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Family escapes house fire

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A late night blaze claimed a home north of Lincoln over the weekend, however, the family with five children escaped without injury.

According to Alcona Township Fire Chief Ralph Klotz, his department received the call from Alcona Central Dispatch at 10:37 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 reporting the Geiersbach residence on Lynx Road in Lost Lake Woods Club fully engulfed in flames.

"I wasn't there right away," Klotz said. "But I heard the wife and five kids got out just in time."

Fire fighters battled the fire until early morning hours on Saturday and several stayed on to handle flare ups until the site was excavated on Sunday, Klotz explained. "As the structure burned, it collapsed into the basement... the flare ups kept happening so, we had a piece of heavy equipment come in and knock everything down," Klotz said.

The cause of the fire that destroyed the home is "undetermined." No one was injured while fire fighters extinguished the fire. Alcona Township Fire Department received mutual aid from Lincoln Fire Department, Barton City Fire Department, South Shore Fire Department, Sanborn Township Fire Department and



A fire fighter climbs over debris from a house fire that has left a family of seven homeless. Since the fire, members of the community have collected clothing and other items needed while they begin to recover. *Courtesy photo.*

Lincoln DNR fire crew. The Salvation Army was on the scene with a canteen for fire fighters.

"We really appreciate all of the fire departments that

showed up to help us," Klotz said. "And, The Salvation Army... We couldn't have done this by ourselves. This is what mutual aid is all about."

Blue lights to support local law enforcement

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Every day, with very little recognition, appreciation or fanfare, law enforcement officers (LEO) put their lives at risk to keep their community safe, reduce fear of crime and overall improve the quality of life for the community they serve.

This is exactly why so many in the close-knit community of Alcona County are rallying around a movement to show local LEOs just how much they are deeply appreciated by the simple act of lighting a blue light bulb on their porch every Friday night throughout October.

The Alcona Blue Light Movement, which two local women, Kaitlyn Franklin and Candace Fulsher recently promoted on Facebook, has, in one weekend, already given out over 200 blue light bulbs to local households.

"Right now, police are not always getting the love and respect they deserve. They are putting their lives on the line every time they put on that uniform and leave their families just to protect us when we need it.

"We were overwhelmed at the response of that single Facebook post. Over 200 people joined the page the first day, all supporting the movement. Many of them were thanking us for doing this. Even families of law en-

forcement officers were thanking us," Franklin said.

Fulsher and Franklin said the idea wasn't their own and came as a suggestion from someone who wanted to stay anonymous and fund some of the cause.

The ladies took the idea to Lincoln Hardware and asked what blue light bulbs would cost. The hardware store was supportive of the movement and gave the cause a deal on bulbs by reducing the retail price of the blue bulbs, which normally retail for over \$3, to \$1.40 each.

Since then, Northeastern Window and Door on US-23 in Harrisville, has also jumped on board and is selling the blue light bulbs from their store at cost.

"Our goal was to give out one free light bulb per household, so that families who could not afford a bulb could show support. If people needed more than one bulb, they could purchase them at the reduced rate," Fulsher said.

She explained since the Facebook post, donations have been coming in. "It wasn't our intention to raise a huge amount of money, we just wanted enough to cover the cost of the one free bulb per household. If we do have any money left over, we will be doing something nice for our local law enforcement with it," Fulsher said.

The movement is asking people across Alcona County to replace their porch light with a blue bulb and keep it lit every Friday night during October. "Of course, you can light up your porch in blue any night of the week if you want.

"The cause has no political agenda, it is only intended to show our law enforcement support and let them know they are appreciated," Fulsher said.

In addition to collecting donations for more free light bulbs, Fulsher and Franklin also heard about the fire that destroyed Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Josh Geiersbach's home.

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Kaitlyn Franklin (left), Lincoln Hardware manager Amy Gilley (center) and Candace Fulsher with the first order of 200 blue light bulbs to be given to households to support the Alcona Blue Light Movement. This movement is intended to show support of local law enforcement by lighting porches across the county with blue light every Friday in October. All 200 bulbs were given away last weekend, but more have been ordered. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



God Bless America



Obituaries

Connie L. Deller

Connie L. Deller, 80, of Harrisville, died on September 12, 2020 at home.

He was born February 20, 1940 to Elmer and Susie (Crevier) Deller in Gustin Township. He was a graduate of Alcona High School.

He was a Union 202 Carpenter for 30 years.

On March 30, 1962 he married Carolyn Becker.

He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed the outdoors.

Mr. Deller is survived by his wife, Carolyn; three daughters, Linda (Doug) Atchison, Cindy (Bill Duff) Barlow and Kathy (Tony) Bol; three sons, Ted (Mary Ann) Deller, Tony (Tammy) Deller and Tim (Anna) Deller; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; four brothers, Clifford (Linda) Deller, Ronnie (Priscilla) Deller, Paul (Sherry) Deller and Jim (Diane) Deller; three sisters, Janet (Fred) Thompson, Carol Thompson, and Louella Shellenbarger; and many nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew, Christopher Wandry.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Marie L. Stehlin

Marie Louise Stehlin, 95, of Wyandotte, Mich. died on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 at home.

She was born on May 22, 1925 in Alcona County to Oliver and Ann (LaFleur) Gonyea. She was raised in Lincoln and was a graduate of Oscoda High School.

She worked as a bank clerk for many years until she retired.

Mrs. Stehlin enjoyed traveling, however, Las Vegas, Nev. was her favorite destination. She enjoyed spending winters in Deltona, Fla. Camping was a favorite pastime while raising her family. They enjoyed summers camping at the Detroit Edison Community Park on Belleville Lake.



