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One month down, eight to go without positive case of COVID-19

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

When it comes to keeping students and staff safe against COVID-19, Alcona Community Schools has taken the challenge seriously and is doing whatever possible to halt the virus from spreading.

Just getting through the first month of school, with two separate threats of a possible spread, has had district Superintendent Dan O'Connor and staff members vigilant with thorough cleanings, taking daily temperatures and more.

"It all goes back to our plan to reopen the school. We are still in phase four (of Governor Whitmer's Return to Learn plan) and we have

stricter protocols than Alpena, the Upper Peninsula and Traverse City," O'Connor said.

In September, the school district had one football player come into contact with a possible positive COVID-19 person. That player was put into

"The staff and the students have been amazing so far. There has been a lot of changes and the students have been resilient and positive. I think they are happy to be back with their peers and are willing to make sacrifices to make that happen. Hopefully, we will have a good year with as few interruptions as possible and we can keep everyone safe and healthy."

~ Dan O'Connor, Superintendent
Alcona Community Schools

quarantine until the probable contact person was tested with no positive results.

"The health department

goes through the contact tracing and the science by how close in contact people were to the probable positive person and determines who needs to be quarantined and who doesn't. We follow their advice. We did cancel practice that Monday while we

to resume practice," O'Connor said.

A similar situation also closed the Headstart preschool program which halted that program until word was received from the health department the person in question of having COVID-19 did not test positive for the virus. O'Connor said one bus was also involved in the Headstart instance and riders on that bus were quarantined until the health department deemed it was no longer necessary.

Parents received letters from the school district in both instances alerting them to the potential risk and again when the risk was waived.

To reduce the chance of spreading the virus the school

has been following phase four guidelines, limiting the number of spectators at athletic events to just two guests for each team player. O'Connor said, however, the number of spectators will expand as of October 9 when outdoor events will be able to have as many as 500 spectators and 200 spectators will be allowed at indoor events.

This increase comes just in time for the high school's homecoming game which will be held Friday, Oct. 9. There will be no pep assembly before the game or no dance following, but a homecoming court will still be named and a king and queen will be crowned during the game.

O'Connor explained efforts to halt the virus begin before students arrive at school by reducing the number of students who ride on school buses. "Because of the number of students who are learning online, including all high school students who do not have the option for face to face learning, and parents who have opted to bring their students to the school, we have a low number of students taking the bus. Each student has their own seat, the only exception is if they are on the bus with another family member, then they can sit together," O'Connor said.

The interior of each bus is deep cleaned after every run with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved cleaning solution which is sprayed on and then wiped down. Currently, no sporting or team event participants are traveling by bus.

In addition to deep cleaning busses, every student has their temperature taken either before they get on the bus or when they arrive at school and classrooms are being thoroughly deep cleaned after each day of school.

Students and staff also take scheduled hand sanitizing breaks throughout the day and the school also has a screening process in place for teachers and staff. "We are telling everyone that if they do not feel well, they need to stay home. This is not a year to tough it out and come to school sick," O'Connor said.

As a result, however, O'Connor said with the shortage of substitute teachers, if a teacher did call in sick the

Census faces challenges, particularly in northern Michigan

By Zholdas Orisbayev
Capital News Service

Seasonal properties, vacant houses, the lack of Internet, distrust of government and fewer census takers, not to mention the pandemic, are challenges to the 2020 U.S. Census, especially in Michigan's rural northern counties, according to experts.

Statewide, about 71 percent of Michigan households self-reported their numbers online to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's better than the national rate of 62.1 percent.

But the statewide number obscures low rates of self-response in the low-populated rural north. The lowest self-response rates by county in Michigan include Lake (27.3 percent), Keweenaw (29.9 percent), Oscoda (33.5 percent), Mackinac (34.6 percent) and Alcona (38.1 percent), according to the Michigan Statewide Census office.

But it's difficult to know how many people are uncounted. One reason for low self-reporting rates is that more than half of the homes in the north are seasonal or occasional use properties, and the people who live there part time report their numbers from their permanent addresses, said Statewide Census Director Kerry Ebersole Singh.

Those households are still counted as potentially holding people until census tak-

ers can verify their status. Census takers have been visiting residences that did not self-respond since August 11.

"There are more than 55,000 households, which represent 140,000 residents in Michigan, still to be counted on the 2020 census," she said. That is an estimate based on Michigan's average number of people per household.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has said he intends the 2020 census to end the field operations by Oct. 5, despite a preliminary injunction extending the deadline to Oct. 31 by U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh.

And some experts are skeptical of the accuracy of the bureau's report because when homes counted by census takers are added, the response rate balloons to 98.6 percent of Michigan's housing units that have been counted.

"Despite the bureau's best efforts, even in a less challenging environment, data collected during the door-knocking operation are less reliable than self-responses, which translates to less accurate census results," said Terri Ann Lowenthal, a former staff director of a congressional census oversight subcommittee. "We do not know how many Michiganders have been counted," Lowenthal said. "We only know the percent of housing units, which may or may not be occupied, that have been 'completed.'"

The pandemic is among the reasons, she said. "Verification of unoccupied housing units needs more time and investigation than just one visit by the enumerator," Lowenthal said.

The pandemic delayed field operations and enumerators could not confirm, as required, that some units were vacant April 1, she said.

Another problem is that the pandemic meant that census takers more often rely on someone else for household data or filling in missing answers with administrative records, she explained. That can systematically omit groups such as kids and

young adults.

And completion rates don't account for the homeless or people living in transitory locations such as campgrounds, boats and motels.

Another source of error could lead to double counting. "Students, who were sent home because of the pandemic, might be counted in their homes, but they are supposed to be counted in the university location," Lowenthal said.

In a University of Michigan survey last spring, five percent of local officials in Michigan expressed strong confi-

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Alcona goalkeeper Caleb Kamischke snags the ball as a Tawas player closes in during last week's road loss. Photo by Ben Murphy.



