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Hancock at a Glance


Weather

Wed. 8/3 91/67 
Sunny with calm winds, high around 91 with a low near 67.

Thurs. 8/4 95/68 
40% chance of showers with light southwest winds.

Fri. 8/5 86/68 
70% chance of showers. Partly sunny with a possible thunderstorm.

Sat. 8/6 87/68 
60% chance of showers with a possible thunderstorm.

Sun. 8/7 89/69 
50% chance of showers with a possible thunderstorm.

Letters to the Editor

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Hancock council appoints Norris, swears him in a second time

by Geoff Fox & Kate Shunney

Town officials on Monday voted officially to appoint Patrick Norris as the new Hancock councilman during a special town meeting attended by three councilmen and the town's attorney. The meeting, which lasted roughly 10 minutes, had just one item on the agenda – to ratify Norris' appointment.

Councilman David Kerns made a motion to appoint Norris, and the motion passed 3-0, with Councilman Josh McCusker absent from the meeting.

Mayor Tim Smith administered an oath of office for Norris for a second time on Monday.

Last Thursday, July 28, the council had announced Norris' appointment to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Michael Faith from council.

At that July 28 meeting, Mayor Smith swore in Norris, but the council neglected to hold an official vote on the appointment during the session.

In response to questions from *The Hancock News* last Friday, town officials said the lack of a vote last Thursday was just an oversight, and their August 1 meeting would correct that.

Norris replaces Mike Faith who resigned at the July town meeting to take the town manager position. Faith had himself been appointed to the council to replace Misty Cabbage, who resigned because she moved out of town limits.



Patrick Norris was sworn in during a special town meeting on Thursday, July 28, as the new councilman. Town officials held a second special meeting on Monday, August 1, to vote and reappoint Norris as the new councilman.

photo by Geoff Fox

Norris will serve out the remainder of Cabbage's term in office, which ends in 2025, said town council officials on Monday.

Norris was recruited for council by Councilman Roland Lanehart, Jr. and he said he is willing to serve on any town committees assigned to him.

Norris has a background in residential construction and works now in commercial construction for Carl Belt in the Cumberland area. Norris is married to wife Laura and has six children.

Backhoe bought

In other business last Thursday, town officials approved the purchase of a backhoe for Public Works. The purchase was actually made the previous week, however, with the cost it had to be approved by officials.

The backhoe was purchased for \$37,500 from L.W. Wolf Construction. The company was going out of business at the time of purchase.

Mayor Tim Smith said the backhoe is already in town and at the Public Works building.

Mobile home ordinance called into question; council to seek public input at Aug. 15 workshop

by Geoff Fox

Town officials will be holding a workshop on Monday, August 15 at 6 p.m. to discuss and receive public input pertaining to the town's ordinance on Mobile Homes and Vehicles.

The workshop comes after Mayor Tim Smith was questioned if someone was able to put a camper on private property while a person lived there.

He was also told Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski notified him of other locations where there were violations of the ordinance.

Smith said it was his job to let those places know of the violation.

The ordinance in question reads, "No tractor-trailer, portable building or structure, trailer, mobile home, recreational home, recreational vehicle, camper, or similar vehicle or unit shall be placed, located, maintained, occupied, or utilized within the corporate limits of the Town of Hancock for dwelling, sleeping, storage, conduct of any business, profession or occupation, or any



other reason whatsoever, except as set forth herein."

The ordinance recognizes there is a mobile home residential park in the corporate limits of the municipality and those trailers or mobile homes are connected to utilities and are considered residential uses and nonconforming uses up to and including the date the ordinance was adopted.

According to the town's website, Chapter 277 about Mobile Homes was adopted May 10, 2006 as Chapter 25 of the 2006 Code of Ordinances.

The code says if any of the mobile homes in Hancock's residential park become untenable, destroyed, or removed, they cannot be replaced with consent of the Planning Com-

mission and the Mayor and Council and be subject to and in compliance with all federal, state, county, and municipal acts, ordinances, and regulations.

There are a number of temporary use permit requirements, exceptions, and other articles.

The ordinance can be read at <https://ecode360.com/36062642>.

Smith asked his council to look at the ordinance. He charged them with making a list of what amendments could be made to the ordinance as a lot of the ordinance could impact "a lot of things."

Smith said the town wants to be transparent and let everybody know what can and cannot be placed inside the town limits, and to know those rules will be enforced.

Town officials did not make any decisions on the ordinance except to put a 60-90 day moratorium on any changes to the rules. Those 60 days started Thursday, July 28.

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Officials discuss water, sewer lines to business park, Lanco

by Geoff Fox

The possibility of Lanco Pennland's cheese plant connecting to the town's water and sewer lines when they are extended along Warfordsburg Road was up for discussion during a workshop town officials held last Thursday, July 28.

When the area north of town on Warfordsburg Road was annexed into the Town of Hancock a few years ago, there was an agreement that the town would extend utilities to that area.

Town Attorney Ed Kuczynski said last week there was an annexation plan, but no agreement with particular details.

Kuczynski said there was no clear indication as to who is providing what in terms of municipal services.

Kuczynski said the property was exempt from town taxation until water and sewer is available to serve it.

Councilman David Kerns said any new lines would have to run to a small lot near

the Pennsylvania line. This would include everything to the north of the LancoPennland driveway to the Pennsylvania line, then back to Hancock Chevrolet, Kerns said.

The town could provide water and sewer to the property using a two-inch line and if any companies or developers were to use more, they would have to pay for the upgrade in size.

Mayor Tim Smith said once a developer commits to the business park and the town has utilities there for them to access, that developer would have 18 months to build a structure.

Kerns said if a warehouse were to be built, a two-inch line would be plenty as they only use water for restrooms.

Kerns also mentioned there are gas lines out that way and it's on Columbia Gas' radar to replace lines, hopefully at the same time a contractor buries new town water and sewer lines.

Rocky rainbow



Layers of rock along the Western Maryland Rail Trail show off their distinctive colors above bright green grass.

photo by Kate Shunney

Meritus Health mobile clinic to offer easy access for COVID vaccines

Since December of 2020, when COVID vaccines were first authorized for use, Meritus Health has provided the community it serves with more than 106,000 vaccinations.

The health system continues to look for opportunities to improve access to the vaccine, and will be expanding the offerings of its mobile vaccine clinic, beginning September 1, for eligible patients, ages 5 and older. First, second and booster doses will be available at clinics hosted in a variety of locations. Patients can use MeritusHealth.com to locate a clinic near them.

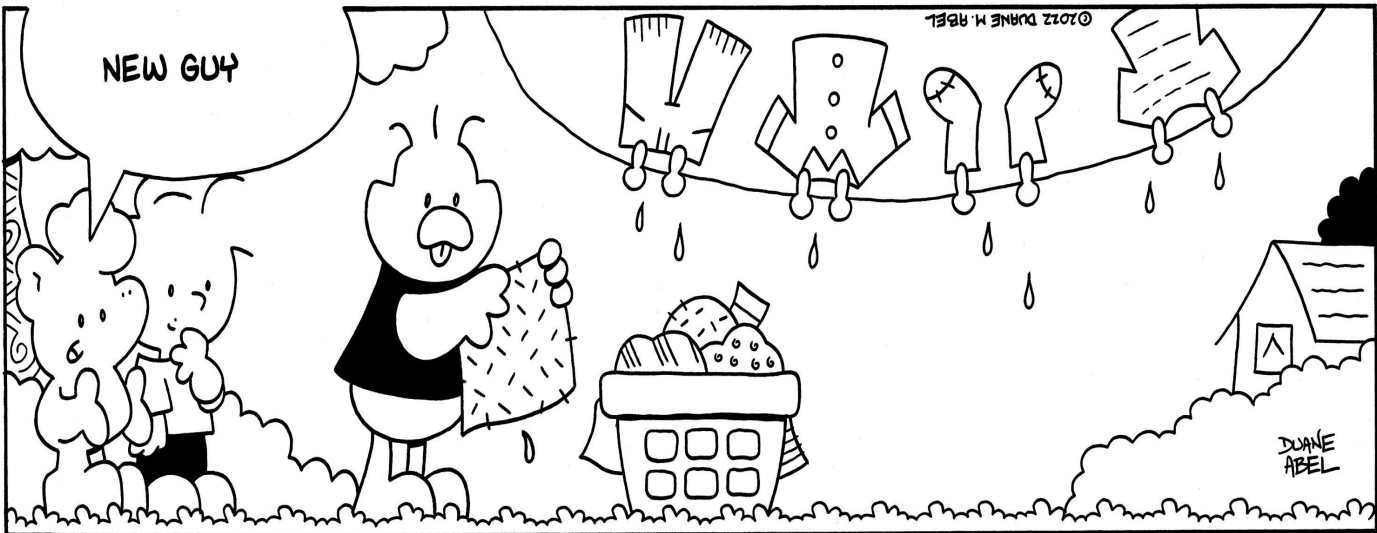
Eligible children ages six-months until five years can continue to receive COVID vaccines at Meritus After Hours Pediatrics, 186 Eastern Blvd., Hagerstown, during dedicated clinics.

