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Hancock at a Glance

Special meeting, workshop Thursday evening

Town officials will be holding a special town meeting followed by a workshop tomorrow evening, July 28, at 6 p.m. in the Hancock Town Hall and Community Center.

The special meeting will be to vote on appointing a new councilperson to fill the seat vacated by Mike Faith after he resigned to take the job as town manager. There will also be a discussion about an Emergency Public Works replacement purchase during the meeting.

After the special meeting, town officials will enter into a workshop where they will be discussing Lanco Pennland and other possible topics.

Both meetings are open to the public. During the workshop, however, town officials cannot make decisions or vote on issues. While it is a public meeting, there is no citizen comment period.

Weather

Wed. 7/27 85/69
40% chance of showers with calm southwest winds around 5 mph.

Thurs. 7/28 88/67
Slight chance of thunderstorms with calm west winds around 6 mph.

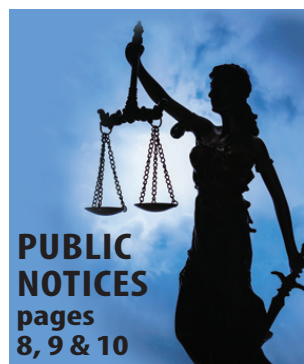
Fri. 7/29 84/61
50% chance of showers and a possible thunderstorm after 2 p.m.

Sat. 7/30 84/61
Mostly sunny with a high near 84 and a low around 61.

Sun. 7/31 84/65
30% chance of showers. Mostly sunny with a high of 84.

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Storm leaves damage, few with no power

by Geoff Fox

Residents in Hancock were rocked by a quick moving, powerful storm that uprooted trees, knocked out windows, and knocked out power to a number of folks Saturday evening.

The storm came through around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23 with driving rain, hail, lightning, thunder, and strong winds.

Pictures on social media showed trees and debris along the Western Maryland Rail Trail and store windows blown out.

Electricity was knocked out for some residents, with Potomac Edison reporting 29 Hancock residents without power. There are 2,174 customers in Hancock. Washington County overall had 694 out

of 53,688 customers without power, according to Potomac Edison's website.

Power had been restored around Hancock by Monday evening.

According to the First Energy website, power was knocked out due to tree and equipment damage. Sunday morning, crews were repairing a pole along Main Street that

had been damaged in the storm.

"Crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to restore service to about 7,600 customers without power due to yesterday evening's storms, down from about 22,000 total customers impacted. As the storms moved through our service area, severe weather caused significant tree dam-

age, downed poles and power lines, with the hardest hit areas located in Washington County, Md., Morgan County, W.Va., and Hampshire County, W.Va.," Potomac Edison said in a statement on their Facebook page.

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Public Works and the inmate crew were cutting trees and limbs that had fallen around town on town property and areas where traffic or right of way was impeded.



Along Main Street and the Rail Trail, the wind from the storm Saturday evening knocked down trees and limbs blocking sidewalks and trails. Some windows were even shattered from the storm. photo courtesy of Bill Valentine

New BA.5 variant causing most COVID cases now, including reinfections

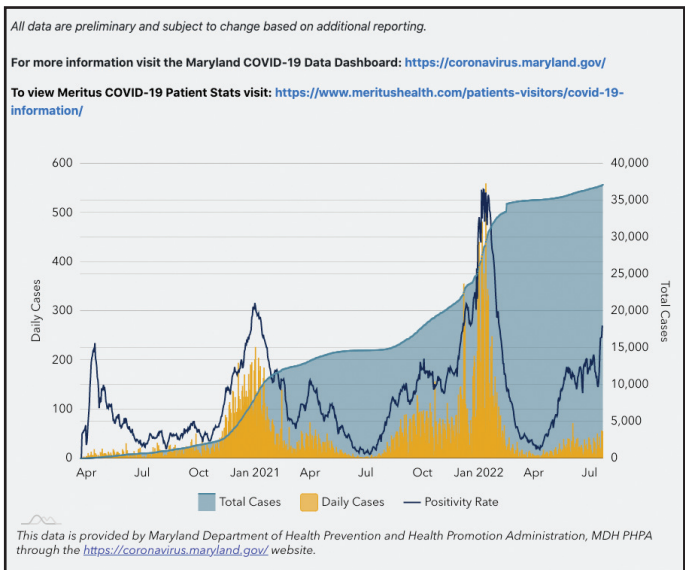
by Kate Shunney

Most new COVID-19 cases nationwide are tied to the newest BA.5 variant of the virus, according to CDC officials.

Washington County reported 55 new cases of COVID on Friday, July 22.

The BA dominant strain of COVID-19 is what public health workers are calling "highly transmissible" and just different enough from other viral strains that it can slip past immunity from vaccination and previous infections.

In other words, the BA.5 variant is getting around quickly, and can reinfect people who are fully vaccinated, with a vaccine booster and with natural antibodies from a prior case of COVID. Those with antibodies are reporting having a milder case of illness than



those who encountered earlier strains before vaccines were available.

Public health workers don't believe this variant causes more severe respiratory illness than other versions of the virus.

Doctors have said most people in America by now have some "underlying immunity" that helps them fight the virus, either from a vaccine or earlier illness.

see **NEW VARIANT** page 6

Incumbents Cline, Wagner & Keefer are top vote-getters in primary for commission

by Kate Shunney

Washington County Board of Commissioners President Jeffery Cline was the apparent top vote-getter in the crowded commission race in last Tuesday's primary election. Cline, Randall Wagner and Wayne Keefer -- all incumbent commissioners -- emerged as the top three candidates on the GOP ballot for county voters. John Barr and Derek Harvey rounded out the top five candidates in the Republican primary race, which included a total of 15 candidates.

Preliminary vote totals from the Washington County Board of Elections reported the following:

Jeff Cline—5821
Randall Wagner—5540
Wayne Keefer—5407
John Barr—5316
Derek Harvey—5083
Democrats Sterling Sanders and Dave Williams were the two candidates on the Democrats' ballot for that party's voters looking to fill five seats on the Board of Commissioners. Sanders pulled in 2995 votes while Williams received 3040.

In November, Washington County voters will narrow the field to the five commissioners.

Sheriff's race

Republican Jim Holsinger was the front-runner in the GOP primary for Washington County Sheriff, receiving 4162 votes. Democrat Junior McLeod, with no opposition on his party's primary ballot, pulled in 3132 votes. Holsinger and McLeod will face off in November's general election.

see **PRIMARY RESULTS**
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Pennland Pure wins American Cheese Society Awards

by Lisa Schauer

Pennland Pure of Hancock recently won three awards for its cheeses, the American Cheese Society announced at its annual conference in Portland, Oregon last Wednesday, July 20.

About 200 companies from across North and South America entered 1,387 cheese products in 120 categories for the competition. Judges at the University of Minnesota determined the winners based on flavor, aroma, texture and appearance.

Pennland Pure Sharpsburg Cheddar won second place in the aged cheddar category. These cheddars are aged from 13 to 23 months.