She was an avid reader, enjoyed watching old movies, loved music and meeting new people.

Mrs. Stehlin is survived by two sons, Edward (Diane) Moskwa of Farmington Hills, Mich. and Jerry Gonyea of Greenville, Ill.; and two granddaughters, Tammy Urban of Wyandotte, Mich. and Lori Moskwa of Wyandotte, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; one daughter, Pamela Stehlin; one grandson, Gene Gonyea; one brother; and her parents.

Interment will be Thursday, Sept. 25 at St. Ann Cemetery in Harrisville.

Ronald E. Alex

Ronald E. Alex, 83, of Glennie, and formerly of Reese, Mich. died on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020 at home.

He was born on July 31, 1937 in Saginaw, Mich. to Eugene and Veronica (Gorney) Alex. He was raised in Saginaw, Mich.

He served four years active duty and four years as a reserve in the United States Air Force.

He married Sally Hartman on October 7, 1961 in Reese, Mich.

Mr. Alex worked as an automotive mechanic for many years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing crossword puzzles and feeding the birds. He never wasted a day without learning something and was quick with a laugh and a joke. He especially loved spending time with his family.

Mr. Alex is survived by two daughters, Hiede Alex of Glennie and Ronda (Rick) Szankin of Reese, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Noah Houghtaling,



Ian Houghtaling, Renee Repkie, Joshua Repkie, Abby Szankin, Austin Alex, Zackery Alex, and Autumn Alex; one great-grandson, Brennan Gruehn; one daughter-in-law, Melissa Alex of Freeland, Mich.; and one former son-in-law, James Houghtaling of Reese, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally, on November 27, 2013; one son, Eugene Alex in 2006; and one sister, Veona Rogoszewski.

Private arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes, Inc. of Oscoda.

Walter L. Whitford

Walter Lee Whitford, 79, of Glennie died on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 at home.

He was born on July 29, 1941 in Glennie to Cecil and Ester (Hoskins) Whitford. He grew up in Glennie.

With his father as his teacher, he began learning the trade of building homes at the age of 14.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1957 and served as an MP (military policeman) and game warden. However, he spent much of his time building facilities for the military.

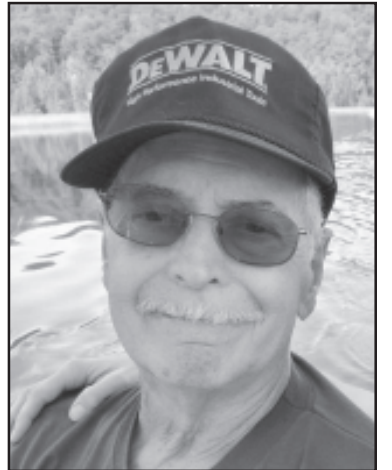
Following his service in the Army, Mr. Whitford returned to Glennie and started his career in construction.

He married Dianna Friend at Oscoda Township Hall on August 5, 1972.

Mr. Whitford was a devout Baptist and valued his position as deacon at Lott Baptist Church with his entire heart.

He loved fishing, carrying his dogs along with him everywhere, and spending as much time with his family as possible. He was charismatic, witty, generous, and kind to a fault. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

Mr. Whitford is survived by his wife Dianna Bell; one son, Roger Scott Whitford; three daughters, Tammy Sue (Dennis) Eickmeyer, Lynn Dawn (Ronald Jr.) Reuther and Leanne May (Tim) Kuligoski; seven grandchildren, Joshua Patrick Lemons, Alicia Nicole (Justin) Manning, Zachary Aric Emory Lemons, Anthony Michael Kurlonko, Ashley Nicole Whitford, Samantha Paiten



Kurlonko, and Daviney Belle Kuligoski; three great-grandchildren, Paiten Rae Lee Kurlonko, Emma Rose Diaz and Xander Luke Kurlonko; one niece, Cynthia Ann Whitford; and three nephews, Evan Cecil (Lisa) Whitford, Phillip Lee (Trudy) Whitford and Larry Todd Whitford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Lawrence "Larry" Gene Whitford and one sister-in-law, Jean Whitford.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Sept. 24 at Buresh Funeral Home, 121 South Washington, Hale, from 2 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. at Lott Baptist Church, 4257 S. State Road, Glennie. A one hour visitation will precede the service. Burial will be held at the Glennie Cemetery on M-65 in Glennie following the service. A luncheon will be held at Lott Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lott Baptist Church.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
It was known as Alcona Community Schools. But it no longer belongs to this community. It has been a long evolution from local citizens banding together to provide a basic education, to what is now an almost purely socialist institution run from the state. It should be renamed: Lansing-Alcona Government School.

As a parent of two Alcona students it has taken months for this reality to sink in. The superintendent predicted that school might not look like school this fall. And it doesn't, even though it is administered by many hard-working, nice people. What's it like for

students and parents? My 15 year-old son says he sits in an auditorium, 10 feet from others, is told repeatedly to mask up, "interacts" through a TV screen with his teacher elsewhere. A good student, he still loathes it.

The bright spot was soccer, but he never imagined that players would have to wear masks in practice (and games) thinking few students would comply. Guess what? They play with masks — headaches and all. Spectators? Two per player. Must wear masks. Must say who you are to get in. Then "they" come around and count the parents. "They" confront anyone without a mask regardless of

social distance. "They" threaten to halt the game if any fan is maskless — no exceptions, even health. "They" are the MHSABA, Michigan High School Athletic Bullying Association.

It's not us or our community. And it's not about health and common sense. It's about submission and humiliation. By the way, this is not going away in November. It's here to stay, the masks, the stress, and the shambles that education and sports have become. Keep this in mind the next time you hear how well things are going.

