection has led to reduced numbers of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19."

"COVID-19 will remain an infectious disease that will cause illness, hospitalization and death. We can still protect ourselves by hand washing, covering our mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing and wearing masks when in crowded indoor environments. Also, testing oneself if you have symptoms of cold or fever and staying home if you test positive protects others," Marsh advised.

Vaccine recommendations

The CDC's COVID-19 vaccination recommendations include:

- 1) Individuals who are six years and older should get one updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date.
- 2) People who are age 65 or older that have received a single dose of the Omicron (bivalent) vaccine may get a second dose of the updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna



COVID-19 vaccine if it's been at least four months after their first dose.

3) People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine if it's been at least two months since their last shot.

4) Children age six months to five years old may need multiple doses of COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date, including at least one dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the number of doses they've previously received and their age.

5) Individuals who are unvaccinated may get a single dose of the Omicron (bivalent) vaccine, rather than multiple doses of the mRNA vaccines.

6) COVID-19 vaccine recommendations will be updated as needed.

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OPINIONS

Farewell to Sam Judge

We at *The Hancock News* were very sorry to learn of the passing of Sam Judge on May 11. Sam was a champion of Hancock and was tireless in photographing the town’s activities, visitors and people, from big events to everyday life. His efforts to create and run the Hancock Facebook page made it a true success and attracted fans both to the page and the town.

Sam’s artistic eye was also at work in an annual photo contest, show and various photo exhibits over the years. He was gracious in letting our newspaper reprint some of his photos over the years, until he thought the quality of printing fell down and didn’t think his images came out clear enough on the page. When we changed printers a few years later and the print quality improved, we were pleased that Sam agreed to let us run some of his photos once again in our pages.

Sam’s characteristic attention to detail, artistic skill and commitment to his community have contributed greatly to Hancock and Southern Fulton. Even though he worked behind the lens and be-



hind the scenes much of the time, Sam Judge stands out as a tireless booster of Hancock and Southern Fulton. He recorded the rich history of towns and their people. That’s a true treasure of great value, and its importance will only grow over time.



Calendar of Events MAY

Monday, May 22
– Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha’s House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?
To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

Correction/clarification

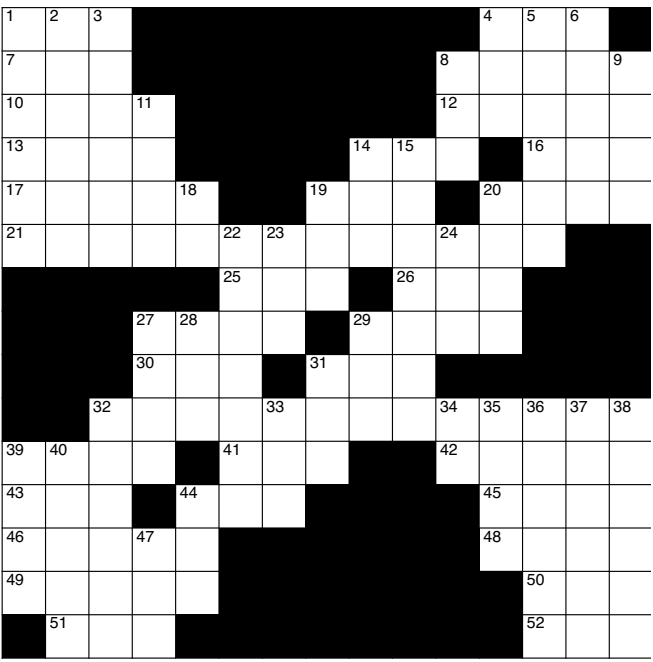
In the Linn Hendershot story last week, we mistakenly reported that Tom Hendershot ran for office, winning city council in Hagerstown and unsuccessfully as commissioner. It should have said that Linn Hendershot had been the one who ran for office.

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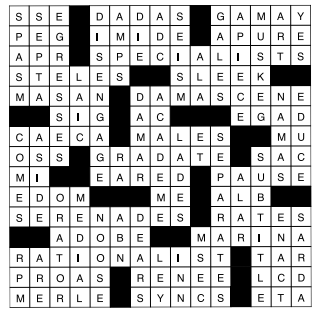
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Branch
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Slang for requests
- “So Human An Animal” author
- Rocker Billy
- British Air Aces
- Type of tree
- “Tough Little Boys” singer Gary
- State attorneys
- Goddess of fertility
- Localities
- Beloved singer Charles
- Clue
- Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Farm resident
- Ocean
- Where ballplayers work
- Unable to hear
- Cool!
- Cape Verde capital
- One point north of due east
- Kilo yard (abbr.)
- Middle Eastern nation
- It yields Manila hemp
- People operate it (abbr.)
- Regenerate
- Not healthy
- Chinese sword
- Mild expression of surprise

DOWN

- Unit of angle
- Headgear to control a horse
- Clots
- Follows sigma
- A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns

- Greek units of weight
- Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Stony waste matter
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Hostile to others
- U.S. State
- Not wet
- Something one thinks up
- Where beer is made
- Clumsy person
- Belonging to us
- Canadian flyers
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Snakelike fish
- Unhappy
- Fruit
- Not good
- Zero degrees Celsius
- Goo Goo Dolls’ hit
- Crawls into the head (folklore)
- Legally responsible
- Move in a playful way
- Regarded with deep affection
- Partner to flowed
- Native American tribe
- Head honcho

Answers for May 10, 2023



EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

What’s the background on the “No Mow May” movement?

