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Hancock at a Glance

Weather

Wed. 11/1 48/40
60% chance of rain with calm southeast winds around 5 mph.

Thurs. 11/2 67/49
Mostly cloudy with calm winds becoming south around 5 mph.

Fri. 11/3 71/41
Partly sunny with a high near 71 and a low around 41.

Sat. 11/4 56/42
30% chance of showers. Partly sunny.

Sun. 11/5 59/46
40% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy.

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70th Annual Rotary Halloween Parade draws big crowd

by Geoff Fox

With temperatures in the high 40s to low 50s, people sat along Main Street, from the intersection of Main Street and Limestone Road all the way to Park N Dine, to watch as 70 entries marched in the 70th annual Hancock Rotary Halloween Parade last Wednesday, October 25.

People started setting their chairs along Main Street early in the evening, some popping up as early as 5 p.m. The parade itself didn't start until 7:30 p.m.

As folks started to fully line the streets, vendors pushing shopping carts full of light up toys, hats, cotton candy, and other items, roamed the street pedaling their goods.

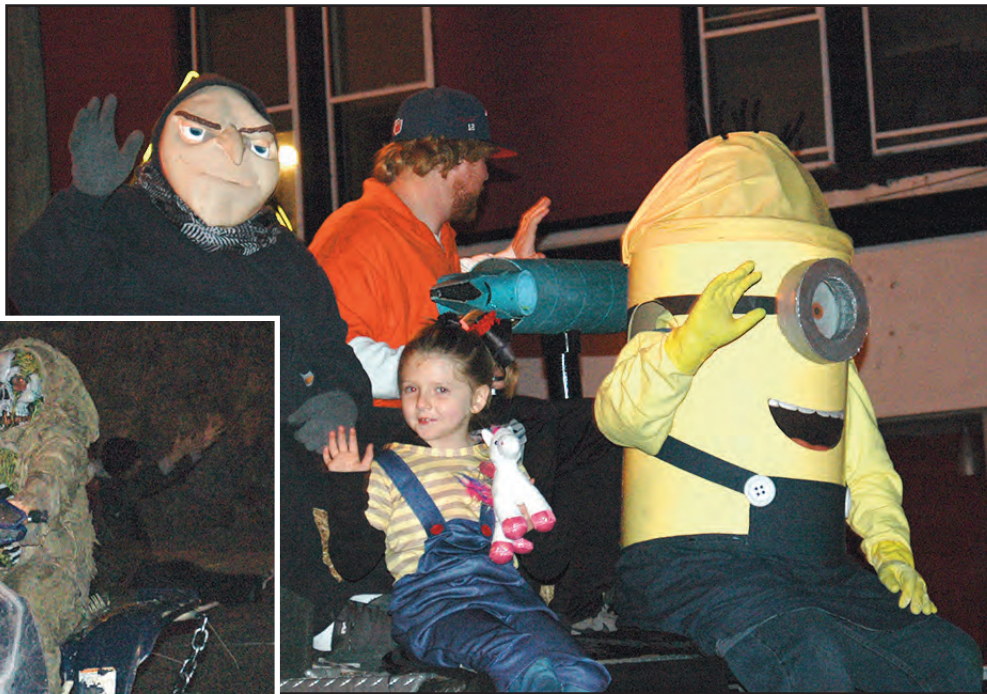
At 7:30, to signal the start of the parade, a cannon on top the train of The Forty and Eight entry was fired.

Hancock Police and Maryland State Police vehicles led the parade with their lights flashing and the American Legion Color Guard following behind.

There were eight bands –

Hancock Middle-Senior High School, Berkeley Springs High School, Southern Fulton High School, Clear Spring High School, E. Russell Hicks Middle School, Northern Middle, Boonsboro Middle, and South Hagerstown High School – marching in the parade.

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Above - Gru, "Agnes," and one of the Minions (the MacDowall family) were waving to the folks as they came down Main Street as part of the Halloween Parade.

Left - This scary four-wheeler drove down Main Street doing random wheelies.

New Food Lion opens doors today

Almost three weeks after Pittman's Market closed their doors for the final time, Food Lion will be opening its doors to customers in the same spot today, Wednesday, November 1.

The grocery chain will celebrate its grand opening of the newest Maryland Food Lion, located at 345 North Pennsylvania Avenue, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 7:45 a.m. Hancock's newest grocery store will open to the public at 8 a.m.

During the grand opening, Food Lion will distribute \$10 gift cards and insulated totes to the first 100 customers.