Pennland Pure Provolone also won second place in the pasta filata category. These types of cheeses, like provolone and caciocavallo, are cooked and stretched.



Pennland Pure Provolone cheese recently won second place at the American Cheese Society awards competition.

Pennland Pure Monterey Jack cheese won third place in the Monterey Jack category.

Pennland Pure produces eight different types of cheeses at its cheese plant north of Hancock, including Parmesan, Romano, asiago, and whole and part-skim mozzarella.



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Dear EarthTalk:
How are reptiles faring these days in the face of climate change and other environmental threats?

—L.M. Smith, Boston, MA

Reptiles, like other animals and plants, face growing threats as human influence on the environment increases. Certain reptiles are especially threatened; some 61 percent of turtles are threatened or extinct. Tracking the exact consequences of human activity on reptiles, however, has been difficult as research has primarily focused on mammals and birds, which draw more public attention, although evaluations have found reptiles to be more threatened than birds.

A recent study that observed 10,196 species determined that 21.1 percent of reptiles are at risk of extinction. These species contain an estimated 15.6 billion years of phylogenetic diversity (PD). This science uses a phylogenetic tree, which shows how closely related species are, to describe the amount of biodiversity in an ecosystem and obtain a more useful measurement than just counting numbers of species. In addition, the adaptations of reptiles to ecological conditions perform help sustain ecosystems, including supporting food chains. Threats to reptiles include habitat loss and environmental damage, invasive species, diseases, pollution, exploitation, poaching and global climate change.

Habitat destruction is the largest threat. As urban sprawl, overgrazing and desertification—which in turn prompt expansion of logging and agricultural operations—put greater pressures on land, reptile habitats have been overtaken by humans, creating increasingly stressful conditions for reptiles. Shrinking habitats increase edge effects—which are the effects of separating habitats (like with a road) such that animals cannot reach resources or mates in other parts of the habitat. Now climate change is exacerbating these pressures. Since many reptiles are ectothermic—they cannot generate internal heat and instead rely on external conditions (e.g. sunlight) to warm themselves—temperature increases due to climate change affect them significantly. Many arid-climate reptiles (e.g. lizards and geckos) are already experiencing extremely high temperatures, and minor increases could make their already limited habitats unlivable.

Furthermore, reptiles are particularly prevalent in regions of Southeast Asia, where disruptions to monsoon cycles can obstruct development of reptiles in embryo. Many species—turtles, crocodiles and alligators, for example—lay eggs in wet conditions. Newly-dry and disrupted regions threaten their abilities to survive, cause slow development or growth and skew the natural selection of sex ratios.

Some good news is that methods implemented to protect other types of animals—reducing tropical deforestation, controlling illegal trade and improving productivity in agriculture such that agricultural lands do not need to be expanded—benefit reptiles similarly. However, the current crisis behooves more action to improve conditions for reptiles in particular.

Readers should encourage their representatives to take action. Reptiles play a crucial role in the Earth’s ecosystems, and concerted solutions have the potential to make all the difference.

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40. Live in a dull way
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52. Every one of two or more things
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Answers for July 20, 2022

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Calendar
of Events
AUGUST

Dog Days End August 11

Tuesday, August 2

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

Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?

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Police

Hancock Police Report

Ocean City police arrest Hancock woman on theft and drug charges

Three taken to hospital after Fulton County crash

Hancock Police Report

301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of July 18-24:

July 18

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with three stops.

Assisted West Virginia State Police. Information exchanged.

Property damage accident in the 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Information exchanged.

Alarm in the first block of South Street. Accidental.

Assisted Morgan County Sheriff's Office. Attempt to locate. Information taken.

Alarm in the 100 block of West Main Street. All checked okay.

July 19

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with three stops.

Traffic hazard on Creek Road. Subject blowing grass on roadway. Subject was advised.

Alarm in the 100 block of West Main Street. Accidental.

July 20

Traffic complaint in the first block of East Main Street. Subject advised.

Parking complaint in the 100 block of Franklin Street. Vehicle issued a warning.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with two stops.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office with a domestic in the 14,000 block of Tulip Lane.

July 21

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with five stops.

Suspicious person in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subject checked out okay and sent on his way.

Alarm in the 200 block of Park Road. Accidental.

Service to advise in the 100 block of Washington Street. Subject advised.

Suspicious vehicle on Jackson Street. Subject and vehi-

cle checked out.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 15,000 block of Green Lane Road. Mental disturbance.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office with a domestic in the 9000 block of Corner Road.

July 22

CDS/drug violation in Widmeyer Park. Matthew Scott Shepherd Concilio, 33, of Berkeley Springs, was charged.

Theft reported in the 200 block of Park Road. Subject found and report to follow.

Community policing in the first block of West Main Street. Police sponsored movie night at Martha's House.

911 hang-up in the 100 block of Washington Street. Accidental.

Alarm in the 100 block of West Main Street. Accidental.

Domestic in the 200 block of West High Street. Subjects advised.

Assisted EMS at the Park-n-Ride on East Main Street.

July 23

911 hang-up in the first block of Blue Hill. Accidental.

Theft reported in the 100 block of West Main Street. Report to follow.

Traffic hazard in the 100 block of Baptist Road. Tree down due to storm.

July 24

Service to advise in the 100 block of Washington Street. Subject advised.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with five stops.

911 hang-up in the 100 block of West Main Street. Accidental.

Assisted Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 14000 block of Maple Ridge Road. Check well being.

by Geoff Fox

Vandalism of picnic tables and Civil War kiosks have caught the ire of former Mayor Dan Murphy, raising concern about the town's security cameras around town.

Murphy spoke during citizens' comments at the July meeting about the town's museum from the second floor of Town Hall back to the basement before he put on his Rotary hat and told town officials about a picnic table in Widmeyer Park.

Rotary had recently donated handicapped accessible picnic tables at all the Hancock parks as one of their projects.

Murphy said he was made aware of a table that had been "severely vandalized" in the Lions Pavilion.

After checking out the picnic table, Murphy said the town's Public Works crew had already "made a world of difference" in bringing the table back.

Murphy's leading question, he said, would be, "Who did it?"

"My point is, you should be able to tell me because there should be cameras in that area," Murphy said.

There are town cameras in Widmeyer Park near the Lions Pavilion, which should give the police an idea who did it.

A few months prior, Murphy also asked town officials and police who vandalized the kiosks in the Civil War Heritage Park on Main Street as there are cameras there as well.

Police said someone had broken one of the kiosks.

Murphy said he was told the cameras were not pointed in the direction of the kiosks at the time the vandalism took place.

"My question is, 'Do we

have cameras that are working and if not, why?'" Murphy said.

He pointed out the cameras the town had placed in various spots around town, which were placed under his administration, had been a deterrent to crime in town.

"It's been proven," he said.

Murphy admitted the company the town used for the cameras was "no good" and had stagnated.

"We put an end to vandalism because people knew they were on camera," Murphy said. "Now they're going to know what they can get away with."