God Bless America



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Noah Eden, 15, with a lake trout and doe he harvested during a visit to Harrisville with his father, Pastor Joel Eden recently. Noah had an outdoor adventure thanks to the hospitality and outdoor capabilities of Dale and Joey Donaldson of Harrisville. The Edens and the Donaldsons spent Saturday morning on Lake Huron fishing (the Edens had not fished on the Great Lakes before) and caught "a few nice" lake trout. Noah caught a 25-inch, six pound laker -- the largest fish he's caught. Following a lunch break, Noah borrowed a 270 rifle for his first deer hunting experience -- which resulted in harvesting a doe with his first shot. "We are all proud of Noah and I'm so happy to have experienced this with him. It is a memory I'm sure all of us won't forget," Joey Donaldson said. *Courtesy photos.*



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Obituaries



Viola V. Contreras

Viola V. Contreras, 90, of Catalina, Ariz. Died on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020.

She was born December 31, 1929 in Bay City, Mich. to Christian and Elva Swartz. She was raised in Lincoln and attended school in a one-room school west of Lincoln. She received a GED from Harrisville High School after attending night school.

Mrs. Contreras was a long-time resident of Alcona County. She owned and operated the Dyna Café in Harrisville for many years and, later, in several locations in Arizona.

While she was married to her first husband, Nelson Barlow, she farmed and owned horse stables in Greenbush and in Lost Lake Woods Club. She and her second husband, Ralph Mullins, owned and operated Harrisville Drywall.

Mrs. Contreras is survived by three daughters, Joy Williams of Florence, Ariz., Lynda Bradley of Oracle, Ariz. and Julie Rogiers of Tucson, Ariz.; three sons, Roy Barlow of Florence, Ariz., Leon Barlow of Catalina, Ariz. and Mark Mullins of Brushy Creek, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Violet Chase of Harrisville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elva Hill and her third husband, David Contreras.

A memorial service will be held October 17 at the First Baptist Church, 3505 E. Wilds Road, Catalina, Ariz. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Leon Barlow, 16101 N. Avenida De Ore, Tucson, Ariz. 85739.

Hugh Loyer

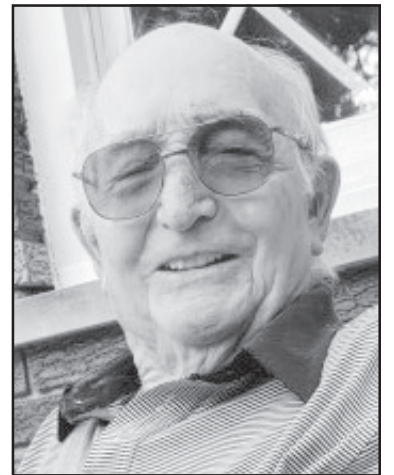
Hugh Loyer, 95, of White Lake, Mich. died on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 in White Lake, Mich.

He was born December 5, 1924 in Mikado to Edward and Hughann (Kennedy) Loyer.

Mr. Loyer is survived by two daughters, Rochelle Loyer and Holly (Paul Michaud) Loyer; two sons, Cary (Eileen) Loyer and Darrin (Jill) Loyer; one grandson, Trevor Loyer; one sister, Lavern (Fran) Loyer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann; three brothers, Lawrence Loyer, Johnny Loyer and Lester Loyer; and two sisters.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral



Home, 3295 E. Highland Road, Highland, Mich.

Burial will be held Saturday, Oct. 10 at noon at St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery, Mikado.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Colleen F. Ziegler

Colleen Fay Ziegler, 87, formerly of Greenbush, died on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 at Oscoda Fields Assisted Living in Oscoda.

She was born on August 21, 1933 in Lincoln to Leo and Enid (MacNeill) Sautter. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1951.

On August 7, 1952 she married Robert Ziegler.

Mrs. Ziegler worked as a secretary for the U.S. government in civil service until her retirement.

She loved doing crafts and enjoyed sharing her knowledge of crafting with others. She also enjoyed gardening, traveling and boating with her husband.

She was a member of the Oscoda Baptist Church and was an active member in many church events over the years.

Mrs. Ziegler is survived by one daughter, Shelley (Bernie) Galloway; three sons, Carl Ziegler, Craig Ziegler and Robert (Tania) Ziegler; two brothers, Don Sautter and Randall Sautter; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert Ziegler, one brother, Phillip Sautter, and two sisters, Lottie Draves and Leah McKinnon.

Visitation is Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. A graveside committal service will take place in Oscoda Pinecrest Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oscoda Baptist Church.

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Calendar of Events

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.

The Pine River/VanEtten Watershed Coalition (PRVEL) quarterly meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on M-72. All meetings are open to the public. Face masks are required due to COVID-19 restrictions. RSVP to millerb613@gmail.com as there is a limit of 10 attendees due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Newcomers Lunch Group will meet at noon at the Big Boy Restaurant on Ripley Avenue in Alpena. Call Terry at (989) 340-0676 if planning to attend.

A virtual program, "Bottled Goodbyes" will be held at 6 p.m. Bottled messages have been floating ashore for hundreds of years, since the first waterproof containers were created. Historian Ric Mixer will share some of the most famous bottled goodbyes ever recovered, including two from the Christmas Tree Ship, lost in Lake Michigan. Link to: <https://www.gotomeet.me/SunriseSideLL/bottled-goodbyes-with-ric-mixer> or dial in with phone (872) 240-3212, access code: 456-981-325. This program is provided by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning and the Iosco Arenac District Library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet by video conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the

Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. For more information and video participation information, contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is hosting a drive-through, pop-up pantry of produce and baked goods from 2 to 5 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the Hubbard Lake Bible Church (13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake). This is a drive through pantry. Have boxes or bags in trunk or back of vehicle, volunteers will put food in vehicles. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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(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.)

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

The senior citizens who participate in the congregate meal program at the Alcona County Commission on Aging in Lincoln are being fed in the parking lot under a tent in the cold and the wind. What doesn't blow away is cold by the time they get to eat it.