Andrew Jamieson
Harrisville

NOTICE

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners are currently accepting quotes from qualified Health Insurance Agencies. Interested agencies should submit quotes to the Alcona County Clerk's office no later than Friday, October 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to: 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, MI 48740

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person, via Zoom and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. The link is posed on the library's website (www.alcona.lib.mi.us) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary). For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The free virtual program "Art, Forensics & Missing Persons" will be presented at 6 p.m. by Michigan State Police Lt. Sarah Krebs. She will explain how evidence-based drawings and 3-D reconstructions aid in the investigation of unidentified remains, missing persons and other cases. Link to <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/770577205> or dial in using a phone 408-650-3123. Access code: 770-577-205. This event is sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning and Iosco Arenac District Library.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
The free virtual program "Yooper Talk" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Kathryn Remlinger, professor of applied linguistics at Grand Valley State University will describe how ideas about what it means to sound like a Yooper have emerged over time. Link to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/275006709> or dial in using a phone 224-501-3412. Access code: 275-006-709. This event is sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning and Iosco Arenac District Library.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library

in the Reading Garden. All levels welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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Hurons score on final play to win

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team led nearly the entire way in its season opener at Rogers City last Friday night. The Hurons spoiled the Tigers bid for a 1-0 start however, as they scored on the final play of the non-conference game to steal a 24-18 victory.

"We had moments where we were pretty good and we had moments where we were not," said head coach Jason Somers. "There will be much to work on this week and improvements to be made. I thought the effort was pretty good for the most part."

The Tigers were able to control things early on, taking a 6-0 lead after the first quarter and held an 18-6 lead at the half.

The Hurons closed to within 18-12 after the third quarter, knotted things up at 18-all early in the fourth.

On the final play of the game, Rogers City tossed an 18-yard touchdown pass for the walk-off win.

"We were not making mistakes and we were making the most of our opportunities (early on)," Somers said. "As the night progressed, we were hit with the injury bug and needed to make some adjustments. The last play was just a plain good football play, with them coming out on the positive side. I loved our coverage, our player competed for the ball, just didn't end like we would have hoped."

Zach Stephenson led the offense with 80 yards on 20 carries. Gavin Walker ran 11 times for 43 yards and a touchdown while Jacob Sytek ran 10 times for 39 yards. Sytek also had a 77-yard kick-off return for a touchdown and Chris Barnes had a 32-yard touchdown reception.

Stephenson had 11 tackles on defense, Barnes had eight tackles, Walker had an

interception and Noah Mercier recovered a fumble.

"The kids really adapted well on defense," Somers said. "This is a testament to them and the defensive coaches."

Alcona (0-1 overall) hosts Marlette (1-0) on Friday. The Red Raiders opened their sea-

son with a win last week, 39-24 over Brown City.

"We will have to improve on both sides of the ball," Somers said. "I think the kids have a taste of what things are going to be like now, so this week will be a good gauge for us."

Tigers claim first soccer win at Pinconning

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona soccer team avenged an early season loss on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The Tigers, playing at Pinconning, edged the Spartans 2-1 in a non-league battle.

"The defense was solid in front of (goalie) Caleb Kamischke," said head coach Brendan Nelson. "It was a great game all the way around by everyone."

While the Spartans topped the Tigers 3-0 in their second game of the season, Alcona got goals by Tim Jamieson with an assist by Corey Boboltz and on a free kick by Joel Steiner.

"Joel took the free kick just outside the 18 and put it just under the crossbar to take a 2-1 lead," Nelson said.

Kamischke was in net and made eight saves in the win.

Alcona also played on Saturday at the Oscoda Invitational, going 0-3 on the day.

In the opener, the Tigers

fell to host Oscoda 4-1, with Boboltz getting the team's only goal, and Kamischke getting eight saves.

The Tigers next fell to Saginaw Nouvel, 5-1 with Boboltz again getting a goal, this time with an assist by Jamieson.

Kamischke had seven saves.

In the final contest, against Ortonville Brandon, the Tigers fell 5-0, despite 16 saves by Kamischke.

Alcona also played at Sault Ste. Marie on Friday, a contest it came up short in, 4-1.

"We had a tough start to the game, going down 4-0 in the first half," Nelson said.

Steiner scored the team's lone goal in the second half while Kamischke had 21 saves in net.

Alcona (1-7 overall) was at home against Fairview on Monday, heads over to Roscommon on Friday, Sept. 25 and hosts Oscoda on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Alcona runners compete at opening NSL jamboree

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country teams opened the North Star League (NSL) season on Wednesday, competing at Hale High School. Neither squad had enough for a team score for the jamboree, but clocked solid times.

"Very proud of these athletes," said head coach Tammy Nelson. "They have been putting forth a great effort in practice."

The boys were paced by Carter Upper, who crossed

the line in eighth place on a time of 22:04. Hunter Rigby placed 12th by clocking a 24:11 and Fallon Hux finished 14th at 24:35.

On the girl's side, Sara Decker was fourth at 24:24, Karen Sharboneau came in sixth on a time of 25:50 and Janae Kierzek finished ninth at 33:20.

Alcona was at the Oscoda NSL jamboree on Tuesday and makes the trip to Fairview on Tuesday, Sept. 29 for the third league meet.