– J.D., via email

Lawns cover some 40 million acres—or two percent—of land in the United States, making them the single largest irrigated crop we grow. We mow, rake, fertilize, weed, chemically treat and water them—sucking up time, money and other resources. And in spite of all that they provide little if any benefit to wildlife. In fact, they likely do more harm than good. Indeed, grass-only lawns lack floral resources and nesting sites for bees and other pollinators, and serve up a cocktail of toxic pesticides.

Addressing these issues is where the No Mow May campaign comes in, encouraging people to refrain from mowing their lawns during the month of May. The idea is to let wildflowers and other plants grow, providing important habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. The campaign was started in the United Kingdom by the environmental charity Plantlife in 2018. Since then, it has gained popularity in other countries, including the U.S. and Canada. The goal of No Mow May is to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and to encourage people to take action to support pollinators.

Many people mow their lawns frequently, often using gas-powered mowers that emit carbon dioxide and other pollutants. This can be harmful to the environment, as well as to human health. Mowing also destroys wildflowers and other plants that provide food and shelter for pollinators. By refraining from mowing their lawns during the month of May, people can help to create a habitat for pollinators. This can include bees, butterflies, moths and other insects, as well as birds and small mammals that feed on them. These creatures play an important role in pollinating crops, which is essential for the production of many types of food.

No Mow May is not only good for the environment, but it can also be good for your lawn. Allowing wildflowers and other plants to grow can help to improve the health of your soil, reduce erosion, and provide a natural fertilizer. This can lead to a healthier lawn that requires less maintenance over time.

If you decide to participate in No Mow May, there are a few things you can do to ensure that your lawn stays healthy and safe. First, make sure that your lawn is free of any hazards, such as large rocks or debris, that could pose a risk to people or pets. You should also check for any weeds or invasive species that could harm native plants.

During the month of May, you can still perform basic lawn maintenance, such as watering and weeding. You can also mow any areas that are high traffic or that pose a safety risk. However, it’s best to avoid mowing any areas where wildflowers or other plants are growing.

No Mow May is just one example of how individuals can take action to support biodiversity and protect the environment. By making small changes in our daily lives, we can help to create a healthier, more sustainable world for ourselves and future generations.

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Early Deadline For May 31 Issue

The Hancock News will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

In order to meet the deadline, we must ask that news items and advertisements for the May 31 issue be in by Friday, May 26.

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Hancock Police report
the following arrests and
incidents from the week of
May 8-14:

May 8
Suspicious vehicle, 100
block West High Street. Ve-
hicle checked and secured.

Police information, 100
block West High Street. In-
formation taken.

Police information, 100
block West High Street. In-
formation taken.

Service to advise, Hancock
area. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock
area. Subject advised.

Harassment, 200 block
Pennsylvania Avenue. Sub-
jects advised.

Disabled vehicle, West
Main Street. Vehicle moved to
safe location.

Lost/found, first block East
Main Street. Object disposed
of properly.

Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, one stop.

May 9
Abandoned vehicle, 100
block Limestone Road. Vehi-
cle towed.

Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, two stops.

Assisted Maryland State
Police, eastbound I-70 7-mile
marker. Attempt to locate ve-
hicle.

May 10
Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, five stops.

Undesirable, 100 block
Limestone Road. Subject left
upon arrival.

Well-being check, 200
block Fulton Street. Subjects
checked okay.

Service to advise, 100
block Baptist Road. Subject
advised.

Theft reported, 300 block
Pennsylvania Avenue. Sub-
ject advised.

May 11
Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, eight stops.

Service to advise, Hancock
area. Subject advised.

Assisted Maryland State
Police, 7000 block Millstone
Road. Animal complaint.

May 12
Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, four stops.

Assisted EMS, 200 block
West Main Street.

Assisted EMS, 200 block
Park Road.

Service to advise, Hancock
area. Subject advised.

911 hang-up, 100 block
West Main Street. Un-
founded.

May 13
Traffic complaint, East
Main Street. Dirt bike on
roadway.

Service to advise, 100
block Quaker Creek. Subject
advised.

Assisted EMS, 200 block
Maryland Avenue.