If it rains, they can eat indoors. If they can eat indoors when it rains, why not all the time?

The powers that be determined that feeding them in the parking lot was a better means of social distancing our already compromised seniors than spacing them out in a dining room that holds at least 80 people.

They keep touting the governor's strict guidelines they adhere to. What is stricter than temperature taking, masks and six feet apart? Perhaps someone from ACCOA can answer this in the newspaper so we all know what they are up against.

Renee Larson
Barton City

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Public Notice

The Annual Meeting for the Vaughn Lake Special Assessment District for aquatic weed control for lake front property owners will be held at the Glennie United Methodist Church (M-65) on October 8th, 2020 during the regular scheduled board meeting.

Teresa J Perkins, Curtis Township Clerk

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The Pocket Park committee is pleased to announce that construction of the park, including the laying of stone pavers *will* begin in the spring. The project is just short of its goal for this phase. Your help is needed to help keep on schedule.

The central walkway will consist of 4 x 8-inch or 8 x 8-inch stone pavers that have been purchased by individuals and will be engraved to their specifications.

The deadline to purchase a paver for the initial installation is December 31.

Contact Becky Bean for information on how you can order a paver.
989-724-6569
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Local Notes



Virtual Programs

Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning (SSLL) has two virtual programs planned each month through December. The programs encompass a range of topics related to history, health, mystery and culture aimed to enhance the lives of the participants. New programs will be offered each month. All will be accessible online at sunrisesidell.com or ioscoarenaclibrary.org. They are free and open to the public. SSLL is working with the Iosco Arenac District Library to provide these programs.

• **“Bottled Goodbyes”** will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. Bottled messages have been floating ashore for hundreds of years, since the first waterproof containers were created. Historian Ric Mixter will share some of the most famous bottled goodbyes ever recovered, including two bottles from the Christmas Tree Ship, lost on Lake Michigan. Link to: <https://www.gotomeet.me/SunriseSideLL/bottled-goodbyes-with-ric-mixter> or dial in using your phone: 1-872-240-3212 Access Code: 456-981-325.

• **“Meet Mae West”** will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Who was Mae West, really? She shattered box office records and public sensibilities. She rocketed from Broadway to

become the highest paid actress in Hollywood. She scandalized the censors, yet she was an icon. She rescued bankrupt studios and created stars. Meet the woman behind the wit. Link to Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/99090928620?pwd=-MnRFdStzNnQwY0lYYXYvaVdGZnR0dz09>. Passcode: 890023.

Local Voter Information

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Northeast Michigan will continue to register voters at Alpena Community College, outdoors by the Besser Tech Center door near the parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. This is for students and members of the public to receive nonpartisan voter information or help with voter registration.

The League provides non-partisan information to voters from now until the November 3 election by providing online candidate forums, local and state voter guides, and access to Vote411.org.

• Candidate Forums for Alpena and Alcona Counties can be viewed on the LWV Northeast Michigan face book page (<https://www.facebook.com/lwvalpena>) until November 3.

• The LWV Michigan has produced printed State Voter Guides from the material taken from the LWV state [Vote 411](https://Vote411.org) site. These guides list all the candidates from the state offices for contested races, including the candidates for judicial positions and candidates in races for state university boards.

The local league has produced a local print voter guide with information about candidates for contested races in

Alcona, Alpena, and Presque Isle counties. They can be picked up at Alpena Community College Library at a table outside the library and at Alcona County Library in Harrisville.

• Voters can learn about their individual ballot choices and other election information by accessing Vote411.org. Candidates, their backgrounds, and their responses to questions on issues are on Vote411.org. In addition to candidate information for each voter’s specific ballot, Vote411.org lists information such as ballot proposals, polling places, registration information and state and federal candidates.

The League of Women Voters provides nonpartisan information and neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party.

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face to face class may have to be canceled. “Saying there is a shortage of substitute teachers is an understatement. We have been able to get a few college students who are taking courses online and have enough credits to substitute teach. We are hopeful, but it’s not enough. We are worried we might have a few days of remote learning simply because we don’t have a substitute teacher. There are a lot of dynamics in play this year,” O’Connor said.

O’Connor was extremely happy the district was able to add ionization units to the heating, venting, air-conditioning (HVAC) systems that were recently installed, thanks to sinking fund millage monies. “The ionization units help filter any airborne elements that can make people sick, that’s a pretty amazing piece which will offer a solution to get us through COVID-19 as well as long term to keep students as healthy as possible,” O’Connor said.

He explained classes this year are unlike years past when students were able to take physical education (PE) classes. “PE is not strongly recommended at this point, but students are still getting active. We can do some things in the gym and the students are getting outside with their classroom teacher. We just have to do things differently is all,” O’Connor said.

Recently, a new ruling

came from the Governor stating all children attending face to face instruction will need to wear a mask throughout the day which began on Monday, Oct. 5. Up until then, it was only mandatory for young students to wear a mask when they were in hallways, common areas and on the bus.

O’Connor said having young students in a mask all day will be difficult and they have been working to prepare families and students for the change. He had hoped they would avoid the masks by social distancing with small class sizes, keeping students in one classroom with little exposure to anyone else besides one or possibly two teachers and all the sanitizing protocols in place.

O’Connor was very grateful the school reached October without a positive case of COVID-19 and said everyone was doing their part in the effort to keep the virus at bay.

“The staff and the students have been amazing so far. There has been a lot of changes and the students have been resilient and positive. I think they are happy to be back with their peers and are willing to make sacrifices to make that happen. Hopefully, we will have a good year with as few interruptions as possible and we can keep everyone safe and healthy,” O’Connor said.

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- Brenda Weaver

Source: wikipedia.org

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Helping seniors recognize fake news and propoganda

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any resources that you know of that can help seniors detect fake news? My 75-year-old mother shares a lot of misinformation with her family and friends that she sees on Facebook. I've talked to her about it, but for some reason she has a difficult time deciphering real news from fake news and propoganda.