Super Crossword

Answers

CHAD	GAGS	STAFF	ABBAS
ROME	ABAT	ARIAL	MARCO
UBER	BONA	LONDON	BROIL
MALI	FUDGE	OTERO	DIDO
BRIDGET	THE GAP	INA	NRA
STEERS	IDOL	ENDED	LOC
ATM	STHATA	FACT	
ASCOT	PDAS	URL	GAWKS
FALLING	INLINE	PEEK	
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CIS	ATOLL	MALT	ETAILS
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UTIL	ADLAI	ACMES	LOAN
RIVER	THAMES	HARE	ANNO
SEETO	OMEGA	EXIT	REED
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Alcona's Hunter Rigby nears the midpoint of last Wednesday's North Star League jamboree at Hale. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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How to avoid drug interactions

Hundreds of millions of people across the globe rely on medications for their survival. In fact, the percentage of people using prescription medications may surprise people who work outside the health care industry.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2015-16, nearly 46 percent of the population of the United States used prescription drugs in 2015-16. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that prescription drug use is similar in Canada, where the Canadian Health Measures Survey found that roughly two-thirds of adults between the ages of 40 and 79 used at least one prescription drug in a 30-day period.

Prescription drugs may be vital to many people's survival, but they also can prove deadly if mismanaged. That's especially true for people taking more than one medication. Taking multiple medications each day may be necessary, but it's equally necessary that people taking more than one medication every day take steps to avoid drug interactions.

Primary care physicians and specialists should be kept in the loop regarding which medications their patients are taking. Patients should never assume their doctors know every medication they're taking. When prescribed a new medication, it is important to tell the prescribing doctor

what other medications are being taken. Include prescription medications but also over the counter, or OTC, drugs, supplements and even vitamins. Use a notes app on a smartphone to create a running list of a medications to easily access it during doctor's appointments.

Prescription drugs and OTC medications list potential side effects in different ways. Each prescription medication comes with a

lengthy list of potential side effects, while OTC labels cite potential side effects in the warnings section on their la-

els. Become familiar with all potential side effects of a given

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Knowing side effects to medications is important.

Common warning signs of arthritis

Arthritis has name recognition, even among people who are not suffering from it. But despite that recognition, arthritis is not as well understood as one might think.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, arthritis is not a single disease, but rather an informal way of referring to joint pain or joint disease. In fact, the term arthritis is so wide-ranging that it actually refers to more than 100 types of conditions.

Despite that complexity, arthritis often produces four important warning signs, regardless of which type of arthritis a person may have.

• Pain. The Arthritis Foundation notes that arthritis-related pain may be constant or intermittent. One common misconception about arthritis pain is that it only occurs during or shortly after a body

is at rest. However, arthritis-related pain can occur while the body is at rest and is not always triggered by an activity that incorporates a part of the body affected by arthritis. In addition, pain from arthritis can be isolated to one area of the body or affect various parts of the body.

• Swelling. Skin over the joints affected by arthritis may become red and swollen. This skin also may feel warm to the touch. The Arthritis Foundation advises anyone who experiences this swelling for three days or longer or more than three times per month to contact a physician.

• Stiffness. This warning sign is, along with pain, the one that is most often associated with arthritis, even by people who don't suffer from

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Women in Alcona County and Alpena will benefit from the Rally for a Cure event recently held at Lost Lake Woods Club. Proceeds from the event's raffles, 50/50 drawing and registrations totaled \$4,097 and will be directed to the MidMichigan Health Foundation and the Alpena Cancer Center. (From left) Ann Diamond, director, MidMichigan Health Foundation; Paulette Kallstrom, co- chairperson, Lost Lake Woods Rally for a Cure golf outing; Steve Hand, manager, Imaging Services Department, MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena, and Lynne Gauthier, co-chair person, Lost Lake Woods Rally for a Cure golf outing. The dollars raised will provide free mammograms for area women and will also assist in providing advanced technology in the Breast Health Department. The event hits home to both co-chairs as Kallstrom is a nine-year breast cancer survivor and Gauthier is a 24-year survivor. On behalf of MidMichigan Health Foundation, Ann Diamond, development director accepted the event proceeds and thanked all who made the event possible. "We are so very appreciative of our friends at Lost Lake Woods and the surrounding counties that host and participate in the Rally for a Cure. We all know someone that has been touched by breast cancer. To see Paulette and Lynne wrapping their arms around the community to assist with diagnosis and treatment of this disease is truly amazing." *Courtesy photo.*



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Bank donates Autism sensory kits to sheriff's department

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Recently, members of the Huron Community Bank delivered 23 autism sensory kits to local sheriff and state police entities.

The kits, worth about \$75 each, were distributed to Alcona, Ogemaw, and Iosco County sheriff's departments, the Tawas Police Authority and Michigan State Police posts in West Branch and East Tawas.

Autism, which affects one in 54 children in the United States, is a serious developmental disorder that impairs the ability to communicate and interact, according to Autism Speaks.org.

Even on a normal day, those who have it, or are on the autism spectrum, face challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors and more, but when a normal day is disrupted with an odd or unnatural occurrence, such as an accident, domestic incident, or a crime, a person or child with Autism can be very overwhelmed and need something distracting to calm their anxiety.

That's why when Chelsea VanderStel, a personal banker with Huron Community Bank (HCB), saw a group on Facebook who was distributing kits to other police and first responder entities across the country, she thought it would be beneficial for local authorities to also have the kits.

Each kit contains fidget

toys such as spinner wheels, squishy footballs, stretchy bands or lava bubble toys, a pair of noise-canceling headphones that can adjust to any size and a soft blanket.

"I just thought it was such a neat idea. I brought it up to my (HCB) team and we decided to raise funds for the kits last March and then donate them in April because April is Autism Awareness Month. Then COVID-19 hit and it got put on the back burner. I'm glad they were finally able to be delivered," VanderStel said.