Well-being check, first
block Methodist Avenue.
Subjects advised.

Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, one stop.

Theft reported, 200 block
Quaker Creek. Subject ad-
vised.

Assisted Maryland State
Police, 72-mile marker west-
bound I-68. Check well
being.

Assisted Washington
County Sheriff's Office, 14,000
Stumpf Road. 911
hang-up.

May 14
Traffic enforcement,
Hancock area, two stops.

Service to advise, first
block Methodist Avenue.
Subject advised.

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

Violation of Peace Order,
first block East Main Street.
Subject advised.

Violation of Peace Order,
first block East Main Street.
Subject advised again.

Free business seminar on accounting & bookkeeping May 23

The Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce and Blue Ridge Community & Technical College continue the 2023 Morgan County Business Seminar Series on Tuesday, May 23 at noon. These interesting and informative discussions will be held at Blue Ridge Community & Technical College at the Pines Opportunity Center in Berkeley Springs, and continue monthly on a variety of topics.

The Blue Ridge Culinary Department will supply a light lunch for this free one-hour seminar.

Accounting and bookkeeping is always a challenge. Join team members for Yount, Hyde and Barber in Winchester, Va., to learn what you should know about this subject when starting or operating a small business or organization.

All are welcome; you do not have to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to attend. RSVP at berkeleyspringschamber.com to reserve your spot and ensure that there is lunch available for everyone.

For more information, call the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce at 304-258-3738 or go to berkeleyspringschamber.com.



Warfordsburg woman uninjured in accident

A Warfordsburg woman was uninjured after the car she was driving hit a tree along Great Cove Road in the Warfordsburg area just before 4 a.m. on April 23.

According to Pennsylvania State Police, the crash occurred as a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Taryn N. Brothers, 32, of Warfordsburg, was traveling south on Great Cove Road.

As the car was traveling south, it left the right side of the roadway and struck a tree

head on where it came to a final uncontrolled rest along the road, police said.

Brothers told police she had been wearing her seatbelt and was not injured. Police said the driver side seatbelt was observed to be locked in the upright position, which was consistent with the driver not wearing a seatbelt.

Police said the Cavalier sustained disabling front end damage and was removed from the scene by Scott's Towing.



Uke-Sing and Jammers for intermediate ukulele players

BlackCat Music Cooperative's monthly Uke-Sing and Jammers for intermediate ukulele players will be held this Friday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Mike Kligerman of the Tri-State Ukelectic Orchestra

will host this free get-together.

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

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Roy's Service Center
Sheetz
Food Lion
7-11
Food Mart (Roc's)

Faerie Festival set for May 20, 21 in Berkeley Springs State Park

by Trish Rudder

The third annual Faerie Festival will be held in Berkeley Springs State Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 from 12-6 p.m.

"Bringing in the May...An Enchanted Faerie Festival," will have food trucks next to the park on West Fairfax Street.

Faerie Festival coordinator, Bibi Hahn received permission from the Bath Town Council on March 21 to close parking spots alongside the park on West Fairfax Street during the festival.

Bringing in the May is a free Morgan Arts Council event meant to celebrate spring and the return of flowers, fun, and ...fairies.

"Come join our revels... there will be much to rejoice, now on our third year! The State Park will be filled with music and other entertainment, and vendors will offer their art and craft wares inspired by the fae. Our shops will have fun things for all ages, and there will be bubbles and faeries everywhere. Wear your wings, or wear your horns, any kind of faerie creature is welcome. (Humans must be accompanied by a faerie!)," the website said.

How it began

Hahn said the faerie festival started in 1991 at the Spoutwood Farm in Glen Rock, Pa. at the home of Rob and Lucy Woods, the annual hosts.

She said she started the festival in Berkeley Springs in 2021 and wanted to celebrate spring and the beginning of new things.

It was held in conjunction

with an art exhibit Hahn was asked to curate at the Ice House. The exhibit "Bringing in the May" included many artists Hahn knew from Spoutwood. "We decided to have a "faerie party" in the Ice House Sculpture Garden. There were no vendors that first year, but it had music and activities such as a Maypole, a chance to build a faerie house and write a wish for the wishing tree.

"I wanted to bring some of the magic of Spoutwood's May Day Faeries Festival," Hahn said. About 150 people came to that first event.

She had been a vendor co-ordinator at Spoutwood from 1997 to 2018 when the festival had to move due to becoming too large for the venue.

"So I brought some of it here," she said.

Last year the event was held at Berkeley Springs State Park with about 20 vendors selling all handmade original works "inspired by the fae," Hahn said.

"We had music, and activities that included tea parties, a craft table where one could make their own head garland or nature wands," and were entertained by a bubble magician, characters on stilts, a drum circle, and "we even had a faerie closet where folks could find dress-up clothes if they forgot to 'dress up'," Hahn said.