The dates and times are found on the Meritus Health website. Appointments are required.

Adults and children who are patients of a Meritus primary care office could also receive their vaccine (first dose, second dose or booster) by scheduling an appointment at their doctor's office.

The mass vaccine clinic located at Robinwood Professional Center will close at the end of August.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



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Letter to the editor

Enjoy the free concerts

Dear Editor:

On Saturday evening, July 9, my wife and I accompanied our daughter, a Hancock resident, to a free concert sponsored by The Hancock Arts Council in the pavilion in the Kirkwood Park, off Creek Road.

Our daughter and her Ukulele group, the “Tri-State Ukulelectics” provided the warmup for the featured musical trio-Furnace Mountain Band. The free musical program started at 6:30 to a growing attendance throughout the two and a half hour performance of Bluegrass and Roots music.

The West Virginia trio, Furnace Mountain Band, consisted of a fiddle, mandolin and stand-up base. Their toe tapping rhythms, included not only instrumental songs, but several well-practiced vocal selections.

The “Ukulelectics” perform at a variety of venues throughout the area under the direction of Mike Kligerman through the BlackCat Cooperative based in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

For those who love live music, you definitely missed on a fun and entertaining evening out in this surrounding. My wife and I both urge you to watch for more free concerts sponsored by the Hancock Arts Council and look for announcements of where your local Ukulele troupe is performing.

George Kirby
Leonardtown, Md.

EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers
About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that koalas are on the verge of extinction? What is being done to help this species survive?

—May Jenkins, Chicago, IL

Despite their status as icons of biodiversity, koalas have been in steady decline for two decades. Yet the conservation status of this Australian native has only just changed from “threatened” to “endangered” in recent months following a series of bushfires that raged across Down Under during the summer of 2019 (later termed “Black Summer”).

Prior to Black Summer, disease and climate change were the primary determinants of the size of koala populations. Habitat loss has also contributed to the koala’s plight in recent years, including deforestation, urbanization and ecological fragmentation. Indirect factors range from animal grazing to agricultural and mining practices. However, Black Summer presented the ultimate tipping point for koalas.

According to Anne Kerle of the New South Wales (NSW) Threatened Species Scientific Committee, koala populations have declined some 50 percent across Australia due to Black Summer. To combat this, state governments such as NSW announced a commitment of AUS\$193.3 million, representing the largest financial promise by a government, to conserve koalas. The majority of funding will go toward habitat conservation and research on koalas, with the remainder dedicated to garnering community support and establishing a koala safety program.

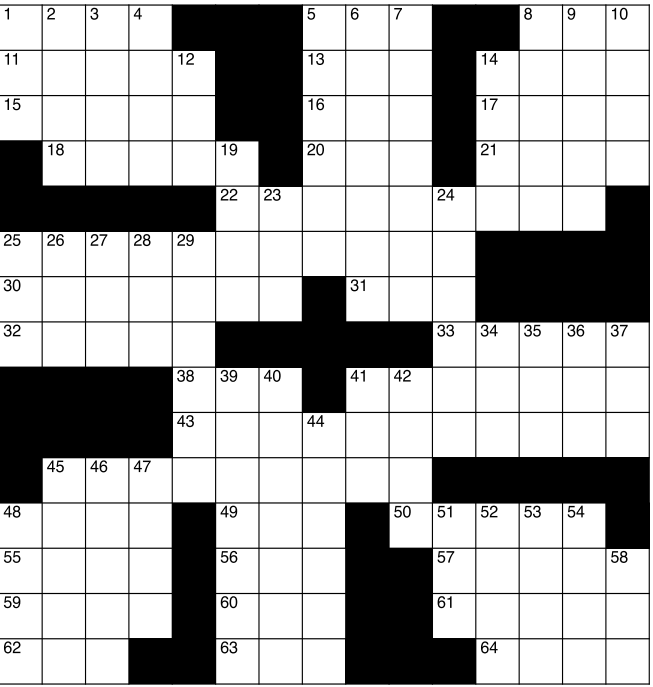
In addition, the Queensland state government has promised more than AUS\$24 million will go beyond saving the koalas to inspire remediation efforts for other threatened species. Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon states that Queensland promotes “one of the most biodiverse places on the planet,” emphasizing the critical need to protect threatened species (especially in an area that also upholds the highest number of threatened species due to anthropogenic—i.e. human-caused—habitat loss). According to the Wilderness Society, 90,000 hectares of land was cleared for beef production alone in the span of a single year. This initiative indicates a commitment funding, researching, and creating environmental laws that restrict habitat clearing, according to Queensland Conservation Council Director Dave Copeman.

A large part of koala recovery efforts will be community-based. Along with encouraging activism that holds Australian decision-makers accountable for their actions that destroy koala habitats, education of young people will promote awareness of the need to save koalas, especially because they tend to be inconspicuous in their habitats and thus “out of sight and out of mind.”

Just like any threatened species, koalas are worth saving, not just because they are beloved but also for the sake of protecting the biodiversity of Australia’s flora and fauna.

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- ACROSS**

 - Breezed through
 - Time units (abbr.)
 - Pigeon’s murmur
 - Moves aside in fright
 - Partner to “ahh”
 - Taxis
 - Monetary units of Turkey
 - Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 - Prolific Italian opera composer
 - Restaurants
 - One’s grandmother
 - Ancient Greek City
 - Italian mountain ranges
 - Data
 - Acted in an obedient way
 - Autonomic nervous system
 - Not on the up-and-up
 - Mock lightly
 - Mimic
 - Built
 - A neighborhood
 - Inflammation of the kidneys
 - Semitic fertility god
 - Temporary name of Seaborgium
 - Wise people
 - Tear down
 - fi (slang)
 - Diamond weight
 - Frosted
 - Predecessor to EU
 - Makes changes to
 - Some are secret
 - Tooth caregiver
 - Old English poet
- Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - French commune
 - Alike
 - A bachelor’s apartment
 - Foot part between the ball and ankle
 - Belonging to a thing
 - Japanese classical theater
 - Supervises flying
 - Not even
 - Capital of Saudi Arabia
 - Electronic countermeasure
 - Consumed
 - American politician (abbr.)
 - Sun up in New York
 - Casually looked through
 - Revealed the presence of
 - Peyton’s little brother
 - Diana __, singer
 - Study of moral values and rules
 - Civil Rights group
 - Makes less severe
 - Made an emotional appeal
 - Vivacity of style
 - One who is highly skilled
 - Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
 - Famed guitarist Clapton
 - Most common Japanese surname
 - Recipe abbreviation

Answers for July 27, 2022

DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Norwegian river
- People with impaired hearing
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Bucharest is its capital
- River in Ireland
- Type of TV
- Double-reed instruments

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Calendar of Events AUGUST

Dog Days End August 11

- Monday, August 8**

 - Hancock Lioness Lions Club meeting, Hancock American Legion, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 9**

 - Hancock Rotary Club meeting, Martha’s House, 47 W. Main Street, 12:30 p.m.
- Is Your Group or Organization Back To Having A Regular Meeting Schedule?**

To Be Included on the Calendar, Call 301-678-6255 or email news@hancock.us

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Hancock Police Report 301-678-5633



Hancock Police report the following arrests and incidents from the week of July 25-31:

July 25
Traffic hazard on Pennsylvania Avenue. Two tractor-trailers stuck. Both were turned in a safe direction and moved along.