Mayor Tim Smith said the bandstand in Widmeyer Park was also vandalized, noting kids will be kids and use pen, but this had been done with paint.

The bandstand had been donated to the town as well.

Smith also asked about pulling the cameras at the pavilion in the park, however they were not working as well.

"Why aren't the damn cameras working when we need them?" Smith asked bluntly.

Smith said families are renting these pavilions and bandstand all the time and shouldn't see some of the things written on them.

"I don't want to be blunt about this, but it has to be something because I'm not going to tolerate these, what I call hoodlums, destroying everything," Smith said.

He added if the cameras aren't working, it tells him the company the town has isn't doing their job.

"Is there no monitoring system to know when these cameras are working, when they're not working?" Smith said.

He wants all the town cam-

eras to be working and knows there have been requests to add more cameras to Town Hall.

"If we put the cameras in, is it going to do us any good if they're not working?" Smith asked.

Murphy told town officials how good the cameras were at one time, telling the story of how then-Police Chief T.J. Buskirk caught two people drinking beer in the park and was able to tell them the brand they were drinking because he could read the cans just by zooming in on the image.

He also told of Buskirk catching vandals in Joseph Hancock Park and was able to meet them at home as they got off the school bus and took care of the problem right then.

"It can be done, I've seen it happen," Murphy said. "When you have minimal number of people on your police force, you need all the eyes you can use."

Murphy said they still don't know who damaged the kiosks in the Civil War Heritage Park and it's been at least two months.

Smith agreed, saying it's every week there's cleaning done in the Widmeyer Park bathrooms and no more than an hour later, the soap dispensers are ripped off the wall and toilet paper dispenser off the wall.

"I know that people say our kids don't have anything to do, but I can find something better to do than ripping the toilet paper holder off the wall or soap dispenser," Smith said.

Murphy encouraged the town to get the new town manager, Mike Faith, and the police department to get the cameras working as it's a big part of their role.

"At some point, it gets to be there's no excuse not to know who damaged that picnic table out there," Murphy said.

Sgt. Rich Miller of the Hancock Police told The Hancock News on Monday that out of 13 cameras, only one is down right now. Miller did not disclose where that camera is located.

He said the power company had noticed the camera was not hooked up correctly when they were doing upgrades for Harvest.

The vendor for the cameras has not been able to repair that camera and the police and town are currently working with the vendor to get that camera back up and running.

Miller said he has addressed issues with town officials and they are currently investigating new cameras with better upgrades.

As for vandalism, Miller doesn't think there has been a rise and it's been about the same as before.

The cameras in town did help with solving a vandalism case this past holiday season.

One of the parking meters in town had been decorated with bells and someone decided to mess with the bells.

Miller said because of the cameras, the person who caused the vandalism was caught.

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HULL

Elizabeth Waugh and Homer Hull of Warfordsburg, Pa. announce the birth of their daughter Lauren Elizabeth Hull on July 12, 2022 at Berkeley Medical Center, Martinsburg, W.Va. Maternal grandparents are Rick and Crystal Waugh, Inwood, W. Va. Paternal grandparents are Home and Sharon Hull, Hancock. Maternal great-grandparents are the late David and Betty Waugh. Paternal great-grandparents are Pete and Peggy Helmick, Hancock.

FAMILY REUNIONS

SHAW

The annual reunion of the descendants of James and Elizabeth Baird Shaw will be held Sunday, August 7 at Whips Cove Church Social hall, 5044 Moss Rd., Warfordsburg, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m.

Meat will be provided by the family.

WARD

The Simon Ward family reunion will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 12:30 p.m. at the Buck Valley Park, Buck Valley, Pa.

Reunion fund will provide fried chicken. Take a side dish, drink, dessert, napkins, plates and utensils.

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9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Enter Baked Good Exhibits Only
6:00 p.m. - 4-Wheeler Rodeo followed by Tough Wheel Competition
7:00 p.m. - Live Music by "Out of Line" Band
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12:00 - 10:00 p.m. - FAMILY DAY!
1:00 p.m. - Pedal Tractor Pulls
Sponsored by McConnellsburg Motor & Implement
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - "Tales from Squirm the Worm" Craft, located in red building
Sponsored by Penn State Master Gardeners of Fulton County
6:00 p.m. - Little Miss Princess Contest Sponsored by TRUIST
7:00 p.m. - 4x4 Pickup and Semi-Truck Pull
7:00 p.m. - Live Music by "Stephanie & the Wild Hearts" Band
8:30 p.m. - Bike Giveaway
Sponsored by McConnellsburg Vol. Fire Co.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 p.m. - Compact Car Demo Derby - \$2,000 TOTAL PURSE
Sponsored by McConnellsburg VFW Post 655
7:00 p.m. - Live Music by "4 by Joe" Band

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

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In the famous passage of Jesus 's disguised-return, as a beggar (Mt. 25: 35) & as an in-jail person, etc. He does not ask to be sent to the government or an agency or some counselor, but desires direct action and attention. So hopefully our new way of doing things is both personal and prudential—like making a “square circle”!...

Actually a Saint in India counseled actually a Saint in India counseled us just this Way . Notice in the famous distressing disguise passage (Mt. 25) that Jesus doesn't want to be sent around here and there or be served third or fourth hand-like, but rather, intimately...

In famous stories like Saint Martin of Tours (feeding a beggar Who turns out to be Christ) and Saint Catherine of Siena (kissing a leper) along with Saint Francis of Assisi (living with the poor) we witness traumatic stories of direct and visceral service to the poor... We Catholics and Bible believers should continue this and I invite and encourage you to contemplate to continue, if you are writing a check, or sending aid overseas, or praying and fasting for the poor, to also consider direct action for them...

This may include visiting a nursing home or serving at a soup kitchen or like place or a helping a neighbor in need or others where we encounter directly the poor and the sick and the needy, Jesus in His distressing disguises... Last week, while on the streets handing out food, a lady thankfully waved her hands in the air in praise of God and said that these gifts were sent and spontaneously embraced us and began tearing up. This inspired me in this direct action as that day I was kind of tired and weary and blurry about my mission, and she reminded me of the need never to cease doing good and that direct action toward the distressing disguises Jesus is Ultimate... In the city and elsewhere, as I've learned, we need to be careful and charitable... It is good and even necessary to have programs of service and it is also good to serve people who are not only fundraising pictures or mere numbers or plastic biographies we read about, but rather real persons with desires and needs...

Our main mission in life is to save and sanctify souls-- especially if they are needy and thirsty and hungry...Do you thirst for this?!

Fr. Jack Lombardi

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

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

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

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

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church, Church and High Streets, Hancock, 301-678-6569 - Sundays 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Parish Family Communion 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and adult education 5 p.m. youth fellowship. Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in lower parish hall. Rev. Margaret S. Brack, Priest-in-charge.

