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Board to select early voting sites

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The Washington County Board of Elections is scheduled to vote Tuesday, Oct. 14, on its proposed plans for the 2026 elections, including early voting sites.

The board is required to have at least three early voting sites because of the number of active registered voters, County Election Director Barry Jackson

said. The number of active registered voters in the county was 103,389 as of Sept. 30, according to the election board website. But the board could choose to have a fourth early voting site as well.

The election board held a public hearing on Sept. 9 to hear comments on potential early voting sites.

At least three people mentioned the U.S. 40 bridge over the Conococheague Creek, between Clear Spring and Hagerstown, being closed, according to a YouTube video of the hearing. One of

those people said they favored a Clear Spring early voting site and another said the Clear Spring American Legion would be a reasonable site. The third person to comment on the bridge closure was Washington County Commissioner Derek Harvey, who said he is “a strong advocate of as many early voting sites as we can legally do.”

Harvey also mentioned the work being done on the two Interstate 70 bridges.

The project to replace the two I-70

bridges over Saint Paul Road, again between Clear Spring and Hagerstown, could result in intermittent single-lane closures, but the plan is to maintain two lanes of traffic in both directions during the project, a Maryland State Highway Administration spokesperson has previously said. Those bridge projects are expected to be done by spring 2027. The U.S. 40 bridge is expected to reopen in August 2026.

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Families, residents cheer as hostages released



Released hostage Evyatar David reacts upon arriving at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, Israel, on Oct. 13. STOYAN NENOV/REUTERS

‘DAY OF PROFOUND JOY’ IN ISRAEL

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Israel celebrated the release of the remaining hostages taken by Hamas militants in the Oct. 7, 2023, attacks as the first phase in the U.S.-brokered cease-

fire plan was met with joy around the world on Oct. 13.

Twenty Israeli hostages in Gaza were transferred to the International Committee of the Red Cross and returned home, according to the Israeli military. Almost 2,000 Palestinian prisoners were released by Israel as part of the

ceasefire deal.

Cheers, cries and Hebrew songs rang out in Tel Aviv’s Hostage Square, where thousands of Israelis had gathered to celebrate the homecoming.

President Donald Trump traveled to

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Trooper in satisfactory condition

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A Pennsylvania State Police trooper shot the evening of Oct. 8, 2025, in Franklin County has been upgraded to satisfactory condition at WellSpan York Hospital.

Lucas Amarose, 31, is one of two troopers injured in the incident that began with the pursuit of retail theft suspects near Chambersburg and ended with a shootout at Exit 3 of Interstate 81 south of Greencastle.

“WellSpan York Hospital is pleased to share that the remaining individual in our care related to the shooting in Franklin County has been upgraded to satisfactory condition at this time,” an Oct. 12 news release announced.

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Area man charged in rape at dorm

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A Hagerstown-area man who police said worked as a nurse was charged with an alleged rape at a Gettysburg College dorm, according to police.


Farid Ilmdarovich Akhmedov, 22, of the Hagerstown area, was charged with felony charges of rape by forcible compulsion, sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, and strangulation,

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