She explained the bank's original goal was to donate eight kits and was pleasantly surprised when they had enough to purchase 23 kits, "I was very excited when we got the final total. This is something I'm very passionate about and the fact we were able to raise that much money as a community was amazing," VanderStel said.

Funds for the kits were earned through a bake sale, patron donations and donations from employees who gave \$5 weekly donations to be able to wear jeans to work on Friday.

Alcona County Undersheriff Keith Myers, who has a child on the autism spectrum, said all deputies are trained on how to respond to children and adults with Autism or other cognitive disorders.



Huron Community Bank (HCB) donates Autism sensory kits to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department. (From left) Amy Peterman, HCB head of retail banking, Deputy Robert Clink, Sheriff Scott Stephenson (with his dog, Bailey), Chelsea VanderStel, HCB personal banker, Deputy Daniel Klukowski and Undersheriff Keith Myers. *Courtesy photo.*

"Children with Autism are often taught different soothing mechanisms to learn to cope in stressful situations, but very young children may have not learned those yet.

"There are many ways to cope. Sometimes even a piece of string or a certain video can help. This (kit) gives us another tool the deputies will

be able to use," Myers said.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department received four of the sensory kits, one for each patrol car, and Sheriff Scott Stephenson was very grateful.

"They are neat kits to have. We've always carried stuffed animals and things for kids in the patrol cars, but this is

more specific and appropriate for anyone. I think this will come in handy, not just for kids with Autism.

"It took some time and effort to put these together. It's great that our local banks really are local and think of doing things like this for us and the community. We appreciate it," Stephenson said.

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After much consideration I have decided to mount a write in campaign for the District 2 County Commissioner position. With a Republican primary election difference of only 10 votes, and overwhelming encouragement from community members of all parties I felt it was necessary for all of the voters to have the chance to make a choice between the future or the past. My opponent has stated he, "just wants things to go back to the way they used to be..". Fellow residents, that is not the direction our County needs to go.

Please go to my webpage www.craigforalconafuture.com for more information about what we have accomplished and my direction for the future. Also on Facebook, at Craig Johnston for County Commissioner.

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- Ordering all prescriptions from the same pharmacy makes it easy to access all prescriptions. Pharmacists can look up all prescriptions and crosscheck interactions that may result from taking certain medications at the same time. This safety net

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the condition. Stiffness when waking up in the morning or after long periods of being sedentary, such as sitting at a desk during the workday or taking a long car ride, can be symptomatic of arthritis, especially if the stiffness lasts an hour or longer.

- Difficulty moving a joint. The Arthritis Foundation notes that people should not experience difficulty moving,

such as when getting out of bed. People who experience such difficulty may have arthritis.

People who recognize any of these warning signs should report them to their physicians immediately. Be as specific as possible when describing these symptoms, as specificity can help physicians design the most effective course of treatment.



Symptoms of arthritis come in several forms.

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"They were able to get all five children out of the house safely and are hoping their dog escaped, but haven't been able to search for him. They lost their entire house. He has insurance but still has a deductible. We added a donation container to the table for anyone who wants to help with his expenses," Fulsher said.

Although Franklin and Fulsher ran out of light bulbs last weekend, they have put in another order and plan to hand those out at The Flour Garden Restaurant in Harrisville (US-23 just south of M-72) on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library, (1499 Hubert Road) on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the movement, visit the Facebook page at Alcona Blue Light Movement.

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South Pacific, Sept. 4, 1945
Dear Mom:
I will try and write a few lines to let you know I am O.K. Will have to get in practice writing again as it has been a couple of months since I have had a chance to write. I just got off a ship in which I took a long boat ride that I did not enjoy. Dad probably knows what I mean. I was aboard the ship about fifty days and now feel more like a sailor than a soldier. At the present time I am out of Manila. Guess we won't be here long and we aren't headed for the U. S. either. Don't understand why they sent us over here without furlough home first, but here I am. Guess it doesn't matter much where I am to wait my turn as I haven't enough points to get home now and by the way, does not look as though I would get out very soon. I'll just sweat it out.

This enlistment deal you get, a ninety-day furlough if you join for three years. I don't like the army that well. We took five weeks basic training right in the center of

Monte Catena. It wasn't too bad a place and two large Red Cross Clubs and several American shows. From there to a staging area to wait for a ship.

We were there about ten days. We left Italy on July 19th, stopped at Gibraltar on July 22 for refueling.

Next stop was Panama on August 1st. There about eighteen to twenty-four hours. They had a PX set up on the docks and one could get all the cokes you wanted. Free ice cream at the Red Cross and hot dogs and coffee at the USO. It sure helped to be able to get off the ship, but what hurt was, we were so close to home and had to keep on going. The Canal has locks at each end and something to remember going through. I've seen a lot of very interesting places but I would rather look at the four corners of Glennie.

The next stop was at New Guinea on August 23rd and left the 25th. We couldn't leave the ship there but I didn't like the looks of the place anyway. Next was San Francisco (not the valley in California.) Some of the troops got off there but the next day found us in Manila. Three days in the bay then we got off the boat September 3rd. We crossed the

international date line on August 16th. I went to bed on Thursday night and woke up on Saturday morning. Some experience, eh? We crossed the Equator August 20th. It was so hot I could have fried an egg on the deck. If I had one! We went to Monte Catena by train, (cattle car) That is where I met Lee McDermaid from Harrisville. I spent several evenings with him. I would rather have stayed in Italy even though I would have been there a long time. I learned to speak Italian enough to get by and knew the customs fairly well.

The thing I don't like about this place is this. I thought it rained a lot in Italy, but they say it rains here everyday. There seems to be plenty of bananas, coconuts and mosquitoes here, mostly the latter.