The event included a "treasure map" that took people to the town shops where the maps were validated and entered into a drawing. About 500 people participated and it was a "huge success."

This year the two-day



Poster by Jasper Corcoran

event in the Berkeley Springs State Park will offer 30 vendors, music and entertainment like last year plus interactive characters such as the Peaceful Hollow Preparatory School for the Magically Inclined, Lawn Gnomes, stilt walking giants and Faerie Tea Parties, "and we've included the downtown shops again."

"Everybody dresses up to come to Faerie Festivals,

even the adults, so it's a beautiful festival to look at, along with the colorful tents, the floating bubbles... I can't wait! Hahn said.

The event is free, on May 20-21 from 12-6 p.m. in the Park.

For more information go to bringinginthemay.org or Bringing in the May on its social media page.

**Berkeley Springs
Moose Lodge #1483
Spring Gun-Cash Bash
Saturday, June 3**
Doors Open 12 p.m. • Eat at 2:30 p.m. • Last Draw 6:30 p.m. • Doors Close 8 p.m.
TICKETS WILL STILL BE HONORED
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OBITUARIES

Mildred Arlene Schetrompf Beddow
1929-2023



Mildred Arlene Schetrompf Beddow, age 93 of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at her home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born August 31, 1929 in Hancock, Md. and raised in Buck Valley, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Blair William and Augusta Theresa Schiever Schetrompf.

She was a Christian. Mildred was a 1947 graduate of

Warfordsburg High School. She worked with the Morgan County Schools as a cook and retired after 18 years of service. Mildred enjoyed fishing, gardening, picture taking and loved spending time with her family.

Mildred is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ronald Lee “Harvey” Beddow, at home, her children, Kirk Lee Beddow and his wife Ramona and Stephanie Ann Beddow, all of Berkeley Springs, two sisters, Moynelle Peck and her husband, Calvin of Hancock, Yvonne Perry of Frederick, Md., two granddaughters, Hannah Leigh Beddow and Bethany Dawn Beddow and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Jay and one brother, Blair William Schetrompf, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., where the family received friends one hour prior to services. Jeff Ward and Dwight Fox officiated. Private burial was in Alpine Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mildred’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.

Tyler Nicholas Dunkin
1995-2023



Tyler Nicholas Dunkin, born on September 24, 1995, in Hagerstown, Maryland, passed away on May 5, 2023, in Clear Spring, Maryland. He was an adored son and brother who lived a full life in his 27 years.

Tyler is survived by his loving mother, Brenda Park; step-father Steve Park; sisters Jasmine Dunkin and Allyson Park; brother Jack Park, all of Everett, Pa., and who cherish his memory along with many dear friends whom he had made over the years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Dunkin and maternal grandparents, Patrick and Barbara Roberts.

Tyler graduated from Southern Fulton High School in Warfordsburg, Pa., in 2014.

Tyler always had a smile on his face.

Tyler enjoyed football and would often cheer for his favorite player Tom Brady. In addition to watching football, Tyler enjoyed spending time golfing, hunting, fishing and playing video games with his family and friends.

Tyler had been employed at Volvo Group Trucks since 2015. His hard work was appreciated by everyone who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 12-2 p.m., at Grove Funeral Home located at 141 West Main Street in Hancock, Md., followed by funeral services at the funeral home at 2 p.m. Delmas Bard will officiate. Burial will be private.

Tyler will always be remembered for his selflessness whenever anyone required help or support. He was renowned for his charismatic personality that could light up any room he entered. Tyler touched many lives with his generosity and kindness towards others.

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

Veriee Mabel Weller
1934-2023



Veriee Mabel Weller, 88, Hancock, Md., beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on May 11, 2023, in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. She was born on November 4, 1934, in Hancock, Md., to Roy and Bridget Weller Moats.

Veriee was a devoted family woman and enjoyed spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her love of family and dedication to the people she cared about most.

Veriee was a member of Orchard Ridge First Church of God where she was the president of the Ladies Aid Society.

Veriee was loved by many people throughout her life. She is survived by her daughter Beverly Hummel, and husband Ben, Hancock, Md.; granddaughter Dawn Hummel also from Hancock; grandson Robert Allen Hartwick from Hagerstown, Md.; great-granddaughters Hailey Reed and Elizabeth Emerick; great-grandson Greg "Bubs" Emerick, Jr.; and three sisters: Etta Mae Younker, Hancock, Md., Betty Hixon, Buck Valley, Pa., and Rosalie Ward, Hancock, Md.

Veriee was preceded in death by her mother Bridget Weller; father Roy Moats; husband Donald Weller whom she married on March 24, 1950; infant daughter Diane Weller; five brothers, Leroy Moats, Homer Moats, Paul Moats Sr., Herman Moats and Ray Moats; three sisters, Shelve Crouse, Mary Jane Stuckey and Helen Pittman.

