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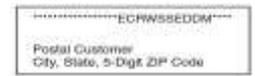
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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER -- OCTOBER 2017

Comfy sweaters, warm drinks and beautiful colors, I love the season of Fall. The weekend activities for Fall Festival were enjoyed by all who attended. Whether its live music and a rummage sale at the Opera House, watching the competitors in the Fun Run or the parade downtown and seeing people you haven't seen for a while, events like this bring a community together. A special thank you to the Harrington School and the students who swept sidewalks, cleaned windows, pulled weeds and picked up trash before the event. Some of the windows of storefronts also had amazing Panther paintings on them by local artists to showcase pride in the community. People strolled through the vendors at the City Park enjoying some food, treats, drinks and more. The sound of the engines roaring at the 4x4 Mudfest offered some ambiance while onlookers could enjoy a cold adult beverage at the Beer Garden. To end the festivities in the park, there was a huge raffle put on by the Lions Club with many local businesses and residents donating prizes. Overall the feedback received was all positive about Harrington and that is what counts. The Chamber would like to thank everyone who was involved in all that went into Fall Festival. You help keep the community together.

For those of you who have not seen the newly refinished City amenities signs in town, I draw your attention to these now. One is up at its original location at the Grange Cenex gas station along the fence, with the other being in its brand new location north of the cemetery on Tokio Rd. The visibility of these signs and what Harrington has to offer to travelers is vital to a rural community.

A special thank you is in order to the Lions Club for the install of

the sign by the cemetery. The Harrington PTA has also stepped up by organizing and facilitating donations of relief survival kits needed by those affected recently with the hurricanes. Several local organizations made donations including the PTA, way to go Harrington! The Harrington PTA along with the HOHS are putting on a Holiday Bazaar on December 2nd this year from 11am-5pm with pictures with Santa, holiday shopping, entertainment food, festivities as well as Christmas tree lighting. See enclosed flier for more details. On another note, make sure you head down and check out the new "hot food menu" items for sale at the Harrington Food Mart. Now serving chicken strips, jojos potato wedges, corndogs, pizza pockets, burritos and an "early riser".

Halloween is another time of the year for community involvement. The 6th Annual PTA Carnival was a success. It was great fun for the whole family with games, crafts, food, photo booth for pictures, face painting, a bounce house and of course candy. Halloween night saw many trick or treaters around town in all their costumes and the Harrington Nazarene Church coordinated a "trunk or treat".

HARRINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

For the member owned - publicly played golf course and café, the 2017 season had times of frustration and elation. Membership is a quarter of what it used to be due to attrition and few new members joining. With fewer members whose dues pay the bills and maintenance costs, 2017 was going to be a short season. However, many people came to help in this financial need. Some members made substantial contributions and others became "friends of the course". Without these funds the golf course would have shut down in August for the season. Thank you to all for helping. *(Over for more)*

The café had a record year thanks mostly to the two work crews in town working on the streets this summer. Thank you to the community for patience in waiting during those busy lunch hours. The maintenance on the course started with a crew of two and quickly went to a one man crew. Eric worked diligently with a number of volunteers to keep the course in tip-top shape. Thank you to all for your patronage, donations, and positive feedback. We are so proud of our course and we know you are too. We are looking forward to another year.

THE POST & OFFICE

A new storefront opened downtown after a full renovation earlier this year. The Slack family (Heather & Justin) took this on and turned it into an amazing place you need to see in person. Check the flier within this mailer “We are happy to be able to offer a place to sit and chat with an old friend, enjoy a coffee, snack or catch up on emails. We are available for meetings & group gatherings with free Wi-Fi and table’s that seat up to 8 people”. They offer coffee, tea, smoothies, snacks as well as grab and go food if you are on the run. Stop by for a visit, they would love to have you. Hours of operation are Tuesday – Friday from 8am-1pm and 3pm-5pm as well as Saturday from 8am-3pm. The Post & Office



is also hosting a “pop up” event on November 11th featuring two local businesses. Come down starting at 10am for the Rusty Milkhouse Holiday Market. The Rusty Lark and the Milkhouse Market have teamed up to showcase their talents in repurposing and recycling vintage items including furniture and décor. Show them that Harrington supports local business and meet them in person.



THE HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY

This year marked the 25th Anniversary Celebration for the HOHS. A concert by Dr Jody Graves along with a media presentation celebrating the accomplishments over the past 25 years for the HOHS went splendidly. Thank you to all involved over the years. Also this October was a UFO presentation put on by the PDA and the HOHS. Maurene Morgan and Peter Davenport put on the presentation that was well attended and a very intriguing topic to say the least. After the presentation they were also available at the Post & Office to discuss the topic further and share experiences.

MEETINGS

Chamber Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12 noon. We will try to have quarterly meetings in the evening to accommodate those that can't attend during the lunch hour (Date/Time TBD).

We encourage you to attend the meetings as your voice is important

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