Well, Mon, I will have to close as this is about all I can think of to write about now.
Love to all.
BOB.

CryptoQuip answer

If Australian marsupials drank soft drinks, they should most likely prefer Coca-Koala.

County librarian for thirty years

September 24, 1970 ~ Climaxing thirty years as County Librarian is the record set by Mrs. Edna D. Cole, who is listed in the recently published "Who's Who of American Women and Canadian Women," a biographical guide to feminine achievement. Further listed of the biography is slated to be published in "Who's Who In The Midwest."

During her years as director of the County Library, she has served on various committees of the Michigan Library Association and the National Association.

When Michigan Library

Association first organized the State into districts, she became the first secretary to District 6, which comprised all of northern Michigan.

In later years, she served as vice chairman and chairman. She also served as vice chairman and chairman of the County and Regional Section. For several years she was a member of various committees, the Legislative, Recruitment, Scholarship, and Membership. She has recently completed six years on the National Recruitment Committees for the American Library Association.

Tigers win season's opener

September 24, 1970 ~ The Alcona Tigers kicked off what coach Gary Sonnenberg hopes will be a winning season by downing the Mio Thunderbolts 22 - 8 in a game played here Friday night.

The Tigers tallied their first score midway in the first quarter on a 50 yard punt return by Gary Ashford, who led his team in rushing during the 1969 season.

Daryl Kauffman carried the ball over for a two-point conversion.

Alcona scored their second touchdown with 36 seconds remaining in the second quarter on a 20 yard counter off right tackle by Ashford.

Ashford also successfully carried on the conversion bringing the score to 16 - 0 at the half.

The Tigers came back midway in the third quarter to score their final touchdown on a pass from quarterback Scott Edwards to halfback Gary Anderson. The conversion try failed.

Mio racked up their only score midway in the fourth quarter on a pass from Doug Graham to Dave Olsen. Ed Crane carried the ball over for the two-point conversion.

Alcona recorded a total of 266 yards offensively, while their opponents were only able to rackup 107 yards.

A man who doesn't care about bloomers anyway

Joseph H. Foraker
Ex-Governor of Ohio

September 26, 1895 ~ If women want to wear bloomers when riding a bicycle, I don't believe there is much use in objecting. They will do it anyway, so there is no special need of saying anything for or against the custom. I do not believe, moreover, that it is a matter of much importance whether they do or not.

It is a matter of personal opinion, and the woman is the same whether in skirts or in trousers. Of course, we like to see women attractive in appearance, but if they will wear bloomers we must bow to their will. It is really no concern of ours after all women have a right, within the bounds of reason, to dress as they please and personally I don't care what they wear on tile wheel. — From "Shall Wheelwomen Wear Bloomers?" in Demorest's Magazine for October.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Sept. 13	68	55	0.00	2.6	17	NNE
Sept. 14	58	44	0.00	4.4	17	NNE
Sept. 15	72	44	0.00	5.2	28	SW
Sept. 16	77	54	0.00	4.1	19	SW
Sept. 17	58	45	0.00	5.5	23	NNE
Sept. 18	54	38	0.00	8.9	28	NNE
Sept. 19	58	35	0.00	5.6	9	S

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	0.00	0.19	0.64
September to Date	0.16	1.44	1.85
Year to Date	16.95	15.71	21.21

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Azores Islands located?
2. **GAMES:** In poker, what is a "dead man's hand"?
3. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company has a series of advertisements asking the question, "What's in your wallet?"
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only president who never married?
5. **LITERARY:** The pet rat Scabbers belonged to which character in the Harry Potter book series?
6. **MUSIC:** Which American singer/songwriter was nicknamed "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business"?
7. **U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the only active diamond mine in the United States?
8. **MATH:** What is the date of the annual Pi Day?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** After the sun and moon, what is the third brightest object in Earth's sky?
10. **MOVIES:** What was the name of Quint's boat in "Jaws"?