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 2-4, 5-8 p.m., at the Grove Funeral Home, P.A. located at 141 West Main Street in Hancock. The funeral service will take place at Orchard Ridge First Church of God, 14128 Orchard Ridge Rd., Hancock, Md., on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10-11 a.m. The burial will follow at Orchard Ridge Cemetery. Pastor Jeff Hawbaker will officiate.

We will always remember Veriee as a kind and loving person who lived her life to the fullest. Her generous spirit and love for her family will continue to be an inspiration to all those whose lives she touched. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her memory will live on forever.

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.

Tonoloway Baptist memorial service

The Tonoloway Baptist Cemetery Association will hold their annual memorial service Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. at Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church.

John “Ken” Lormand will be the speaker. He is a full-time journalist and has ministered at many churches over 25 years. Music will be provided by Second Chances, a contemporary christian and gospel group from the Williamsport, Md., area.

The historic church is located on PA Route 655. Everyone is welcome.

Memorial Day Service

Damascus Christian Church, Big Cove Tannery will hold a Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Pastor Russ Hoffman. Entertainment will be an old-fashioned hymn sing with Ann Hoffman accompanying on piano.

There will be a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the church social hall. Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided. All welcome.



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Gospel Strings perform at Mt. Zion Lutheran

The Gospel Strings will perform at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 10987 Little Cove Rd., Mercersburg, Pa., on Sunday, June 4.

The group will provide special music, sponsored by the Mt. Zion Union Cemetery Association, at the annual Homecoming Service beginning at 10 a.m.

The service is held once a year to honor community graduates and longtime members.

The cemetery is maintained solely from voluntary contributions. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch immediately following the service.

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For more information, scan or visit 211md.org.

Dinner and a movie, Hancock style

Penny Bohrer of Berkeley Springs shared this menu and movie booklet from the old Hancock Drive In. A showing of “Gone with the Wind” (1939) was the main attraction but “Tammy Tell Me True” (1961) was also on the screen, indicating the menu and booklet dates back about 60 years.

Anyone have memories of the Hancock Drive In you want to share? Email us at news@hancocknews.us or drop us a line with your recollections!

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Empire Cheer brings home championship rings again



Empire Cheer teams from Berkeley Springs swept the East Coast's Grand National Cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida over Mother's Day weekend. Athletes on four age-based teams brought home first place in each of their brackets at the performance cheerleading competition.

Panthers' boys' varsity baseball team wraps up the season 4-12

by Lisa Schauer

Hancock High School's varsity baseball team hit the dugout for the last time of the season on Thursday, May 11 in Brunswick, losing 0-10 to the Brunswick High School Roadrunners.

With just 13 players and three staff members, including head coach Rocky Wills, the

Panthers ended their 2023 season with four wins and 12 losses.

To their credit, the Panthers played the season with no seniors on the team and only two juniors.

Several of the young team's losses were heartbreakingly close.

Interact Club gets books into hands of younger readers

The Hancock Interact Club recently collected gently used books for their literacy service project.

The group understands the importance of getting books into the hands of the youth, and them having the ability to own their own books instead of always borrowing them from a library.

The goal was to give each student at least three books and have a few other goodies in their bags.

Advisor Amanda Norris said the project would not have been possible without the help from United Way, Stacy Abeles, Hancock Rotary, Debbie Cohill, Autumn Williamson, Renai Foltz, The Judy Center, Ann Shilling, Hagerstown Goodwill, Book-savers, Needmore Fire Company, Southern Fulton Interact Club, and many others.

RIGHT: Brody Stratton and Josie Foltz stand with a pushcart full of kids' books in the hallway of Hancock High School. The books were part of the Hancock Interact Club's literacy service project of giving books to the youth.

picture courtesy
Amanda Norris



Swimming lessons at Camp Sinoquipe

Registration for the Fulton County ARC Learn-to-Swim Program at Camp Sinoquipe, 677 Boy Scout Road, Fort Littleton, Pa., will be Friday, May 26, 5-8 p.m., and Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Alumni Community Building (kitchen), 301 N. Maple Street, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Park in back and come in the south entrance. All levels will be taught.

Any questions, contact Kate Carbaugh at 717-658-3579 or Kathy Kendall at 717-377-3643.

Morgan County Observatory shares Guide to Summer Sky Happenings

by Kate Evans

The Morgan County Observatory first opened in December 2001 and provided night sky viewing of the planets, constellations and celestial phenomenon for many years until it closed in early 2019. The observatory re-opened in September 2022 with a new board of directors.

Kathryn Krenn, Morgan County Observatory Foundation Board of Directors vice president-strategy and records, submitted the following list of sky happenings for readers to enjoy this summer.

Good viewing possibilities include planet sightings, meteor showers, the Milky Way and August's Blue Moon.