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

Assist Washington County Sheriff's Office in the 14,000 block of Dove Lane. Domestic.

Service to advise in the 13,000 block of Woodmont Road. Subject advised.

July 26
Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with two stops. Alarm in the 100 block of West Main Street. Accidental.

July 27
Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with one stop. Theft reported in the 100 block of East Main Street. Report to follow.

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

Child neglect in the first block of West Main Street. Information taken.

911 hang-up in the first block of Methodist Street. Accidental.

Parking complaint in the first block of West Main Street. Subject advised.

July 28
911 hang-up in the 200 block of East Main Street. Accidental.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with three stops.

Assist EMS in the 300 block of Tollgate Ridge. Subject transported.

Service to advise in the 100 block of Franklin Street. Subjects advised.

Traffic complaint in the 100 block of West Main Street. Unable to locate and gone on arrival.

July 29
Harassment in the 200 block of Old Rt. 40. Subject advised.

Service to advise in the 200 block of West Main Street. Subject advised.

Service to advise in the Hancock area. Subject advised.

Traffic hazard in the 200 block of West Main Street. Trees in the roadway.

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

Disorderly conduct in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subject advised and moved on.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with eight stops.

Disorderly conduct in the 300 block of Quaker Creek. Subjects advised.

Suspicious person in the 200 block of East Main Street. Subject checked out and moved on.

July 30
Property damage accident in the first block of East Main Street. Information exchanged.

Suspicious person in the 200 block of Jackson Street. Report to follow.

Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with five stops. Check well being in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subject gone on arrival.

Suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Main Street. Checked okay.

Suspicious person in the 400 block of North Pennsylvania Avenue. Gone on arrival and unable to locate.

Disorderly conduct in the 400 block of Whispering Wind Road. Subject advised.

Found property in the 5000 block of Western Pike. Bike is held at police department for safe keeping.

July 31
Traffic enforcement in the Hancock area with two stops.

Parking complaint in the 100 block of West Main Street. Subjects advised.

911 hang up in the 200 block of West Main Street. Subjects advised.

Suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of West Main Street. Subjects advised.

Parking complaint in the 100 block of Limestone Road.

Property damage accident at High Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Information taken.

Local Audubon offers free nature programs

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will have one or more free drop-in nature programs at Ambrose Park Children's Garden, 25404 Mall Drive in Martinsburg on August 8-11. There will be story-time, crafts, games and more. Most programs will last about one hour and are best for ages 3 and up.

Monday, August 8, there will be informal activities between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone can drop in at any time to explore the garden and activity stations.

Tuesday, August 9, the theme will be Daytime Dwellers. Learn about "Slithering Snakes" at 9 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. and "Garden

Helpers: Ladybugs!" at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10, the programs will be "We are the Gardeners!" at 9 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., and "Garden Helpers: Pollinators" at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 11, learn why "Plants Can't Sit Still" at 9 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., and about "Wiggly Worms" at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

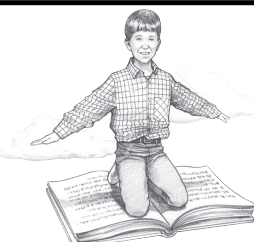
These programs are presented as a partnership between Potomac Valley Audubon Society and Martinsburg-Berkeley Parks and Recreation.

For additional information contact Amy Moore at amy@potomacaudubon.org or call 681-252-1387.

Morgan Community Concert Band performs Saturday

Cacapon Resort State Park will host the Morgan Community Concert Band for a free summer concert at the park gazebo located near the nature center on Saturday, August 6, at 1 p.m.

Bench seating is provided or take your own seat.



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Annual Health and Wellness Fest is August 11

The 2022 Health and Wellness Fest be held on Thursday, August 11 from 4:30-7 p.m. on the grounds of Family Healthcare of Hagerstown at 201 S. Cleveland Avenue in Hagerstown. The event is free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

About 35 organizations will come together to offer free health screenings and wellness information; food; and giveaways for all ages.

Toys for children and books for all ages will be available free of charge while supplies last. Activities will also be available onsite.

The Health and Wellness Fest is co-sponsored by Family Healthcare of Hagerstown and the United Way of Washington County; it is an early Day of Caring project.

To learn more about the event, call 301-745-3777, X1097.

Charity clarity

How to recognize fraudulent charities:

- Evasive, vague or unresponsive answers to specific questions about the charity and how the money is used.
- Words making up a charity's name closely resemble a more well-known charity.
- Allowing you no time to reconsider your pledge.
- Refusal to answer questions about where your money will go or refusal to mail information about the charity.
- Emotional appeals that make you feel guilty about not donating.
- Bills or invoices sent to you, though you never pledged money to the organization.


How to spot charity scams that solicit donations over the phone:

- Get the exact name of the charity and the fundraiser that is calling for the charity.
- Ask if the caller is being paid by the charity.
- Ask if the charity and the fundraiser are registered with the state.
- Find out where and how your donation will be used and what percentage goes directly to carry out the charitable purpose described by the solicitor.
- Ask if the contribution will be tax deductible.

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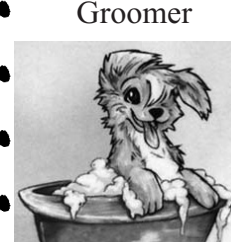
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What happens when we die?
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Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore, Pa., 717-573-2212 - Sunday school and life groups 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Monday 8:45 a.m. ladies Bible study.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Lester “Fuzzy” J. Souders
1936-2022



Lester “Fuzzy” J. Souders, 86, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center.

Born January 25, 1936, in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Virginia Stotler Souders, and the husband of Doris J. Souders, who passed away November 7, 2017.

He was a member of the Hancock Grace Nazarene Church.

He was an assembler, for 31 years, at General Motors in Martinsburg, W.Va., and was employed with Douglas Motors in Hancock, Md., for 25 years.

He is survived by a son, Kevin L. Souders, and wife, Donna, of Hancock, Md.; his grand doggy, Gracie Keanu; and a very special friend, Cathy Souders, of Hagerstown, Md.

In addition to his mother and his wife of 57 years, he was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Case; and two brothers, Ray and Charles Buddy Souders.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 30, at 11 a.m., at Needmore Bible Church, 6939 Great Cove Rd, Needmore, Pa. Rev. Rodney Truax and Rev. Doug Poffenberger officiated. Burial followed at Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Cemetery, 602 Thompson Rd, Needmore, Pa.

Memorial donations can be made in Fuzzy’s name to Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church.

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

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

Eugene Duane Long
1952-2022

Eugene Duane Long, age 69, of Hedgesville, W.Va., died on Monday, July 25, 2022 at his home while under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Born September 21, 1952 in San Antonio, Texas, he was the son of Georgia LaVerne Bishop Long, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and the late Gary Duane Long.

He was a Christian. Eugene was a 1970 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and worked as an electrician with U.S. Silica from May 6, 1976 until his retirement on December 31, 2018. He served with the U.S. Air Force from October 28, 1971 until his honorable discharge at the rank of Sargent on October 27, 1975. He was the recipient of U.S. Silica’s Chairman’s Award for the year 2000. Eugene enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking and spending time with his family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 44 years, Penny Suzanne McBee Long, at home; two daughters, Jennifer Suzanne Cain and her husband Ernie and Mindy Jo Long and her significant other, Kenny Michael, all of Hedgesville; two sisters, Debbie Moore and her husband Roger of Berkeley Springs, Sandra Strakal of Martinsburg, W.Va.; his brother, Gary Allen Long and his wife Pat of Berkeley Springs; five grandchildren, Alex, Ava and Bella Cain, Emma and Ellie Michael, all of Hedgesville and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Kenny Mason officiating. Interment with military honors provided by the Tri-State Honor Guard were in Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Spohrs Crossroads Cemetery, c/o Sandy Kesecker, 269 Cain Lane, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

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

Martha Marie McCusker Yost
1956-2022

Martha Marie McCusker Yost, age 65, of Martinsburg, W.Va. entered into eternal life on Wednesday July 27, 2022.

