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Hancock at a Glance

Hancock Museum open Saturdays

Hancock Museum is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each Saturday in the basement of Hancock Town Hall and Community Center. Admission is free.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday, June 1, from 12:30-6 p.m. at Warfordsburg Faith Center.

Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted when there is a lull between appointments.

Weather

Wed. 5/31 80/50
Mostly sunny with calm east winds around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Thurs. 6/1 85/54
Sunny with calm east winds around 6 mph in the afternoon.

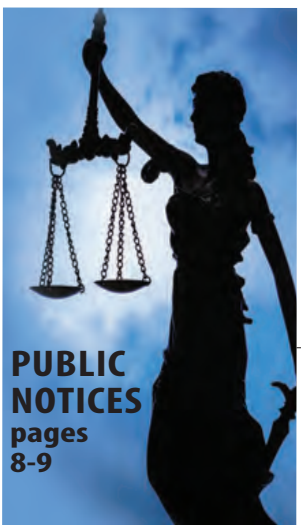
Fri. 6/2 90/58
Sunny with a high around 90 and a low near 58.

Sat. 6/3 88/57
30 chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Sun. 6/4 79/52
Mostly sunny with a high near 79 and a low around 52.

Deadline Notice

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



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Hancock to hold Trails Day events this Saturday

National Trails Day, this Saturday, June 3, will be celebrated in Hancock with activities and speakers. The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hancock is Maryland's official Trail Town, located on the C&O Canal and near the midpoint of the 250-mile-long Tuscarora Trail, which branches off the Appalachian Trail in Shenandoah National Park and heads north to Duncannon, Pa.

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), the C&O Canal Association, and other groups will have booths along the south side of the canal in the center of town.

PATC has scheduled two speakers and will lead short hikes along the Tuscarora Trail.

For more information or to register for a hike, go to their website at https://www.patc.net/PATC/Hancock_Trails_Day.aspx.



Rotary to plant flags



Hancock Rotary will be placing American flags near the memorial in Widmeyer Park for the Fourth of July weekend.

by Geoff Fox

Hancock Rotary will be planting flags again this year in Widmeyer Park near the memorial beginning June 29. They are accepting sponsorship for flags now.

Organizers said the public can sponsor an American flag for a past or present hero in the community.

The flags can honor military personnel, police, firefighters, first responders,

teachers, mentors, family members or anyone that has been a hero to the sponsor.

On Thursday, June 29, the flags will be placed in a "Field of Flags" in Widmeyer Park near the Memorial and remain there through Wednesday, July 5.

Each flag costs a small donation to sponsor and will have the name of the hero and the sponsor will be attached to the flag.

Payments and completed sponsor form should be returned to Hancock Rotarians or mailed to Rotary Club of Hancock, P.O. Box 35, Hancock, MD 21750, or placed in the drop box at Good Shepherd Preschool, 170 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750.

The deadline for submitting a sponsorship is Friday, June 16.

Towpath cyclist stops in Hancock on 31st Great Ride

by Sinclair Hamilton

Jack Tracy loves to stop in Hancock. He did so recently while riding his bicycle on the C&O Canal Towpath. It is his 31st trip riding from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. The trip is 334 miles long and is one of the premier rides in the U.S.A. Usually he makes the ride twice a year and stops in Hancock each time. Tracy retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Lt. Col. after 31 years and started riding his bike more often.

Tracy made friends with Ron Morris when they met in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and they became good riding buddies. Together they rode bikes around Iceland which was cold and windy. They also rode the Continental Divide together from Canada to Mexico which was 3,000 miles and took 47 days to accomplish. Another time they rode from Vancouver British Columbia to the Mexican border over the course of 31 days. The ride from Pitts-



Jack Tracy stands along the C&O Canal National Historic Park during his most recent stop in Hancock.
photo by Sinclair Hamilton

burg to D.C. is Tracy's favorite ride and he says enthusiastically that the Great

Ride from Pittsburgh to D.C. is "a national treasure."

Missing cannon ball returned to Hancock

by Geoff Fox

In January 1862, Confederate forces under Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson had captured Bath (Berkeley Springs), Va., as part of his Romney Campaign and were intent to capture Hancock.

Jackson sent a representative to demand the surrender of the town from Union forces or risk being shelled. The town was not surrendered and Jackson opened fire on Hancock for 24 hours.

While there was no loss of life, a number of buildings were damaged by the cannon fire. One such building was the Hancock Presbyterian Church.

One shot from Jackson's cannons atop Orrick's Hill struck the back of the church and the ball became lodged in the brick for many years.

However, the original ball was "liberated" by someone in Hancock years later, said Pastor Terry Martin-Minnich.

In the 1980s, the Hancock Historical Society added a plaque on the front of the church to mark the damage.

"The Church replaced the [the ball] with a substitute in such a way that guaranteed its permanence," Martin-Minnich said in an email.

After so many years missing, the cannon round has finally returned to the Hancock Historical Society

and the Hancock Presbyterian Church.

Martin-Minnich said a couple months ago, a member of the Historical Society was told the family of the person who had originally taken the ball wanted it returned to the Presbyterian Church.

"The Church family and I are pleased to see it returned and restored," Martin-Minnich said. "And appreciate the family for their gift."

During this past Sunday's Pentecost and Memorial Day service focused on the restoration, she added.

Martin-Minnich said she used the story of the cannonball as part of her sermon on Sunday, saying the story of the cannon ball brought them together that morning and how it was stolen and returned.

"Then in God's timing it was returned, restored," she said. "Not to glorify war. Not to turn this place into a museum. But to remind us of our story, historically in Hancock and presently at the crossroads of what has been and what God is calling us to become."

The ball will be displayed in the Church School vestibule area and people are welcome to call 301-678-5510 and come by the church to see the artifact.

Town in good standing after 2022 audit

by Geoff Fox

After almost a year since fiscal year 2022 ended, town officials got a look at the audit from that year's budget.

Accountants from Albright Crumbacker Moul & Itell of Hagerstown did the audit. This was the first audit the firm had performed for the Town of Hancock.

Cheryl Dodson told Hancock officials the financials were presented fairly, which means it's a clean opinion.

Dodson said the town has unrestricted net assets of \$4.25 million on June 30, 2022. This was due to the excess of "current year over expenditures."

"So you had a pretty great year by the numbers," she said.

The town's sewer funds had income to cover its operating expenses while the water and sanitary funds fell "a little bit short" as far as operating income, she



said. There were grant revenues and other revenue made up for that, Dodson added.

There were some issues with the new police hires being delayed getting enrolled in pension plan until they had completed the academy.

Dodson said she understood why, but the planning document doesn't allow for that.

According to the rules, the cadets would need to be put into the plan when they are hired and before they enter the academy. This would be as soon as they are on the town's payroll.

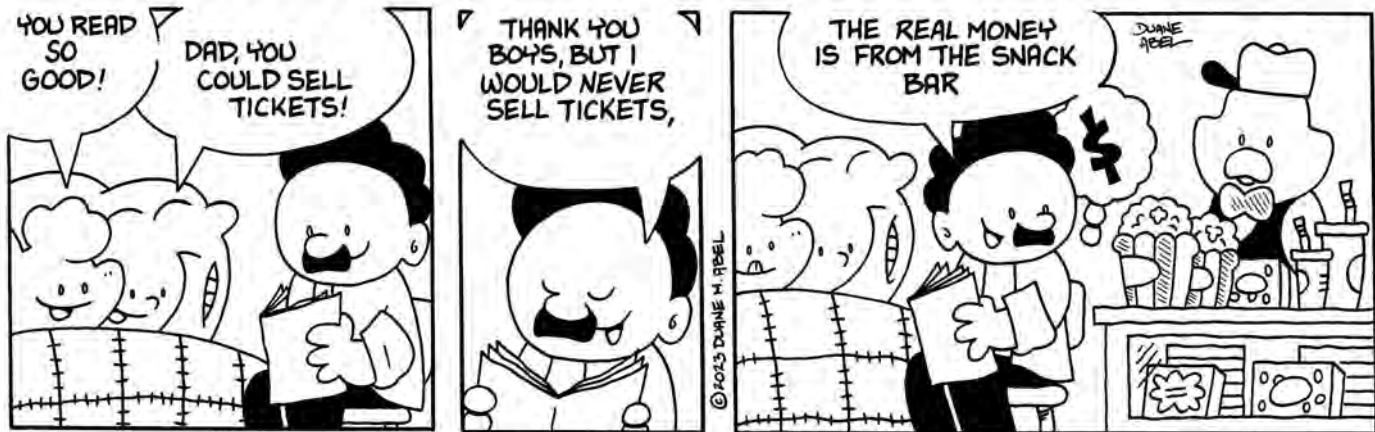
"I understand you have a vesting schedule, which I think it was just a matter of practicality they were delayed because sometimes they don't graduate from the academy and the you just forfeiting that back out," Dotson said.