A free public star gazing event at the Morgan County Observatory is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 from 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for an upcoming feature article on what's new at the Morgan County Observatory in the May 31 *Morgan Messenger Outdoor Morgan County* special edition.

Sky Happenings for May-August 2023

May: The hour before dawn is a fine time to view the ringed planet, when Saturn stands at more than 20° elevation in the southeastern sky. The rings are tilted by 8° to our line of sight, presenting a beautiful view.

May: Our solar system's brightest planet, Venus, will shine brightly in the western evening sky all month. It lies above the star reddish Aldebaran and the delicate Pleiades star cluster.

May 13-20: Good viewing of the Milky Way

May 22-24: Following sunset, the Moon, Venus, and Mars form a close grouping

in the west. The Moon sits between the two planets on the 23rd. Venus will be in its crescent phase.

June 10-24: Good Viewing of the Milky Way

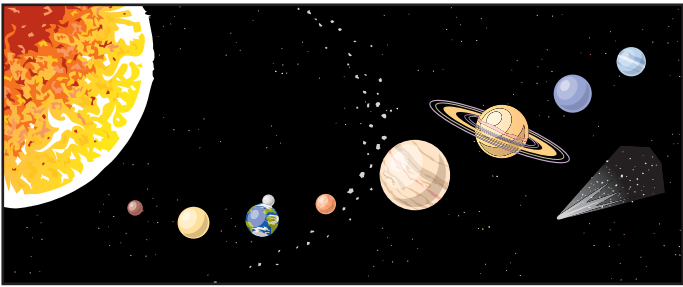
June 21: The June Solstice is the first day of summer. At 9 p.m. at a comfortable 24° high, the crescent Moon closely meets Venus and Mars.

July 9,10 and 11: Orange Mars closely meets the blue star Regulus, with dazzling Venus just below them. Binoculars will bring out the lovely color contrast and may also reveal Venus' crescent shape if the instrument is held steady by bracing one's elbows.

July 15-22: Good viewing for the Milky Way

July 29,30: Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. It peaks this year on the night of July 29 and morning of July 30. The nearly full moon will block most of the fainter meteors this year. But if you are patient, you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

August 12, 13: Perseids Meteor Shower. The Perseids is one of the best meteor



showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

August 27: Saturn at Opposition. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.

This is the best time to view and photograph Saturn and its moons. A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

August 31: Full Moon, Supermoon, Blue Moon. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. Since this is the second full moon in the same month, it is sometimes referred to as a blue moon.

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!



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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

Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer, PA
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 80223
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Fae Josephine Barnhart.

Notice is given that Timothy Lee Barnhart, P.O. Box 513, Clear Spring, MD 21722 and Ernest Wayne Barnhart, P.O. Box 571, Clear Spring, MD 21722 were on May 4, 2023 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Fae Josephine Barnhart who died on April 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 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 4th day of November, 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.

Timothy Lee Barnhart
Ernest Wayne Barnhart
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Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
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BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

IN THE ESTATE OF:
William M. Smith

Estate No: 80239

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by A.J. Szczerbicki, ESQ., 303 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, MD 21204 for judicial probate and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Orphan's Court of Washington County, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on June 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Lacy M. Flook,
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80068
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Judith Ann Miner.
Notice is given that Donald Eugene Miner II, 723 Naples Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on May 4, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judith Ann Miner who died on February 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 representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 4th day of November, 2023.

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Donald Eugene Miner II
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Lacy M. Flook,
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pd5-17-3th

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Kelly Lynn Davies

Estate No: 80237

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Thomas J. Kokolis, Esq., 110 N. Washington Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20850 for judicial probate for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Orphan's Court of Washington County, 100 W. Washington St., Ste. 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on August 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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CNB FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Board of Directors Declare Cash Dividend

Charles S. Trump, IV, Chairman of the Board of Directors of CNB Financial Services, Inc. announced that the Board of Directors at their regular meeting held May 10, 2023, declared a regular semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.60 per share to common shareholders. The Board of Directors also declared a regular cash dividend of \$0.66 per share to Class A common shareholders. Chairman Trump noted the dividend reflects the Bank's solid earnings performance and strong financial position. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record June 5, 2023, and is payable on June 9, 2023.

Settlement to be distributed to consumers misled by TurboTax owner Intuit

Eligible consumers will automatically receive checks in the mail

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced that consumers who were misled by TurboTax's owner Intuit into paying for free tax services will begin receiving checks from a \$141 million multistate settlement announced in May 2022. All 50 states and the District of Columbia signed onto the agreement.

Approximately 4.4 million consumers nationwide will receive checks in the mail from the settlement.

Maryland will receive \$2,188,255.93 for 71,950 consumers who were unfairly charged. Eligible consumers will be contacted by email about the settlement. Checks will be mailed throughout May 2023.