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 - Monthly church services will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. Mother Marguerite Brack.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-Denominational Service, Seavolt Road, Hancock, 304-274-2353 - Campground ministry at Happy Hills Campground every Sunday 10 a.m. Pastor Tim Staubs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 180 South Washington Street, Berkeley Springs, 304-258-2440 - Sunday service 9 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Needmore Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner Rt. 522 and 655, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-4581 or 304-258-3246 - Sabbath School Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sabbath worship service Saturday 11 a.m. Lay Pastor Preston Monterrey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 Willis.

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

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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Fishing mentor sessions offered by Maryland DNR

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering free mentored fishing training and practice sessions in August to college students and adults aged 18 and older. The program will comprise four sessions in various locations in Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties, culminating with a fishing tournament on August 13.

Participants will learn about regulations and licenses, fish identification, tackle box components, casting, knotting, and general fishing skills. All participants will receive and keep a fishing rod and reel.

The department is looking to encourage more Marylanders to take up the exciting sport of fishing.

“In addition to becoming a confident angler, participants may have the opportunity to become mentors for future sessions,” said organizers.

Tentative dates and locations are: August 2 at Sandy Point State Park, August 5 at Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, August 9 at Allen Pond Park, Bowie; and the final fishing tournament August 13 at Schoolhouse Pond, Upper Marlboro.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three tournament contestants.

Registration will be first-come, first served, and limited to 20 participants. Anyone interested can register online by going to news.maryland.gov/dnr and looking for the



Woman holding a blue catfish. photo by Tristan Bapst

announcement about the mentorship program. Selected participants will receive an email notification. Anyone who registers, but isn’t selected, will automatically be registered for future sessions.

A Maryland fishing license is required for any participants 16 years old and up – DNR staff will assist with the purchasing process for anyone who doesn’t have one prior to the first session.

Martinsburg VAMC sends veteran athletes to Golden Age Games

The flame is officially lit and the National Veterans Golden Age Games are underway in Sioux Falls, S.D., where Team Martinsburg is representing with 12 of its veteran athletes.

From badminton and table tennis to horseshoes and shuffleboard, Team Martinsburg plans to make an impressive showing at this year’s games, which not only fosters a wholesome sense of competition and camaraderie among the athletes, but emphasizes health and wellness.

Founded in 1985 the games serve veterans ages 55 years and older through its “Fitness for Life” motto, offering athletic competitions to demonstrate that sports, wellness and fitness assist senior veterans live an active and healthy lifestyle.

“We don’t limit sports to the veterans who are fit and healthy,” says Mike Clark,



Team Martinsburg group photo at the 2022 National Veteran Golden Age Games in Sioux Falls.

National Veterans Golden Age Games Coach and Martinsburg VA Medical Center Recreation Therapy Assistant. “We strive to offer options, in order to make sports accessible to all.”

The veteran athletes who make up Team Martinsburg

train year-round for these events as part of their treatment plan that are custom tailored by the Veterans multidisciplinary care team with specific health goals in mind.

Visit Hagerstown publishes calendar of events for 2022

This year Visit Hagerstown is finally celebrating coming together in person and announces the publication of the Calendar of Events - the first in two years.

The 16-page pocket-sized guide lists events throughout the county that take place from July to December 2022.

“The Calendar of Events has been a favorite reference for visitors and residents for years,” said Dan Spedden, president of Visit Hager-

stown. “It’s exciting to share again this guide highlighting all the wonderful events in Washington County.”

The Calendar of Events highlights the county’s banner events such as Augustoberfest, C&O Canal Days, Fall Fest, City Park Christmas tree lighting and more.

The Calendar of Events for July to December 2022 can be found at: Blue Goose Fruit Market & Bakery, 557 E. Main St., Hancock.

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Obituary policy

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

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

For details, contact *The Hancock News* at 301-678-6255.

OBITUARIES

Donald I. Unger 1940-2022

Donald I. Unger, 82, Hancock, Md., passed away Monday, July 18, 2022, at his home.

Born June 27, 1940, in Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Fonzie and Eleanor (McManus) Unger, and the widow of Vivian I. Unger, who he married on January 14, 1961, and who passed away on July 5, 2021.

He was on the Board of Directors of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Cemetery Association.

He was a construction superintendent for Waynesboro Construction Company for over 38 years.

He loved to play his guitar.

He is survived by a daughter, Karen Reed, Clear Spring, Md.; a son, Greg Unger, Hancock, Md.; two grandsons, Dylan Reed, Waynesboro, Pa., Cody Unger, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; a brother, Leroy Unger, Hagerstown, Md.; three sisters Jean Walls, Hancock, Md., Darlene Shives, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. and Tina Starliper, Hancock, Md.; and many nieces and nephews.



In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Unger; a grandson, Josh Unger; four brothers Eugene, Gary, Roger Lee and Harold Robert Unger; and a sister, Betty Sipes.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at Grove Funeral Home. Rev. Denver Plessinger officiated. Interment followed at Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in Donald’s memory to Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

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

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

Robert Benjamin Shives 1936-2022

Robert Benjamin Shives, 86, was called to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Williamsport Nursing Home.

He was born June 20, 1936 at home on the family farm to Preston A. and Lucy M. (Dittmar) Shives.

He graduated from Hancock High School in 1945. He also attended Hagerstown Junior College, DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, and Frostburg Management Program. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and worked for the U.S. Army at Fort Ritchie 41 years as a civilian in the IT field.

After retirement in 1994, he was active in the Forestry Association, and he raised Christmas trees on the family farm in Hancock. He was a founding member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hagerstown where he served in many areas of ministry, including Congregational Vice President, Sunday School Superintendent, Bible Class teacher, Choir member, Youth Group leader, and many years as Lead Lay Minister/Elder.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sylvia Jeanne (Chesnut) Shives; daughter, Sharri Cadigan (Cole) of Hagerstown, Md.; son, Mark (Michelle) of Tulsa, Okla.; grandsons, Danny (Annalise) of Englewood, Colo., Zachary (Kate) of Tulsa, Okla., and Jesse Cadigan Sequim of Wash. He was blessed with seven great grandchildren, Noah, Isabelle, Lucy, Ezra, Eleanor, Preston, and Victoria. He is also survived by two sisters, Rosella Rogers and Elizabeth Johanns; two brothers, Fred and John; special friends, Stephen Minister, Bob Keane and farm caretaker, Mike Flowers and Ron Golem.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel and sister, Nancy Villanova.

A Memorial Service will be held at Concordia Lutheran Church, 17906 Garden Lane, Hagerstown at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022. Pastor Mark Moretz will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday, July 28, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. and one hour before the service. Interment will be held in the Memorial Garden at Concordia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, or Hospice of Washington County, c/o Doey’s House, 11370 Caring Path Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Arrangements entrusted to Minnich Funeral Home, 415 E. Wilson Blvd., Hagerstown, MD. Online condolences accepted at www.Minnichfh.com.



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Maryland hunters can now enter 2022 black bear hunt lottery

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting applications for the 2022 black bear hunt lottery.

Successful applicants will receive a permit valid for the 6-day hunting season, which for the first time includes a Saturday. The hunt will be open October 24-29 in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties.