Town Manager Mike Faith said if the town contributes to a cadet's pension and they were to quit, the money is still on the plan for the other cadets.



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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it possible to retrofit an old car with an Electric Vehicle drivetrain?

— Jerry M., via email

It is definitely possible to retrofit an old internal combustion engine car with an electric vehicle (EV) drivetrain, but the process can be complicated and expensive. In fact, it may be cheaper when all is said and done—not to mention easier and quicker—to just buy an EV.

If you're undeterred and want to proceed with a conversion anyway, keep in mind that certain types of cars lend themselves to the process better than others. For starters, older cars that rely on mechanics more than computers are often easier to convert. Another consideration to keep in mind is that it's easier to convert a car with a manual transmission since they use less power and are a lot less complicated than automatic cars. Likewise, lighter vehicles make better candidates for conversions given that less weight translates into greater range.

The first step in retrofitting an old car with an EV drivetrain is to remove the existing engine and transmission. This requires specialized knowledge and tools, so it's important to find a reputable mechanic or EV retrofitting company to do the job. Once the old engine and transmission are removed, the new EV drivetrain can be installed. This typically includes an electric motor, battery pack, charger, and other components needed to make the car run on electricity. The placement of these components will vary depending on the make and model of the car, and the specific EV drivetrain being used.

One of the biggest challenges in retrofitting an old car with an EV drivetrain is finding the right balance between performance and range. The battery pack needs to be large enough to provide adequate range, but it also needs to be small enough to fit in the car without compromising performance or handling. This can be a delicate balance, and it often requires custom fabrication and design work.

Another challenge is integrating the new EV drivetrain with the car's existing systems. This includes things like the brakes, steering and suspension, as well as the dashboard and other controls. In some cases, it may be necessary to replace or modify these systems to ensure they work properly with the new EV drivetrain.

Despite the hassle and expense, converting an internal combustion engine car over to electric is a great way to breathe new life into your old ride and reduce its environmental impact. In addition to being more efficient and producing fewer emissions than gasoline-powered cars, EVs also require less maintenance and can save drivers money on fuel costs over the long term. It's also a lot less wasteful to electrify an old clunker and give it years and years of additional use than buying a brand-new EV, which requires the extraction and use of precious resources and lots of new carbon emissions to build and ship out.

Several companies, including Electric GT, Legacy EV and EV West, now manufacture conversion kits. Even GM and Ford are getting in on the act with the recent release of so-called crate engines that car owners (or their mechanics) can easily swap into the engine bays of corresponding models.

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Mountain Musings

by Kate Evans

Summer-a welcome sight

"Summertime and the living is easy," says the George Gershwin tune that's sung in the 1935 "Porgy and Bess" opera. That slow, gentle rhythm of the season starts to kick in just after Memorial Day weekend is over and schools let out for the summer.

The summer season is always a welcome sight with the lush deep green that covers everything after spring's parade of blossoms and flowers. Fields and yards are full of glittering fireflies and roadsides and meadows are lined with blue chicory. Birds are singing happily and nesting with their young. Other wildlife like deer and squirrels are busy grazing and scampering around with their little ones.

Pools open up for use for the holiday weekend and kids pack them if it's warm enough. Fishing, swimming and canoeing become regular seasonal activities and river and lake boat rides are a summertime adventure as families gather for picnics and barbecues with burgers, potato salad and corn on the cob.

Kids play catch, tag, Frisbee, badminton, hopscotch, hide and seek, kickball, softball, volleyball, shoot hoops and archery, climb trees and ride bikes with their friends for summer fun. There's also hiking in the woods and picking colorful wildflowers and wild berries.

Mini-golf, summer camp, horseback riding, amusement parks, carnival rides, family vacation trips, rafting on the rapids, zoo excursions, baseball games and trips to the beach are just too much summertime fun.

Summer gardens fill with homegrown tomatoes, beans, peppers and squash and flower beds sprout irises, day lilies, daisies and lazy Susans. Mulching, hoeing, weed-whacking, fence adjusting and lawn cutting get added to the to do list.

Outdoor grills are cranking with chicken, ribs and steaks. Cantaloupes and watermelon, macaroni salad, and other salad dishes get placed on the summer menu. Hummingbirds do dances around their feeders and whirl through the front yard. Butterflies joyously flit by with their luxurious colors.

Everyone enjoys cooling off with popsicles and ice cream cones and shakes and sitting on the front porch with a nice summer breeze. Sitting down by the river in a lawn chair by the campfire listening to music is always a great way to spend a summer day. Great jams and wonderful memories with friends.

Every Labor Day weekend at the end of summer is the Capon State Park Homecoming—a wonderful local event with music, boating, swimming, food, a silent auction and more. It's another local place full of treasured memories of performing music, taking photographs for the newspaper and enjoying the spectacular beauty of the park and people gathering with family and friends to have a good time.

Summertime has also brought performing at and covering the Morgan County Fair, playing music at the Patsy Cline Day at the Troubadour and enjoying the Morgan Arts Council's summer music concerts at Berkeley Springs State Park. Other fun stops have been the Ice House art gallery, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, the Granary's open stage and BlackCat's open mic night.

More music and local events are planned for this summer. Check out the listings of Ice House Friday night summer concerts and the Morgan Arts Council's summer concerts at Berkeley Springs State Park in today's *Morgan Messenger's* Outdoor Morgan County supplement.



Calendar of Events JUNE

Tuesday, June 6
– Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha's House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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Police Report
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Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of May 22-28:

May 22
Training, 100 block West High Street. Hosted Street Cop Training.

Assault in progress, 200 block West Main Street. Report to follow.

Undesirable, 300 block North Pennsylvania Avenue. Subject left at arrival.

May 23
911 hang-up, first block West High Street. Unfounded.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Disorderly conduct, 200 block East Main Street. Report to follow.

May 24
Service to advise, 200 block Quaker Creek. Subject advised.

Service to advise, Hancock area. Subject advised.

Undesirable, first block Fulton Street. Subjects Gone on arrival, unable to locate.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, three stops.

Check well-being, 200 block Maryland Avenue. Subject checked okay.

Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Service to advise.

Assault reported, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Noise complaint, 200 block Terrace Street. Cancelled by caller before arrival.

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

Assisted, EMS 600 block Quaker Creek.

May 25
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, nine stops.

Check well-being, 200 block Quaker Creek. Subject not home.

Summons attempt, 100 block West High Street. Summons served on Scott Lee Keefer, 46, of Hancock.

Service to advise, 100 block West Main Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise, first block Fleming Court. Subject advised.

Traffic complaint, 200 block West Main Street. Gone on arrival, unable to locate.

Suspicious vehicle, 200 block West Main Street. Vehicle left before arrival.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office, 13,000 block Woodmont Road. 911 hang-up, accidental.

Assisted Maryland State Police, 400 block East Main Street. 911 hang-up, unfounded.

May 26
Service to advise, 100 block High Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, six stops.

911 hang-up, first block Brent Street. Accidental.

May 27
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, seven stops.

Assisted EMS, 200 block Fulton Street.

Assisted Maryland State Police, Rt. 522. Accident.

May 28
Traffic enforcement, Hancock area, four stops.

Lost/found property, 100 block West Main Street. Items stored at HPD.

Assisted Maryland State Police, High Street/Methodist Avenue.

Undesirable, 100 block Limestone Road. Subject advised.

Suspicious vehicle, 200 block East Main Street. Vehicle checked and tagged.