Eligible consumers include those who paid to file their federal tax returns through TurboTax for tax years 2016, 2017 and 2018 but were eligible to file for free through the IRS Free File Program. Consumers who are eligible for a payment will be notified by email by the settlement fund administrator, Rust Consulting. These consumers will receive a check in the mail automatically, without

filing a claim. Checks are expected to be mailed out starting next week.

The amount each consumer receives will be based on the number of tax years for which they qualify.

For more information about who is covered by the settlement and information about the settlement fund, consumers can go to www.AG_TurboTaxSettlement.com.

\$824,000 to improve scenic byways across Maryland

U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin and Congressmen Steny H. Hoyer, Dutch Ruppersberger, John Sarbanes, Kweisi Mfume, Jamie Raskin, David Trone and Glenn Ivey (all D-Md.) announced \$824,000 in federal funding for the Maryland Department of Transportation to improve Maryland's scenic roads.

This funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program will support updated byway facilities, safety enhancements and historical and cultural information markers along the state's historic roads, including: Baltimore's Historic Charles Street, the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway and the Religious Freedom Byway. Maryland also contains portions of the Historical National Road and the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Byway.

"Maryland's scenic byways allow residents and visitors alike to explore our diverse geography and treasured cultural heritage. With these funds, Maryland will be able to make necessary improvements to the safety, accessibility, and recreational quality of these byways across our state. We will continue working to secure funds like these that preserve Maryland's historic roads and modernize our infrastructure," said the lawmakers.

"Maryland has tremendous stories to tell across our scenic byways – stories of our

state's history, culture, recreational opportunity and environmental beauty," said Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld. "This grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation will help us and our partners at the Maryland Office of Tourism tell those stories, bringing new visitors to our state and instilling great pride in our residents. We thank USDOT for the award, and appreciate the continued support of Maryland's Congressional delegation."

"Transport-tourism is on the forefront of a synergistic approach of Maryland agencies, and this grant from USDOT will help us expand our outreach and provide greater opportunity for visitors to discover the history and beauty of our state," said Liz Fitzsimmons, Managing Director of the Maryland Department of Commerce's Office of Tourism and Film.

Created in 1991, the National Scenic Byways Program aims to recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads with scenic, historic, cultural, natural recreational and archeological significance throughout the United States. The Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act, co-sponsored by both Senator Cardin and Senator Van Hollen and signed into law in September 2019, was the first step toward reinvigorating the program, and the lawmakers worked to invest in this program through new funding in fiscal year 2021 and increased fiscal year 2022 appropriations.

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CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, emphasize a slow and methodical approach to a problem with an elusive solution. Slowing things down has a tendency to provide substantial clarity.



Deadlines could make for a heated week, Cancer. It's best to remove yourself from any situations before they get out of hand. Offer advice when things cool down.



Disagreements on how to move forward could bring tension at home or work this week, Aquarius. Everyone needs to put their ideas on the table and whittle down the best answer.



Routines are boring you lately, Leo. You may need to shake things up. If you work a set schedule, see if you can go to flex time and look for ways to change.



Don't compare yourself to others, Pisces; otherwise, you may downplay all of your wonderful attributes. Be proud of who you are.



Do not let drama that doesn't involve you sneak into your orbit, Virgo. If you need to distance yourself from others for a while, then do so.



You may struggle to get going this week, Aries. But once you do, it will be full speed ahead. In fact, you may need to slow things down to let others catch up.



Libra, others feel you're giving off some high-strung vibes this week, and they wouldn't be wrong. Something is weighing on your shoulders. Figure out what it is and lighten the load.



Taurus, if you are feeling a bit scattered as of late, take some time out of your schedule to meditate and reflect on what is most important to you. Then follow that path.



Scorpio, you're dishing out all sorts of sage advice but it may be frustrating if others don't want to take it. All you can do is offer and let others lead their lives.



Gemini, give yourself permission to move slowly this week. If you racing through things, you're apt to make mistakes. Set your own pace and let things play out as they may.



Things may be a little rough around the edges lately, and you'll need to figure out the ways to smooth things over, Sagittarius. Find a few friends who are in your corner.

Bathed in light from above



Photographer Justin Mellott shared this photo of a recent skyscape near Hancock, full of colorful rays.

Off 70 art studio to host exhibit of Goodman paintings

Off 70, a new artist's studio in Hancock, is presenting a pop-up exhibition of oil paintings by artist Janis Goodman. Located at 39 West Main Street in Hancock, Off 70 will host the public at the opening event on Saturday, May 27 from noon-2 p.m. The exhibition will be on view by appointment until June 25.

Goodman's work is both observational and constructed. The suggested images move in the grey area of fantasy and commentary. The paintings pay homage to the laws of nature but are governed by intuition and experience.