Answers: 1. Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Portugal; 2. Two pair of black aces and black eights, named after the hand Wild Bill Hickok reportedly held when he was shot to death.; 3. Capital One; 4. James Buchanan; 5. Ron Weasley; 6. James Brown; 7. Arkansas; 8. March 14 (3.14); 9. Venus; 10. The Orca (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Sept. 24, 1789, the Judiciary Act of 1789 is passed by Congress and signed by President George Washington, establishing the Supreme Court of the United States as a tribunal made up of six justices who were to serve until death or retirement. The number of justices was changed in 1869 to nine.
 - On Sept. 25, 1894, President Grover Cleveland issues a presidential proclamation pardoning Mormons who had previously engaged in unlawful polygamous marriages. His proclamation ensured that their property and civil rights were restored.
 - On Sept. 23, 1908, a game between the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs ends in 1-1 tie after a controversial call at second base. The officials ruled that Giants first baseman Fred Merkle was out because he failed to touch second base, a call that has been disputed ever since.
 - On Sept. 21, 1942, the B-29 Superfortress makes its debut flight in Seattle. The long-range heavy bomber contained a pilot console in the rear, in the event the front pilot was knocked out of commission.
 - On Sept. 22, 1953, the first four-level (or "stack") interchange in the world opens in Los Angeles at the intersection of the Harbor, Hollywood, Pasadena and Santa Ana freeways, 32 lanes of traffic weaving in eight directions at once.
 - On Sept. 26, 1960, for the first time in U.S. history, a debate between presidential candidates is shown on television. The presidential hopefuls, John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon, met in a Chicago studio.
 - On Sept. 27, 1989, Hollywood socialite Zsa Zsa Gabor, on trial for slapping a police officer during a traffic stop, storms out of the courtroom. Gabor had been pulled over for expired tags, expired license, open alcohol container then attempting to leave the scene. She slapped the officer when he caught up with her.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Neighbor of Niger</p> <p>5 Comical bits</p> <p>9 Work group</p> <p>14 PLO chairman Mahmoud</p> <p>19 Europe's "Eternal City"</p> <p>20 Blind as —</p> <p>21 Common typeface</p> <p>22 — Polo</p> <p>23 App-based ride option</p> <p>24 — fide (real)</p> <p>25 Grilled steak with thin, diagonal cuts</p> <p>27 Neighbor of Niger</p> <p>28 Alternative to toffee</p> <p>30 County in New Mexico or Colorado</p> <p>31 Aeneas' lover, in myth</p> <p>32 Link two disparate things</p> <p>35 Once — while</p> <p>37 Gp. backing firearms</p> <p>38 Has the helm</p> <p>39 Revered one</p> | <p>40 Terminated rapper</p> <p>42 "Wild Thing" Tone —</p> <p>43 \$20 dispenser</p> <p>45 "Really?"</p> <p>48 Natty scarf</p> <p>52 Palmtops, e.g., for short</p> <p>56 Internet ID</p> <p>57 Goggles</p> <p>58 Not breaking the rules</p> <p>61 Fast glance</p> <p>63 Lizard that may be a pet</p> <p>64 Terrible fate</p> <p>65 Refuses, as a chance</p> <p>69 "Norma —" (Field film)</p> <p>70 Initial amount required by a creditor</p> <p>74 Suffix of sugars</p> <p>75 Hold sacred</p> <p>78 Verse writer</p> <p>79 One dodging</p> <p>82 Slovak coin</p> <p>83 1969 Stevie Wonder hit</p> <p>86 "Geez!"</p> <p>89 — Paulo</p> <p>90 Crooner</p> <p>91 Exaggerated and theatrical</p> | <p>92 Reasonable advance notice</p> <p>96 Facial locale</p> <p>98 Prefix with gender</p> <p>99 Ringlike isle</p> <p>100 Soda shop drink</p> <p>104 Sells virtually</p> <p>109 Surg. locales</p> <p>110 Vote in favor</p> <p>111 England's "Nine Days' Queen"</p> <p>113 Tel. or elec.</p> <p>115 Statesman Stevenson</p> <p>118 High points</p> <p>119 Advance</p> <p>120 Watercourse associated with the starts of eight long answers in this puzzle</p> <p>123 Rabbit's kin</p> <p>124 Part of A.D.</p> <p>125 Attend</p> <p>126 Greek vowel</p> <p>127 Clear out of</p> <p>128 Marsh plant</p> <p>129 Elia piece</p> <p>130 "The Balcony" playwright</p> <p>131 Old flames</p> <p>132 Slips up</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Cookie bits</p> <p>2 Tasmania's capital</p> <p>3 2001 Audrey Tautou film</p> <p>4 Sneer at</p> <p>5 Rap session</p> <p>6 See</p> <p>7 India's Rajiv</p> <p>8 Like plays</p> <p>9 Mineo of movies</p> <p>10 Outpost unit</p> <p>11 "That — happenin'!"</p> <p>12 Get dimmer</p> <p>13 Ocala's state</p> <p>14 Envoy: Abbr.</p> <p>15 Verse writer</p> <p>16 Sib acquired via marriage</p> <p>17 Late-'60s music genre</p> <p>18 One-person bands, e.g.</p> <p>26 Nine-person band, e.g.</p> <p>29 Self-image</p> <p>33 Potatoes au —</p> <p>34 Frazier foe</p> <p>36 Folk sayings</p> <p>40 To be, to Fifi</p> <p>41 Flames' org.</p> <p>44 Car ad abbr.</p> <p>46 SPF part</p> <p>47 Ersatz</p> <p>48 Blazing</p> <p>49 Astronomer Carl</p> <p>50 Hints</p> <p>51 Schnozz or boff ender</p> <p>53 "Where — go wrong?"</p> <p>54 Auth. unknown</p> <p>55 Feed in a sty</p> <p>59 Low point</p> <p>60 Windows ad statement</p> <p>61 Frying vessel</p> <p>62 Perfumer</p> <p>65 — dish (lab item)</p> <p>66 City that Lot fled from</p> <p>67 Deplete</p> <p>68 Matthew of "Friends"</p> <p>71 Tokyo-born</p> <p>72 Pirate chant opener</p> <p>73 Run across</p> <p>76 With 6-Down, catch wind of</p> <p>77 Airport strip</p> <p>80 Clear out of</p> <p>81 Dr.'s gp.</p> <p>83 Postal stack</p> <p>84 Over there</p> <p>85 Mag. printing</p> <p>86 "Naturally!"</p> <p>87 Scrunchies</p> <p>88 Long letters</p> <p>89 TV inits. since 1975</p> <p>93 Vexed a lot</p> <p>94 Selfish driver of a sort</p> <p>95 TV inits. since 1975</p> <p>97 Multipiece gifts for calligraphers</p> <p>101 Cavity-fighting org.</p> <p>102 Fruit of a Chinese tree</p> <p>103 Discount department store chain</p> <p>105 Blazing</p> <p>106 Clothes smoother</p> <p>107 Less fatty</p> <p>108 Church councils</p> <p>111 Feudal lord</p> <p>112 Eagle's nest</p> <p>114 "— hundred flowers bloom"</p> <p>116 Half-baked</p> <p>117 Prayer ender</p> <p>121 "Hee Haw" co-host</p> <p>122 Used a chair</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- An armadillo's shell is so hard that it can deflect a bullet, as a Texas man discovered to his chagrin when he took aim at one. The bullet ricocheted into his jaw and he had to be airlifted to a hospital. The armadillo, on the other hand, strolled away unscathed.
 - One million U.S. dogs hold first place in their owner's last will and testament.
 - The original time machine in "Back to the Future" was not a DeLorean, but an old refrigerator. According to HuffPost, "Ultimately, it was determined that it probably was not a good idea to use a refrigerator in such a manner as kids might want to reenact the scene."
 - Napoleon introduced brass buttons on soldier uniforms' sleeves to discourage them from wiping their noses.
 - The first webcam was created to check a coffeepot! In 1993, researchers in the University of Cambridge's computer science department really didn't like getting up from their chairs to check the coffeepot just to find it empty, so they wired a system that would stream three images per minute from the Trojan Room, where the pot was kept, to the internal computer network. By the end of that year, the stream made it onto the new World Wide Web, endowing the Trojan Room coffeepot with international, if brief, fame.
 - The asteroids in "Star Wars" were actually painted potatoes.
 - When English Romantic poet, painter and engraver William Blake was just 4, he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, incorporating these visions into his art.
 - According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the stickers on fruit are edible. We haven't tried them ourselves, though.
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- Thought for the Day: "The best teachers remain students all their lives." -- John Stott
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **B** equals **F**