Assisted EMS, Taney Street.

Assisted Maryland State Police, Rt. 522/I-70 vehicle blocking traffic. Unable to locate, gone on arrival.

Marcus appointed as new county clerk

Washington County Government and the Board of County Commissioners announce the appointment of Dawn L. Marcus as the new County Clerk for Washington County, effective immediately.

Marcus brings a wealth of experience to her new role, having started her career with Washington County Government as the Legal Secretary to the County Attorney's Office on February 22, 2022.

Prior to joining the county, she spent three years at The Hartford, where she handled multi-state Worker's Compensation claims, and over 11 years with Baltimore County Government in the County Attorney's Office, initially as a Paralegal and later as a Legal Claim File Examiner. In her previous roles, she worked closely with multiple attorneys and the Directors of various County Departments. Marcus holds an AA degree in Business Law/Management and has additional cred-



Dawn L. Marcus being sworn in as the new County Clerk for Washington County.

its in Jurisprudence from the University of Baltimore.

Outside of her professional endeavors, she is married to her husband, Jeffrey, for 17 years, and they reside in the West End of Hagerstown with their two Yorkies, Harley and Cookie. Together,

they have a blended family of seven children and spouses, as well as 20 grandchildren. In addition to her work for the county, Marcus also operates a small Mary Kay business. During her leisure time, she likes boating and camping along the Potomac River

with family and friends, as well as embarking on cruises and going to beaches.

She is committed to continuing her educational journey and aspires to complete her degree in Law.

Marylanders should be wary of deceptive online sports betting companies & scams

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown issued a consumer alert urging Marylanders to always be aware of deceptive online sports betting companies, especially in advance of large-scale popular events like the 2023 Preakness.

Companies in Maryland's online sports betting industry, which also operates through mobile apps, have enticed bettors with aggressive marketing, such as so-called "risk-free" bets. However, these enticements often appear more attractive than they actually are. The fine print

may contain limitations that negate the promised benefits. Additionally, it's not just enticements and complicated "deals" – which may end up costing consumers more money than they were planning to spend in the first place – online gambling is also a target for cybercriminals looking to defraud unsuspecting bettors.

Online sports betting allows consumers to place bets through websites or mobile apps for a variety of sporting events. This type of gambling was launched in Maryland in November 2022, and is available through multiple sport betting companies, or "sportsbooks." A listing of approved companies can be found here: <https://www.mdgaming.com/maryland-sports-wagering/>.

"Deceptive practices and scams have the potential to overshadow the excitement of sports betting and leave Marylanders vulnerable to financial losses," said Attorney General Brown. "I urge all Marylanders to remain vigilant, conduct thorough research, and exercise caution to avoid financial loss due to misleading tactics. We will protect Maryland residents and their hard-earned money from deception by online sports gaming companies."

Attorney General Brown offers the following tips to protect consumers from mis-

leading information peddled by sportsbook platforms:

- Learn what other users are saying about the platform: Check consumer reviews and ratings with the Better Business Bureau (www.BBB.org). The BBB complaints are often detailed and include responses from the platforms.
 - Read the fine print. Especially on all promotions and bonus money.
 - Read all the conditions placed by the sportsbooks that may limit how and when bettors are able to cash out their winnings, or if the sportsbook will penalize bettors – such as freezing accounts – for certain activities and strategies the bettor may use on their platform to increase their chances of winning.
 - Remember that there is no such thing as a completely risk-free bet, or free money, when it comes to gambling, despite what may be implied by a sportsbooks ad.
- To protect against fraudulent platforms and scammers looking to steal money and financial and personal information, consumers should follow these tips:
- The internet is flooded with fraudulent sports betting

websites. Make sure that you are using the official websites of established sportsbooks that have been approved by Maryland's Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.

- Ignore online gambling pop-up ads and unsolicited emails, text messages, or social media messages. Even if these look like they are coming from a legitimate sportsbook, they could be linking you to a fraudulent website instead.

- Report suspected scams to our Consumer Protection Division at 410-528-8662 or the Federal Bureau of Investigation at <https://tips.fbi.gov/>.

Online sports betting is prevalent and easier to access, now that it is legal in Maryland. Consumers should not forget that they are gambling with real money and that they can suffer devastating financial losses if their gambling becomes problematic.

For assistance with problem gambling, Marylanders can go to the Maryland Alliance for Responsible Gambling at <https://www.mdgamblinghelp.org/> or call 1-800-Gambler.

Martirano retires as county administrator

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County announces that County Administrator, John M. Martirano, Esquire has decided to retire from the county's employ to pursue other business opportunities.

Martirano has provided service to the county for nearly 25 years, initially as County Attorney, then as Counsel to the Washington County Board of Education and most recently as County Administrator.

John Barr, President of the Board of County Commissioners spoke on behalf of the Board and said that "the county very much appreciates the work John Martirano has performed for the county over his many years of service. He has always worked



John Martirano

diligently in the best interest of the citizens of this county and is well respected and liked by the leadership and his peers. Everyone in the county government wishes John nothing but the best in his future pursuits."

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Open mic night

BlackCat Music Shop is sponsoring their free open mic night Friday, June 2 from 7-10 p.m. The JPeGs will be hosting.

This monthly event is open to all musicians, singers and songwriters. Show up, sign up, play or listen.

All ages are welcome. BlackCat Music is located at 155 Independence Street.

For more information call 304-258-4440.

CHICKEN BBQ & CAR SHOW
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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Regular Play at 7:00 p.m.

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INFO: 304-258-1319

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Hancock Lions Club



Breakfast in the Park

Saturday, June 3 • 7-10 a.m.

Widmeyer Park - Hancock, Md.

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Moose Lodge #1483

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Saturday, June 3

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TICKETS WILL STILL BE HONORED

Tickets Are Still Available at the Moose

\$30.00 Per Person

“Blessed are those who are persecuted...
... because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 5:10)

As I write this on Memorial Day--this past Monday-- a Day to remember and herald the heroes who died for our country in wars, we need heroes in our Faith today.

Clayton Kershaw is one of them--the star pitcher of the Los Angles Dodgers. He’s organizing a faith and family night in L.A. to counter the Dodgers honoring an anti-Catholic group which mocks religious sisters, Jesus and God Himself. How would you respond--“I’m tired” or “Let” someone else do it” or “I don’t wanna get involved” or...? We are all called to both protect and promote our Faith--else others won’t inherit a Faith to practice here anymore. Jesus said, point blank: “If the world hates you, know it hated Me first” (Jn. 15:18). More and more people are, according to many recent polls--and Sunday church services-- less and less patriotic and not religious. Drats! Two comments: Do something about it! And: I saw a commentator on this--who’s not someone I’d think is a rocket scientist or sophisticate-but he nailed it: we Americans have too much. We’re spoiled, and we basically don’t “need” God anymore and so fill up time and cover over God with watching cat videos and worshipping our hobbies and being spiritual without religion, etc.

Is this what our ancestors died for at the battles of Trenton, Inchon Bay and Falluja?

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit include - courage + bravery and fear of the Lord, so badly needed today (See Isa. 11 & Gal. 5:21-22), ... There’s a steamroller challenging Christian-American values and virtues. Iso you must remember that in our “Religious DNA” we have the Lion of Judah Jews and Israelites to help us thrive and survive; and the legacy of the First Martyrs of Rome and the Coliseum may inspire us; and the North American Martyrs (+1642-1649--Jesuit missionaries in NY area) came from France and then returned, even after torture, to plant the Faith here--remember them on your bad hair day. And also St. Paul’s holy recollection-inspiration: “All these died in faith not having received the promise” but acknowledged they are pilgrims and seeking a better homeland (Heb. 11:13). Like the heroes and heroines of our Faith, and country,

Decided and discern how YOU will lay down your life for your God, Country and religion!

Rev. John J. Lombardi,
Catholic Pastor

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Sideling Hill Charge: Catalpa U.M. Church, Rt. 144 west of Hancock about two miles, turn left on Willow Road. Go about five miles, bear right at fork. Church about one mile on right. Sunday service 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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., Warfordsburg, Pa., 301-678-5340 or 717-294-6494. Bible study, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Second Friday of each month prayer service 6 p.m. Sunday service 10 a.m. Pastor Emmanuel Ensor and Deacon Shadrach 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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OBITUARIES

Craig Martin Yost
1964-2023

Craig Martin Yost, age 58, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at War Memorial Hospital.