"The annual bear hunt, now in its 19th year, is an important management tool used to slow the increase of Maryland's black bear population and limit expansion of Maryland bears into the eastern suburbs and cities," said DNR officials.

The department will once again issue 950 hunting permits this year.

"Maryland's science-based bear hunt remains well-regulated and sustainable,"

Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Allowing hunters to make use of one of the state's greatest renewable natural resources helps us achieve our goal of limiting the increase in our bear population, while guaranteeing a secure future for this species in Maryland."

Hunters may apply for the lottery online or at one of more than 250 hunting and fishing license agents across the state. Hunters need a valid DNR ID number to participate.

All entries must be completed by 11:59 p.m. Aug. 31 and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee. Only one application per person will be accepted; submitting duplicates can result in disqualification and forfeiture. The drawing will be held September 7, and winners will be notified shortly thereafter.



A Maryland black bear lurking in the woods. photo by Bob Geary

When applying for a permit, hunters can make voluntary contributions to the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund, which directly reimburses Maryland farmers who have suffered agricultural damage caused by black bears.

The fund has paid farmers more than \$130,000 since its establishment in 1996.

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Primary results

(from front)

Washington County voters cast ballots during early voting, through absentee ballots and at polls on Tuesday, July 19. In total, 15,751 ballots were cast from a roll of 74,665 eligible voters in the county. That's a 21% voter turnout.

Voters made their party primary picks for offices from the top of the state down to county level posts.

Wash Co went for Cox

Washington County voters went heavily for Dan Cox for the GOP candidate for governor, as did the rest of Maryland Republicans. Cox and Gordana Schifanelli pulled in 59.8% of the county vote in that race. Statewide, Cox earned 133,068 votes – 56% of the GOP ballots.

Democrat Peter Franchot was favored by Washington County Democrats on the gubernatorial ballot, pulling in 27% of this county's votes in that race. Franchot got just 19.6% of votes across Maryland. Instead, Maryland Democrats tapped Wes Moore and Aruna Miller as their picks to be on the November ballot. Moore took 36.7% of the vote across the state.

On the Congressional ballot representing District 6 in the U.S. House of Representatives, Republican Neil Parrott topped a list of six GOP candidates, earning 26,866 votes in early and election-day voting. Democrat David Trone is his party's pick for the November ballot, pulling in 23,534 votes over two challenges in the primary.

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen won the Democratic primary in a race to keep his seat. Republican Lorie Friend won the GOP primary and will face Van Hollen in November.

Delegate & State Senate race

Mike McKay was Washington County's pick for a GOP candidate for State Senator representing District 1. McKay, currently a delegate, received 2343 votes in Washington County while his challenger Jake Shade got 1252.

Districtwide, McKay pulled in 7,996 votes to Shade's 6,359.

Democrat Michael Dreisbach was unopposed on his primary ballot and pulled in 708 votes in the State Senate race here in Washington County. Districtwide, Dreisbach got 2,596 votes.

Terry Baker's run for Maryland House of Delegates to represent District 1-C garnered the commissioner 2,906 votes on the GOP ballot in Washington County. Districtwide, Baker got 3474 votes. Baker decided not to seek re-election to the Washington County Board of Commissioners in order to make the state run for Mike McKay's seat.

Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates seat, Carrie Hinton, received 700 votes in Washington County and 777 in the district as a whole. Baker and Hinton will face off on the November ballot.

At the county level, Robert Breeding won the GOP primary for Treasurer. He has no Democratic opponent in November.

Gina Cirincion was unopposed in her GOP primary race for State's Attorney, and has no Democratic opponent in November.

Kevin Tucker cleared his primary for Clerk of the Circuit Court with no GOP opponents or Democratic challenge.

Republican Lacy Flook will face Democrat Jason Malott in the Register of Wills race in November.

Three Republican candidates will be on the ballot for Judge of the Orphan's Court in November – Paul Banister, Debra Breeding and Anthony Lowman.

For a full listing of preliminary vote totals in all races on the ballots, go to the Maryland Board of Elections website: https://results.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary_results/gen_results_2022_by_county_22.html

New variant

(from front)

Still, doctors believe that even a mild COVID illness carries health risks. Some people will experience what is being called "long-COVID" – including cardiac trouble, shortness of breath, brain fog and general debility. Because of those risks, public health experts are encouraging people to do what they can to keep from getting COVID, even if they think they might be protected from it.

Masks are still recommended in crowded indoor

events, in large crowds outside and while traveling.

Those who have a confirmed case of COVID are still being asked to keep away from others for the duration of their symptoms. Ideally, people recovering from COVID will also mask up around others for another five days after they get better, or until they get a negative result on a COVID test.

Cases have not hit the highs from the previous year but are climbing enough that public health planners are on alert for a surge in September.


Currently, all age groups are eligible to receive a COVID vaccine and booster

shot at the right time. Anyone over the age of 50 can get a second booster, though health officials are considering dropping the age minimum because immunity appears to wane for individuals three to four months after a shot or infection.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday, August 4, from 1-6:30 p.m. at Warfordsburg Faith Center.

Call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment. There currently is a severe shortage of blood.



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National Night Out Tuesday, August 2

by Geoff Fox
Next Tuesday, August 2, Widmeyer Park will be a busy place as folks from around the Hancock park for National Night Out. National Night Out begins at 6 p.m.
This year's event will once again have free food prepared by the Hancock Lions Club with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and water.
Take Two will provide musical entertainment.
There will be police agencies from around the area gathered at the park. Maryland State Police, Washington County Sheriff's Office, and other agencies will join Hancock Police, who in conjunction with the Town of Hancock is sponsoring National Night Out.
Officer Shawn Faith of the Hancock Police Department said he won't know exactly what other agencies or demonstrations would be at National Night Out until the of the event as they've been invited but not yet responded.
Faith did say there would be a K-9 demonstration, however he wasn't sure what department would be giving the demonstration.
There will things to do so the kids can keep busy.
Returning this year will be Hub City Inflatables with their bounce houses and

climbing inflatable and Joint Force Training with their ever popular soccer laser tag, soccer ball pool, and other activities.
Organizers said there is going to be a foam machine at this year's National Night Out. They advise parents and guardians to bring a change of clothes or swimsuits if the kids want to play in the foam. It is a non-toxic foam.
There will also be a basketball tournament held on the basketball court as well.
Various local businesses and groups will have display and information booths set up throughout the park.
And of course, what would National Night Out be in Hancock without fireworks?
The fireworks display will start at dark, organizers said.
With National Night Out, there are still some businesses and groups who haven't gotten back to the town offices to let them know if they are participating.
Organizers said if you were going to participate in National Night Out and haven't responded, you are asked to call the town office at 301-678-5622 or email jodi@townofhancock.org to let them know if you plan on setting up or not by 3 p.m. on Friday, July 29.



Tuesday, August 2, is National Night Out, sponsored by the Hancock Police Department and the Town of Hancock. NNO starts at 6 p.m. in Widmeyer Park.