In addition, the company will announce a 6,000-meal donation to Interfaith Service Coalition as part of its Food Lion Feeds initiative, where the company is working to end hunger in local communities. The food donation will include fresh produce and other shelf-stable products to help families in need.

The new Food Lion will be open daily from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Food Lion is leasing the former Pittman's Market space, and has reconfigured the store layout since taking over the storefront.

Company officials said last month it was important for them to open in November to be ready for seasonal grocery shopping.



The new Food Lion opened today in the former Pittman's Market storefront.

High school hosts pantry event with Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland Food Bank hosted a school pantry event at Hancock Middle-Senior High School on Tuesday, October 24 to get groceries to families in need.

The School Pantry Program provides a steady stream of food for hungry kids throughout the school year at 200 schools across the state at no cost to the schools or families receiving food.

Currently, the Maryland Food Bank operates 23 school pantries in the western region, distributing more than 321,000 pounds of food. That's enough food to provide 267,000 meals during the school year.



Volunteers and students prepare the food pantry at Hancock Middle-Senior High School's cafeteria last Tuesday, October 24 before opening it to students and community members in need.

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Coffee with a Cop set for this weekend

Hancock residents can enjoy a cup of coffee on the Hancock Police Department on Saturday, November 4 when they stop in to either AC&T or Sheetz.

From 10 until 11 a.m., Rich Cook, a new officer with Hancock Police, will be at the AC&T on Main Street to meet residents as part of Coffee with a Cop.

New officer Shawn Faith will be at Sheetz on Main Street from 6 until 7 p.m. that same day.

The free coffee will only be available at the two locations during those two times.

Coffee with a Cop started in 2011 in Hawthorne, Calif., when the Hawthorne Police



Department hosted the first event in an effort to better understand the needs and concerns of community residents.

Since then, events have been hosted in all 50 states and nine countries.

Trial set for Hancock man charged with downtown disturbance

by Geoff Fox

A Hancock man arrested on October 17 for disorderly conduct on East Main Street is free from custody and a trial has been set for the charges.

Shawn Christopher Iden, 35, of East Main Street, was charged with being intoxicated in public and with disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors.

Hancock Police Officer Adam Parkolay responded to reports of a male, later identified as Iden, who was "up the street" yelling at passing vehicles.

Parkolay went to the location and observed Iden walking west wearing no shirt, khaki pants, and talking to himself very loudly.

When Parkolay confronted Iden, he was displaying behavior of being intoxicated and emitted the odor of an alcoholic beverage.

"He tried explaining to me that he was at his house and someone in a pickup truck drove past him yelling and threatening to kill him," Parkolay said in the charging document.

Parkolay requested Iden to lower his voice but Iden didn't comply, the officer said.

While police were interviewing Iden, several neighbors and vehicles stopped at the scene.

One vehicle contained four younger male passengers, who told police they saw Iden wandering down the street and asked if he needed a ride.

Police said Iden then allegedly started yelling at them, threatening them, and removed his shirt.

Parkolay ordered Iden three times to go home before he complied.

While the officer was waiting on the scene and speaking with other officers and witnesses, another witness informed police Iden was on his porch yelling and causing a disturbance again.

The suspect allegedly didn't comply with instructions from officers to go back into the residence and "sleep it off," so he was arrested.

Iden was taken to Central Booking in Hagerstown where a blood alcohol test resulted in reading of .289 blood alcohol content (BAC), which is more than triple the legal BAC in Maryland.

Iden was released on his own recognizance on Thursday, October 19. A January 23, 2018 trial is scheduled for Iden.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Deep in the swamp

This week's details about the criminal indictment of Paul Manafort and his associate Richard Gates are cautionary tales, indeed.

The two are accused of hiding millions they earned lobbying for the Ukraine and other foreign political powers, and lying about it to federal investigators. They are charged with planning together to hide the money, cover up the fact that they were working on behalf of a foreign government and creating a scheme so they wouldn't have to pay taxes on their lobbying income.

Truth is, hiding money from being taxed is a rich man's game – one that doesn't surprise your average working person much. The president, when he

campaigned, said it's a sign of smarts to win that game. Working folks know that they could probably benefit from the tax loopholes better, if only they could afford a really good accountant and lawyer. Federal investigators have now reminded the nation that lying to hide millions from the tax man is out of bounds.

Manfort's indictment on Saturday is also a reminder that our foreign policy – America's activities around the world – can't be a place where influence goes to the highest bidder.