Born October 23, 1964 in Morgan County, W.Va., he was the son of the late Lester Glen and Eleanor Mildred Coffman Yost.

He was a graduate of Berkeley Springs High School. Craig was a carpenter and had worked as a warehouse coordinator with Rayloc in Hancock, Md. He loved being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing and tinkering around the house. Craig trained coonhounds and hunted them. He was a member of Tonoloway Rod & Gun Club, Hancock, Md. and Eastern Panhandle Houndsman Association, Augusta, W.Va.

Craig is survived by his wife, Tillie Carlotta Silver Yost, at home, his children, Ryan Martin Yost and his partner, Kevin Green of Gerrardstown, W.Va., Kaytlynn Ann Yost and her fiancée, Eric Butts of Berkeley Springs and Justin Andrew Shives of Parkersburg, W.Va., two stepbrothers, Michael Swisher and Eric Swisher, both of Berkeley Springs, stepmother, Connie Sue Stotler Yost of Berkeley Springs, mother-in-law, Linda Lou Silver of Berkeley Springs, two grandchildren, Kaylee Nevaeh Butts and Izabella Ann Butts, both of Berkeley Springs and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Leslie Yost and his father-in-law, Thomas Edward Teetz.

Services and burial will be private.

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.



Mae Lorraine Smith
1942-2023

Mae Lorraine Smith, 80, Warfordsburg, Pa., passed away Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Born June 6, 1942, in Buck Valley, Pa., she was the daughter of the late John and Dorothy Ward Shank, and the widow of Ray Smith.

She is survived by a son, Mark Smith, McConnellsburg, Pa.; a granddaughter, Victoria Smith, Carlisle, Pa.; and four brothers, Vaughn Shank, Warfordsburg, Pa., Frank Remsburg, Warfordsburg, Pa., Wayne Ward, Hedgesville, W.Va., and Darin Shank, Warfordsburg, Pa.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Smith, and a brother, George Shank.

The family will receive friends, Friday, June 2, 2023, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Md. Funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 12 noon. Pastor Richard Bernhard will officiate. Burial will be in Buck Valley Methodist Church Cemetery.

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.



Gary Eugene Jones, Sr.
1949-2023

Gary Eugene Jones, Sr., age 74, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born March 4, 1949 in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late Jack Raymond and Mary Frances Jones.

He was a Christian. Gary was a graduate. He served with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Rifle Marksman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and Purple Heart. Gary worked in construction as a brick mason. He was a member of the Alderton-Dawson American Legion Post #60 and Risinger-Stotler VFW Post #4019. Gary enjoyed fishing and loved mowing grass.

Gary is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dorothy Ann Kelley Jones, at home, his children, Tammi Thomas of Stroudsburg, Pa. and Gary E. Jones, Jr. of Stevensville, Md., two sisters, Jackie Austin-Wiltsee and Brenda Elliott, both of Leesburg, Fla., eleven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Rebecca Stepp, one sister, Mary Lou Austin and three brothers, Raymond Wilson, John P. Jones and Donald E. Jones.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Jason Disch officiating. Burial with graveside military honors provided by the Tri-State Honor Guard will be in Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery, Flintstone, Md.

The family received friends from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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



Joan Elizabeth McJilton
1941-2023

Joan Elizabeth McJilton, 82, Hancock, Md., beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2023, at her home on Sidling Hill Mountain. She was born on May 1, 1941, in Baltimore, Md., to Theodore L. and Helen E. Krebs.

Joan was loved by many people throughout her life. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Joseph W. McJilton; her sons, Charles W. McJilton of Belair, Md., and Darryl J. McJilton, and wife, Deni, of Salisbury, Md. Joan was proud of her five grandchildren, Alex Joseph, Samantha Aislinn, Rebecca Irene, Josephine Elizabeth, and Nicholas Robert. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, David Baugher and three nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Darlene Joyce Baugher; and niece, Kristen L. Baugher.

Joan grew up in the Hamden Neighborhood of Baltimore and graduated from Eastern High School in February 1960. Joan and Joe were married on April 9, 1960, and she worked at the telephone company. They moved to Rosedale and she concentrated on raising her boys through the late 1970s when she started to work for the Baltimore County Board of Education as a substitute teacher at North Point Junior High and Golden Ring Junior High. Later she would work in the Guidance Office of Golden Ring as an assistant to the counselors. After retirement, Joe and Joan moved to Sidling Hill in 1996.

Over the years, Joan was involved with many civic activities, PTA and clubs. She had a love of archery. She was a member of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association where she competed and was Archery Queen in 1962. Recently, Joan was a ruling elder at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church and moderator for the Presbyterian Women of the Church. She often volunteered in many areas, wherever the church needed. She loved her Thursday dinners with friends.

We will always remember Joan 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 know her, but her memory will live on forever.

The family received friends Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 5-8 p.m. at Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Md., and Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 10-11 a.m., at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, 14253 Exline Rd., Hancock, Md. Funeral services will follow visitation Wednesday, at 11 a.m., at the church. Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining church cemetery.

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.



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- Ask if the contribution will be tax deductible.

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Fifteen people indicted in prison contraband conspiracy at Roxbury Correctional Institution

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced that 15 people have been indicted in three different prison contraband conspiracies in connection to inmates at Roxbury Correctional Institution (RCI) in Hagerstown, Maryland.

The investigation unveiled a sophisticated criminal network that employed drones, a correctional officer, and a hospital, allowing the distribution of dangerous drugs, including fentanyl, and a wide array of contraband such as cell phones, tools, and other illicit items. This is the second major announcement of multiple indictments in prison contraband smuggling schemes in just the past six weeks.

“Crimes committed behind locked prison gates are as much a threat to our communities as crimes committed in our neighborhoods and streets,” said Attorney General Brown.

In April 2022, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) Intelligence and Investigative Division began an investigation after the recovery of drugs and other contraband smuggled into RCI after an inmate had returned to the facility from a hospital visit.

Working with the Office of the Attorney General, the investigative team uncovered a complex web of conspiracies operating to smuggle drugs and other contraband into RCI by way of an employee, drones, and outside civilians who were recruited over social media.

“Our Intelligence and Investigative team did a great

job collecting information to build a strong case that we could present to our partners in the Attorney General’s office for prosecution,” said Carolyn J. Scruggs, Secretary of the MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

In one conspiracy, inmate Jose Tapia recruited two civilians via Instagram and paid them to try to fly drones over the RCI fence and drop drugs and other contraband for Tapia to receive and redistribute within RCI.

On September 7, 2022, law enforcement interrupted an attempted drone delivery and arrested Guy Austin and Miya Scott. Investigators also recovered a drone Austin and Scott had crashed the evening prior while attempting to make a delivery. The recovered packages attached to the drones included drugs, tools, cell phones, phone chargers, SIM cards, headphones, and thumb drives. Three individuals are charged in this conspiracy:

Jose Tapia, 36, an RCI Inmate, is charged in a 10-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy and illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement.

Guy Austin, Jr., 30, of Baltimore, Maryland, an outside facilitator for Jose Tapia, is charged in a 60-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy, possession of controlled dangerous substances with the intent to distribute, and attempt to deliver contraband to a place of confinement.

Miya Scott, 25, of Baltimore, Maryland, an outside

facilitator for Jose Tapia, is charged in a 19-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy.

In the second conspiracy, dietary correctional officer Temille Ashby, a 10-year veteran of DPSCS, smuggled drugs to inmate Jamal Brown, who would then redistribute them within RCI.

As a dietary officer, Ashby would work in the RCI kitchen where inmate Brown was assigned to work.

On November 5, 2022, law enforcement intercepted Ashby when she reported to RCI to work an overtime shift and recovered a bundle of approximately 158 strips of Suboxone, which Ashby had hidden within her body cavity.

Suboxone is sold for \$100 a strip inside of prison.

