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FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK
BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

June has arrived. So has the sun, the fun, the heat, and vacations. Wherever your travels may take you this summer, may they be safe, enjoyable, and make memories that last a lifetime.



Please slow down and watch for the kids playing, those riding bikes, and walkers enjoying the pleasant days ahead. Then there is construction, which is in full swing. Give yourself extra time and be prepared for delays. Please avoid any distractions while driving so that we do not meet by accident.

Thank you for stopping by at our "Lunch on Us" event this past Saturday. We served approximately 600 lunches. It is a rewarding feeling to see how you came out to support those that serve and help. The men and women of HRFD are truly appreciative.

To all the school graduates including children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of our members. They have worked hard and continue to grow as they become young adults. You are our future. In the words of Walt Disney, I share to all the graduates, "All of our dreams

can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." Speaking of our future, the annual HRFD golf outing is back. It will be held on 7/2 at Atwood golf course. Go to www.HRFD-Golf.com. The proceeds from this event are shared with the schools in our district to promote and assist the education experience for the children who are our future.

To all the Dad's I wish you a day of relaxation that is filled with your family on Father's Day. Something I always will remember about my dad which I am honored to share: **My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.**

*A dad is a person, who is loving and kind,
And he often knows what you have on your mind,
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends,
A dad can be one of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient, helpful, and strong.
In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part,
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes you're even more glad, more
Grateful and proud just to call him you're Dad.
Thank you **DAD** for listening and caring, for giving and sharing,
but especially for just being **YOU**.*

Your continuous and generous support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me, this is your fire department. Don't forget to keep up on the progress of your fire department by visiting our website. www.harlemroscoefire.com, we can also be found on Facebook, so go ahead and friend us.

THANK YOU HRFD EMS!!



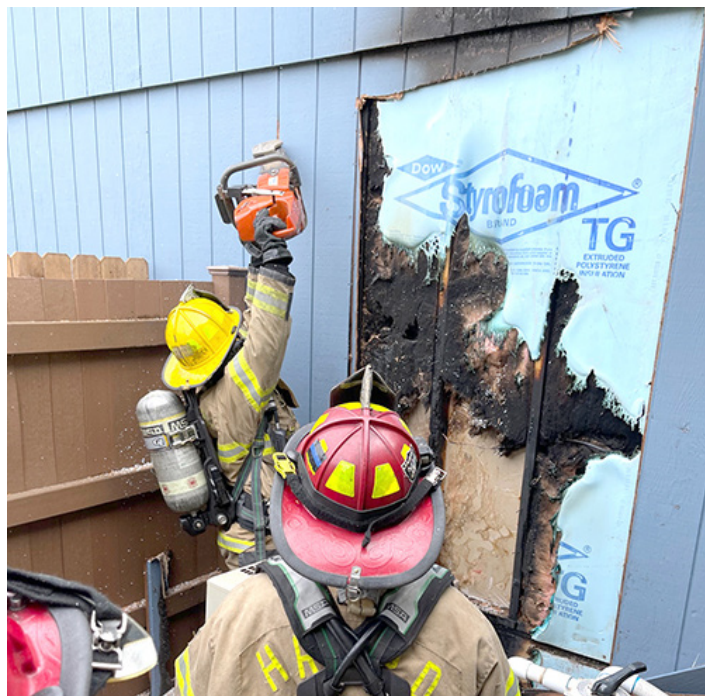
DECK FIRE PHOTOS BY DUTY OFFICERS

Firefighters extinguished a deck fire June 1st on Queen Oaks Dr. The culprit was smoldering embers from a charcoal grill.



POOL HEATER FIRE
PHOTOS BY DUTY OFFICERS

Firefighters extinguished a fire around a pool heater May 16th on Valentine Ct. The outside wall of the home was overhauled checking for fire extension.



CAR FIRE PHOTOS BY DUTY OFFICERS

Firefighters extinguished a car fire on Tipperary Tr. June 5th. No one was injured.





LUNCH IS ON US

PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

The Harlem-Roscoe Firefighters made the decision to not host our annual Spring Dinner due to COVID restrictions.

But we didn't want to go another year with out doing something to Thank You for all your support.

So, we put on a free "Drive Thru Lunch" on June 5th. HRFD personnel and CERT members cooked, packed directed traffic and handed out a lunch

Over 600 lunches were served and it was so great to see everyone that came by!

Check out our FACEBOOK page for more photos!





FIRE PREVENTION
 SUBMITTED BY
 DIVISION CHIEF JAY ALMS

SUMMER IS HERE AGAIN . . .