Kristen Miller receives Bachelor's Degree from Frostburg State University

Kristen Miller, of Hancock, recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Frostburg State University, Frostburg, during its 160th commencement ceremonies. FSU President Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk conferred nearly 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees at this May commencement.

Situated in the mountains of Allegany County, Frostburg State University is one of the 12 institutions of the University System of Maryland. FSU is a comprehensive, residential regional university and serves as an educational and cultural center for Western Maryland.

Jill Helmstetter receives Master's Degree from Frostburg State University

Jill Helmstetter, of Little Orleans, recently received a Master of Education degree in Education, General from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, during its 160th commencement ceremonies. FSU President Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk conferred nearly 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees at this May commencement.

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Hancock Middle-Senior High School supply list for 6-8 grades

Parents and students be aware of the high cost of school supplies, especially for families with several school age children. To help take advantage of sale items during the summer, we have prepared this list of supplies that the child will need for classes next year.
If you need assistance with purchasing supplies contact the school. The assignment notebook will be provided by the school to all students at no cost. Materials should be brought in on the first day of school.
For all classes grades 6-8 - pencils (not mechanical pencils), hand held pencil sharpener, one large three ring binder notebook with zipper that will hold extra supplies, pencil case and assignment notebook, one set of headphones or earbuds, one pack of highlighters, colored pencils, one pack of dry erase markers and one pack of wide rule notebook paper.
Sixth grade
English/language arts - one, one-inch three-ring binder (for ELA only), one steno pad or one, one subject notebook (Shockey), two composition notebooks and one bottle of Elmer's glue.
Math - one five-subject spiral notebook, one pocket folder and plenty of pencils.
Science - one pocket folder with metal fasteners, plenty of sharpened no. 2 pencils and notebook paper.
Social Studies - one folder and plenty of pencils.
Band - one, one-inch royal blue three-ring binder, 15 plastic sheet protectors, 10 reeds 2.5-3 strength (if playing clarinet or saxophone, brass players - valve oil, essential elements book 1 for your instrument and concert clothes.
Art - pencils and erasers, one ultra-fine sharpie marker-

black and one set of permanent markers.
Spanish - one pocket folder and one, one-subject notebook and earbuds.
Seventh grade
English/language arts - one, one-inch three-ring binder (for ELA only), two composition notebooks, and one bottle of Elmer's glue (ELA only).
Math - one, five-subject spiral notebook and plenty of no. 2 pencils.
Science - one pocket folder with metal fasteners, plenty of sharpened no. 2 pencils, earbuds and notebook paper.
Social Studies - one folder and plenty of pencils.
Band - one, one-inch royal blue three-ring binder, 15 plastic sheet protectors, 10 reeds 2.5-3 strength (if playing clarinet or saxophone, brass players - valve oil, essential elements book 2 for your instrument and concert clothes.
Art - pencils and erasers, one ultra-fine sharpie marker-black and one set of permanent markers.
Spanish - one pocket folder and one, one-subject notebook and earbuds.
Eighth grade
English/language arts - colored pencils, one steno pad or one, one-subject notebook (Shockey), one pack of five tab dividers, one, 1.5 inch binder (for ELA only), two composition notebooks and one bottle of Elmer's glue.



Algebra (honors) - one, five-subject spiral notebook, one pocket folder with metal fasteners and one unopened pack of four AAA batteries.
Math - one, five-subject spiral notebook, one pocket folder and plenty of no. 2 pencils.
Social Studies - one pocket folder and plenty of pencils, pencil box with name on it to be kept in class.
Science - one pocket folder.
Band - one, one-inch royal blue three-ring binder, 15 plastic sheet protectors, 10 reeds 2.5-3 strength (if playing clarinet or saxophone, brass players - valve oil, essential elements book 3 for your instrument and concert clothes.
Arts - pencils and erasers, one ultra-fine sharpie marker

-black, one set of permanent markers.
Spanish - one pocket folder and one, one-subject notebook and earbuds.

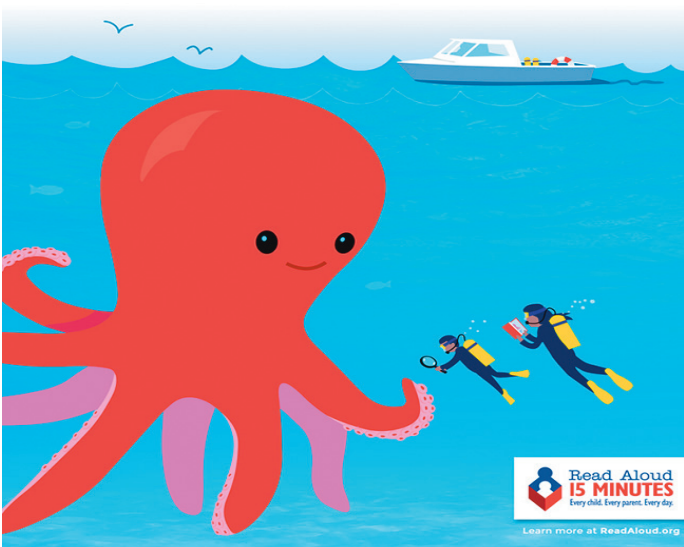
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79336
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Donald Leroy Norris.

Notice is given that Debra J. Norris, 743 Summit Avenue, Apt. 4, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Donald Leroy Norris who died on June 17, 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 15th day of January, 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.

Debra J. Norris
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79326
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Ruth M. Sanford.
Notice is given that Marjorie Crowl, 218 Division Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 and Linda J. Sandoval, 9 Wooded Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257 were on July 20, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ruth M. Sanford 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 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 20th day of January, 2023.

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

(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.

Marjorie Crowl
Linda J. Sandoval
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
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**IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR
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WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Doris Osborne
Estate No: 79328

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all Persons Interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Jennifer Harman, 4758 Fishers Hollow Road, Myersville, MD 21773 for judicial probate of the will dated May 19, 2008 and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court for Washington County, Maryland, 100 W. Washington Street Suite 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on September 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 79329
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Muriel G. Sullivan.
Notice is given that Larry A. Sullivan, 1083 NW 2nd Ave., Ontario, OR 97914 was on July 14, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Muriel G. Sullivan who died on April 9, 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 14th day of January, 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.

Larry A. Sullivan
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79273
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jeanette G. Ray.
Notice is given that Dana Kreigh, 854 Anthony Avenue, Waynesboro, PA 17268, Aaron Quick, 103 Tristan Way, Moyock, NC 27958 and Dena Rodgers, 15898 Marsh Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268 were on July 22, 2022 appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Jeanette G. Ray who died on May 30, 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 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 22nd day of January, 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.

Dana Kreigh
Aaron Quick
Dena Rodgers
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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pd7-27-3th

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

IN THE ESTATE OF:
Mary Lou Probka
Estate No: 79334

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all Persons Interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Terry K. Sullivan, ESQ. Holloway & Sullivan, LLC, 7 St. Paul St., Suite 625, Baltimore, MD 21202 for judicial probate of the will dated July 28, 2015 and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court for Washington County, Maryland, 100 W. Washington Street Suite 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on August 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate No. 79043
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Terry Wayne Alger.
Notice is given that Nancy L. Alger, 307 Sherwood Forest Dr., Falling Waters, WV 25419 was on April 20, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Terry Wayne Alger who died on April 9, 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.