Financial records showed that Ashby had received approximately \$16,132 in payments on Cash App from Brown and his family members. Ashby’s normal work location was at Jessup Correctional Institution in Anne Arundel County, but she would occasionally work overtime shifts at RCI. Two individuals are charged in this conspiracy:

Temille Ashby, 33, a dietary correctional officer, is charged in a 14-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy, possession of controlled dangerous substances with the intent to distribute, and attempt to deliver contraband to a place of confinement.

Jamal Brown, 33, an RCI inmate, is charged in an 8-count indictment, including charges of contraband con-

spiracy and illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement.

In the third conspiracy, inmate Akeem Banks was transported from RCI to the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in Baltimore City for medical treatment.

Friends and family of other RCI inmates would hide bundles of drugs and other contraband within bathrooms at the medical center, which Banks would collect during his visits to the hospital. Banks hid the contraband in his clothing and smuggled the items back to RCI.

Once inside RCI, Banks would give the contraband to other inmates, who would redistribute the items within the facility.

Between April 2022 through August 2022, law enforcement intercepted four packages of drugs and other contraband intended to be smuggled into RCI. The recovered packages included drugs, including fentanyl, cell phones, power adaptors, flash drives, and cigarettes.

Surveillance showed Tracy Williams (an outside facilitator for RCI inmate Jason Butler), and Keith Shuford (an outside facilitator for inmate Deven Matos) hiding packages within the medical center.

Five individuals are charged in this conspiracy:

Akeem Banks, 29, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 40-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy, possession of fentanyl with the intent to distribute, and possession of

methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Jason Butler, 44, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 6-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy and attempt to possess contraband in a place of confinement.

Tracy Williams, 49, of Brooklyn, Maryland, an outside facilitator for Jason Butler, is charged in a 4-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy.

Deven Matos, 29, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 6-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy and illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement.

Keith Shuford, 26, of Waldorf, Maryland, an outside facilitator for Deven Matos, is charged in a 4-count indictment, including charges of contraband conspiracy.

“Illicit controlled substances, like Fentanyl, continue to flood our country at an alarming rate, and no communities or institutions are immune from its devastation, to include this correctional facility in Maryland”, mentioned Jarod Forget, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Washington Division.

Additionally, cell searches within RCI discovered more contraband. Five additional individuals are charged as a result of those cell searches:

Denis Alvarez, 27, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 2-count indictment with charges of illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement and possession of contraband.

James Careton, 34, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 5-count indictment, including charges of illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement and possession of contraband.

Jeffrey Gilmore, 41, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 13-count indictment, including charges of illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement and possession of controlled dangerous substance in a place of confinement.

Avery Perry, 31, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 4-count indictment, including charges of illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement and possession of contraband.

Deon Warren, 28, an RCI inmate, is charged in a 2-count indictment with illegal possession of a telecommunications device in a place of confinement and possession of contraband.

This investigation was led by the Maryland Office of the Attorney General’s Organized Crime Unit, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Washington County Narcotics Task Force, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Washington Division.

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

People Told Us...

- KID JOKED: Did you hear about the karate masters who fought each other on the beach? They engaged in sand to sand combat!
- June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and women. Since ancient times, cultures have adopted June as the perfect time for revelry, weddings, and feasts.
- OLD FARM LORE: Calm weather in June sets corn in tune.
- GARDEN LORE: When peonies blossom, it is safe to plant heat-loving melons, such as cantaloupe.
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EPA awards over \$1 million in grants to support water quality monitoring at Mid-Atlantic beaches

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced over \$1 million in grant funding to help protect public health in coastal and Great Lakes beach communities in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The funding is being awarded to Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia to assist with water quality monitoring and public notification programs for local beaches.

“So many of us have a rich tradition of spending our summers splashing, swimming, and playing at our favorite beach, which is why it’s so important for EPA to help our local partners protect the water at coastal and Great Lakes beaches,” said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Radhika Fox. “These grants help Tribes, states, and territories fund programs to test water quality at beaches to ensure it’s clean for swimming and boating.”

Under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act, eligible states, territories, and tribes use the grant funds to monitor their beaches for bacteria, maintain and operate a public notification system to alert beachgoers, provide technical assistance to communities to assess pollution sources at specific beaches, and report annually to EPA on the results of monitoring and notification actions.

“With summer right around the corner, tens of millions of Americans are making plans to travel to our beautiful beaches in Delaware and around the country,” said Senator Carper (DE), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. “Fortunately, EPA is providing states and communities with the tools to ensure the safety of the water at our nation’s beaches, which are an integral part of our tourism economy and important ecosystems for wildlife and migratory birds.”

Since 2001, EPA has awarded nearly \$216 million nationwide in BEACH Act grants to test beach waters for indicators of illness-causing bacteria and help with public notification



and identification of the problem. This program is essential for protecting the public health of beachgoers across the country.

Contingent upon their meeting the eligibility requirements, EPA’s 2023 BEACH Act grant funding will be allocated to as follows: Delaware - \$223,000; Maryland - \$283,000; Pennsylvania - \$235,000; and Virginia \$291,000.

To find information about beach health, the public can go to the following online sites:

- Delaware Recreational Water Monitoring at <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/assessment/recreational-water-monitoring/>
- Maryland’s Healthy Beaches at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/MHB/Pages/Maryland-Healthy-Beaches-Home.aspx>
- Swim Health Virginia at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/environmental-health-services/swim-healthy/>

Cacapon Resort State Park activities for June 1-3

- Thursday, June 1**
- 10 a.m. - Insect Safari. What is an insect? Why are they important? Look for insects and play the clever catch game.
 - 1 p.m. - Discovery Walk. Look for signs of spring along the Ridge Trail. One and one half miles, moderate.
 - 2:30 p.m. - Amazing Amphibians. It’s spring and time for frogs to start calling. Learn a variety of frogs and toads by sound.
- Friday, June 2**
- 11:30 a.m. - Pollinator Garden Tour. Take in the blooms and many visiting pollinators. Learn the importance of a Monarch Waystation and how to start your own.
 - 1:30 p.m. - WV Clouds. Look up. What type of cloud
- do you see? Join seasonal naturalist to learn about some common clouds.
- 3 p.m. - Wildflower Bingo. Learn about some flowers while playing bingo.
- Saturday, June 3**
- 7:30 a.m. - WV Morning Melodies. Take a slightly more advanced birding experience by joining Cacapon Resort State Park Assistant Superintendent Kelly Smith for a one-two hour birding hike starting at Cacapon Lodge. Take binoculars, guides, water and birding apps.
 - 1:30 p.m. - Stream Study. Discover what makes a stream healthy and what unlikely critters may be hiding in plain sight. Take shoes to get wet.



- 3 p.m. - Seeking Nature. Take a discovery hike and learn all about this mobile app that helps you identify everything from plants, trees, wildflowers and wildlife.
- 7 p.m. - Irish Road Bowling. Meet at the nature center for this game. Roll a cannon ball around a course for a family evening.

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Southern Fulton Class of 2023 graduate Wednesday



Jacob Wolfe

Southern Fulton’s Class of 2023 is holding its graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 31, at 6 p.m. Admission is by ticket only.

Jacob Wolfe, the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023, will deliver an address titled “Charting our Path to a Bright Future Through Perseverance.” Wolfe will attend Penn State Altoona to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has served as Vice President of the Class of 2023 and the President of the National Honor Society.



Logan Wilt

Logan Wilt, the President of the Class of 2023, will deliver the class history. Wilt is attending Shippensburg University in the Fall to pursue a degree in software engineering. Wilt has been active in soccer and track and field, as well as being involved in the music program at Southern Fulton. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society and Interact Club during high school.

HCC recognizes nursing graduates

Hagerstown Community College would like to recognize graduates of its spring 2023 nursing class. In the associate degree nursing program, the graduates are:

From Williamsport - Jessica Barr Shaina Hill and Hannah Moats.

In the practical nursing certificate program, the graduates are:

From Big Pool - Grace Gossard.

From Williamsport - Amy Fiorita and Jesse Grove.

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

Dean’s List

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Hagerstown Community College recently announced its Dean’s List for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must earn a minimum quality-point average of 3.50 for the most recent semester. A student must have accumulated at least 12 semester hours of college-level coursework at Hagerstown Community College and have completed at least six hours of college level coursework during the most recent semester.