Frustrated Daughter

Dear Frustrated,
Unfortunately, the digital misinformation problem your mom is experiencing is not uncommon. According to researchers from Princeton and New York University, people aged 65 and older are up to seven times more likely to share fake news and dubious links on social media than their younger counterparts.

Why? There are several theories. The first is that many seniors started using social media sites like Facebook only within the past five or six years and may lack the digi-

tal literacy skills to identify false or misleading content.

Some other possible theories are that most seniors experience some cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes. Many older Americans also suffer from chronic loneliness which can cause them to share misinformation as an attempt to make connections with other people. And studies have shown that older people are generally more trusting than younger generations, which can make them more gullible.

All this is particularly concerning now as we sit in the midst of a global health pandemic and a 2020 election season, both of which are ripe with misinformation, rumors and conspiracy theories. And seniors are prime targets of this false/misleading information because they are much more likely to vote than their younger cohorts and are much more vulnerable to getting sick and dying if they contract COVID-19.

Where to Get Help

To help your mom detect and combat online misinformation there are several great resources she can turn to that offer free courses and tips.

- One is MediaWise for Seniors, a project of the Poynter Institute, which offers two free online courses to help seniors detect and combat online misinformation – see Poynter.org/mediawise-for-seniors.

The first four-week course has already filled, but your mom can still enroll in a self-directed course called “Hands-On Lessons to Separate Fact and Fiction Online.” It is hosted by Christiane Amanpour and Joan Lunden, and is scheduled to begin September 24, but she can take the course anytime.

In addition, Poynter has worked with AARP to produce Fact Tracker interactive videos and a webinar on spotting and filtering misinformation at AARP.org/facttracker.

- Some other free course options you should look into include Senior Planet, which is offering a one-hour online course on “How to Spot Fake News” at SeniorPlanet.org.

- The News Literacy Project that provides the Checkology virtual classroom, which was initially created for middle and high school students, is now offering an independent learners option that is ideal for older adults – see Get.Checkology.org. Their lessons will help your mom detect the difference between news, opinion and propoganda.

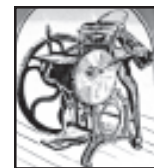
- And Coursera, a free world-wide online learning platform, which offers an in-depth six-week course called “Making Sense of the News: News Literacy Lessons for Digital Citizens,” which she can access at Coursera.org/learn/news-literacy.

- There are also many good websites, like PolitiFact.com, Snopes.com and FactCheck.org that will let your mom fact check a story to help her

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Rogers City slips by Alcona in overtime

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team faced off against Rogers City for the second time in three weeks last Friday. The host Tigers hoped to avenge a close loss from two weeks prior, but Rogers City found the end zone on a fourth down play in overtime and handed the Tigers an 18-12 loss.

"This team is giving it their all to try to get over the hump," said head coach Jason Somers. "They fought hard and they were very frustrated and heartbroken."

Both teams scored touchdowns in the second quarter to make it 6-6 at the half, and both squads also found pay dirt in the fourth, making the score 12-12 entering overtime.

The Tigers had the first possession in OT, but couldn't find the end zone on a short fourth down play. Conversely, Rogers City, facing a fourth down five yards from the end zone, scampered in for the

game-winner.

"We are very similar in enrollment of students and number of players," Somers said of another close game against Rogers City. "That makes a big difference when you're talking about high school football. Our teams are in the same boat for preparation and injuries hurt both teams just the same."

Leading the way for Alcona in the loss was Gavin Walker who had 70 yards rushing on 25 carries. Zach Stephenson ran 15 times for 69 yards and a score. Stephenson also had a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Sytek.

On defense, Collin Walker, Logan Zuchowski and Stephenson had seven tackles apiece.

"We expanded our offense

this week and at times looked pretty good, however with all new things there are some kinks that need to be addressed," Somers said. "The defense has been playing pretty well, they only allowed one touchdown in regulation and shut them out in two quarters. We just need to get off the field on third and fourth and long."

Alcona (0-3 overall, 0-1 NSL) hosts East Jordan (2-1) in a non-league game on Friday, Oct. 9. The Red Devils are coming off a 30-6 win over St. Ignace last week. The Tigers came up short in last year's meeting between the teams, 20-6.

"We have to play mistake-free football and take advantage of what we do best," Somers said.

Tigers drop soccer game at Tawas

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona was able to draw first blood in its road non-conference soccer game at Tawas last Thursday. The Braves responded with four unanswered goals however, and sent the Tigers home with a 4-1 loss.

Alcona took a lead in the opening minutes thanks to a goal by Tim Jamieson, though Tawas was able to tie the game in the 15th minute.

With eight minutes left to play before the half, the Braves took a 2-1 lead as they converted a penalty kick attempt.

Tawas made it 3-1 10 minutes into the second half and iced the game by netting a goal in the 65th minute.

Caleb Kamischke had a busy evening in goal, making several saves.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Tigers lost a North Star

League contest at Oscoda, 5-2.

The Owls netted the first goal of the game just minutes into the contest, but Alcona tied the game on a Joel Steiner goal on a free kick from about 40 yards out.

Oscoda booted in a pair of goals before the half however, giving it a 3-1 lead at the break.

The Owls extended their lead to 5-1 in the second half, with Jamieson scoring a goal with seven minutes left to play.

Kamischke had 18 saves in goal.

"Everyone on this young team is looking better and better every game," said head coach Brendan Nelson.

Alcona (2-11 overall, 1-2 NSL) was at Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, Oct. 5, hosted W-P on Tuesday, Oct. 6, hosts Alpena on Saturday, Oct. 10 and wraps up NSL play on Monday, Oct. 12 at Fairview.

Alcona runners compete in Fairview

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona sent five runners to compete in the third North Star League jamboree in Fairview on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

In the boys race, Carter Upper came in seventh with a time of 21:33 and Fallon Hux was 15th at 24:43.

On the girls side, Sara Decker ran to a fifth place finish on a time of 24:06, Karen Sharboneau came in seventh on a run of 25:22 and Janae Kierzek finished 10th on a run of 33:08.