Born August 18, 1956, she was the daughter of the late Donald McCusker, Sr. And Hazel Florence Divelbliss McCusker.

Martha attended Hancock High School and later attended James Rumsey Technical Institute. Martha worked in health-care for over 35 years, and loved taking care of the elderly. Her hobbies included crocheting, baking, crafting, and decorating. She loved playing with her beloved dog Angel most of all.

Martha is survived by her four daughters, Jeannie Zimmerman (Jason) and Melissa Moore, both of Hancock Md., Amanda Flowers-Yost (Matthew) of Ridgeway W.Va., and Holly Collins (Scott) of Harpers Ferry, W.Va. She is survived by 11 grandchildren, Sasha, Abigail, Coty, Lili, Caleb, Kaylee, Alexander, Dalton, David, Dylan and Savannah. In addition to her children and grandchildren, Martha is survived by four brothers and four sisters, Donald McCusker, Jr., Shelton McCusker, Bennie McCusker and Chester McCusker, Charlotte Miller, Brenda Stotler, Vivian Herall and Lisa Creek.

Besides her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her two grandsons, Kyle Yost and MacGyver Hundley.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the convenience of her family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle in Kearneysville W.Va.

Mary Catherine Ashkettle
1937-2022



Mary Catherine Ashkettle, 84, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022, at UPMC Western Maryland in Cumberland Maryland.

Born August 9, 1937, she was the oldest daughter of the late James L. and Mary Ellen (Young) Ashkettle.

Catherine was a hardworking, caring, independent person.

She was a 1956 graduate of Flintstone High School.

Catherine enjoyed 32 years of employment at London Fog Manufacturing before retiring from Rayloc after 7 years of service.

Catherine was a faithful member of St. Peter’s and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

Though she had no children, she loved her nieces and nephews as her own. She leaves behind one Sister, Teresa Wallizer, of Hancock, Md.; one Sister-in-Law, Irma Ashkettle of Hancock, Md.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Bernard Ashkettle, John Ashkettle, and infant James and a nephew, John B. Ashkettle.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 6-8 p.m., at Grove Funeral Home, 141 West Main St., Hancock, Md. Rosary Prayer Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, August 4, 2022, 2 p.m., with visitation one hour prior, at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 16 E. High Street, Hancock, Md. Father Jack Lombardi will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining church cemetery.

Memorial donations can me made in memory of Catherine to St. Peter’s or St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 16 E. High St., Hancock, MD 21750.

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

Joyce Lee Younker
1948-2022

Joyce Lee Younker, age 74, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Winchester Medical Center.

Born April 5, 1948 in Clear Spring, Md., she was the daughter of the late Harry Calvin and Susan Pauline Bridendolph Mills.

She was of the Pentecostal faith. Joyce was a graduate of Clear Spring High School. She had worked in the housekeeping department of the Country Inn and as a salesclerk at The Home Center in Hancock, Md. She liked going to the beach, birdwatching, spending time with her family and watching Wheel of Fortune. She was a good cook who made everything from scratch. She had been a homemaker in recent years.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 56 years, Melvin Leroy Younker, at home, her children, Karen Christine Kerns and her husband Ricky and Kathryn Marie Bryan, all of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Curtis “Bill” Younker and his wife Casey, of Berkeley Springs, three sisters, Carol Eshelman of Hagerstown, Md., Gloria Kenney of Florida and Dorothy Mills of Baltimore, Md., one brother, Calvin Mills of Martinsburg, seven grandchildren, Roman Shirley, Brandon Kerns and Zachary Collins, all of Martinsburg, Tyler Younker, Benjamin Blake and Nicholas Blake, all of Berkeley Springs and April Kennedy of Hagerstown, four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Dolores Mills, Lorraine Mills and Carrie Wolford and three brothers, Joseph Mills, Donald Mills and Harry Mills.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. where friends may call from 1-2 p.m. Pastor Richard Rutherford will officiate. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers contributions to help defray funeral expenses may be made directly to the funeral home.

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Lori Roberta Yost
1970-2022

Lori Roberta Yost, age 52, of Elkton, Va., and Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in Elkton, Va.

Born January 1, 1970 in Hagerstown, Md., she was the daughter of the late Ersel Leroy and Norma Jean Munson Yost.

She was a Presbyterian. She was a 1988 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and completed one year of college. Lori first worked as a caregiver at Nikki’s Daycare in Berkeley Springs and had worked, for the past 15 years, as an adult care coordinator with ARC in Harrisonburg, Va. She had been a member of Ladies of the Moose Chapter #1311 and was active with the Hancock and Berkeley Springs Jaycees. Lori was an active participant with the Relay for Life. She loved yard sales and long rides in the countryside, especially along the Skyline Drive.

She is survived by her siblings, Keith Leroy Yost and his wife Robin and Nancy Jean Yost, all of Berkeley Springs; three nieces, Maggie Elizabeth Yost, of Lyman, Colo., Hannah Jean Yost, of East Lansing, Mich., and Haley Jean Barnhart, of Berkeley Springs and her long-time companion, Michael Paul McBee of Elkton.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with the Rev. Dr. Alexa Smith officiating. Private interment was in the Black Oak Mennonite Church Cemetery, Fulton County, Pa.

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

Thurman Walter Whisner
1951-2022

Thurman Walter Whisner, PE, PS, age 71, of Great Cacapon, W.Va., died on Monday, July 25, 2022 at War Memorial Hospital.

Born January 29, 1951 on the family farm in Great Cacapon, he was the son of the late Earl Sylvester and Martha Juanita Steinbaugh Whisner.

He was a Christian. Thurman was a 1969 class graduate of Berkeley Springs High School and a 1974 graduate of West Virginia Tech in Montgomery, W.Va., with a degree in civil engineering. He was a scholar and an athlete. Thurman lettered in four sports at BSHS – football, baseball, track and wrestling. He played softball in his late fifties, winning many trophies over the years. Teams he played with won the state championship and also went to nationals.

Thurman was a professional engineer, at one time registered in West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. He was also a professional surveyor. During his engineering career, he worked for the West Virginia Department of Highways. Most recently he worked as a bridge evaluation engineer for District 5 which consists of seven eastern panhandle counties. Thurman also worked at one time for W.M. Schlosser Construction as a quality control engineer on the Wheaton Metro Project. He was awarded a letter of commendation for the best Quality Control Program on the Metro System at that time. Thurman worked for Michael Baker Engineering northwest of Pittsburgh, Pa., where he inspected many bridges and helped design many of them. The famous Weirton-Stubenville Bridge over the Ohio River is one of his most beautiful. He was proud to have headed up many bridge inspections over the years, the most notable, The New River Gorge Bridge. Thurman is the only engineer to ever climb it to inspect it. Thurman also inspected many double wide home foundations in the area and he was the local expert on designing local private bridges and the foundations for homes in the flood plain. He was a big teddy bear, loved by all who knew him.

Thurman is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen Elaine Nelson Whisner, at home; his children, David Alan Whisner and his wife, Angel, of Hagerstown, Md., Michelle Marie Whisner Bishop, of Inwood, W.Va.; his brother, Earl Junior “Smiley” Whisner, of Great Cacapon; his grandchildren, Breana Jade Farris and her boyfriend, Michael MacCumbee, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Mary Elizabeth Bishop and her boyfriend, Jordan Delinski, of Gerrardstown, W.Va., Arman Alexander Bishop and his girlfriend, Hayley Bivens, of Inwood, W.Va., Allegra James, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mekiah James, of Hagerstown, Md. He had a great love for Barb Miller, who he called his little sister.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Pastor Dave Kidwell officiating. Burial will be private.

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

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Thurman’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Invasive spotted lanternfly expanding its range across our area

by Kate Evans

The range of the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) continues to increase as it threatens fruit trees, hardwood trees and crops in a number of eastern states, including Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. The insect was first found in Pennsylvania in 2014.