Those hoping for a change in Washington's games just got a glimpse into how deep the swamp really is.

Letter to the editor

Request MARC train service

Dear Editor:

I realize this has been talked about before but perhaps it is time for Berkeley Springs, West Virginia and Hancock, Md. to put their heads together and make a joint request for this service since the tracks and trains come to Martinsburg, West Virginia and occasionally park in Hancock, West Virginia.

Benefits would include: Economic gains for our area and D.C.; slight fare increase (determined by MARC officials) to Hancock, WV; more personnel traffic = more ridership for rail service; increased real estate values; joint venture across state lines. Costs are minimal since tracks, trains and buildings are already here.

Your ideas?

Frank J. Subasic, Sr.
Berkeley Springs

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Scenes from November '85

Jay Simmons shared these photos of the November 6, 1985 flood that ravaged downtown Hancock. Simmons lived in Morgan County and worked at the A & P grocery store at the time of the flood. He lives in Moorefield now.

"I was working night shift and we were told to leave because the water was coming up and might get in the store. When we left it was maybe a fourth of the way up through the parking lot," he recalled.

"Before we left we set milk crates on the floor and put pallets on them and put everything on the bottom shelf on them hoping to keep things out of the water. As you can see, it didn't do any good. The water got high enough in the store to get everything except what was on the top shelves," said Simmons. He took the photos first thing the next morning from the Hancock bridge.

"They weren't allowing anyone into Hancock, but when I told one of the Guardsmen that I worked in the A & P and just wanted to take pictures he allowed me in," Simmons said.



Calendar of Events NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 2

- AA, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley Springs
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints scripture study, 7 p.m., Hancock Ward Bldg.
- Hancock Community Life Center open every Tuesday 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. and Thursday from noon till 4 p.m. at Town Hall Community Center
- American Legion Post No. 26, Board of Directors, 6 p.m.
- Hancock Legion and Auxiliary Unit #26, 7 p.m. at Post Home

Saturday, November 4

- AA, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley Springs

Sunday, November 5

- Attend the church of your choice today
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley Springs
- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, November 6

- AA, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish, Hancock
- Orleans Vol. Fire Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Hancock Vol. Fire Co., 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

- Hancock Rotary Club, 12:30 p.m., Luncheon, Park-N-Dine Restaurant
- Senior Citizens, Community Center, 1 p.m.
- Pre-school story hour, Fulton Co. Library, 10 a.m.
- AA, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish, Hancock
- Hancock Community Life Center open every Tuesday 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. and Thursday from noon till 4 p.m. at Town Hall Community Center

Wednesday, November 8

- AA, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley Springs
- Boy Scout Troop 15, Scout Cabin, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Mayor and Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Hancock Community Center

Pantry

(from front)

Hancock Middle-Senior High School has been holding the food pantry for the last few years with a primary goal to provide food for students at both Hancock Elementary and Middle-Senior High School but the school does open it up to the Hancock community.

"Over three-four years, this school pantry went from serving two families to five families now, where we're at about usually 45-50 families," lead teacher at Hancock Middle-Senior High School Jennifer Malcolm said.

During the last 20 minutes of the school day, students are allowed to go through the pantry during the monthly opening and then it is open to the public after school, Malcolm said.

"Our volunteers that help run the pantry are parents and grandparents of current and former students and a majority of our clients are also families and extended families of current students and alumni," she said.

The FFA students help volunteers set up the pantry and Children in Need comes to the monthly opening to provide school supplies and hygiene items to current students at Hancock Elementary and Hancock Middle-Senior High School.

"It's truly a team effort between students, staff, and volunteers that make our pantry

a success," Malcolm said.

Malcolm said students have shared with teachers the impact the school pantry has had.

"They're more open to sharing some of their financial difficulties with us because they feel safe, they feel secure coming and asking us for help," she said.

Frank Ducey, Program Manager at the Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch, was in attendance at the pantry last Tuesday.

He said in this region of the state especially, the School Pantry Program is critical because there can be a lack of grocery stores in some of the towns.

Ducey added he knows the Maryland Food Bank's School Pantry Program works because teachers and coordinators who manage the school pantries are able to identify hungry students and connect them to the needed food, which lessens obstacles to learning in the classroom.

"I hope to build up our existing network and look at any feasible way we can help out communities in western Maryland," he said.

The Maryland Food Bank is exploring all sorts of different ways to get even more food into communities in Western Maryland and looking into potential partnerships to see what might work and how it can grow.

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