"All athletes competed well," said head coach Tammy Nelson. "Cole Upper finished first (12:58) for middle school boys, making it his second, first place finish in the three league meets thus far. Looking forward to watching these athletes compete in their final league meet."

Alcona competed in the final jamboree at Fairview on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Lady Tigers sweep Atlanta and Fairview

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team dominated visiting Atlanta last Thursday night. The Lady Tigers, hosting the Lady Huskies in a North Star League battle, came out with a straight sets win, 25-18, 25-7 and 25-16.

"The girls worked well together," said head coach Kristi Miller. "Arianna Realis had an excellent game, which resulted in many strong plays from Lily Bilbey and Rachel Layton. Caroline Forsythe really stepped up and hustled on defense. They started the day strong and finished strong. It is important we stay focused and continue these efforts."

Leading the team's attack was Bilbey with 13 kills while Layton had nine digs and Forsythe had four aces.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29 Alcona won a road NSL game at Fairview, 25-12, 25-17 and 25-12.

"We displayed much more consistent play all-around

and maintained great energy," Miller said. "We must continue working hard to strengthen our skills and team dynamics."

Bilbey led the team with nine kills, Ashlyn Gordy served up seven aces and Layton added eight digs.

On Thursday, Sept. 24 the Lady Tigers hosted NSL foe Oscoda, but came up short 25-13, 25-18 and 25-20.

"Oscoda was fired up and executed well," Miller said. "We really needed to match their energy and play tough defensively. At times, we made strong plays but we failed to be as consistent as we needed to be all around. Rachel really stepped up and we need to count on her to bring that intensity every time we hit the court."

Layton finished with nine kills, eight digs and two aces.

Alcona was at Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, hosts Posen on Thursday, Oct. 8 and makes the trip to Hale on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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Chamber engages local business activity

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite COVID-19 shut-downs and event cancellations, one organization has continued working hard for its members -- the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Ben Dietrich, president of the chamber of commerce, said this year has certainly been different from years past, but the organization has never lost sight of its mission to advance the economic and socio-economic well-being of Alcona County.

"It's been an interesting year and completely different from what we have done in the past because of COVID-19. Early in the year (as businesses were being shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions), we were helping our members navigate the situation by offering best practice advice on how they could deal with it in their business. We also helped to find them different grants available to assist them financially. We couldn't do much for them other than offer resources to keep them going," Dietrich said.

Normally, the chamber of commerce spends the bulk of summer holding events and promoting member business, however, this summer most events were canceled.

Dietrich explained the chamber normally meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., but even those got interrupted. The group is back to having meetings again and the next meeting will be at the Alcona Brew House on October 14.

Because it is an indoor meeting, they are asking only chamber of commerce business members or prospective business members attend the meeting so they can keep socially distanced. The current board members include Dietrich, vice president Rich Gillies, secretary Monica Spears, treasurer Christy Holmes and trustees Ed Toombs, Sandy Arens, and Mark Kovachevich.

He explained the chamber is there to promote not only any business in the Alcona County area, but it also pro-

motes organizations. "Not only are we trying to improve local business, but the whole community in general," Dietrich said.

This year, to help support members through the shut-downs, the chamber reduced annual dues to half the cost for any business that wanted to join. "Our dues have not changed for many years, we will be increasing dues to \$120 for our next fiscal year which begins May 1, (2021)," Dietrich said.

The benefits of being a member of the chamber are worth the investment according to Dietrich because the chamber promotes businesses directly. He has been serving the community through his office at Harrisville Eye Care for several years and people still don't know he is there and open for business.

"They drive by my office every single day and never notice it. With the chamber, people can go to the website or look at the literature and see what businesses are here in the area and where they are. That was one of our big jobs we got done last year was updating and improving our website to promote local businesses better," Dietrich said.

The chamber has about 61 members and is hoping to grow that number next year by making sure all points of Alcona County, not just Harrisville businesses, are recognized as well as home business operations and organizations throughout the county.

"We are trying hard to do more events throughout the county and entice more members from other areas, not just Harrisville. We need more members and more ideas. It's a challenge," Dietrich said. He said last year just before the shutdowns occurred the chamber had a membership mixer that was a big success in getting business owners mingling with others in the community. He hopes to be able to do that again next March.

Since so many businesses and events in the community have been impacted by the threat of COVID-19, the

chamber is holding a new type of event to attract customers called Check out Alcona's Fall. The event begins Saturday, Oct. 10 and will continue through the end of the month.

Chamber secretary Monica Spears explained participating businesses will have an Autumn check-in area. "From the ninth until the end of October chamber businesses will be decorating areas enticing customers to enjoy Alcona County in the fall. Customers are welcome to take a selfie at the business and post it using the hashtag, #CheckoutAlconasfall.

"If a customer checks into three or more participating businesses their name will be entered to win a gift from the chamber," Spears said. Participating businesses include Alcona Brew Haus, Craftmakers' Cabin, Harrisville Eye Care, Harrisville Harbor Grocery, Harrisville Laundry, Hollyhock Emporium and more. For a complete list of participating businesses visit the chamber's website.

Dietrich said the annual Christmas in the Village is still being planned, although it might look a little different than in years past. "Instead of many vendors being placed inside Maria Hall we are looking at several different locations to space them and the shoppers out more. Of course, we will still be offering horse-drawn carriage rides through Harrisville," he said. The event is held annually on the first Saturday of December.

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce first began helping business owners in 1976 when it was incorporated as the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce. Chamber trustee Rich Gillies said he became involved with it just after he got out of college in 1977.

For more information on the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce or to become a member, visit the website at alconacountyChamberofcommerce.com or stop by the office located inside the Harbortown Marketplace on Main Street in Harrisville.

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dence in the accuracy of Michigan's 2020 Census count.

"The survey of 1,342 local government officials found that those somewhat confident in the census dropped from 56 percent to 51 percent, and those who are not very confident or not at all confident increased from 30 percent to 34 percent over last year, said Thomas Ivacko, the executive director of the university's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy.