From Hancock - Seth Bivens, Codi Fleegle, Hannah Irwin, Caitlin Lennon-Puthoff, Haylee Penwell, Autumn Reynolds, Leah Semmont and Maddalin Trail.

From Big Pool - Sarah Bright, Wayne Clipp III, Madison Giles, Haley Stonebraker and Taylor Wolford.

From Warfordsburg, Pa. - Shae Ritz.

Newbery Winner’s plays helps kids understand history

Laura Amy Schlitz was born and raised in the Baltimore area and graduated from Hereford High School in Parkton. She then attended Goucher College, graduating in 1977 with a degree in aesthetics, a major she designed herself. Her dream was to be an actress, but it didn’t work for her so she took a job with the Enoch Pratt Library - Fells Point branch.

There she excelled at telling children’s stories, probably because it was similar to acting. Then a friend asked her to write an adaptation of Beauty and the Beast for the Children’s Theater Association. Schlitz completed the adaptation in 10 days. The compliments she received for the script turned on a light in her and she realized she was a writer, not an actress.

She credits her family life for giving her the background to write. Her mother stayed at home till she was in the fifth grade, she and her brother, Paul, “had a universe of stuffed animals, and ... gave them all distinct personalities and interactions.” Schlitz read constantly. Her mom fed her interest by frequent trips to the library. In fact, the library recognized their family as the one that checked out the most books.

“I wrote them for the kids to inhabit the characters ...”
- Laura Amy Schlitz

She still fondly remembers reading the *Little House* series, *The Black Stallion*, and *Beezus and Ramona*.

In 1991, Schlitz joined the Park School of Baltimore as librarian for the lower school (Elementary) and began to write. Her first book, *A Gypsy at Almack’s* (1993) sold well. She wrote more books as well as a series of monologues (one-person plays) for Park School students so they could feel what it was like to live in the Middle Ages. Each monologue gave the perspective of a child living then, such as a plowboy, shepherdess, a falconer’s son, a glassblower’s daughter, and a beggar. “I wrote them for the kids to inhabit the characters and better understand the history,” Schlitz said.

These monologues became the core of *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* which was awarded the 2008 Newbery Medal. Continuing to write, she received a Newbery Honor in 2013 for *Spendors and Grooms*, and the National Jewish Book Award in 2016 for *The Hired Girl*.



Laura Amy Schlitz

Schlitz still lives in Baltimore and is still telling stories to children as the lower school librarian at the Park School.

Fun With Words - Maryland Writers’ Association (MWA) welcomes anyone to write young adult fiction like Schlitz. Using up to 100 words, pick a child from the Medieval era and write a monologue describing an aspect of their life. Title your work and submit to: https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 22nd of the month to receive an MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses will be published with next months article.

HCC announces dates for annual Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series

Hagerstown Community College’s Alumni Association recently announced its concert schedule for the 18th annual Red, White and Blue Summer Concert Series. All concerts are free and are open to the public. The schedule of events is as follows:

- Saturday, June 3: The United States Army Six-String Soldiers
- Wednesday, June 7: The United States Navy Commodores
- Saturday, June 10: The United States 380th Army Band

- Sunday, July 9: The United States 229th Army Band

All concerts will be held at 6:15 p.m. in HCC’s Alumni Amphitheater. Concerts are subject to change by the U.S. Military. No outside food is permitted on the amphitheater grounds. Personal lawn chairs and blankets are permitted for lawn seating.

For more information and weather updates, email lsstewart@hagerstowncc.edu or call 240-500-2346.

Needmore Structures bring storage & outdoor furniture choices to Southern Fulton

by Geoff Fox

Jeffrey Martin has been selling North Mountain sheds in Waynesboro since 2005 but in the last year the shed business has grown to selling sheds in Needmore.

Martin said the Needmore Structures opened last year as an unmanned business but it became a more manned business once he and his family moved to the Needmore area last September.

Martin said he did sell the sheds while the lot was unmanned as people would call and make appointments.

Martin did say he would be at the shed lot “most of the time” adding the operation is a “one horse affair.”

If no one is at the lot when a potential customer arrives, Martin’s number is on several signs on the various buildings.

He said people could pick up one of the flyers and give him a call to set up an appointment if he’s available.

Martin did ask people not make Sunday appointments but they can still come look at the sheds on the lot.

“That’s been working out fairly, fairly decent,” Martin said.

He had the idea once settled at the location on Great Cove Road there’d be more set hours, but Martin said he’s got other projects keeping him on the go.

Martin is not involved in the manufacturing of the sheds he sells, but is just selling them for North Mountain Structures who builds the sheds.



Needmore Structures is located at 6602 Great Cove Road.

While he is at the lot, he assembles the outdoor furniture that’s also sold at Needmore Structures.

Since opening, Martin said business has been “fair” but it is a little more rural as they did in Waynesboro, so they aren’t moving as many as they did there.

“There does seem to be a fair amount of interest and it takes a little time to get your business built up,” Martin said.

Martin said in Waynesboro, the family had a business that sold mulch, flowers, outdoor furniture and sheds.

Martin said as his daughters started getting married and his church started branching into Fulton County, which is the biggest reason they moved to the Needmore area, the sheds seemed more manageable.

With the mulch business, Martin said you would need to have someone there and have set hours, rain or shine. However, with a business like Needmore Structures, you don’t need to be there all the time.

“With sheds, people might come as many as two or three times before they’re ready to order,” he said.

Because of that, they can go to the shed lot, pick up the literature to take home and eventually make an appointment to place an order.

“I try to get over a lot during the week, but not always,” Martin said.

Needmore Structures is located at 6602 Great Cove Road in Needmore. To make an appointment to purchase a shed, call Martin at 717-729-5910.

Martin said there is free delivery within 20 miles of the shed lot, but outside that 20 miles there would be a small delivery fee.



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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.

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

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
(2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

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Estate No. 80220
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Wayne Baker Jamison.

Notice is given that Jean Lorraine Jamison, 8420 Dam #4 Rd., Williamsport, MD 21795 was on May 17, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Wayne Baker Jamison who died on January 30, 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 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:

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Estate No. 80265
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Geraldine Joann Foltz.

Notice is given that Mary Harbaugh, 13421 Herman Myers Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on May 19, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Geraldine Joann Foltz who died on May 7, 2023 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 19th 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.

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Estate No. 80255
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donna M. Cole.

Notice is given that Carol Lengyel, 332 Hollymead Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on May 16, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Donna M. Cole who died on May 16, 2023 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 17th 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
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Estate No. 79549
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Phyrne Louella Higman.

Notice is given that Julie Lynne Higman, 17719 Bluebell Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on May 18, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Phyrne Louella Higman who died on June 25, 2022 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 18th 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.

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Estate No. 63552
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF George William Holder.

Notice is given that Vickie Lee Holder, 4007 Chestnut Grove Rd., Keedysville, MD 21756 was on May 8, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of George William Holder who died on December 31, 2008 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 8th 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
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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
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SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 80275
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marvin Boyce.

Notice is given that Donald Boyce, 36 Silver Hill Rd., Easton, CT 06612 was on May 23, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Marvin Boyce who died on October 24, 2022 without a will.

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

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

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

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or
(2) Thirty days after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claims will be barred unless the creditor presents the claim within thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Any claim not served or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

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Estate No. 80230
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Joshua Allan Cline.

Notice is given that Sean Cline, 30 Beckman Place, Charles Town, WV 25414 was on May 8, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Joshua Allan Cline who died on January 27, 2023 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 8th 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:

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Estate No. 80240
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Margaret Elaine Wisner.

Notice is given that Ashley Wisner Notabartolo, 2273 American Way, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on May 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Margaret Elaine Wisner who died on May 4, 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 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.

Ashley Wisner Notabartolo
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-24-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80276
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charles Edwin Slick, Jr.

Notice is given that Maria Chamane Averill, 90 Abiding Way, Gerrardstown, WV 25420 was on May 24, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Charles Edwin Slick, Jr. who died on October 15, 2008 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 24th 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.