We hear these warnings every year at this time. We still seem to forget half these warnings:

- Adjust your schedule to deal with the heat.
- Stay hydrated. Alcohol will require additional water or Gatorade-type drinks.
- Use sunscreen, especially in the pool.
- Don't overdo it. Do yard work in moderation.
- We should continue to exercise, in moderation.
- A cool wet towel around your neck can keep you comfortable in the heat.
- Keep an eye on children. Make sure they remain hydrated, are protected from the sun and rest as needed.
- Pets need your attention. Make sure they have shade if outside. Always have cool water. Never leave in cars.
- Always start with a clean grill. Charcoal or propane. Discard hot coals in metal cans away from structures. Charcoal can remain hot for days.
- Bon fires where allowed should have a garden hose nearby.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS . . .

- Clean the coils on your central air conditioner with a garden hose...from the inside out. Bushes and foliage including flowers should be clear of coils to assist in the cooling process.
- Ceiling fans can assist moving cool air when air conditioner is not running.
- Furnace filters need to be clean all year because the same air passes through the filter whether your furnace or air conditioner is running.
- Dehumidifiers can assist in keeping your home cooler, by removing the humidity. Make sure the dehumidifier is UL approved. Keep at least an 18" clearance on all sides of the dehumidifier and clean the filter.
- Close the blinds on the sunny side of the house to help deflect the heat from the sun.
- Dryer vents should be cleaned regularly for more efficient drying.
- Clean the refrigerator grill near the floor on the front and the back with a vacuum.
- When filters are clean and un-restricted appliances run more efficiently and have less chance to overheat.

FIELD FIRE PHOTO BY SHERYL DROST

Firefighters extinguished a small field fire off Swanson Rd. on May 2nd.



FISH TANK FIRE PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

Firefighters quickly extinguished a small fire on Legend Lakes Dr. June 7th. Cause was found to be equipment malfunction on a fish tank. No one was injured.



HOUSE FIRE PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

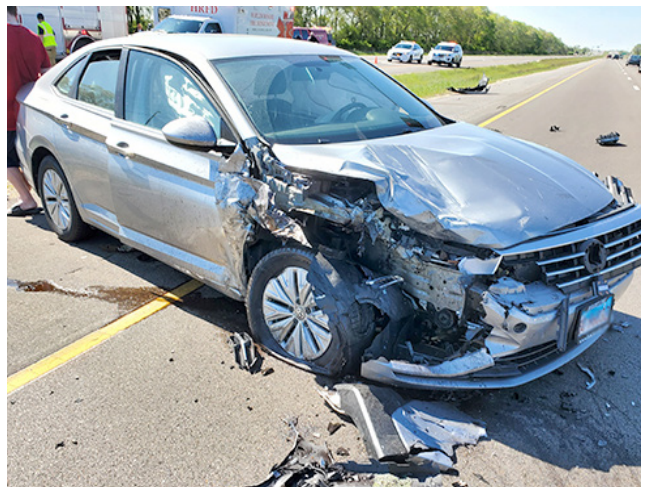
Harlem-Roscoe Firefighters were dispatched for a house fire on Dublin Dr. in Roscoe IL on May 14, 2021 just after noon. First in units reported the 2-story home fully involved with fire and a MABAS Box 12 to the 3rd Alarm was requested bringing in manpower and tenders from surrounding fire departments. The residents were outside when units arrived and there were no injuries.

An aggressive attack was made on the fire and with no hydrants, water was shuttled in. The cause of fire is believed to be accidental improper disposal of smoking material. Thank you to all the responding fire departments that helped at the fire scene and covered our stations.





ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY DUTY OFFICERS



05/13/21 Prairie Hill and Hwy 251



05/22/21 I-90



05/27/21 I-90

05/27/21 Hwy 251 & Forest Hills Rd.



05/27/21 Hunter Rd.

06/03/21 Hwy 173 and I-90 entrance



ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS SUBMITTED BY LT. NATE SARVER

June, among other things, is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month. Alzheimer's is another disease that tends to be misunderstood and unfortunately misinterpreted. Use this month to try to learn a little more and become more aware of the disease that affects so many around the world.

Alzheimer's isn't just "aging" it is a form of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of patients diagnosed with dementia. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It is a disease that affects brain cognitive abilities, memory retention, and one's ability to understand and react with one's environment. It is a disease that progressively gets worse over time with varying speed.

More than 6 million people live with Alzheimer's with over 200,000 of them being less than 65 years old. It is a disease that affects all races and genders.

Common Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease

- Short term memory loss
- Inability to overcome challenges or problems that earlier in life would have posed little problem
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks and activities
- Difficulty participating in conversation, using incorrect words or names
- Withdrawal from work or social life
- Mood changes
- Poor judgement



These symptoms should be red flags to both people experiencing it as well as those closest to them. Consult a Doctor and/or specialist in mental and brain diseases if you feel you or someone around you may be experiencing symptoms such as these.

There is no current cure for Alzheimer's, but there are a variety of treatments available that can slow the Disease. These treatments work best when the Disease is identified early. Research into new treatments and potential cures is an effort that is shared across the world. Try to take the time this month to look further into Alzheimer's Disease, more awareness leads to further conversation and attention which then leads to further funding to treatments.

Did you know?