The survey didn't ask the reasons for the low confidence, Ivacko said. He assumed that lack of broadband Internet access might be the key issue for people in rural northern counties.

Suspicion of the government is one reason people don't respond, according to other experts. "In general, people believe that the government is too nosy, and this information should be private," said Joan

Gustafson, a leader of the Be Counted Michigan 2020 Census campaign. "Lack of understanding the importance of the census is also a leading factor for ignoring to be counted."

Gustafson, an external affairs officer with the Michigan Nonprofit Association, said that neighborhoods and communities trust nonprofit organizations more than the government. That's why her organization is helping explain the importance of the census.

The political consequences of undercounting Michigan residents are high as the census determines the distribution of the country's 435 congressional seats, she said. "Michigan lost two seats over the last two censuses and we are at risk of another seat at this time, which means Michiganders will have fewer representatives in Washington D.C., who protect their interests," she said.

Detroit had only a 50.5 percent self-response rate as of September 28, while the other southern cities in Michigan self-responded up to 80 percent, according to the Statewide Census office.

"The reason why the response rate in Detroit is so low is that up to 100,000 house units out of all 380,000 residential addresses that filled in census data are vacant," said Victoria Kovari, the Detroit 2020 Census Campaign's executive director. "When the U.S. Census Bureau recalculates the response rate based on only occupied addresses after all field operations are finished, Detroit's response rate should definitely go up, as they take out all of these vacant addresses."

Kovari said that the campaign has spent close to \$1 million to place ads in social, digital and traditional media to promote the importance of the census to communities since January. "We have done over 100 events to get people to sign up for the census since June," she said. "We have hired 12 community groups to do canvassing in Detroit areas of low response, and they have knocked almost 300,000 doors in the city of Detroit."

Kovari said that another reason for a low confidence rate is fewer employees in the U.S. Census Bureau. "A decade ago, Detroit had five census offices and this year we have only one," she said. "The regional office for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana states was in Detroit, but now it's in Chicago."

"All of these factors have made counting challenging and led to an increase in people's lack of confidence in census accuracy," she said.

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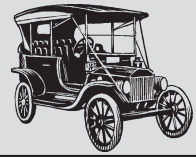
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Sam Pizer honored at open house

October 8, 1970 ~ Sunday, October 4, between the hours of 2:30 and 5:00 p. m., Mr. Sam Pizer was honored guest at an open house sponsored by the Alcona County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6466 and their Auxiliary, at the Vets Club in Harrisville. This program was a recognition of "what a good citizen

Cutting box explodes; man's arm nearly severed

William Quance Victim of Bad Accident at Carter's Farm

October 7, 1920 ~ William Quance was the victim Tuesday of a terrible accident which may cost him his left arm.

While running a silo filler at W. H. Carter's farm the ensilage cutter exploded and a piece of the flying iron struck Quance in the forearm. Both bones were shattered and the arm was cut about half off. He was rushed to Dr. Miller's hospital where he is now doing as well as can be expected. Every effort is being made to save the arm, but the outcome will be in doubt for some time.

The cause of the explosion is thought to be either over speeding of the machinery of striking of the knives on a hard object. The broken parts flew with great force in all directions and other workmen had narrow escapes. Quance himself did not know how badly he was hit and shut down the racing engine after the accident happened.

Several camping trailers damaged

October 8, 1970 ~ The Alcona County Sheriff's Department received reports Sunday night, of the malicious destruction to several camping trailers which were parked in the Alcona County Park, located in Curtis Township.

Deputies said five windows were broken out in one of the campers and at least one window in each of the other four. Investigating officers believe the damage was caused by juveniles throwing stones.

CryptoQuip answer

If a couple of cooing birds tied you up and dragged you off, you would be pigeon-towed.

means," always ready to serve his community and the people around him. Therefore to Mr. Pizer we give thanks.

With him was his entire family, Charles, his wife Molly and their two daughters, Cecile and Barbara, and Lawrence and his wife Ruth, and their two daughters, Ann and Sandy, and Sandy's husband, Arnold Adler and their two children, Marge and Mike.

Seated at the table of honor was Mr. Pizer and his family, Warren Wanzer, Commander of Post 6466 and Mrs. Merle McArthur, president of the Auxiliary, and Judge J. Russell Hughes, Master of Ceremonies.

It was the pleasure of Mrs. McArthur to present a beautiful traveler's clock to Mr. Pizer, engraved with his name and the date. Mr. Wanzer then spoke and thanked the people for taking their time to attend something so important as a recognition program.

Music was furnished by Miss Susan Armstrong. Coffee, tea and homemade cookies were served from a lovely refreshment table, throughout the afternoon.

Many friends attended to wish Mr. Pizer many more years of "health and happiness in his travels and here at home."

October 11, 1995 ~ By Rich Mills

It was everything everyone said it was going to be - two very good, hard hitting, well coached, Class C football teams battling for four quarters.

Unfortunately for Alcona, the visitors for Rogers City did what they had to do to win the game. They beat Alcona 20-14.

The Friday night battle was close all the way. The difference for Rogers City was their scrambling quarterback, Marty Madsen and the fact they played almost error-free football (only one 5 yard penalty).

It was a heartbreaking homecoming loss for Alcona. Everyone from head Coach, Bob Petrovich on down wanted this one.

A win and the path to the playoffs would have been reasonably clear. The Tigers can still go to the playoffs, but large boulders in the form of Boyne City and Whittemore have to be moved out of the path.

Alcona's season record is now 4-2 and 3-1 in the conference. Rogers City is 5-1; they are tied with the Tigers in the conference at 3-1. Whittemore-Prescott leads the Lake Huron Division with a 4-0 record.

Prior to Friday night's

game, Alcona was ranked third in the Class C region 1 playoff rankings. Rogers City was sixth. That will change this week.

This week's opponent, Boyne city, was ranked third in the larger Class CC rankings. The undefeated Ramblers (6-0) beat Charlevoix last week, 16-8.