MB HAPOCHXMHZ EHCPAYMHXP

RCHZS PWBO RCMZSP, OTVK PTWAXR

EWPO XMSVXK YCVBVC IWIH-SWHXH.

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 File No. 20-6116-DE**

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on September 14 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; and council members, Peterson, Kaiser, Schwanz, Mason, and Bean; city attorney Cook; and guests.
 Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason, to approve the minutes of August 10. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,713.16. Motion carried 5-0.
 Mayor Gehring brought to council, discussion of a water/sewer bill increase. The city is working with OHM engineering firm for funding opportunities with the state and federal government and design plans for an upgrade to the city's existing sewer treatment facilities. The possibility of an increase in the sewer portion of the quarterly bill was discussed. Mayor Gehring brought Resolution No. 2020-07 to council for a vote. "Resolved, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the standard lighting contract between the company and the City of Harrisville, dated February 27, 1978, in accordance with the authorization for change in standard lighting contract dated August 20, 2020.
 Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser, to approve Resolution No. 2020-07. Ayes: Schwanz, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, Peterson. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 5-0.
 Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Tom Keerl to a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to appoint Tom Keerl to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried: 5-0.
 Fall clean-up and hydrant flushing schedule is as follows: Clean Up - Friday, Oct. 16 and Friday, Nov. 6. Bagged leaves and brush

secured in bundles will be picked up at street side.
 Hydrant flushing is the weeks of October 5-16.
 Ken Lind, representative from Lind and Lind Insurance, EMC Insurance Companies, presented council with his assessment of city properties and liabilities. Alderman Mason said he would do a comparison analysis of the current insurance costs to the city versus the information Mr. Lind presented.
 Mayor Gehring reported that the fire department will put out for bid, the sale of the 1983 GMC truck tank and the 1986 fire truck. The bid process will be published in the Alcona County Review. Bids will be due by noon, Wednesday, Oct. 7. Mayor Gehring petitioned council for a new lawn mower under \$5,000. Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to purchase new lawn mower for maintenance department. Motion carried: 5-0.
 Clerk Pierce reported the ballots for the November 3 general election will become available the week of September 28. Call the city office, (989) 724-6666, for information. Anyone who indicated they wanted to be put on the permanent Absent Voter Application list on their voter application for the state primary election in August will receive their general election ballot in the mail as soon as they become available. Please vote early. Ballots can be returned by mail or in person to the city office.
 Treasurer Luenberger indicated that September 14 was the last day to pay Summer 2020 taxes. Harbor commission as reported by Mayor Gehring is in the process of the final phase of the dock repair and reconstruction project. Mayor Gehring has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers as to the repairs on the sea wall at the harbor. Mayor Gehring reported that the Corps evaluation of the sea wall indicates a major reconstruction of the wall is needed. The first step in the process is for the Corps to apply for funding from the state in the next

fiscal year. The city may see some action on this issue by 2024.
 Planning commissioner Schwanz reported that the Planning Commission is updating the city's master plan. J. Schwanz and L. Schwanz have been taking online courses offered by the state on information pertaining to Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC).
 Airport Assistant Manager C. Higgins reported low activity at the airport, due in part to COVID-19, although there have been several flights in and out this summer. Manager E. Higgins and T. Keerl met with a State of Michigan Aeronautics representative who did a drone aerial survey of Harrisville airport. Information from this survey has yet to be received. Permission needs to be granted from an adjacent property owner again, which expired in spring 2020, for tree removal. Many south end trees have been marked for removal.
 Comment Cards: Becky Bean presented to council the next phase for the development of the Pocket Park project. She has contacted Hermann's Stoneage for a proposal for installation of the paving blocks for the park. Work may begin in the spring.
 Councils last comments: Alderman Schwanz gave input to council about her inquiries with Consumers Energy involving possibilities of renewal energy projects for the city. She discussed the possibility of Harrisville installing electric charge stations for electric cars. State funding is available. Alderman Bean discussed a concern of an unmowed property on Dock Street.
 Motion to adjourn by Peterson. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Next city council meeting is Monday, Oct. 12 at city hall at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

Public Land Auction
 The following County Treasurers will be offering tax-reverted real estate at public Auction on September 30th, 2020: Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency & Presque Isle.
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