The spotted lanternfly was first sighted in Berkeley County on October 30, 2019, in Mineral County on September 28, 2020 and in Jefferson County on May 21, 2021. It was first reported in Morgan County in late September, 2021.

Washington and Frederick Counties were added to the Maryland quarantine list for spotted lanternfly back in January, 2022.

Agriculture officials have said that if the insect is allowed to spread that it could severely impact the country's grape orchards, fruit trees, plant nurseries, ornamental trees and forest industries.

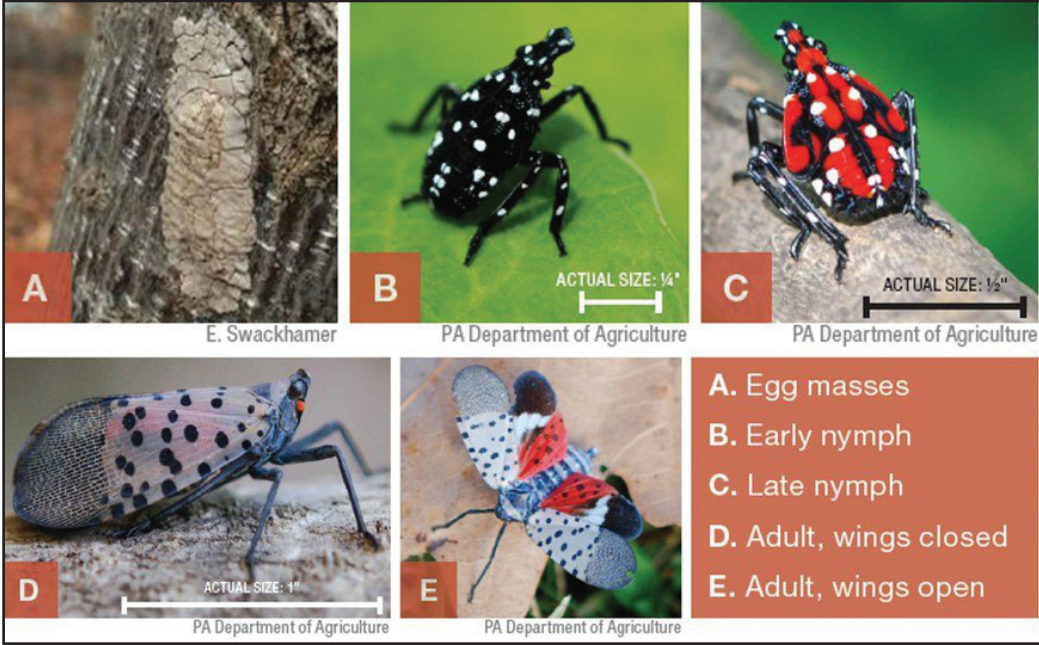
Spotted lanternfly populations are currently found in 11 states including West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Indiana, New Jersey and New York. Winchester and northern Frederick County, Virginia have large populations of the insect.

All states are requesting the public's help in watching for the insect and stopping its spread.

At-risk trees and plants

Spotted lanternfly feeds on a wide variety of over 70 plants, crops and trees. Those at risk include almonds, apples, apricots, basil, blueberries, birch, cherries, cucumber, grapes, hickories, hops, horseradish, maples, nectarines, oaks, peaches, pine trees, plum, poplar, sycamores, walnut and willow trees. The adult and juvenile lanternflies which are called nymphs prefer to feed on the tree of heaven. (*Ailanthus altissima*)

The insect sucks the sap out of stems and branches, weakening the plants, causing stunted growth and reduced yield, even killing the plants. Their feeding also



Shown are the spotted lanternfly in its various stages. The early stage black and white nymph is seen April to July, the red and black nymph in July to September and the adult spotted lanternfly from July to December. photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

leaves behind a sticky residue called honeydew that encourages a black, sooty mold to grow that can also cause plant damage.

Signs of an infestation are plants that ooze or weep and that have a fermented odor, a build-up of stick fluid or honeydew on or on the ground underneath infected plants and sooty mold.

According to information from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the trees that the spotted lanternfly feeds on develop weeping wounds with the areas of sap attracting other insects like wasps, hornets and ants. The spotted lanternfly feeding damage could kill plants and trees especially if combined with stressors such as drought, disease and other pests.

Native to Asia

Spotted lanternflies are native to China, India and Vietnam so the insects probably came to the United States inside a package shipment from Asia. Spotted lanternflies are notorious plant-hoppers and hitchhikers.

Spotted lanternflies congregate in the fall on tree trunks in groups of 15 to 20 to lay their egg masses. Newer egg masses will have a gray putty-like covering on top of them. Older egg masses look like four to seven columns of 30 to 50 brown seed-like clusters.

Eggs hatch in the spring and early summer.

Stop its spread

Home owners should check for egg masses on tree trunks, stone surfaces, playground equipment, brick, vehicles, trailers, outdoor equipment, patio and lawn furniture and other smooth surfaces.

Residents should scrape the egg masses from the surface, removing all the eggs from underneath the coating and double bag and trash, smash them, then burn or submerge the eggs in a plastic bag of alcohol or hand sanitizer. Use an old credit card, putty knife, screwdriver or similar item for scraping.

Also look for the juvenile nymph and adult stages of the spotted lanternfly and squish them. Adult and juvenile spotted lanternflies can often be seen gathered in large groups on host plants and trees at dusk. If you find signs of the spotted lanternfly on your property, be sure to notify your county extension office or your state Department of Agriculture.

Residents are advised to kill all adult spotted lanternflies that they can. The adults have pinkish-tan wings with spots and yellow abdomens with black stripes.

"Every insect killed is one less that can reproduce," they noted.

If you're in a quarantine area, look before you leave. Inspect vehicles, trailers and even your own clothing to stop the spread of the insect.

Where to report sightings

In West Virginia, report spotted lanternfly sightings to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture at 304-558-2212 or e-mail photos of suspected spotted lanternflies or infestations to bugbusters@wvda.us.

For Maryland, if you see any egg masses or insects that look like the spotted lanternfly, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at (410) 841-5920 or report it on their website at <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx>.

For Pennsylvania, call the Penn State Extension Office hotline at 1-888-422-3359 (1-888-4BAD-FLY) or report a sighting on the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website at https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx.

For Virginia, report a spotted lanternfly to this link: https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0fdsQXRg8TO8uzk. In Winchester and Frederick County, the spotted lanternfly is well established, and there is no need to report.

Mobile home ordinance —

(from front)

During discussion at the town meeting on July 28, April Davis told town officials that allowing the non-brick and mortar stores to remain could allow them to grow and possibly occupy one of the empty store fronts.

She pointed out the ordinance is 16 years old and the officials at the time probably saw a different future for Hancock when it was adopted.

"The ordinance should be updated to the way things actually are now," she said.

She added the officials at the time might have seen food trucks and other vehi-

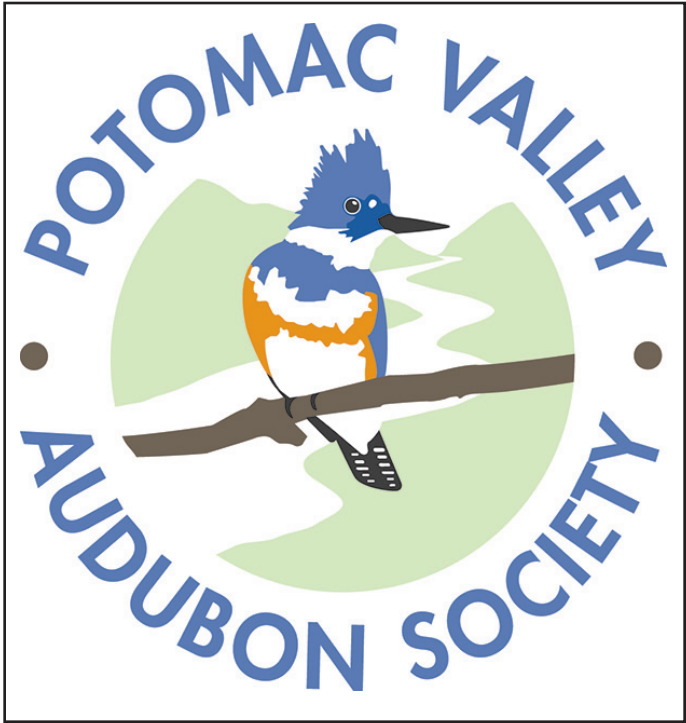
cles blocking businesses and taking up parking spaces or even temporary businesses coming in and taking people's money and leaving just as fast.