Maria Chamane Averill
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-31-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80045
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Patrick Doran Bresee.

Notice is given that Leslie Bresee, 17935 College Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on May 10, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of Patrick Doran Bresee who died on July 22, 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 10th 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.

Leslie Bresee
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-17-3th

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate No. 80233
Notice is Given that the Clerk of County Council court of Berkeley County, WV appointed Nancy Louise Ringer, PO Box 688, Falling Waters, WV 25419 as the Executrix of the Estate of Anthony Guglielmi who died on July 11, 2022 domiciled in West Virginia, USA.

The Maryland resident agent for service of process is Russ Robinson whose address is 152 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

At the time of death, the decedent owned real or leasehold property in the following Maryland counties: Washington.

All persons having claims against the decedent must file their claims with the Register of Wills for Washington County with a copy to the foreign personal representative 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 foreign personal representative mails or 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 claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice. Claims filed after that date or after a date extended by law will be barred.

Nancy L. Ringer
Foreign Personal Representative
Honorable Lacy M. Flook
Register of Wills
Washington County, MD
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-17-3th

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80238
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF James Ronald Kinter.

Notice is given that Robert Michael Kinter, 2308 Oxford Shire Court, Waldorf, MD 20603 was on May 11, 2023 appointed personal representative of the estate of James Ronald Kinter who died on April 19, 2023 without a will.

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

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

Robert Michael Kinter
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-17-3th

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

Estate No. 80261
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Eugene M. McCarney.

Notice is given that Gerry McCarney, 1009 Beechwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on May 18, 2023 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Eugene M. McCarney who died on April 19, 2023 without a will.

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

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

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

(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.

Gerry McCarney
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-31-1thn

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 80216
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jane Bachtell Bowen.

Notice is given that John Bowen, 22020 Durberry Rd., Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on May 9, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jane Bachtell Bowen who died on April 29, 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 9th 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.

John Bowen
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Lacy M. Flook,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd5-17-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)

BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Doris Connie Howard

Estate No. 74988
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all persons interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Joshua E. Zukerberg, 1190 West Northern Parkway, Suite 124, Baltimore, MD 21210 for judicial probate of the will dated June 27, 1988 (and codicils, if any, dated 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 August 15, 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,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St.
STE 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301)-739-3612
pd5-31-2th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
(OR)

BEFORE THE REGISTER
OF WILLS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Judy Anne Toms

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 31, 2023
Town of Hancock
126 W. High St.
Hancock, MD 21750
301.678.5622

The purpose of this Notice is to identify action to be taken by the Town of Hancock, Maryland.

On or about June 7, 2023 the Town of Hancock will request that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development release federal funds from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to be used for the following project:

Project Title: Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station and Gravity Sewer Replacement

Purpose of Project: Project consists of the construction of the new Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station, demolition of the existing Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station and gravity sewer line replacement and upgrades for the Town of Hancock.

Location: Town of Hancock, Maryland

Total Project Cost: \$1.2 Million

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Hancock has prepared an Environmental Review Record on the project described in this Notice and has determined said project to be Categorically Excluded under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as amended.

The Environmental Review Record which documents the Environmental Review of this project is available for public examination at the Town of Hancock office during normal business hours.

Request for Release of Funds

The Town of Hancock will undertake the project described above with Maryland CDBG funds. This Notice also certifies that Mr. Roland Lanehart Jr., serving the official capacity of Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is to be brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and certifies that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibility under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Hancock to use CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

Objections to the release of funds will be accepted by the Department of Housing and Community Development only if one or more of the following apply: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer; or (b) that the Town of Hancock has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by this part before Release of Funds and approval of the environmental certification by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments to the Town of Hancock and to the CDBG Environmental Officer, MD Department of Housing and Community Development, 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706. All such comments must be received no later than June 22, 2023.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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Bidding specifications and instructions may be obtained from the district office by phoning 717-294-2203, ext. 101. Bids will be received by MaryAnn Johnson until 12:00 p.m., June 23, 2023.

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Create the next Apple Butter Festival logo!

The Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce announce their first ever Apple Butter Festival logo contest.

Sponsored by Blue Flame, Inc, this contest is open to anyone of any age.

It doesn't matter if you're eight and have never had a class, or 80 and have been a professional artist for most of your life, if there are apples trying to escape your pencils or paintbrush or computer, we want to see them. Be a part of Apple Butter Festival history, and win a cash prize, too.

"For 47 years we've had incredible professional artists donate their time and creativity to design beautiful logos for the Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival. This year we're thrilled to see the art that the festival inspires in our community. The artists who have designed so many logos for us in the past will be part of the committee select-



The 2018 Apple Butter Festival logo.

ing the top designs," said Chamber Executive Director Happy Rone.



An early Apple Butter Festival logo.

First prize for this contest is \$300, second is \$150, and third is \$75. The deadline is June 15, and more details and specifications of how to enter can be found on the Berkeley Springs - Morgan County Chamber of Commerce website.

After a committee selects their top designs, the public will be asked to vote for their

favorite logo for festival t-shirts and other merchandise. The 48th Annual Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival returns October 7 and 8.

More information can be found at berkeleyspringschamber.com or the Apple Butter Festival, WV Facebook page.

Star to host four Blackcat Music groups on June 3

BlackCat Music Cooperative will present four musical groups in a free concert on Saturday, June 3 starting at 7 p.m. at the Star Theatre in downtown Berkeley Springs.

Under the direction of Jonathan McBee and Adam Kary, The BlackCat School of Rock, The School of Rock Jr.,

The BlackCat Music Cooperative Youth Vocal Club and Berkeley Sings Adult Vocal Group will fill the Star with an array of familiar hits from classic rock, today's favorites and pop standards from years gone by.

The BlackCat School of Rock features five teenagers ready to bring back super hits from years gone by. The School of Rock Jr. is made up of three pre-teens who have already rocked many area venues, the Youth Vocal Group will be harmonizing on many of today's hits, and Berkeley Sings will have you singing along with all-time favorites you know and love.

The Star Theatre is located at 49 North Washington Street in downtown Berkeley Springs. Admission is free for this concert.

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Caftans & Coupons added to Hey Girlfriend! weekend offerings

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Hey Girlfriend weekend in Berkeley Springs is a weekend created by Travel Berkeley Springs to encourage women traveling together.

The Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce is helping kick off the weekend with an event also benefitting the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center.

Attendees are welcome to explore the businesses that Berkeley Springs has to offer. More information and tickets can be found at berkeleyspringschamber.com or the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