With Queen Megan Currell and King Jason Somers reigning over the festivities, Alcona got on the scoreboard first.

After stopping the Hurons on the Tiger four yard line, Alcona drove the length of the field to score. Sean Seabase went one yard off left tackle at the 10:22 mark of the second quarter.

Five minutes later, the Hurons went ahead 8-6. Helped by two costly Tiger penalties and the scrambling Madsen, Rogers City scored when Madsen found his brother Corey with a scoring strike.

But Alcona came right back. With Robert Strittmatter and Jim Effrick blocking up front Ian Healy scored a six yard touchdown with only 30 seconds left in the half. Neil Seabase's two point conversion run gave Alcona a 14-8 lead at the intermission.

At that point, things looked good for Petrovich and his Tigers. Alcona was control-

ling the line of scrimmage. Not the case in the second half.

After a short Alcona kick-off, the Hurons moved 55 yards to score with 7:20 left in the quarter to tie the score at 14-14.

The Tigers came right back. They moved all the way to the Huron 12 yard line before being stopped on a fourth and two running play. Back came the Hurons. Mounting a 84 yard scoring drive, the Hurons went ahead 20-14 with 7:41 left in the game. Most of Rogers City's yardage came off the left side of the line as they stuck to an effective ball control ground game.

The Hurons beat Alcona at their own game, falling on the football on the ensuing kick-off. The Tigers did not get the ball back until the 3:09 mark and the clock ran out with Alcona at midfield.

Ian Healy led Alcona rushes with 129 yards in 16 carries. The talented senior also intercepted a Huron pass and had a quarterback sack.

Defensively, Neil Seabase had 17 tackles. Jim Effrick with 16, Robert Strittmatter 15 and Sean Seabase 14, all played well.

The dejected Tigers must now regroup. This is a special group of youngsters so do not underestimate their dedication to going to the playoffs.

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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. 27	74	58	0.00	4.0	24	SW
Sept. 28	59	52	1.08	1.0	12	NNW
Sept. 29	62	46	0.03	2.2	21	SW
Sept. 30	58	45	0.06	1.7	14	WSW
Oct. 1	59	42	0.26	2.1	15	NNE
Oct. 2	49	39	0.00	3.0	20	NNE
Oct. 3	51	38	0.00	1.5	9	NW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2020	2019	Normal			
Weekly Total	1.43	0.73	0.56			
Month of September	1.33	2.22	2.80			
October to Date	0.26	0.60	0.32			
Year to Date	18.38	17.09	22.48			

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:** Which modern city was originally named Byzantium?
2. **AD SLOGANS:** Which national company's slogan is "We'll leave a light on for you"?
3. **ANATOMY:** Which bone are babies born without?
4. **HISTORY:** Which European monarch was known as the "Sun King"?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is Samhain?
6. **MEDICAL TERMS:** What is the condition formally known as diastema?
7. **ART:** Which famous painting is also known as "La Gioconda"?
8. **LITERATURE:** Where does Winnie-the-Pooh live with his friends?
9. **MUSIC:** Which country is the rock group AC/DC from?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary ingredient in traditional hummus?