"None of these businesses affected by this ordinance are doing any of that," Davis said. "These business owners chose here."

Currently, there are at least two food truck businesses operating consistently in town.

Davis said they should be able to stay and add to the town instead of being taken away from the people. Town officials did not address Davis' comments.

Become a Weed Warrior with Potomac Valley Audubon



The Potomac Valley Audubon Society is recruiting "Weed Warriors" to help maintain four nature preserves, totaling over 500 acres, located in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. The program includes training by PVAS's Land Manager to become a certified "Weed Warrior."

Certified "Weed Warriors" will be given the knowledge and the tools needed to tackle invasive species at the preserves on volunteers' own schedules. Plus, they will be connected with other "Weed Warriors" to work together if they choose.

PVAS's Land & Conservation Manager, Katelyn "KC" Walters, will lead this Certified Weed Warrior training which will be held at Cool Spring Preserve, located south of Charles Town, on Tuesday, August 23 from 3-5 p.m. After successful completion of the training, participants will become certified PVAS "Weed Warriors." This certification comes with

a "Weed Warrior" t-shirt to wear while performing duties and exclusive access to tools for the various jobs. Additional trainings will be held based on interest.

Pre-registration is required for this training and can be found at: <https://www.potomacaudubon.org/event/weed-warrior-training-7/>

Potomac Valley Audubon Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, restoring and enjoying the natural world through education and action. It serves Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties in West Virginia and Washington Co. in Maryland. Preserves include Cool Spring Preserve in Jefferson Co., Stauffer's Marsh and Yankauer Preserves in Berkeley Co. and Eidolon Preserve in Morgan Co.

For more information about this event or PVAS, contact Katelyn "KC" Walters, the PVAS Land and Conservation Manager, at katelyn@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.

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HCC holds reception for TRIO Upward Bound students



Members of the TRIO Upward Bound, first row (left to right) Dominick McKee, of Hancock; Olivia Boggs, of Williamsport; Aminata Badjie, of Hagerstown; Tiffany Rivas, of Williamsport; Leyla Hecht, of Hagerstown; IsaBella Shaffer, of Williamsport; Nadia Techie-Mensah, of Hagerstown. Second row: Beatrice Amoako-Dua, of Hagerstown; Awa Badjie, of Hagerstown; Jasmin Fowlkes, of Hagerstown; Mykell Williams, of Hagerstown. Third row: Nevaeh Goines, of Williamsport; Sital Pradhan, of Williamsport; Aria Blue, of Hagerstown; Jenaya Cassagnol, of Hagerstown. Fourth row: Melvin Augustin, of Hagerstown; Ibrahim Sadikov, of Hagerstown; Edward Walker IV, of Hagerstown; Anthony Cline, of Hagerstown. Fifth row: Ethan Colosimo, of Hancock; Ariellis Santiago De Jesus, of Williamsport; Katie Joaquin, of Williamsport; Justine Keltz, Summer Academy English Instructor; Alex Goveo HCC TRIO Upward Bound advising and assessment specialist. Top row: James Mankins, HCC TRIO Upward Bound manager; Ashley Stotler South Hagerstown High School Upward Bound Coach; Casey Douglas Guest Student Speaker and former UB student; Westly Jackson former HCC TRIO Upward Bound advising and assessment specialist.

Hagerstown Community College recently held its eighth annual TRIO Upward Bound Reception. The event represents an end-of-the-year celebration for the TRIO Upward Bound students and their achievements during the 2021-2022 school year.

Following remarks from Jim Klauber, president of HCC, attendees heard from student speaker Casey Douglas, and keynote speaker, Odell Bizzell. The awards were presented by Jim Mankins, TRIO Upward Bound manager, and Alex Goveo, advising and assessment specialist.

During the 2021-2022 school year, 49 students participated in the TRIO Upward Bound program. The program is a year-round college-preparatory program made possible through a \$1.25 million, five-year grant

from the U.S. Department of Education. The program is designed to assist low-income, and/or first-generation college bound high school students with the skills and motivation necessary to succeed in high school and college. Upward Bound offers a variety of services to students such as an after-school tutoring program, college visits and cultural enrichment activities, monthly Saturday session workshops during the school year and a five-week summer academy program.

Recognition of academic excellence was awarded to the top students with the highest cumulative GPA for each high school.

From Hancock Middle-Senior High School: Haylee Penwell, Noah McCormick Fischer and Keelyn Seal. From North Hagerstown High School: Leyla Hecht,

Awa Badjie and Aminata Badjie. From South Hagerstown High School: Aria Blue, Leslie Holmes and Melvin Augustin. From Williamsport High School: Jenny Constanza Lainez, Nevaeh Goines and Cindy Martinez Escobar. From Tech High School: Sarah Otwey, Jasmin Fowlkes and Brianna Buskirk. Additionally, Aria Blue was named the Upward Bound Scholar of the year for going above and beyond in Upward Bound activities.

HCC's TRIO Upward Bound program is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/upwardbound.

Way to hit it out of the park



The Hancock 8U Allstar Baseball Team were the champions at last week's Chestnut Ridge Tournament.

HELP LINES

MARYLAND CRISIS CONNECT

Call 211, Press 1

Maryland Crisis Connect is available 24 hours/7 days a week to provide support, guidance and assistance on how to access Substance Use Disorder services, in addition to the current mental health crisis services provided by this hotline.

Callers will also be given information about naloxone, recovery support and family services as available/appropriate in the individual's local area.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

240-313-3310

Walk-in assessments for substance abuse treatment are provided Monday through Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Other times are by appointment. Crisis intervention provided as needed.

MARYLAND CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-422-0009

Maryland's Crisis Hotline is available 24 hours/7 days a week to provide support, guidance and assistance.

How to get in the sports section

Getting your team's scores, team photos and schedules into *The Hancock News* is easy! Coaches and representatives of school teams, adult and youth leagues are encouraged to report their schedules and results in *The Hancock News*, and there are several ways to do it.

--Bring information to the news office at 263 Pennsylvania Avenue Extended (next to the optical practice) during our regular business hours, or use the drop box next to the front door for after-hours submissions.

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

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

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

See you in the sports section!

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

How to Reach the Schools

Hancock Elementary School
301-766-8178

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

Hancock Senior-Middle High School
301-766-8186

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

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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Estate No. 79291
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Jacqueline B. Fouché.

Notice is given that Linda Fouché, 65 Williams St., Norwich, CT 06360 was on July 12, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jacqueline B. Fouché who died on June 27, 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 12th 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.

Linda Fouché
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79375
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Cathleen Susan Hannon.

Notice is given that Kelli Elizabeth Foster, 344 S. Cleveland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 28, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Cathleen Susan Hannon who died on July 19, 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 28th 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.

Kelli Elizabeth Foster
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79305
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Allan W. Holmes.

Notice is given that Bobbijo Hornbaker, 2210 Black Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 was on July 8, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Allan W. Holmes who died on May 26, 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 8th 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.

Bobbijo Hornbaker
Personal Representative
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Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND
Located at 24 Summit Ave.,
Hagerstown, MD 21740**

Case No. C-21-FM-22-000912

IN THE MATTER OF:
Anthony Mauricio Beravides

FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Anthony Mauricio Bernavides Hernandez

BY AND THROUGH HIS/HER
MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN
Lilian Hernandez

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(MINOR)
(Md. Rule 15-901)**

The above petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change the name of a minor from Anthony Mauricio Benavides to Anthony Mauricio Benavides Hernandez.

The petitioner is seeking a name change because: mother forgot to add her last name at birth.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition for Name Change on or before September 1, 2022.

The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Md. Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a judgment or grant the name change.

A copy of this notice must be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county/city at least fifteen (15) days before the deadline to file an objection.