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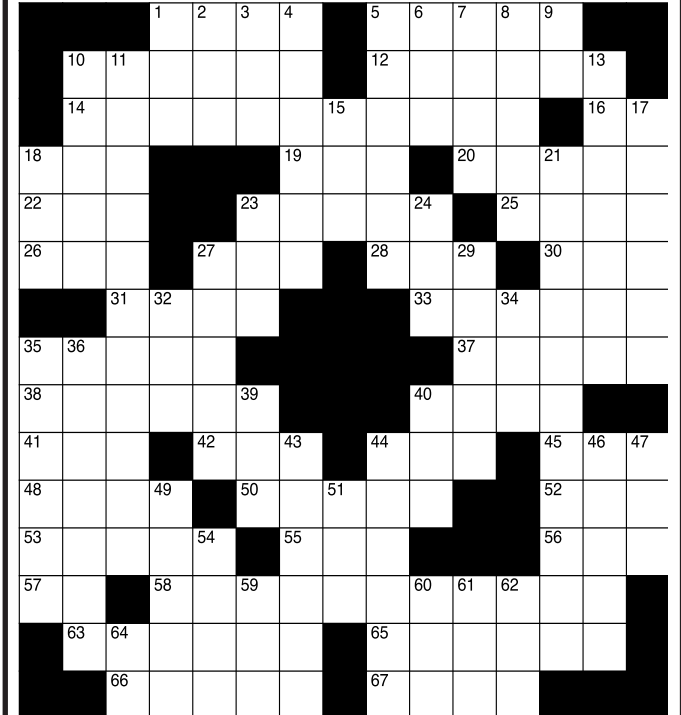
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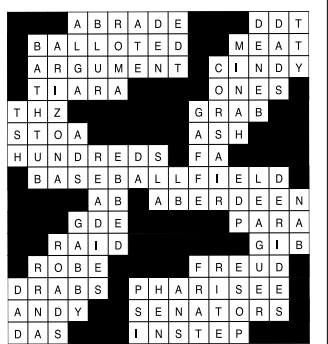
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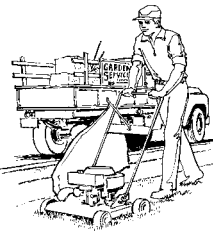
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CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
As you try to become more organized, try not to get too overwhelmed by the scope of the task at hand. Tackle one thing at a time and keep making progress.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, try not to cut off channels of communication with loved ones as you deal with a few difficult issues. Others are willing to step up and help as needed.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Situations may seem like they are a matter of life or death this week, but there's a good chance you're just being overly dramatic. Try to go with the flow.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, others will not always see the world the way you do. Interactions this week can be a little stilted or even frustrating.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Emotions are running wild and you're worried about what others think of you. Embrace a point of view that relies more on the rational than the emotional.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, things may not progress the way you want them to unless you become a little more persistent. Figure out how to walk the line to achieve your goals.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
After a few stops and starts, you and your romantic partner are on quite a roll. Enjoy that you both are in tune and aspiring toward shared goals.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Many things are going right with your life. But now it's time to get a handle on your love life. You may have to put in some extra effort, especially this week.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it's possible you feel blocked on all sides regarding your employment. While you can't get ahead right now, there are some opportunities coming.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, keep things on the lighter side when conversing with coworkers this week. Now is not the time to delve into controversial discussions in the workplace.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Be careful about speaking before thinking through your words, Sagittarius. Knee-jerk responses can have unexpected consequences. Take time to form your opinion.

Escape to Norway with Washington County Museum of Fine Arts' newest exhibition

by Crystal Schelle

There was something about the mountains and breathtaking beauty of Norway that spoke to the soul of Pittsburgh-born artist William H. Singer, Jr.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts' latest exhibition, "Landscapes and Legends of Norway: William H. Singer & His Contemporaries," celebrates Singer's longtime love affair with the Nordic country. The exhibition runs May 27-September 17.

Before Singer and his wife, Hagerstown native Anna Brugh-Singer, founded the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in 1931, they had already made Norway their home.

Selected from the museum's permanent collection, "Landscapes and Legends" captures the spirit and magnificence of Norway's natural beauty.

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, and prints of Norwegian landscapes, myths, and people by Singer as well as his contemporaries, like Jacob Dooijewaard, Frank Morse-Rummel, and Martin Borgord.

"Landscapes & Legends" explores how these artists responded to nature and Norwegian culture in different ways.

"We're having fun with this show," said Sarah Hall, museum director. "Singer's Norwegian landscapes are delightful, and the Norse legends explored in the work of Frank Morse-Rummel are inspiring our upcoming Viking Day as well as our Little Vikings-themed summer camp."

"This is an opportunity for us to share more of our founder's story as well as to bring out some works that aren't frequently on view be-

cause of fragility — Singer's pastels are extremely delicate and sensitive to vibration, so we limit both handling and light exposure. Watercolors like Morse-Rummel's are light sensitive and the rule of thumb is to display them a maximum of 25% of the time," she added.

This exhibition places the artists in their broad cultural and historical context by displaying archival materials, including catalogues, letters, newspaper articles, and photographs. Visitors will have the special opportunity to view some of William Singer's delicately rendered and seldom-seen pastels.

Who was William Singer?

Born in 1868 to a prominent Pittsburgh steel family, Singer had an early interest in art and dreamt of becoming a painter. His father was a "Sunday painter," and his grandfather George Singer was a painter and gilder of chairs in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Although William Singer Sr. wanted his son to follow him into the steel industry, his mother, Hester Harton Singer, encouraged his artistic pursuits.

William, Jr. eventually worked in the family business for 11 years. When he met Norwegian artist Martin Borgord, who was living in Pittsburgh, it reawakened his love of painting. Singer split his time between work and studying with Borgord. It was under Borgord's tutelage that Singer began painting landscapes. In 1895, Singer married Anna Brough, and five years later, he left the family business to focus on his art.

Singer and Norway

After spending a year painting in Maine, he and his new bride sailed to Europe where he studied for several months at the Academie Julian in Paris. They moved to Laren, Holland, not far from Amsterdam, where a regional school of artists flourished. It was Borgord who suggested they move to Norway.

During World War I, the couple began spending summers on the west coast of Norway and settled near the village of Olden on the Nordfjord, north of Bergen.

While living in Olden,

Singer captured the spirit and magnificence of this land's natural beauty in different seasons and moods in his Impressionist canvases, beautifully rendered in his Pointillist technique (characterized by dotted brushstrokes and stippled coloration).

Norway spoke to Singer like no other place. He captured the soaring mountains, the tall and stately Norwegian pines, the babbling brooks, and the peaceful Norwegian winters.

Among the exhibition's highlights is Singer's "Our River in Summer" (1924), a majestic view in which the water in the foreground rushes towards the viewer, transporting us to this cool, refreshing mountainside. Like many of the painter's other canvases, this work conveys a mood of contemplation and reverie, and captures an ephemeral moment or impression derived from nature.

The exhibition also features a selection of Singer's delicately rendered and seldom-seen pastels as well as Morse-Rummel's imaginative watercolors of Norse legends.

Paintings such as "The Battle Between the Ases and the Wanæs (Æsir and the Vanir)" make extensive use of free-flowing brush strokes and broad swaths of color that seamlessly merge figures and landscape in evocative, ethereal settings.

For example, Morse-Rummel represented a single deity (likely Odin, ruler god of death, wisdom, and poetry) grasping a spear and swirling through the air as he looks down at the barren earth. In Norse mythology, this battle was a significant conflict between two groups of gods (the Æsir and the Vanir) that ultimately resulted in their unification into a single pantheon.

The Singer's enjoyed the Nordic lifestyle and built a stately mansion in Olden. They shared their wealth with the people of the fishing village. They remained there through World War II, and when the Nazis invaded Olden, its townspeople protected the Singers.

Unfortunately, William Singer did not live to see a



"Ode to Rive" by William Henry Singer, Jr. (American, 1868–1943). Oil on canvas. Collection of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Gift of Anna Brugh Singer.



"The Battle" by Frank Morse Rummel (British, b. Germany, 1884–1960). Watercolor on paper. Collection of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Gift of Anna & William Singer.

Nazi-free Norway. He died of a heart attack in 1943, two years before Norway was liberated by the Allied forces.

"Landscapes and Legends of Norway: William Singer & His Contemporaries" is organized by the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts from its permanent collection. Generous support for this exhibition has been provided by James & Melinda Marsden and Paul & Lotta Mellott.

The following is a list of programming associated with Legends and Landscapes. To register for any event, contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or drastelli@wcmfa.org. For more information on any event go to wcmfa.org.

Free events

Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Viking Day. Community celebration features drop-in art activities for kids, live music and axe throwing. Free.

Thursday, June 29, 6 p.m. online. Let's Talk Art. Director Sarah Hall and Agnita M. Stine Schreiber Curator Daniel Fulco are joined by special guest Heather Semple, owner of ECI Art & Travel to discuss "Landscapes & Legends of Norway: William Henry Singer & His Contemporaries." Heather is related to William Henry Singer and will

join us to discuss the Singer family history and his artistic legacy. Free. Register in advance for link.

About the museum

Located in City Park, Hagerstown, Maryland, the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1931, the legacy of Hagerstown native Anna Brugh Singer and her husband, Pittsburgh-born artist William Henry Singer, Jr. Featuring a collection of more than 6,500 objects, the Museum has important holdings of American painting, Old Masters, decorative arts, and sculpture. The museum schedules an program of exhibitions, lectures, concerts, tours, and talks featuring national and international artists, as well as a yearly showcase of the art of students in Washington County Public Schools. Its free youth art education programs have served four generations of local families.

The museum is located at 401 Museum Drive, Hagerstown. Free parking is available adjacent to the Museum. Hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tuesday – Friday; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; the museum is closed Mondays and major holidays.



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