Years of hiking national parks, kayaking rivers along the mid-Atlantic and New England and working in West Virginia have formed the backdrop of the work.

Her fascination with natural disasters additionally fuels the sense of the absurd and the possibility of chance.

"The recent Covid virus has additionally added to a sense of morbidity and permanent change. The ongoing injustices inflicted in our society continue to make the art



Janis Goodman's "Moving Forces" in oil.

of painting seem both trivial and vital," said the studio about her work.

Goodman has been the arts reviewer for WETA's TV program Around Town since 2001. She co-curated the traveling photography exhibition Is Seeing Believing? The Real, The Surreal, The Unreal in Contemporary Photography. Her writings on art

have been published in *Sculpture* Magazine and numerous artist's monographs. She has lectured at the National Gallery of Art, The Smithsonian, The National Museum of Women in the Arts and The Phillips Collection. She has been a visiting artist and lecturer at colleges and artist residencies in the United States and abroad.

Goodman has received numerous DC Commission on the Arts Grants to Individual Artists and is a recipient of a National Endowment support grant.

Goodman is cited in Who's Who in American Art and other publications. She received the prestigious Franz and Virginia Bader Award in 2018. Education includes an MFA from George Washington University with additional studies at the Corcoran, UCLA, Pratt Graphics and in Italy. Born in New York City.

Goodman is a Professor of Fine Arts at the Corcoran College of Art at George Washington University. She is a practicing artist with a studio in Mt. Rainier, Maryland and Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Her work has been shown nationally in New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Dallas, Maine and Washington, D.C. Internationally she has exhibited in Greece, Peru, Russia, Germany, Italy, England and The Netherlands.

For more information, contact off70studio@gmail.com.

Farmer's Market

(from front)

As far as the disc golf course, Faith said he talked to the mayor and it could end up in Kirkwood Park.

Pickleball has become popular in Hancock and across the country. The sport was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island near Seattle and combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, and played with a paddle and plastic ball with holes similar to a whiffle ball.

Mayor Roland Lanehart, Jr. said the current tennis courts are large enough to hold two

pickleball courts and a basketball court.

The current basketball court would then be turned into more parking for the Lions Pavilion or other events.

He also charged Faith and one or two councilmen to look at a Hagerstown disc golf course.

Lanehart said he's talked to members of the Hagerstown Parks and Recreation and after taking a walk around, it would be inexpensive to set up a course for disc golf.

COVID status

(from front)

If you have questions regarding the CDC's vaccine recommendations, discuss them with your health care provider.

Medicare, other

The end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency could affect cost and access to treatment, testing, vaccines, data reporting and health coverage for many. Over-the-counter tests may no longer be covered or paid for.

Medicare noted that the agency will continue to cover COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. Clients will be able to get COVID-19 PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests and antigen tests with no out-of-pocket costs when ordered by a doctor.

Expanded tele-health services will continue through December 31, 2024. After May 11, 2023, Medicare will no longer cover or pay for over-the-counter COVID-19 tests.

For Medicaid, private health care insurers and uninsured individuals or families, check with your specific state or insurer about tests, vaccines and other services as coverage varies. Most Americans have health coverage for vaccines without cost sharing.

Free COVID at-home tests may still be available at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), but supplies could be limited as the program is winding down.

As of May 11, the CDC COVID Data Tracker will report COVID hospital admissions, deaths, and emergency department visits data as primary surveillance metrics for COVID-19, according to the CDC website. It will no longer report aggregate COVID cases and deaths, COVID-19 community levels, COVID transmission levels or electronic lab reporting data.

Volunteers needed

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society is seeking volunteers to lend a hand in caring for Eidolon Nature Preserve on Saturday, May 20. Work will take place from 10am to 1pm, although volunteers should feel free to arrive and leave as their schedules allow.

Take a hike with a friend or someone new, carry a pair of loppers, a plastic map and a grease pencil. Trim back prickles and weeds that are encroaching on the trail. If a more significant problem exists, just make a notation of the location on the plastic map and someone will follow up with the necessary tools.

The trails can be rocky and hilly and a little more wild than the other PVAS preserves. This is why on volunteer days everyone is paired with a partner. After experiencing the trails during a work day you will quickly become comfortable bringing new friends to experience the

wild and wonderful PVAS preserve that is Eidolon.

There are three main trails at Eidolon. The Cerulean loop, Zapollean loop and Ardalial loop. Our goal is to have six or more people, two people each for the three trails. If more volunteers are available, there are some side trails or connector trails that can be added to the goal.

Take gloves and loppers if you have a pair. If not, there will be a few pairs available.

Eidolon Nature Preserve is located at 2145 Orleans Road, Great Cacapon, W.Va. Participants should register for this event at www.potomacaudubon.org/event/volunteer-workday-at-eidolon-nature-preserve-8

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—This Saturday, May 20, is Armed Forces Day.

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