Kevin R. Tucker
Clerk
pd8-3-1th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 74448

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Deatta Mae Giffin.
Notice is given that Keith Duane Giffin, 7321 Fairplay Rd., Boonsboro, MD 21713 was on July 25, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Deatta Mae Giffin who died on May 6, 2018 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 25th 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.

Keith Duane Giffin
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79325

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Marian Elizabeth McCray.

Notice is given that Denise Apple, 71 Mohican Way, Falling Waters, WV 25419 was on July 21, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Marian Elizabeth McCray who died on June 4, 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 21st 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:

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Denise Apple
Personal Representative
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Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

Brian M. Spenn, ESQ.
3701 Old Court Road Suite 24
Baltimore, MD 21208
**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Estate No. 79232
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Daniel Willard Farris.

Notice is given that Brian M. Spenn, ESQ., 3701 Old Court Rd Suite 24, Baltimore, MD 21208 was on July 26, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Daniel Willard Farris who died on October 22, 2019 without a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment shall file their objections with the Register of Wills 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.

Brian M. Spenn, ESQ.
Personal Representative
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Jason A. Malott,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-1thn

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79306

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Charles E. Socks.

Notice is given that Faye Conley, 5013 Western Pike, Hancock, MD 21750 and Karen Conley, 4939 Casper Rd., Hancock, MD 21750 were on July 21, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Charles E. Socks who died on June 4, 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 21st 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:

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Faye Conley
Karen Conley
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Jason A. Malott,
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79295

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF William H. Minnick.

Notice is given that Steven Minnick, 19905 Toms Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713 was on July 6, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of William H. Minnick who died on December 1, 2021 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 6th 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

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Steven Minnick
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79312

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Scott Warner.

Notice is given that Glenn Warner, 13636 Poplar Grove Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 11, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Scott Warner who died on January 20, 2022 without a will.

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

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

Glenn Warner
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79316

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Judith Allen Stull
AKA: Judy Allen Stull.

Notice is given that Kimberly Toms, 16848 Tammany Manor Road, Williamsport, MD 21795 was on July 21, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Judith Allen Stull who died on July 4, 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 21st 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.

Kimberly Toms
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

Mart K. Kuhn, Esquire
Peter Angelos Law, PC
100 N. Charles Street, 22nd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 52387

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF John A. Hill.

Notice is given that Terence L. Hill, 19129 Olde Waterford Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 11, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of John A. Hill who died on May 29, 2000 with a will. There was a prior small estate proceeding.

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

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

Terence L. Hill
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

Michael G. Day & Associates, P.C.
P.O. Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21741-0889
301-739-6820

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79313

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kathryn Ann Barber.

Notice is given that Jill M. Ritter, 18533 Indian Cottage Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 11, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Kathryn Ann Barber who died on June 16, 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 11th 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.

Jill M. Ritter
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79302

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Kathryn Elaine Lapole.

Notice is given that Chester L. Lapole, 1019 Pope Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 13, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kathryn Elaine Lapole who died on June 25, 2022 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 13th 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.

Chester L. Lapole
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79358

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Gotthard Georg Sekula.

Notice is given that Jo Ellen Barnhart, 18803 Island Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 was on July 21, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Gotthard Georg Sekula who died on June 22, 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 21th 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.

Jo Ellen Barnhart
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

Chester H. Hobbs IV
82 W. Washington Street, Suite 200
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79261

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Richard R. Nemchik.

Notice is given that Robert Nemchik, 130 Sunnyview Dr., Ambridge, PA 15003 was on July 8, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Richard R. Nemchik who died on June 23,, 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 8th 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.

Robert Nemchik
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-20-3th

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79272

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Helene Rhodes.

Notice is given

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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 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.

Marjorie Crowl
Linda J. Sandoval
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR (OR) BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR 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.

Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301) 739-3612
pd7-27-2th

Megan McGrew ESQ.
The Law Office of
Morrison & McGrew, P.A.
Suite 300 141 West Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT 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
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR (OR) BEFORE THE REGISTER OF 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.

Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301) 739-3612
pd7-27-2th

Sean P. O'Keefe, Esq.
O'Keefe Legal Services, LLC
23 West Main St. Suite A
Middletown, MD 21769

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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
pd7-27-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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 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.

Jerry L. Miller
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

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR (OR) BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR 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.

Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4896
Phone: (301) 739-3612
pd7-27-2th

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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

Eileen D. O'Brien, Attorney
Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP
100 Fleet Street, Suite 900
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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

Jay Irwin Block ESQ.
Law Offices of Jay Irwin Block, LLC
10451 Mill Run Circle Suite 400
Owings Mills, MD 21117

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd7-27-3th

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P.O. Box 889
Hagerstown, MD 21741-0889
301-739-6820

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Estate No. 79338
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
pd7-27-3th

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Russ Robinson
152 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 77814
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Louis Belz, Jr.

Notice is given that Donald F. Belz, 13252 Mercersburg Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722 and Carol Belz, 13512 Mercersburg Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722 were on July 21, 2022 appointed personal representatives of the estate of Robert Louis Belz, Jr. who died on March 16, 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 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 21st 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:

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Donald F. Belz
Carol Belz
Personal Representatives
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-3th

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79354
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF David H. Rhodes.

Notice is given that Josephine Ann Rhodes, 14503 National Pike, Clear Spring, MD 21722 was on July 21, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of David H. Rhodes who died on July 13, 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.

Josephine Ann Rhodes
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79310
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Anna L. Denoon.

Notice is given that Tammy Childers, 10937 Archer Lane, Williamsport, MD 21795 was on July 25, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Anna L. Denoon who died on July 3, 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:

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Tammy Childers
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 79356
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Naomi Speaks.

Notice is given that Raymond Speaks, 140 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown, MD 21740 was on July 21, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Naomi Speaks who died on June 30, 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.

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Raymond Speaks
Personal Representative
True Test Copy
Jason A. Malott,
Register of Wills for
Washington County
100 W. Washington St. Ste 3400
Hagerstown, MD 21740
pd8-3-1thn

**SMALL ESTATE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Estate No. 78303
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF Michael Ray Brown.

Notice is given that Misty Grauel-Henkin, 4005 Lock Tender Court, Point of Rocks, MD 21777 was on July 25, 2022 appointed personal representative of the small estate of Michael Ray Brown who died on January 10, 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:

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Misty Grauel-Henkin
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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Insect Safari & Spider Verse programs at Cool Spring Preserve

Allen Miller shares his passion for insects and spiders during his two-part evening programs on Tuesday, August 9, "Insect Safari" from 7-8 p.m. and "Spider Verse" from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

These programs will be packed with interesting facts and fun. Participants will learn from each other while actively participating and engaging in the activities.

On the Insect Safari, basic information will be covered: observe insects around the preserve; learn what makes an insect an insect; discuss life cycles and habitats of insects. The group will then learn about a few insects in depth.

At Spider Verse, learn that spiders often get a bad rap, but they really are superheroes. The group will participate in a web of life activity all about the importance of spiders as well as explore through a PowerPoint some of West Virginia's common spiders. Afterwards, everyone will go out with flashlights onto the preserve in search of the eight-legged superheroes.

Feel free to take along any insect field guides and apps on phone that you have.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and take along drinking water and insect repellent.

When you arrive at the preserve parking lot, head down the hill to the back patio of the Nature Center where the group will gather for the start of the program.

ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED

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

MDA now accepting applications for Governor's Ag Hall of Fame

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting nominations of farmers and farm families for the Governor's Agriculture Hall of Fame, which pays tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to the state's leading industry.

Nominations are due by Friday, October 7. Those selected for induction will be honored during the "Taste of Maryland Agriculture" event on February 2, 2023. Any family that derives its income principally from farming is eligible for the award.

"Maryland's farm families are the foundation of our agriculture industry and rural communities," said Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. "Please join me in recognizing Maryland's dedicated and committed farm families by

submitting a nomination for the Governor's Agriculture Hall of Fame."

The Hall of Fame was established in 1991 with the induction of Roland and Mildred Darcey of Prince George's County; Y.D. and Lonnie Hance of Calvert County; and C. Rodman and Jean Myers of Frederick County. In total, the Hall of Fame now honors 54 farm families from all 23 counties.