Nancy L. Alger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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pd7-27-1thn

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

Estate No. 79168
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Erval Miller Cochran.

Notice is given that Brian C. Clevenger, 227 Janesa Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25403 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Erval Miller Cochran who died on May 14, 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 shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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

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Brian C. Clevenger
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WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

IN THE ESTATE OF:
William Daniel Grove
Estate No: 79066

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all Persons Interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by Robert L. Grove, 12614 McDade Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740 for judicial probate of the will dated May 27, 2003 (and codicils, if any, dated January 4, 2012) and for the appointment of a personal representative.

A hearing will be held at Washington County Orphans' Court for Washington County, Maryland, 100 W. Washington Street Suite 3500, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on August 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Estate No. 79283
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gary W. Kanode.
Notice is given that Christopher Kanode, 9311 White Rock Ave., Frederick, MD 21702 was on July 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Gary W. Kanode who died on June 14, 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 15th day of January, 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.

Christopher Kanode
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

Christopher Joliet, Esquire
223 North Prospect Street #303
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 79339
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Roland Leo Hartle.

Notice is given that Joseph Cool, 14707 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Roland Leo Hartle who died on May 5, 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 15th day of January, 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.

Joseph Cool
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79320
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charlotte Kretsinger.

Notice is given that Randy Kretsinger, 13743 Franks Run Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on July 18, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Charlotte Kretsinger who died on May 31, 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 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.

Randy Kretsinger
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-1thn

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 79285
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Phyllis Ann Kline.
Notice is given that John P. Kline, 12335 Wild Cherry Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Phyllis Ann Kline who died on May 17, 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 15th day of January, 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 P. Kline
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

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

Estate No. 79105
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Andrew Brian Taylor.

Notice is given that Vernal Taylor III, 599 Southwest 67th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34974 was on May 5, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Andrew Brian Taylor who died on April 25, 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.

Vernal Taylor III
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202
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Estate No. 79348
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Eileen M. Williams.

Notice is given that Theresa Williams, 330 Yorkshire Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 19, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Eileen M. Williams who died on June 16, 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 19th day of January, 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.

Theresa Williams
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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Estate No. 79338
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gail Victor McCusker.

Notice is given that Victor L. McCusker, 13202 Exline Road, Hancock, MD 21750 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gail Victor McCusker who died on May 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 15th day of January, 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.

Victor L. McCusker
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Estate No. 79332
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Courtney Bruce Martin, Sr.

Notice is given that Michael Timothy Martin, 12013 National Pike, Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on July 15, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Courtney Bruce Martin, Sr. who died on July 5, 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 15th day of January, 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

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79346
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF John Matthew Starr.

Notice is given that Charles Starr, Jr., 13 3rd Ave., Pocasset, MA 02559 was on July 18, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of John Matthew Starr who died on March 1, 2021 with a will.
Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (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 January, 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.

Charles Starr, Jr.
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 78787
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Mary L. Miller.

Notice is given that Jerry L. Miller, 13102 Greensburg Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on July 18, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Mary L. Miller who died on February 18, 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 January, 2023.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must serve their claims on 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.

Jerry L. Miller
Personal Representative
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Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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pd7-27-3th

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Middletown, MD 21769
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79355
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Rita L. Cline.

Notice is given that Rodney E. Cline, 11834 Patrick Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 20, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Rita L. Cline who died on July 12, 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 20th day of January, 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.

Rodney E. Cline
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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**SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 78340
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Lawrence Nathan Alsip, Jr.

Notice is given that Sylvia Alsip, PO Box 172, Maugansville, MD 21767 was on July 19, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Lawrence Nathan Alsip, Jr. who died on October 4, 2021 with a will.

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

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

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.

Sylvia Alsip
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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**SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 79337
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Edward Eugene Spickler.

Notice is given that Shane E. Spickler, 13363 Greensburg Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Edward Eugene Spickler who died on June 12, 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 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.

Shane E. Spickler
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
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Estate No. 79333
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Thomas Carson Roser.

Notice is given that Michelle L. Smith, 10822 Brentwood Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 15, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Thomas Carson Roser who died on May 29, 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.

Michelle L. Smith
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Reward offered for information leading to arrest of suspect in fatal hit-and-run

Maryland State Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in a fatal hit-and-run work zone crash that occurred last month in Washington County.

At about 4:19 a.m. on June 19, troopers from the Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack responded to east-bound Interstate 70 west of Maryland Route 66 for a report of a pedestrian who was struck while working in a construction zone. According to a preliminary investigation, a road crew was backing up in the left lane of east-bound I-70 and removing construction barrels from a previous roadway project.

The victim, Ever Anibal Aleman Ramos, 34, of Capitol Heights, was pulling barrels from the roadway behind a crash attenuator truck when he was struck. According to a preliminary investigation, the



Photo of what investigators believe is the suspect vehicle in this case.

driver of the striking vehicle pulled onto the right shoulder for a short time, but soon left the scene. Ramos was declared deceased at the scene.

The suspect vehicle is described as a gray or silver, older model pickup truck, possibly a Ford Ranger or Toyota Tacoma. Ramos' employer is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the identity and conviction of the hit-and-run driver.

tion of the hit-and-run driver.

The Maryland State Police Crash Team is investigating this case. Anyone with information as to the striking vehicle or other information regarding the crash is asked to contact the Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack at 301-766-3800.

The crash remains under investigation.

Fall outdoor educational programs offered by local Audubon Society

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society continues to offer nature programs through Fall 2022. With new courses recently announced, PVAS has a variety of options for this fall's "Outdoor School" - perfect for home-schooled youth.

Outdoor School is an opportunity for children to participate in hands-on, experiential learning. Each class consists of a thematic nature lesson, a hike and nature exploration. Reading, writing, art and math are all incorporated into our nature lessons. Sessions are held once a week for a month. Sessions will be kept small - 10 children (ages 5-10) and two adult instructors and will

take place at either the Yankauer Preserve in Berkeley County or Cool Spring Preserve in Jefferson County.

Registration for these programs will open July 25. Classes tend to fill quickly. The monthly themes for our fall series of programs include:

September: Plants and Pollinators, (four sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Cool Spring Preserve on Thursdays: September 8, 15, 22 and 29.

October: Welcome Fall! - (four sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Cool Spring Preserve on Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25 and at Yankauer Nature Preserve on Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27.

November: Forest Ecology, (three sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Cool Spring Preserve on Tuesdays, November 1, 8 and 15 and at Yankauer Nature Preserve on Thursdays, November 3, 10 and 17.

December: Winter Wonderland, (three sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at Cool Spring Preserve on Tuesdays, December 1, 8 and 15 and on Thursdays, December 3, 10 and 17.