Answers: 1. Istanbul, Turkey; 2. Motel 6; 3. Kneecaps, which develop after birth; 4. Louis XIV of France; 5. A Gaelic festival Oct. 31-Nov. 1 celebrating the end of the harvest and beginning of winter; 6. A noticeable gap between two teeth; 7. Mona Lisa; 8. Hundred Acre Wood; 9. Australia; 10. Chickpeas (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Renounces the throne</p> <p>10 Hexa- plus two</p> <p>14 Best results possible</p> <p>20 Right Guard, e.g.</p> <p>21 Oom- (polka sounds)</p> <p>22 Drink of beer after a shot</p> <p>23 2014 Oscar show host</p> <p>25 In a position facing</p> <p>26 Standing in good —</p> <p>27 "Put it — tab"</p> <p>28 Tiny charge carrier</p> <p>29 In times past</p> <p>30 Grazing site</p> <p>32 Sociologist who coined "survival of the fittest"</p> <p>36 La-la lead-in</p> <p>39 Mushroom variety</p> <p>41 Tavern</p> <p>42 Author and activist on Alabama's state quarter</p> <p>45 Little — (tots)</p> <p>46 Appends</p> | <p>50 Egg shapes</p> <p>51 Get defeated</p> <p>52 "Kapow!"</p> <p>54 Bar garnish</p> <p>55 Kosovo citizen</p> <p>56 LXX / X</p> <p>57 He wrote "He's Just You" with Liz Tuccillo</p> <p>61 Ticklish red Muppet</p> <p>62 Dawn direction</p> <p>64 A, in Argentina</p> <p>65 Part of many German names</p> <p>66 Suffix with lion or seer</p> <p>67 Player of Colonel Klink on "Hogan's Heroes"</p> <p>72 — -pitch</p> <p>75 "The Catch" network</p> <p>76 Wedded</p> <p>77 Verve</p> <p>78 Verge</p> <p>82 "The Pink Panther" co-star</p> <p>86 "— you with me?"</p> <p>87 End a flight</p> <p>88 Bird-related</p> <p>89 Tahiti, par exemple</p> | <p>90 Posterior</p> <p>92 Egyptian peninsula</p> <p>93 Vapor</p> <p>94 Guitar's kin, for short</p> <p>96 Longtime "What's My Line?" panelist</p> <p>98 Amer. body with 100 members</p> <p>102 "Aladdin" figure</p> <p>103 Cagey</p> <p>104 1965-66 poet laureate</p> <p>108 Chichi retreat</p> <p>110 Coop cackler</p> <p>111 PC key</p> <p>112 Mani- —</p> <p>113 "There Is Nothin' Like —"</p> <p>117 Not tardy</p> <p>119 "Nurse Betty" star</p> <p>124 Vexes</p> <p>125 A hat hides it</p> <p>126 Deviations</p> <p>127 Drive home</p> <p>128 Finds to be refined</p> <p>129 Small-stakes poker</p> | <p>4 Utopian</p> <p>5 Denounces</p> <p>6 Ending for dull or drunk</p> <p>7 — kwon do</p> <p>8 Mem. of the U.K.</p> <p>9 Canonized Fr. woman</p> <p>10 Where drinks are on the host</p> <p>11 Monterey County city</p> <p>12 "— playing our song"</p> <p>13 Balking beast</p> <p>14 Ink-squirting sea creature</p> <p>15 Gives a ring</p> <p>16 "I taut I — a pudgy tat!"</p> <p>17 Newton who was knighted</p> <p>18 Come together</p> <p>19 Enthusiasm</p> <p>24 —'easter (storm type)</p> <p>28 Currently has the stage</p> <p>31 Just fine</p> <p>32 Hint-offering columnist</p> <p>33 Architectural add-ons</p> <p>34 Twiddled digit</p> <p>35 Zora — Hurston</p> | <p>36 The ones there</p> <p>37 Make merry</p> <p>38 Make fearful</p> <p>40 Trust</p> <p>43 Bodily joint</p> <p>44 Brain wave test, for short</p> <p>47 Sup stylishly</p> <p>48 Blockbuster rented them</p> <p>49 Places</p> <p>52 Nota —</p> <p>53 Top competitive effort, informally</p> <p>54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett</p> <p>56 "Live" and "learn," e.g.</p> <p>58 Shah or czar</p> <p>59 She played Miss Brooks</p> <p>60 Lena of song</p> <p>63 Gremlin's kin</p> <p>68 Be worthy of</p> <p>69 Bodily joint</p> <p>70 Appointment calendar</p> <p>71 Vestige</p> <p>72 Inbox junk</p> <p>73 Jeans-maker Strauss</p> <p>74 Big elevator name</p> <p>79 Copenhagen citizens</p> <p>80 Make twisty</p> <p>81 Uplift morally</p> | <p>83 Devour</p> <p>84 Claims on property</p> <p>85 That miss</p> <p>91 "Bus Stop" playwright William</p> <p>92 Move aside</p> <p>94 Of no help</p> <p>95 Smallville's Clark</p> <p>96 Drinking spree</p> <p>97 "— the season to be jolly"</p> <p>99 Dishonors</p> <p>100 Emerge</p> <p>101 — -weenie</p> <p>104 Bazaar units</p> <p>105 Creed part</p> <p>106 PC key</p> <p>107 Fritz out</p> <p>109 Writer — Rogers St. Johns</p> <p>114 Not "fer"</p> <p>115 Come together</p> <p>116 Irish Gaelic tongue</p> <p>118 "— done it!"</p> <p>119 Frat letter</p> <p>120 Electric jolt</p> <p>121 Ending for ethyl</p> <p>122 Chaney of old chillers</p> <p>123 Run after K</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Oct. 11, 1793, the death toll from a yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia hits 100. By the time it ended, 5,000 people were dead. A vaccine now prevents yellow fever in much of the world, though 20,000 people still die from it every year.

- On Oct. 5, 1892, the Dalton Gang attempts the simultaneous daylight robbery of two Coffeyville, Kansas, banks, but are surrounded by townspeople, who kill every gang member except for Emmett Dalton. Emmett was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Paroled after 14 years, he ended up as a screenwriter in Hollywood.

- On Oct. 8, 1918, U.S. Army Cpl. Alvin C. York reportedly kills over 20 German soldiers and captures an additional 132 in France. The exploits earned York the Congressional Medal of Honor.

- On Oct. 6, 1926, Yankee slugger Babe Ruth hits a record three home runs against the St. Louis Cardinals in the fourth game of the World Series. In 1928, in the fourth game of another Yanks-Cards World Series, he knocked three more pitches out of the same park.

- On Oct. 9, 1942, Chicago bootlegger Roger "The Terrible" Touhy escapes from prison by climbing the guard's tower. Touhy, who had been framed for kidnapping, was serving a 99-year sentence. He was recaptured months later.

- On Oct. 7, 1975, a New York State Supreme Court judge reverses a deportation order for John Lennon, allowing him to remain legally in New York City. The order against Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, were based on a 1968 marijuana conviction in England.

- On Oct. 10, 1985, the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro ends when U.S. Navy F-14 fighters intercept an Egyptian airliner attempting to fly the Palestinian hijackers to freedom. On Oct. 7, heavily armed terrorists had hijacked the ship and 400 crewmembers and passengers.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In early 2016, a 155-year-old mousetrap caught a mouse in a British museum. The trap was part of the exposition and hadn't even been considered operational for a long time.

- Bill Nye the Science Guy holds a patent for ballet pointe shoes.

- Some odd things have been sold online, but an entire country? Yep, a fellow from Brisbane, Australia, tried to sell New Zealand on eBay in 2006! The site closed the auction at a top bid of \$3,000.

- A mental phenomenon called the Troxler effect, discovered in 1804, causes people to see monsters in mirrors -- whether they say "bloody Mary" three times or not.

- In order to prevent Boggle players from using a certain swear word, the letters F and K appear only once on the same cube, making it impossible for them to both be played at the same time.

- In 1987, Steve Rothstein paid \$250,000 for a lifetime unlimited first-class American Airlines ticket, even hopping on planes to get a sandwich or go to a baseball game in other cities. It cost American Airlines around \$21 million, and they unsurprisingly ended his contract in 2008.

- A full 12% of sighted people dream exclusively in black and white.

- Levi's once made an all-denim tuxedo for singer Bing Crosby after he was refused admittance to a hotel simply for wearing jeans.

- Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

- Anakin Skywalker/Darth Vader meets six of the nine diagnostic criteria for Borderline Personality Disorder. Five are sufficient for a diagnosis.

Thought for the Day: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." -- Andy McIntyre

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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: R equals G

KG N SWYLHQ WG SWWKVR IKZJU

EKQJ OWY YL NVJ JZNRQJ OWY

WGG, OWY DWYHJ IQ LKRQWV-

EWDQJ.

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 Date: October 7, 2020
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