Applicants must work with their county Extension office in preparing the application, which should include as much information about the family as possible and address agricultural leadership, community activities, and technological and management advancements - for example, soil and water conservation, marketing ini-

tiatives, machinery innovations, safety strategies. Nominations must include signatures from a local committee that is made up of the county Extension agent, county Farm Bureau president and Soil Conservation District representative. Only one farm family per county can be considered.

The selection committee includes the Dean of the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the President of the Maryland Farm Bureau and members of the agricultural community.

For more information, please contact Jessica O'Sullivan at 410-841-5882 or Jessica.osullivan@maryland.gov.

PennDOT to hold public meeting, sharing display for I-70 ramp

by Geoff Fox

PennDOT is developing plans for a project along Interstate 70 in the Amaranth area and will be holding a public meeting showcasing the project.

The project being developed is for the I-70, Amaranth off-ramp bridge being replaced.

The bridge carries the off-ramp over McKees Run and located in Union Township in Fulton County. It will involve replacement of the existing structure with a box culvert.

During construction, current plans are for traffic to use a detour to allow the contractor full access to the bridge.



The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project.

Representatives from PennDOT will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project. The comments from all individuals, groups or organ-

izations are welcome.

Anyone with knowledge of historic resources in the project area should also attend the meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 3, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Southern Fulton High School, 13083 Buck Valley Road in Warfordsburg.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities and anyone requiring special aid or additional information regarding the meeting may contact the project manager, Bruce Schweitzer, P.E., by phone at 814-696-7198 or by email at bschweitze@pa.gov.

Free summer concerts at Cool Spring Preserve

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will offer a series of free outdoor concerts this August. The series will consist of five concerts, with one held every Thursday evening throughout August. Concerts will be held at Cool Spring Nature Preserve's natural amphitheater in southern Jefferson County. All performances will be held rain or shine from 6-7 p.m.

The musicians who perform all donate their time and talent, so there will be no admission fees. Everyone is welcome to attend and can also take a picnic dinner and are welcome to take a hike around the preserve before or after the musical performances. Picnic tables and benches will be available on

a first-come, first-served basis. Concert-goers may also take their own chairs and picnic blankets.

The concert schedule will be as follows:

August 4: Erik Janus;
August 11: The Dilettantes;
August 18: The Steve Warner Trio; and
August 25: Marybeth Grove.

Cool Spring Preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Road, Charles Town, WV 25414. It is open to the public during daylight hours. For more information and descriptions of performers, go to www.PotomacAudubon.org. Contact PVAS with questions at admin@potomacaudubon.org or 681-252-1387.



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August 7-13, 2022

 CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19 Capricorn, you will be more outspoken and authoritative than usual this week. Using your voice will compel others to take you more seriously, including those at home.	 ARIES March 21 - April 19 Aries, your energy levels are elevated this week and that's just the start of the positive energy floating around you. Harness your energy and use it to complete a project.	 CANCER June 22 - July 22 Try to take initiative at work as it will possibly gain you favor with your bosses, Cancer. Even while getting ahead, be sure you continue to be a team player.	 LIBRA September 23 - October 22 Your love life could use a little support this week, Libra. Figure out how to spend more time with your significant other. Something different from your usual activities can create a spark.
 AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18 Avoid any temptation to act impulsively this week, Aquarius. Doing so could be a mistake. Self-discipline can help you get where you want to be.	 TAURUS April 20 - May 20 A quiet week is ahead, which is the perfect opportunity to sort through your feelings and thoughts, Taurus. Not every day has to be a "get up and go" adventure.	 LEO July 23 - August 22 A powerful energy will be brought to your professional life, Leo. Use these vibes to take inventory of your space at work and get organized. It may help you be more successful.	 SCORPIO October 23 - November 21 Use your time this week to engage in important conversations and discussions, especially if they pertain to your career. There's never been a better time to get ahead.
 PISCES February 19 - March 20 Pisces, individuals you currently characterize as acquaintances may become very close friends in the days ahead. Embrace this change.	 GEMINI May 21 - June 21 Gemini, you will have plenty of time to meet new friends and acquaintances this week, whether in-person or online. Networking is an important skill.	 VIRGO August 23 - September 22 Virgo, cosmic energy could light a fire within you this week, helping you tap into your creative side. You will find a way to merge the analytical with the creative.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21 Lean into your playful side, Sagittarius. Resist any urge to be too serious. Give yourself a break to pursue some new recreational outlets and hobbies.

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National Park Service closes Dam 4 Winch House Pedestrian Bridge to all traffic

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park has closed the pedestrian bridge at Dam 4 Winch House (mile marker 84.6) to all traffic. During a recent inspection, engineers found that the walkway's supports have wood deterioration due to rot, and the metal hangers for the walkway support beams have been severely corroded. The bridge provides pedestrian access from the parking area off of Dam No. 4 Road, over the historic stone stop-gate and canal to the left abutment of Dam 4. The park and amenities, such as the parking lot at Dam 4, remain open to recreational use.

The National Park Service is evaluating alternatives to restore the structure to reopen the bridge.



Alternative access to this area is available via the towpath, with parking available 1-mile upstream at Big Slackwater Boat Ramp parking area. Check online to see recreational opportunities at each milepost along the

canal. This closure does not affect the towpath or through riders on the towpath.

For any questions, call 301-739-4200 to speak with park staff. For park information go to the park website www.nps.gov/choh.

Night Sky Programs at Cacapon Resort State Park

Join for a night of stargazing with local astronomer Kevin Boles Saturday, August 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the upper lake at Cacapon Resort State Park.

Learn about constellations with a guided laser pointer tour of the sky, including mythology. If conditions allow, you can view deep space objects using telescopes and binoculars.

Summer skies allow you to view the planet Jupiter and the Galilean moons, Saturn and its rings, the Hercules star cluster, double stars Albireo and Epsilon Lyrae, the Ring nebula, Milky Way, and maybe some meteors and galaxies.

If weather does not allow viewing, you can learn how to use star maps and get a virtual tour of the night sky from inside the lodge.

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Out for an evening snack



Doe and fawn enjoying a summer evening along the Western Maryland Rail Trail near Locher Road on Monday.

photo by Kate Shunney

DC backdrop frames author's mysteries

Jerdine Nolen, author of *Eliza's Freedom Road*, an ALA/YALSA Best Fiction Nominee for Young Adults, was born in Crystal Springs, Miss., raised in Chicago, Ill., and now lives in Ellicott City. She was part of a large family (five sisters, two brothers) and can't ever remember being bored. She had a wild imagination and was always making up games, or playing with her dolls or toy lamb, or collecting words. She cannot remember a time in her life when she was not writing. Her mother said, "You are a lot like John Henry, only born with a pencil in your hand."

Nolen's education included a B.A. in special education from Northeastern Illinois University and an M.Ed. in interdisciplinary arts education from Loyola University in Chicago. She was an edu-



Jerdine Nolen

cator for a number of years as a classroom teacher, curriculum writer, staff developer, family involvement specialist, and administrator. She now loves visiting and read to children in school.

Nolen has written several award winning picture books and young adult novels. All center on history and focus on family and love.

She fell in love with Maryland "a beautiful state that is also rich in the history of our country" and now lives in Ellicott City. For more information visit www.jerdinenolen.com.

Fun With Words - Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) welcomes people to have fun writing young adult historical fiction like Jerdine Nolen. With just 100 words, create a character (age 12-18), place them in a historical context, and show family love and support helping in their situation. Title your work and submit to: https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 22nd of the month to receive an MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses to be published with next month's article as well as posted on the MWA website.

People Told Us...

—GARDENER JOKED: What kind of flower looks like it just came back from a fight? A Black-Eyed Susan!

—If the first week in August is unusually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long.

—OLD WEATHER LORE: The number of fogs in August will equal the number of snows in the next winter.

—Fall webworm nests and white pine weevil damage should be apparent now.

—Take care of those broadleaf weeds in your lawn soon, before you plant new lawns and reseed thin ones this month.

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