To see a full schedule with detailed descriptions, to enroll or find out more information, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/education or contact Amy Moore at amy@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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HOROSCOPES

July 31 - August 6, 2022

CAPRICORN
December 22- January 19
Capricorn, words may not be the best way to express what you are feeling right now to a partner. Actions will speak louder than words.

ARIES
March 21- April 19
Aries, try to focus on simple pleasures this week. You don't have to travel to foreign lands or handle complicated hobbies to find happiness right now.

CANCER
June 22- July 22
With a clear mind and excellent communication skills, this week you can lead the meeting and get the results you desire. This is only one step on the path to success.

LIBRA
September 23- October 22
Libra, this week you are able to convey what is going on inside your mind. Don't hold anything back, even if it makes you are hesitant to do so.

AQUARIUS
January 20- February 18
Things could get intense for you this week, Aquarius. A lot of information is headed your way. A roadblock is in your path, but don't let this trip you up.

TAURUS
April 20- May 20
Seek opportunities to focus your mind, which is bubbling with creativity lately. Dabble in artwork or jewelry making. Cake decorating also may appeal to you.

LEO
July 23- August 22
Some type of force is helping you continue your path forward. It may be pride; it may be a desire to move past your current situation. Whatever it is, keep up the momentum.

SCORPIO
October 23- November 21
Scorpio, people will be eager to hang on to your every word this week. Think carefully about what you have to say to further your cause to the fullest.

PISCES
February 19- March 20
Pisces, are you prepared for the spotlight to be turned on you at work? Brush up on your skills and what you have to say to superiors.

GEMINI
May 21- June 21
Gemini, you may need to dig down deep and find your motivation for a new project. A change of scenery could be the catalyst for change. Book a short venture to refresh.

VIRGO
August 23- September 22
Virgo, though it goes against your nature, feel free to be lazy once in a while this week. Share your responsibilities with someone else and you will benefit from the rest.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22- December 21
Sagittarius, if you find that your mind is muddled and communication is not coming easily to you, take a break and enjoy some alone time. Engage in solo projects.

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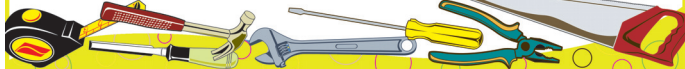
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Saturday storm

(from front)

Because of the forecasted heat on Sunday, the Hancock Fire Company opened their second floor to residents who don't have power and was inviting anyone who was worried about oxygen, refrigerated medicine, or any medically related.

Interfaith Service Coalition opened Martha's House on Main Street as well on Sunday for those who didn't, and did, have electricity. There was food, water, drinks and a cool 68 degrees inside. They even opened the theater in the basement for movies.

On Monday, crews were out clearing debris from town owned land.

Public Works and an inmate crew were cutting a limb that had fallen on some of the playground equipment by Town Hall.

Fallen trees along High Street had been cleared from sidewalks, but still lay on private land.

On the north end of High Street near St. Thomas Episcopal Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church, branches were hanging down with wires tangled among them.

At the side parking lot at St. Peter's, a large gash had been taken out of the wooded area as trees and fallen into the woods below. What had fallen into the lot was already cut up and another tree was already cut and piled in the corner of the lot.

Along the Rail Trail trees were still on the ground and branches and fallen debris had been moved to the side of the towpath along the C&O Canal.

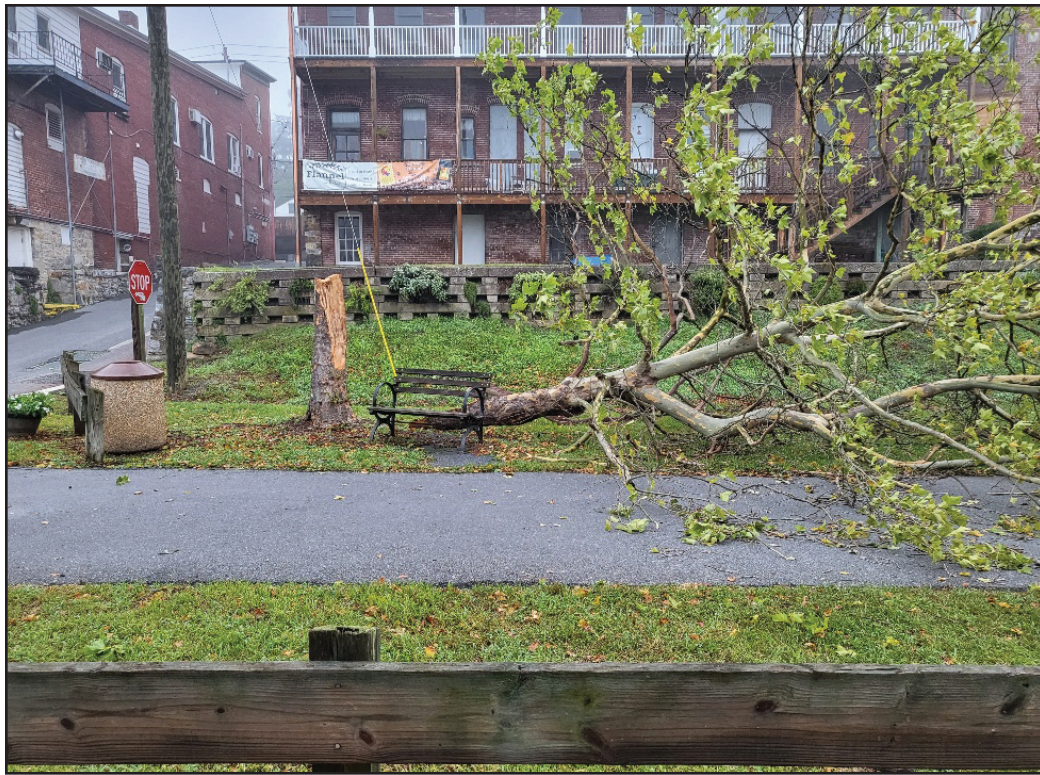
Town Manager Mike Faith said on Saturday evening, the rain was falling horizontal at his house and his neighbor across the street had a tree fall on their vehicle.

Faith said the town isn't able to assist private citizens with clean up unless it's impeding traffic or right of ways.

The town could only clear public areas and town owned property.

Faith did say if homeowners have insurance, they should talk to the agent who handles their coverage about cleanup assistance.

Faith praises Potomac Edison's fast response in getting out to repair the damage and getting people's power restored.



Along the Rail Trail, the wind from the storm Saturday evening knocked down trees and limbs blocking sidewalks and trails. photo courtesy of Bill Valentine



A branch from a nearby tree just missed causing damage to Cristina Welch's home on Baptist Road. photo courtesy of Cristina Welch

People Told Us...

—KID JOKED: Why did the dolphin cross the bay? To get to the other tide!


—In Ireland, it was tradition to offer a basket of blueberries to a sweetheart on August 1, known as Lammass Day.

—Be warned about walnut caterpillars and orange-striped oakworm, not to forget ambrosia beetle damage.


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

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