ON AVERAGE
men live
about
5 years less
than women


1 in 2
men
will develop
cancer

MEN HAVE A
higher death rate

for most leading causes of death
including cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and suicide

APPROXIMATELY
30,000
men
IN THE U.S.
die each year
from
prostate cancer

Men make
1/2 as many
physician visits for
prevention
as women

Men are more likely to be **uninsured** than women

Men's Health nth

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to raise awareness about preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

Eat Healthy

Start by taking small steps at each meal:

- Say no to super-sizing
- Eat a variety of foods
- Eat at least one fruit and vegetable

Get Moving

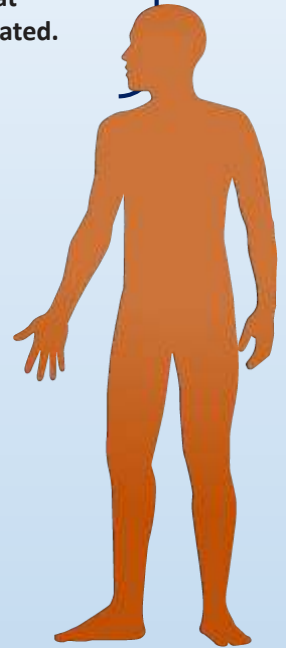
Play with your kids or grandkids.
Take the stairs. Do yard work.

Choose activities that
you enjoy to stay motivated.

Make Prevention a Priority

Many conditions can be detected
early with regular health checkups.

Quitting smoking and drinking less
may prevent chronic conditions.



Did you know in Illinois...



1 out of 5
men **smoke**



3x
More men than women
are **chronic drinkers**



Only
50% of men ranked their
general health as excellent
or very good



4 out of 10
men are **obese**



AWARENESS. PREVENTION. EDUCATION. FAMILY.

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Population Health, BRFSS Prevalence & Trends Data [online]. 2015. [accessed May 22, 2018]. URL: <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/brfssprevalence/>.
National Men's Health Campaign: <http://www.menshealthmonth.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/mens-health-month-flyer-facts-1.pdf>



NEW AMBULANCE PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

Harlem-Roscoe Fire replaced an older ambulance this month with a new 2021 Ford F550 4x4 Horton Type I Ambulance.

Firefighters performed the time-honored tradition of a "Push-in" Ceremony on May 25, 2021.

The Push-in Ceremony dates back more than 100 years to a time before fire trucks were motorized and operated with horse drawn equipment. In those days, firefighters had to actually push their trucks into the station after a call.



- Engineer Shannon Burbach's son, Logan, graduated from RVC with an Associates of Arts Degree. He will be attending MNU in Kansas this fall.
- Chaplain Paul Meyers daughter, Katrina graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science and Psychology Behavioral Analysis with minors in Criminal Justice and Social Services.
- Paramedic Brett Whiting and Training Data Entry Melissa Whiting's son Jake graduated 8th Grade from North Boone Middle School. He will be attending North Boone High School in the fall.
- Firefighter Joe Quast's grandson, Kolton graduated from United Methodist Preschool.

hAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 2021		JULY 2021	
8th	Shannon Burbach	1st	John Bergeron
8th	Hanna Benard	9th	Greg Wernick
11th	Mike Huffman	50th	John Morgan
16th	Jen Anderson	17th	Taylor Larson
19th	Justin Harwood	21st	Tim Bergeron
22nd	Sam McNames	28th	Tyler Ebany

The Firehouse Scene

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Harlem-Roscoe Firefighter's Association Annual Golf Play Day



**~July 2, 2021~
Atwood Homestead
Golf Course**

Please join us for the "Ignite our Youth's Future" Golf Fundraiser for the Harlem-Roscoe Firefighter's Educational Grant. The grant is awarded annually to in-district schools to assist students in their educational needs in the 21st century.

-  Friday, July 2, 2021
-  Atwood Golf Course
-  8:00 a.m. Shotgun start (Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.)
-  Register Online: WWW.HRFD-GOLF.COM
-  \$120/golfer
(\$480/foursome)



What's Included?

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch at the Turn
- An "all-inclusive" dinner at pavilion (Free alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at dinner!)
- A gift certificate for a free future round of golf, cart included, at any of the Winnebago County golf courses!

What Can You Win?

- Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin winners will be awarded a TV or Grill.
- Putting contest winner will be awarded a Grill
- Door prizes, raffle baskets, and 50/50 golf ball drop!

50/50 Golf Ball Drop Raffle



Golf balls will be dropped onto a green at Atwood Golf Course from our aerial truck's ladder on the day of the play day. If your ball lands in the hole you win! 3,000 balls are available, so the raffle prize could be very significant!!!

\$5 per ball or \$20 for 5 balls

Purchase Online at www.hrfd-golf.com

Do not need to be present to win. Winner will be notified.

**Don't golf but would still like to support our Educational Grant?
Sponsorships & Donations are also accepted online!**